

# **77 WABC** **RADIO**

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## **INTRODUCTION:**

77 WABC is a "news talk" radio station located in Manhattan and heard throughout the Tri-State Area. The station devotes most of its broadcast day to discussion of current events and issues important to our listening audience. Listener interaction is strongly encouraged. Numerous phone calls are accepted by show hosts allowing individuals to express their opinions on the important issues of the day.

## **LOCAL PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE:**

### News Hour (Monday – Friday 5A-6A)

A solid hour of local, national and international news to keep listeners informed as they begin their day.

### Imus in the Morning (Monday – Friday 6A-10A)

Don Imus and his team discuss newsworthy events, important issues and conduct interviews with a wide variety of guests. Stories from the world of entertainment and sports news are also featured. Although syndicated on radio and broadcast on television, the program originates with WABC.

Geraldo Rivera Show (Monday – Friday 10A-12P) Geraldo talks about local, national and international issues of interest to tri-state area listeners during this two hour show which airs Monday to Friday. A real New Yorker, he also keeps it "live and local".

### Sean Hannity (Monday – Friday 3P-6P)

Host Sean Hannity talks about the top issues and events of the day. Guests – including national and world leaders and news makers – are frequently invited to appear. Sean also takes many calls from listeners, allowing individuals to express their views on the issues. Although syndicated, WABC is Sean's Flagship Station.

### Mark Levin (Monday – Friday 6P – 9P)

Mark Levin's show originates with WABC in New York and is nationally syndicated. Mark discusses the major issues of the day and engages listeners in a continuing dialogue on the points under discussion.

### John Batchelor (Saturday and Sunday (9P-1A and Monday – Friday 11P-1A)

John's show focuses on the political arena, but touches on numerous other topics. He brings listeners breaking news with a carefully cultivated team of sources and correspondents around the world, often providing information long before it hits the mainstream media. Listener calls are an important show feature.

### Red Eye Radio (Monday – Friday 1A-5A and Sunday 2A-5A)

Red Eye Radio picks-up where others have left off – when others have turned in for the night – Red Eye takes flight. Doug pilots this four-hour conversation discussing local and national topics including politics, history, music, sports and everything else in-between.

### Religion On The Line (Sundays 7:30A-10A)

Hosted by local religious leaders, Rabbi Joe Potasnik and Deacon Kevin McCormack, the show's discussion concentrates on how religions affects public life and public issues, locally, nationally and globally. Covered extensively during the program are local news stories and local issues that are important to area residents. Listener calls are an important show feature. A complete description of this quarter's programs are detailed later in this report.

WABC also carries a number of nationally syndicated programs, including Rush Limbaugh (Monday – Friday 12P-3P), Savage Nation (Monday – Friday 9P-11P) and Monica Crowley (Saturday 1PM - 4PM) amongst others.

**Issues of local public concern discussed during these programs during the Third Quarter 2013 included, but were not limited to:**

Metro North – 12 day transportation nightmare on New Haven Line	Spate of violence in Newark – 73 homicides this year
Government shutdown / Debt ceiling	13,000 pound concrete weight dangled dangerously over midtown construction site
Off duty undercover police detective arraigned as fallout deepens from motorcycle rally that ended in violence with family riding in SUV – four more off-duty officers ID'd as taking part in rally	Autistic teenager from Queens, NY missing – he may have been kidnapped
New York Comic-Con	16 year old girl in Bronx almost kidnapped while waiting for the bus – brazen attempt as others were waiting with her
New York Mayoral Election	Local races in NY, NJ and CT
Special election to fill Frank Lautenberg's senate seat – race between Cory Booker and Steven Lonegan	NY Police Union asks court to nix a law that would make it easier for people to bring racial profiling claims
NSA leaker Edward Snowden tells NY Times he didn't take any secret U.S. documents to Russia	Jets and Patriots fans brawl at MetLife Stadium in New Jersey
NJ became the 14 <sup>th</sup> state to recognize same-sex marriage	Local sports – NY Giants and NY Jets football coverage
NJ Transit says more train related deaths this year – so far, 21 confirmed or possible suicides this year	Anniversary of Hurricane Sandy – Gov. Christie announces \$57M in federal aid available for NJ families displaced by the storm
Former President Bill Clinton attends fundraiser for Democratic candidate for Rockland County Executive	Police investigating murder of 23 year old woman in her home in Waldwick NJ
Affordable Care Act – glitches continue, how many have really signed up successfully	LI gym teacher admits to secretly videotaping middle school girls in lockerroom
After 3 years and \$1B, MSG makeover finally complete	NYC's bike-sharing program won first challenge against it in court
SI Oakwood Beach neighborhood becomes 1 <sup>st</sup> NY community to be totally bought out under state program that will turn areas ruined by Sandy into permanent green space	Car parked too close to a Westchester County home caught fire blocking the only exit from a basement apartment – a couple and their two adult children died
NYC attorney has asked federal appeals panel to suspend judge's finding that facets of the stop and frisk program are unconstitutional	Father who's mission was to help people get off welfare was gunned down in his Newark NJ deli
Al Jazeera America TV network off to a slow start	Delta and JetBlue submit plans to FAA to allow passengers to use electronic devices from gate to gate
People from local community were in LAX during fatal shooting	NJ Gov Christie says he plans to finish the job upon winning re-election
House explosion in Lower Township, Cape May County, NJ	16 year old fires shots at Bryant Park Ice Rink in Manhattan
Mother of 9 year old accused of abandoning child while she went to local casino	Trial underway for 5 former employees of Bernard Madoff
Four World Trade Center opens – it's the first to open on the trade center site since the 9/11 attack	NJ Sen Richard Codey wants fines for drivers who text while stopped at red light or stop sign
MTA budget has changes to fare and toll hike plan	High speed chase through Westchester Country and into CT – driver escaped
Lower Manhattan residents suing police over security plan for WTC site	Monticello NY mayor arrested for DWI, speeding and obstruction – not the first time he's been in trouble, residents want him to step down
NYC law to ban sale of tobacco products to anyone under 21	Several lanes on George Washington bridge closed due to deteriorated roadway
Queens man faces attempted murder charge in beating of off-duty NYPD officer	Two "good government" groups are raising concerns about poll worker conduct at several NY polling places during the Nov 5 general election

Super Typhoon Haiyan – many area residents have family in Phillipines	American Veteran of Korean War being detained in North Korea – he is 85
Marlboro NJ police are searching for a 19 year old autistic man	LIPA warns of national scam targeting electric customers in the area
Mideast – Syria, Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan	Alex Rodriguez – MLB 211 game suspension
50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of JFK assassination	Sen Schumer has called for Dept Homeland Security to establish 24/7 marine patrols near Indian Point
NJ gambling regulators have given permission to six casinos to begin internet gambling	Tailgating will be allowed in a modified capacity in the parking lot for the Superbowl at MetLife Stadium in February – no grills
Armed robbery spree in Brooklyn	CT state attorney releases report on last year's Sandy Hook Elementary massacre
NYC City Council debates banning foam take-out containers	Thanksgiving travel – might be hampered by snow in parts of the country
Auction of items belonging to former mayor Ed Koch included letters from Ronald Reagan and Jacqueline Onassis	NY Jet Willie Colon handed out 200 turkeys to unsuspecting Bronx residents
Metro North derailment at end of holiday weekend – four were killed; train going 3x speed limit	Toll increase when heading into NYC from NJ
NYPD officer arrested for helping two others shake down a Queens restaurant owner for \$24K	Rock Center tree lit – after holidays, it will be milled into lumber for Habitat for Humanity
Group attack on 2 women in Brooklyn – as many as 20 men and women took part in attack	Former South African President Nelson Mandela mourned
Plans announced by areas major transportation agencies for handling Superbowl in February	Several planes at JFK, Newark and LaGuardia have been struck by snowy owls in past week
3 deaths and dozens of overdoses caused by bad batch of heroin in Hudson Valley	NY State AG is pressing wireless carriers for information in his continued efforts to have anti-theft measures installed in smartphones
Nassau County Police Commissioner resigns	Winter storms / preparedness by communities
NYC student at Baruch College dies during hazing incident in Pennsylvania	NY Hall of Science has world's largest gingerbread village on display through 1/12
Carjacking at suburban NJ Mall leaves 1 dead	Record MegaMillions jackpot – winner in Bronx takes a share of it
Sting operation at 3 area airports – airport workers caught stealing jewelry, laptops, iPads and more from travelers' luggage	Mayor Bloomberg's last week in office / DiBlasio set to take over the reigns

## NEWS / TRAFFIC / SPORTS / WEATHER ON 77 WABC

As a public service, 77 WABC provides listeners in the Tri-State Area with regularly scheduled news, traffic, sports and weather updates.

Local and national news is aired at the top of each hour. Local news airs Monday – Friday from 5A to 7P. Following the live local reports from Noam Laden and Ken Duffy, the station airs national news provided by Cumulus Media / ABC News. Additionally, the station's website – [wabcradio.com](http://wabcradio.com) – features local, national, international, business, sports and entertainment news feeds for all to “click and read”. There is also a solid hour of local and national news from 5A to 6A Monday – Friday.

Sports are an important part of life for many residents of Tri-State Area. Sports broadcasting legend Warner Wolf provides sports news updates hourly during Imus in the Morning (Monday – Friday 6A-10A). WABC carries Army Football games in the fall.

Traffic reports are provided during morning and afternoon drive times providing essential information about traffic jams, accidents, construction and mass transit delays.

Weather reports are provided at the top of each hour during local news breaks. In the event of severe weather, they air on a more frequent basis.

## **RELIGION ON THE LINE / LOCAL PROGRAMMING**

**10/6**

Today is the MS BIKE TOUR. Look for road closures and lots of bikes through 1 PM today all across the City. The tour begins at Pier 92 and, wraps up at Pier 94. Closures will be in effect from 7:30 AM through 6:30 PM.

The biker caught on camera using his helmet to smash the window of a Range Rover in last week's wild road rage incident in Manhattan could be arraigned today. 37-year-old Reginald Chance of Brooklyn is being charged with assault and criminal mischief. Another biker, 35-year-old Robert Sims, is also facing criminal charges. Detectives say Sims tried to open the SUV door during the violent incident, then took part in the beating of the driver. Sims' attorney, Luther Williams, says his client did nothing wrong, and that police are charging as many bikers as possible to see what sticks. Police say an undercover narcotics detective has been stripped of his gun and badge after allegedly witnessing the assault, and not reporting it. Colleagues say he didn't get involved because he didn't want to blow his cover. At least four other off-duty NYPD and correction officers may have also been involved.

Voters in Newtown, Connecticut, have accepted a \$50 million grant from the State to build a new Sandy Hook Elementary School. The students have been attending classes at a school in neighboring Monroe, Connecticut. The new building will go up on the same piece of property as the old one.

Tomorrow should be a "regular" Monday morning for the folks who ride the New Haven Line. The MTA says full service has been restored following the successful testing of a new electrical substation in Mount Vernon. AMTRAK is also back. The Acela Express and Northeast Regional service between New York and Boston will operate today. Power was knocked out to the entire New Haven line back on September 25th, due to a failed Con Edison feeder cable.

The "four-legged faithful" are headed to Mass this Sunday. The annual blessing of the animals at the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine in Morningside Heights takes place today. The event "brings together" all of God's creatures. Well-behaved pets are invited to attend the services for the annual St. Francis Day blessing. Dogs, cats, camels, snakes, turtles, owls, and rabbits have taken part in years past. Nearly six-thousand people attended last year's Mass.

Ten-month old Britney Arevalo was in a stroller last evening at 7:00, being pushed by her pregnant mom, 29-year-old Nancy Arevalo, when they tried to cross busy Route 110 in North Amityville. They were hit by a pickup truck. Both were rushed to Good Samaritan Hospital in Bay Shore. Little Britney died of her injuries. Her mother's injuries were minor, but she's being kept for observation because she is expecting. The driver of the pickup truck was not injured. The pickup driver remained at the scene, but was not injured. He has not been charged.

In Yonkers today, it's the annual Yonkers Columbus Day Parade, starting at 2 PM. It starts at Midland Avenue at the intersection of Mile Square Road.

7:50 The hosts spoke with Representative Peter King of New York's Second Congressional District about what's going on in Washington regarding the government shutdown.

8:05 The hosts spoke with Monsignor Peter Finn, Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish on Staten Island, and co-Vicar for Staten Island for Cardinal Dolan; former Rector of Saint Joseph's Seminary; former Director of Communications for Cardinal Cooke and Cardinal O'Connor; and a former co-host on Religion on the Line, about the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passing of Cardinal Cooke, and the cause for his canonization.

8:35 The hosts spoke with Thomas P. DiNapoli, Comptroller of the State of New York, about the federal government shutdown, issues regarding the MTA, pension rates, and unclaimed funds in the State of New York.

9:05 The hosts spoke with Dr. Leonard Saxe, Klutznick Professor of Contemporary Jewish Studies and Social Policy; Director, Steinhardt Social Research Institute and Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies at Brandeis University, about a new study that shows people losing religious faith.

9:35 The hosts spoke with Mark Leibovich, *The New York Times Magazine* chief national correspondent, based in Washington, D.C., and author of the book THIS TOWN: TWO PARTIES AND A FUNERAL-PLUS, PLENTY OF VALET PARKING!-IN AMERICA'S GILDED CAPITAL, will join us to talk about the book, as well as the current federal government shutdown.

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Despite the government shutdown in Washington, the Statue of Liberty reopens this morning at 9:00 on New York State's dime. Governor Cuomo announced late Friday night that the state would pony up the \$61,000 a day it takes to operate Liberty Island National Park. He says it actually costs the state "more than that" to have it remain closed, not to mention the economic toll on local businesses that depend on those who visit the statue. The first ferry from Battery Park will sail at 9:00. It's not clear when or if ferry service will restart from New Jersey. The National Parks Service says 4 million people visited the Statue of Liberty last year.

The NYPD never gave up. They've been working on the case of "Baby Hope" for 21 years. Today, we know her real name: Anjelica, and the police "have the man," they say killed her. Police Commissioner Ray Kelly says 52-year-old Conrado Juarez - a dishwasher in a Manhattan restaurant - admitted to detectives that he raped four-year-old Anjelica Castillo, then smothered her, before dumping her body along the Henry Hudson Parkway in July 1991. Police say Juarez - who is Anjelica's cousin - had the help of his sister, stuffing the little girl's body in a cooler, and taking a livery cab from Astoria to Manhattan, leaving Anjelica in the woods. That sister has since died. The detectives who've worked on the case for "decades" are pleased with the arrest.

On Staten Island, Cardinal Timothy Dolan will celebrate a special Mass, as scheduled, after a fire at a convent, and police say the blaze is "suspicious." They consider it a "possible bias incident." The two-alarm fire broke out early yesterday morning on the first and third floors on the campus of St. Joseph Hill Academy - the Daughters of Divine Charity. Police say a 45-year-old nun had to jump from a second-story window to escape. She broke several vertebrae, and is listed as critical but stable at Staten Island University Hospital. A second nun suffered minor injuries. Four firefighters were hurt battling the blaze. The NYPD says they're looking at "arson" in the case. The same convent was vandalized last year.

Gabby Giffords will visit upstate New York today to attend a gun show. The former Arizona congresswoman was shot in the head two years ago in an assassination attempt. Giffords will join state Attorney General Eric Schneiderman at the Saratoga Springs Arms Fair to monitor new rules to track gun sales in New York State.

In New Jersey, Sarah Palin headlined a rally for Republican Senate candidate Steve Lonegan. Palin told a crowd at the New Egypt Speedway Saturday that the "eyes of America are on you." Lonegan's Democratic opponent, Cory Booker, resumed campaigning Saturday. He cancelled events Thursday and Friday after his father died.

On Long Island, the investigation continues this morning into the house fire that killed a mother and three young children. Neighbors say the flames quickly gobbled up the one-story home on Hollywood Drive in Shirley late on Friday night. Fire officials say 41-year-old Jennifer McCusker was trying to save her children, when she was knocked unconscious. Seven-year-old Aidan Tarbell and two-year-old twins, Brendan and Ava Jane Mistretta, were all killed in the fast-moving fire. Peter Mistretta is the father of the twins. Bouquets of flowers and photos now rest at the edge of the property outside the gutted home. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

In Yonkers, police continue to probe Friday night's deadly crash at a church carnival. A teenage girl was killed and three others were hurt when an out-of-control car slammed into a group of people at the corner

of McLean Avenue and McCollum Place at Coyne Park, where St. Paul the Apostle Church was hosting its annual carnival. The driver of the Jeep remained at the scene. He has not been charged.

7:50 The hosts talked to Rabbi Dr. Bernhard H. Rosenberg, Spiritual Leader of Congregation Beth-El, Edison, New Jersey, and Teacher of Communications and Public Speaking at Yeshiva University and Rutgers University, about swastikas that appeared on his lawn and at his synagogue.

8:05 The hosts spoke with author Rhonda Fink-Whitman about some University of Pennsylvania students who didn't know what the Holocaust was, and about her book, 94 MAIDENS, which is a Holocaust story inspired by true events.

9:05 The hosts spoke with Rabbi Asher Lopatin, the new President of Yeshivat Chovevei Torah seminary, about open orthodoxy and working with other denominations.

9:35 The hosts spoke with Caryl M. Stern, President and CEO of the U.S. Fund for UNICEF, about her new book I BELIEVE IN ZERO: LEARNING FROM THE WORLD'S CHILDREN.

## **10/20**

Gay marriages can start in New Jersey starting a minute past midnight tonight. Couples lined up to get licenses yesterday, after the State Supreme Court on Friday refused to delay the lower court timetable, even as it considers a broader appeal by the State. Several same-sex couples plan to tie the knot at 12:01 tomorrow morning. Newark Mayor and U.S. Senator-Elect Cory Booker will marry seven Newark couples at the stroke of midnight. Asbury Park, Hoboken, Jersey City, and Lambertville were among the towns that opened their offices yesterday to allow couples to apply for marriage licenses.

A baby may have been killed in a raging, three-alarm fire last night in a single-family home on Sears Avenue in Greenburgh. The home went up in flames at around ten o'clock. Neighbors say a mother and her young child were visiting from the Carribean. The woman made it out, but the child has not been found. Several others suffered minor injuries.

The first people with cancer who "lived near" or "worked" at the Trade Center site in the months after the terrorist attacks have gotten the first checks from the Victims Compensation fund.

Police in the City expand their search - even more - for a Queens teenager with autism, who vanished more than two weeks ago.

At least one man is dead in a brawl at a bowling alley in Piscataway, New Jersey. It happened early Saturday at Stelton Lanes. Police say there may have been 250 people involved in the donnybrook, including 23-year-old Jamount Atkins of Newark. Andre Ames is a regular at the bowling alley, and says it's usually a great place to go. Police say the Atkins was beaten so badly, he died at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick after being left on the ground bleeding.

The 9/11 Victims Compensation Fund is - for the first time - paying out checks to cancer victims. The NEW YORK POST quotes the fund's "special master," Sheila Birnbaum, saying two claimants will receive "substantial amounts" One award exceeds \$1 million, with more to come. At least 1,000 cancer claims are "under consideration." Under the "James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act," Ground Zero "first responders," people who lived or worked downtown, and others folks "exposed" to toxic dust and debris in the wake of the terrorist attacks, could qualify for aid. Last year, more than 50 types of cancer were added to the list of conditions covered by the fund.

Another big walk for a good cause today. We've got the "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" walks underway in Central Park, in the Hudson Valley, on Long Island, and in New Jersey. You can also look for the 24th annual "Walk to End Alzheimers" in the City. Thousands will take part to raise money and awareness. Alzheimers disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States, and the only one in the "top ten" that does not have an effective therapy to cure or treat the disease. The walk starts this morning at 11:00 in Riverside Park and 103rd Street.

Signs are posted all across the five boroughs, but there's still no sign of a 14-year-old with autism who vanished more than two weeks ago. Dozens of volunteers are out this morning searching near the Riverview School in Long Island City, the last place Avonte Oquendo was seen before disappearing October 4th. The parents are blaming school security personnel and administrators for allowing the teen to run away, but say their primary concern is the nonstop search. More than \$70 thousand in reward money is "on the table" for information leading to Avonte's safe return.

A Patchogue man is facing criminal charges for allegedly trying to bring a bag full of weapons on a plane yesterday at Kennedy Airport. A TSA worker discovered the stash as 29-year-old Timothy Schiavo, Jr., 29, was going through security. Inside the bag: a trench knife with metal knuckles, pocket knives, switch blades, several scissors, lighters, and matches. Schiavo was arrested and charged with criminal possession of a weapon.

7:50 The hosts talked with FDNY Commissioner Sal Cassano about why the standards for the test requirements for firefighters should not be lowered.

8:05 The hosts spoke with Dr. M. Zuhdi Jasser, Founder and President of the American Islamic Forum for Democracy, about Malala Yousafzai, a Pakistani school student and education activist from the town of Mingora in the Swat District of Pakistan's northwestern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province; and the Nobel Peace Prize.

8:35 The hosts spoke with U.S. Senate Chaplain Barry C. Black about the government shutdown, and his personal opinion, which was the subject of a NEW YORK TIMES article recently.

9:05 The hosts spoke with Representative Peter King of New York's Second Congressional District about political discord, and whether or not the political divide could ever be healed.

9:35 The hosts spoke with Deborah C. Moore, Ph.D., a neuropsychologist, licensed marriage and family therapist, and author, about incorporating religion/spirituality in the promotion of individual well-being and coping.

#### **10/27/14**

The NYPD says there's a person of interest in custody after four kids and their 37-year-old mother were stabbed to death at a home in Sunset Park. Three were dead at the scene, two were pronounced dead at the hospital. The father was at work at the time of the massacre. The NYPD has just released the names of the victims: Qiao Zhen Li, the mother, and two boys: one-year-old William and five-year-old Kevin, and two girls: Amy, seven, and Linda, nine. The New York Post reports that suspect is a 25-year-old cousin of the children, who was led away in handcuffs, covered in blood, and strangely calm.

City fire officials say the blaze that killed three young boys in the Bronx was sparked by a candle. A spokesman for Con Edison says the family's power had been shut off last week for non-payment. Neighbors say the mother had been seen buying candles hours before the deadly fire broke out on Friday night. Tenants in the building say they will support the mom the best they can. Two girls and the mother were treated for smoke inhalation. A five-year-old, a two-year-old, and four-month-old, all brothers, did not make it. The fire marshal says the apartment did not have smoke alarms.

There is a new push to find Avonte Oquendo, the teenager with autism who went missing more than three weeks ago. His mom and dad have put out a new missing persons poster. On it: never-before-seen photos of Avonte. His father Daniel says they will no longer accept donations for the reward fund, concerned about scam artists and other sinister behavior. The 14-year-old's family will lead another vigil and search later today in Long Island City. They're urging family members, friends, and local residents to take part. The reward stands at \$95,000 for the boy's safe return.

Cardinal Dolan will commemorate the first anniversary of Hurricane Sandy today. The Archbishop of New York will offer Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral this morning at 10:15. Dolan will travel to Staten Island for a special Mass, marking the storm's landfall. Services will be held at Our Lady Star of the Sea in the Princes Bay section of Staten Island at 3:00 this afternoon.



Thousands of people are gearing up for the "Tour de Bronx." Bikers can choose between 25 or 40 miles, winding through the borough. The first race gets rolling at 10:30 this morning. Look for road closures through this afternoon all across the Bronx.

A teenager in Putnam County made a shocking discovery while eating a slice of toast. State police say he found a hypodermic needle in it. They say the needle turned up in the loaf of Bimbo white bread. The boy's mother bought the bread on Wednesday at the Stop & Shop Supermarket on Route 6 in Somers. Both the supermarket and Bimbo bakeries have been notified. The family lives in Mahopac. Anyone with information is urged to contact state police in Somers.

A Tennessee man is in trouble here in New York. Police at Kennedy Airport say he tried to check luggage packed with weapons. Port Authority Police found two handguns and two rifles, with the serial numbers removed. This guy was also traveling with two high-capacity magazines, which are illegal in New York. 23-year-old Keenan Draughon was heading to North Carolina yesterday morning. The TSA found the weapons during a routine pre-flight check. He remains held on numerous charges, including criminal possession of a weapon.

Remember the gas shortage in the days and weeks after Hurricane Sandy last year? The long lines, rationing, fights at the pumps? To make certain that won't happen again, Governor Cuomo has announced an emergency supply of three million gallons of gasoline. It will be stored on Long Island, but can be shipped to other parts of state if needed. The "Strategic Gasoline Reserve" is the first of its kind in the nation.

Troopers patrolling the New York State Thruway this Halloween will be watching out for pranksters. Troopers will conduct the 37th annual "Pumpkin Patrol" with more than 300 citizen volunteers on Halloween on Thursday, as well as the day before. Troopers aim to prevent Halloween pranks, and protect motorists along the highway with help from local citizen band radio clubs and amateur radio operators. Volunteers also will monitor Thruway overpasses.

8:05 The hosts talked to Father Brian E. McWeeney, Director of the Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs at the Archdiocese of New York, about the national Catholic and Jewish dialogue that took place last week, a tribute to Marc Tannenba, and Pope Francis and his postures.

8:35 The hosts spoke with Father Guirguis S. Tadros of the St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Center in Woodbury about the continuing persecution of Coptic Christians in the Egypt.

9:05 The hosts spoke with Rabbi Harold Kushner about a recent Pew study on the decline of religious affiliation.

9:35 The hosts spoke with Nicole Lipkin, a business psychologist, consultant, and speaker, about her book, WHAT KEEPS LEADERS UP AT NIGHT: RECOGNIZING AND RESOLVING YOUR MOST TROUBLING MANAGEMENT ISSUES.

### 11/3

The 143rd New York City Marathon starts in just about an hour. More than 45,000 runners have converged on Staten Island's Fort Wadsworth for the big race. It's the first in two years, courtesy of Hurricane Sandy. It's also the first marathon since last April's bombing at the Boston Marathon. New York Road Runners President Mary Wittenberg says dozens people who were set to run last year are here today. Security has been ramped way up in New York this weekend. Police Commissioner Kelly says the NYPD launched an overhaul of the marathon security plan one day after the Boston Marathon bombing. New Yorkers will see more cops, more police-sniffer dogs, and more video surveillance along the route. No backpacks, glass containers, suitcases, strollers, costumes, or props are allowed near the start and finish lines this year.

Standard Time returned at 2:00 this morning with most of us setting our clocks back one hour before turning-in last night. It's the final push before Tuesday's elections. Candidates in New York and New Jersey have a full day of events on the menu. Lots of handshaking and kissing babies for New York City's candidates for mayor. Bill de Blasio will speak at a union event and at a Baptist church this

morning. The Democrat had "star power" on his side yesterday. Actresses Susan Sarandon and Cynthia Nixon joined him at a get-out-the-vote rally in Tribeca. His former "bitter rival," City Council Speaker Christine Quinn, also took part, urging voters to "pull the lever" for Mr. de Blasio.

Republican Joe Lhota has a busy day of campaign appearances, as well. He plans to meet and greet voters today in Brooklyn, Queens, and Manhattan. Yesterday, on the Upper East Side, he spoke to opponents of a proposed garbage transfer station. Lhota says if he wins, they will have a supporter at City Hall. Lhota met voters in Queens yesterday... Howard Beach and Ozone Park. The latest polls show Lhota trailing de Blasio by about 40 points. Lhota says he remains optimistic ahead of Tuesday's election.

City sanitation says an army of workers is ready to clean up after the 45,000 runners and more than 2.5 million spectators at this weekend's marathon. The Department of Sanitation says it is deploying 173 uniformed workers, 36 collection trucks, 41 mechanical brooms, five dump trucks, and much more to tomorrow's race.

The subway vigilante who shot four panhandling teens on a subway in the 80s is facing drug charges after allegedly selling marijuana to an undercover officer. Bernhard Goetz was arraigned on misdemeanor drug charges Saturday in Manhattan Criminal Court. Goetz was cleared of attempted murder charges, but convicted of weapons charges after the 1984 attack. He spent 250 days in jail.

Hillary Clinton says she isn't in a hurry to make a decision about running for president again. But her former senate colleague, Chuck Schumer, isn't waiting for her to make up her mind. Schumer endorsed Clinton for president during a speech last night at an Iowa Democratic Party dinner, more than two years before the State's presidential caucuses. Schumer says, "Hillary's experience is unrivaled and her vision is unparalleled.

8:05 The hosts spoke with Rabbi Avraham Skorka, the Rector of the Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano Marshall T. Meyer, and the Rabbi of Kehillat Bnei Tikvah, both in Buenos Aires, about his unique relationship with Pope Francis.

8:35 The hosts spoke with Judea Pearl, the father of Daniel Pearl, the American-Israeli journalist who was murdered by Al-Qaeda, about his son's memorialization.

9:05 The hosts spoke with Bill Tingling, Founder of School News Nationwide, a Brooklyn-based literacy project that teaches public school students the fundamentals of journalism, Holocaust survivor Werner Reich, and American GI John D'Aquila about the story of Mr. Reich's rescue.

9:35 The hosts spoken with the Reverend George McGovern, New York Metropolitan Area Director of Athletes in Action, Team Chaplain for the New York Football Giants, and Team Chapel Leader for the New York Yankees about relating to players when times are tough statistically.

## **11/10**

U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal has presented a Purple Heart Medal to a New Hartford man who was the sole survivor of an attack that left him seriously wounded and 29 others dead during the Korean War. Carl Jacobs was shot numerous times in the attack that occurred on March 10, 1951. On Saturday, he received long-overdue honors, including the National Defense Service Medal and the Korean War Service Medal issued on the 50th anniversary of the conflict. Blumenthal says the 80-year-old Jacobs never received his Purple Heart Medal because his records were stored in a facility that was destroyed by fire in 1973. Jacobs served in the Army's 2nd Division, 9th Infantry, Company M. He contacted Blumenthal's office in July asking for help in obtaining his medals. Blumenthal says he was deeply moved and inspired by Jacobs's service.

Bullying is front and center in the NFL, but locally, the family of Tyler Clement plans to visit the scene of his suicide -- the George Washington Bridge. The 18-year-old Rutgers University freshman killed himself in 2010 after his roommate used a webcam to see him kissing a man. His parents want to raise awareness about the dangers of bullying. Clement's death is a national conversation about the treatment

of young gays. Darrun Ravi served less than a month in jail. He was convicted of invasion of privacy, bias intimidation, and other counts.

At about 11:00 last night at Bryant Park, a man pulled out a gun and opened fire at the ice rink, striking two men. One of victims is said to be a teenager. Police are searching for a lone shooter. The dispute could have been over a coat.

A woman is charged with endangering the welfare of a child for leaving her 9-year-old daughter while she gambled at the Resorts World Casino in Queens. Police say 41-year-old Carol Granderson went to the casino with her daughter at 9:00 on Saturday morning. An hour later, someone saw the girl alone in the gift shop. The girl told that person she was left in the gift shop alone, and after police were called, Granderson was arrested on the casino floor. The 9-year-old is now staying with family members.

The City said Saturday in filings with the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan that U.S. District Judge Shira Scheindlin's orders this summer should be thrown out largely for the same reasons a three-judge panel of the appeals court gave in staying her decision on October 31, pending an appeal. The panel stayed her order, and removed her from the case, saying she misapplied a related case-ruling that allowed her to take the stop-and-frisk case, and gave media interviews during the trial, calling her impartiality into question. "At a minimum, the District Court's misconduct makes it reasonable to question the impartiality of the District Court Orders, and at a maximum represents a violation of Appellant's Due Process rights to a neutral arbiter and to present a defense," the filings said. "In either case, the District Court Orders must be vacated." Scheindlin ruled in August that the City violated the civil rights of tens of thousands of blacks and Hispanics by disproportionately stopping, questioning and sometimes frisking them. She assigned a monitor to help the New York Police Department change its policy and training programs regarding the tactic. An attorney for Scheindlin last week asked the three-judge panel to reconsider its unusual step of ordering her off the case or pass the issue along to the full circuit. Advocates for changing stop-and-frisk blistered at the City's request to vacate the judge's orders Saturday. "Voters overwhelmingly rejected Mayor Michael Bloomberg's stop-and-frisk policy by choosing a mayor committed to reforming stop-and-frisk, so fighting reform now not only adds injury to those subjected to the policy, but is a waste of taxpayer money and counterproductive to public safety," said Joo-Hyun Kang, a spokeswoman for Communities United for Police Reform. Mayor-elect Bill De Blasio has said he would drop the City's appeal of Scheindlin's ruling, but he could also settle with those urging reforms, which would eliminate federal oversight. Stop-and-frisk has been around for decades. To make a stop, police must have reasonable suspicion that a crime is about to occur or has occurred, a standard lower than the probable cause needed to justify an arrest. Only about 10 percent of the stops result in arrests or stops increased dramatically under Bloomberg's administration to an all-time high in 2011 of 684,330, mostly of black and Hispanic men. A lawsuit was filed in 2004 by four minority men, who said they were targeted because of their races, and it became a class-action case.

Criminal Defense Attorney Alan Abramson filled in for Deacon McCormack today.

7:50 The hosts spoke with Caryl M. Stern, President & CEO for the U.S. Fund for UNICEF, about the relief effort regarding the typhoon in southeast Asia.

8:05 The hosts spoke with Andrew Wilson of the law firm Emery Celli Brinckerhoff & Abady LLP, representing the families of students in the Pine Bush School District who have been victims of anti-Semitism, about the case.

9:05 The hosts spoke with Brigitte Berman, a student who was a victim of bullying, and has written a book entitled DORIE WITT'S GUIDE TO SURVIVNG BULLIES, about her experience as a victim of bullying.

9:35 The hosts spoke with Dr. Jonathan D. Sarna, Joseph H. Belle R. Braun Professor of American Jewish History at the Brandeis University Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, about the Pew Study on the decline of religious affiliation.

**11/17**

Bill de Blasio 'cleared the air' with NYPD Police Chief Ray Kelly after the commissioner's "full of s---" remark. DeBlasio spoke to a crowd in Harlem yesterday. De Blasio and Kelly chatted about the comment that the mayor-elect and other politicians were "full of s---," a comment Kelly says he agreed with. De Blasio had initially declined to respond to Kelly's criticism, and wouldn't say if anyone apologized or provide any details of their chat

The eastbound lanes of the Holland Tunnel were shut down for an emergency response drill. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey closed lanes overnight so authorities could conduct the drill. Whenever they're closed, use the Lincoln Tunnel or the George Washington Bridge to get to New York City. The Holland Tunnel's westbound lanes out of New York City remain open.

A luxury car stopped near the Holland Tunnel had more than \$2,000 in counterfeit bills in it. Omar Gray, 19, and Miguel Noel, 22, both of Flatbush, were charged with criminal possession of a forged instrument in the first degree, officials said. A Port Authority cop pulled the luxury car over because its windows appeared to be tinted too dark — only to find the pile of funny money inside.

LaGuardia Airport is set to receive \$37.5 million in federal and state funds for five projects designed to protect it from another storm like by Hurricane Sandy. Governor Andrew Cuomo says the projects include installing flood barrier berms, concrete floodwalls, and gravity drains, plus replacing generators and rehabilitating the airport's power distribution grid. Cuomo says about 100 million gallons of water flooded the airport during Hurricane Sandy.

A man remains hospitalized in critical condition after being shot by police in a housing project stairwell in the Rockaways yesterday. Police say the man was shot after he pointed his gun at officers. A 9mm handgun was recovered at the scene.

An East Islip man has pleaded not guilty to drunk driving and other charges after a crash involving a school bus and a car. Newsday reports Kyle Norton was arraigned yesterday. Suffolk County authorities say Norton rear-ended the bus carrying six children in Brentwood Friday, and fled the scene, then hitting a car driven by a pregnant woman who suffered minor injuries.

Senator Kirsten Gillibrand has secured public support from nearly half the Senate for her proposal to give victims of rape and sexual assault in the military an independent route outside the chain of command for prosecutions. But the New York Democrat is short of the necessary votes, and her solution appears to have stalled in the face of opposition from the Pentagon's top echelon and its congressional allies.

A 7-year-old Afghan boy born with his bladder outside of his body awoke from corrective surgery just in time to say goodbye to the U.S. Army officer who helped make it possible. Bilal Sharif had the surgery Thursday at a New York medical center, but was still sleeping Friday when Major Glenn Battschinger came to see him before a deployment in Africa.

A cannon surrendered by the British after the Battles at Saratoga is back "home" after mysteriously disappearing and spending stints in museums and private collections in four states over the past half-century. Officials at Saratoga National Historical Park say the rare Revolutionary War cannon was tracked down to Alabama's Tuscaloosa Museum of Art and recently delivered to the park, 20 miles north of Albany. Historians say the cannon was among the artillery surrendered by the redcoats after their defeat at Saratoga in 1777. It was displayed in a Brooklyn park before being loaned to the town of Saratoga 80 years ago. Starting in the early 1960s, it passed from private to an Alabama paper company owner who bought it for his museum. It's now on display at the Saratoga Battlefield.

7:50 The hosts spoke with Yosef Mendelevich, who was a Prisoner of Conscience, and served 11 years in the Soviet Gulag for his Jewish activism, about his story, and about the upcoming November 20 tribute to the Soviet Jewry movement at the Center for Jewish History.

8:05 The hosts spoke with Errol Louis, NY1 Political Anchor and Host of "The Road to City Hall," about the future after the elections, especially in New York City.

8:35 The hosts spoke with Harvard Law Professor and Writer Alan Dershowitz about recent anti-Israel activity at Brooklyn College.

9:05 The hosts spoke with Sara Debbie Gutfreund, who holds a Masters degree in Family Therapy, and is a writer for Aish.com, one of the world's most popular Jewish websites that addresses issues that Jews face from all walks of life, about a recent article she wrote called "Partly Jewish?" about how most children raised in interfaith families lack the tools and knowledge to make informed choices.

9:35 The hosts spoke with Monsignor John Strykowski, Rector of the Cathedral Basilica of St. James in Brooklyn, about the recent election of the new President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

## 11/24

New York City police say one man was arrested and charged with assault as a hate crime after a 24-year-old says he was punched in the face. Police are investigating whether it was part of a so-called "knockout" game----the object to knock out an unsuspecting person with one punch. The victim was walking in Brooklyn around 2:45 AM on Friday when he was struck once, but not seriously injured. A 28-year-old man was arrested on charges of assault as a hate crime because the victim is Jewish.

Police say a teenager from New York's Hudson Valley has been arrested for making bomb threats through a hacked Facebook account. The *Times Herald-Record* reports that 19-year-old Skyler Eby of Port Ewen was being held without bail following his arrest on Friday. Eby was arraigned on charges including making a terrorist threat and identity theft.

Dante J. Orsini, Sr., a former Marine who guarded President Franklin D. Roosevelt during his "Day of Infamy" speech after the Pearl Harbor attack, has died at age 93. Orsini died Wednesday at a hospital near his home in South Glens Falls. Orsini enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1940, and was assigned to the White House security detail guarding FDR. He was among the Marines inside the House of Representatives on December 8, 1941, when the President delivered his speech before a joint session of Congress a day after the Japanese attack on Hawaii. His funeral and burial are Monday in South Glens Falls.

A 3-alarm fire at a condominium left 18 families homeless Clinton Township, New Jersey. The fire broke out around 7 PM Saturday in a bush outside the Union Hill Condo Complex. The wind quickly fueled the flames, and the fire was still burning hours after the first flames. Multiple fire departments reported to the scene.

An upstate New York man's attempt to help catch a fugitive rape suspect has led to him fighting a murder charge. David Carlson is accused of firing his shotgun twice at Norris Acosta-Sanchez this fall along the wooded road where Carlson lived with his wife and three sons near the Pennsylvania border in Sparrowbush. Carlson claims he was walking Acosta-Sanchez down the road at gunpoint so a neighbor could call police. But something happened. Now it could be up to a jury to decide whether Carlson acted as a vigilante or in self-defense.

7:40 The hosts spoke with Eric Shawn, FOX News Channel Anchor and Correspondent, and host of "America's News Headquarters" (Sundays 10 AM – 12 noon on the FOX News Channel), about the latest from Iran.

8:05 The hosts spoke with Father Edward Mason, Pastor of Our Lady of the Presentation Roman Catholic Church and Our Lady of Mercy Roman Catholic Church, both in Brooklyn, about the ongoing organizing effort of the East Brooklyn Congregations, involving the tenants of public housing managed by the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA), primarily in the East New York and Brownsville sections of Brooklyn.

8:35 The hosts spoke with Courtney Lare, Economic Justice Program Officer for Catholic Relief Services fair Trade, about fair trade and ethical gift-giving during the holiday season, as well as disaster relief regarding the recent typhoon in the Philippines.

9:05 The hosts spoke with Rabbi Moses A. Birnbaum, Spiritual Leader of the Jewish Center of Kew Gardens Hills, about Hanukkah and Thanksgiving overlapping this year.

9:35 The hosts spoke with Tevi Troy, former Deputy Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services in the George W. Bush administration, about the former President accepting a speaking invitation from a Messianic Christian group that aims to convert Jews to Christianity.

## 12/1

Local news reported on the Metro-North train crash in the Bronx (entire show).

7:50 The hosts spoke with Paul de Vries, President of the New York Divinity School, about persecuted Christians worldwide.

8:05 The hosts spoke with Ido Aharoni, the Consul General of the Israeli Consulate of Israel in New York, about what the recent deal between Iran and six world powers means for Israel and the Middle East.

8:35 The hosts spoke with Representative Peter King of New York's Second Congressional District about Iran and the latest from Washington.

9:35 The hosts spoke with FDNY Commissioner Sal Cassano about the Metro-North train crash.

## 12/8

The New York state police say two inmates who died in custody at the Attica Correctional Facility likely overdosed on drugs. The males, ages 25 and 51, were found in separate cells on Thursday. Police say they believe preliminarily the men died from overdoses, but toxicology results are pending. The investigation continues. Attica is a maximum security prison in western New York that can house up to about 2,200 inmates.

New York conservation officials say large numbers of migrating waterbirds have been found dead on the Lake Ontario shore, victims of toxins in creatures they eat. The Department of Environmental Conservation says Type E botulism is responsible for the deaths of from 200 to 300 common loons that washed up on shore this fall in Jefferson and northern Oswego County shorelines. That's the most since 2006. The toxin also has killed long-tailed ducks, grebes, and gulls.

More potential competitors for upstate New York casino licenses are emerging despite an increasingly crowded Northeast market. New York officials will begin awarding casino licenses next year after voters passed a state constitutional amendment to allow Las Vegas-style casinos beyond Indian land. There will be four upstate licenses available, and more than twice that number of groups have expressed interest in operating a casino in the Catskills region, the Southern Tier, or the Albany-Saratoga area.

Connecticut U.S. senators are stepping up pressure on Metro-North Railroad to revamp safety systems after federal transportation regulators ordered the commuter train operator to take emergency measures in the wake of a derailment that killed four people in the Bronx last week. Senators Richard Blumenthal and Chris Murphy say they will work with federal agencies in holding Metro-North accountable for improving safety and reliability immediately.

New Jerseyans may face some slick roads today and even some icing conditions. Forecasters say snow and sleet should develop throughout the state this afternoon before turning to rain late in the day. Freezing rain is also expected to fall during the changeover in the north and also possibly farther south.

A gay teacher at a suburban Philadelphia Catholic high school has been fired after he applied for a New Jersey marriage license. Michael Griffin was fired from Holy Ghost Preparatory School on Friday after administrators said his obtaining a license to marry his same-sex partner was a violation of the school's teaching terms and Griffin's contract. Father James McCloskey says faculty at are required to follow Church teachings.

held up as a result of township allegations he wrongly got rid of nearly 1 million pages of police documents. Retired Captain James Carifi says in court filings he did nothing wrong because he had computer access and privileges that allowed him to clean off his computer prior to retirement. NJ.com reports Parsippany officials and the ex-captain are due to meet with a court-appointed computer forensic expert to aid the return of records.

The average price of a gallon of regular gasoline in New Jersey remains unchanged from a week ago at \$3.27. AAA Mid-Atlantic says that's still lower than the price from a year ago, when motorists were paying \$3.45 a gallon. The national average Friday was one cent lower than New Jersey's.

New York City Mayor-elect Bill de Blasio says New York is proud to have supported Nelson Mandela. De Blasio spoke on Saturday in a Harlem tribute to the South African leader who died earlier this week. De Blasio was joined by the Reverend Al Sharpton, the City's soon-to-be police commissioner Bill Bratton, and former Mayor David Dinkins. Mandela's first stop on his 1990 U.S. visit was New York, where he was welcomed by Dinkins and de Blasio, then a mayoral aide. It was just months after his 27-year incarceration ended. The Mayor-elect said on Saturday that it's now up to New York to live in Mandela's spirit of economic and racial equality. De Blasio says Mandela is the socially progressive model the City should follow.

8:05 The hosts talked to Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio, Bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn, about the season of Advent, and also about the life of Nelson Mandela.

8:35 The hosts spoke with New York State Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman about the historic settlement with JPMorgan, and the Secure our Smartphone Initiative.

9:05 The hosts spoke with Errol Louis, NY1 Political Anchor, and Host of "Road to City Hall," weeknights 7-8, about the life of Nelson Mandela.

9:35 The hosts spoke with Richard Green, Chief Executive Officer of the Crown Heights Youth Collective, about the recent outbreak of "knockout attacks."

## **12/15**

New York City is urging motorists to stay off roads with a winter weather advisory in effect through this morning. Hundreds of flights were canceled at Newark Liberty International Airport and planes at John F. Kennedy Airport and LaGuardia were arriving late as snow began falling yesterday.

More than 60 girls were taught the basics of computer coding at a Black Girls Code event at Google Inc.'s Manhattan offices. Meanwhile, parents gathered to discuss how their daughters can break through racial and gender barriers to become successful in a male-dominated profession.

State police are investigating a snowmobile crash in the Adirondack Mountains that killed a 52-year-old central New York man. Troopers say Gregory Labarge of Pulaski was operating a snowmobile in Indian Lake when he hit a ditch and was thrown off.

A Yorktown Heights house owned by former KISS lead guitarist Ace Frehley has gone up in flames. Firefighters were called to the stone house in suburban New York yesterday. The Journal News says the musician had been fighting foreclosure on the property, and a caretaker had been living in the home.

A wintry mix has fallen across most of New Jersey, but forecasters say it appears most of the state will miss the brunt of this weekend's storm, with freezing rain posing more potential problems than the snow. A winter storm warning was in effect until this morning.

A train from New Jersey Transit's River Line collided with a car in Trenton, killing the driver and injuring his passenger. A spokeswoman for NJ Transit says the car crossed into the path of the train against warning signals in the area of Lalor Street and Route 129. The train slammed into the driver's side of the car and dragged it 200 feet.

Authorities say an off-duty Newark police officer shot and wounded a man who tried to carjack him. Essex County prosecutors say 19-year-old Marcus Brent of Newark was arrested after he went to a hospital seeking treatment. Murray says the officer was at a Newark gas station, putting air in a tire on his personal vehicle, when it all happened.

A New Jersey sandwich shop owner has admitted his role in an extortion scheme that allegedly involved Trenton Mayor Tony Mack. Joseph Giorgianni has pleaded guilty in the case. He was charged with extortion conspiracy for allegedly being Mack's bagman. Mack maintains his innocence.

The weekend snow storm brought double-digit snow totals to upper elevations in southern New York state and 5 inches were reported in New York City's Central Park. Airlines canceled hundreds of flights and slick roads complicated Christmas shopping.

Vice President Joe Biden told a Manhattan audience yesterday that Congress has a moral and economic imperative to offer a pathway to citizenship for 11 million immigrants living in the country illegally. He said immigrants simply want a decent life for themselves and their children, just as his great grandparents did.

A man who fell onto the tracks on front of a New York City subway train survived when police say he dove into the deep roadbed between the rails as the train passed over him. Police say Ralph Mercado was hospitalized in stable condition with only a bruised hand after yesterday's accident at Union Station in Manhattan.

7:50 The hosts spoke to Barry Wiener, President of The William D. Wernicoff Children's Foundation of Esquire Lodge, Inc., better known as The Dixie Fund, about toy distributions the organization does for children at this time of year.

8:05 The hosts spoke to FDNY Commissioner Sal Cassano; and Joseph Bruno, Commissioner of the New York City Office of Emergency Management, about how their two departments work so well with each other.

8:35 The hosts spoke to Dr. M. Zuhdi Jasser, Founder and President of the American Islamic Forum for Democracy, about religious freedom.

9:05 The hosts spoke with Tevi Troy, Visiting Fellow of the Hudson Institute, and a writer and consultant on health care and domestic policy, as well as the former Deputy Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services in the George W. Bush administration, talks about his new book, WHAT JEFFERSON READ, IKE WATCHED, AND OBAMA TWEETED: 200 YEARS OF POPULAR CULTURE IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

9:35 The hosts spoke to His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan, about what people can do to better prepare to celebrate Christmas.

## **12/22**

A winter storm is coating parts of northern New York and Vermont with an inch or more of ice, causing power outages and making travel extremely hazardous. More than 10,000 customers are without power in upstate New York as the storm is forecast to linger into this afternoon. The National Weather Service says more than an inch of ice has been reported in parts of St Lawrence County, New York. Significant accumulations are expected through midday today. New York Governor Andrew Cuomo has declared a winter ice storm emergency for parts of northern and western New York.

New York City has broken a temperature record during a brief December heat wave. The National Weather Service says the temperature in Central Park hit a record-setting 65 degrees yesterday. The previous record was 62, set in 2011 and 1923. Today could be even warmer.

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo says a state assemblyman accused of sexual harassment should resign if the allegations are true. Assemblyman Dennis Gabryszak was accused in a legal filing Thursday of repeatedly subjecting three aides to sex talk. The women say he told them they should wear bikinis, made salacious comments about his genitalia, and sent one woman a video in which he appeared to be engaged in a sex act. Phone calls to Gabryszak's offices were not returned.



More than 100 people gathered yesterday for a public memorial service at Syracuse University to mark the 25th anniversary of the Pan Am Flight 103 disaster. Thirty-five Syracuse University students studying abroad were among those killed in the 1988 bombing of Pan Am flight 103 over the Scottish town of Lockerbie. The bombing killed 259 people aboard the plane and 11 on the ground.

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg steered New York City through economic recession, a catastrophic hurricane, and the aftermath of 9/11, but he may always be remembered as the mayor who wanted to ban the Big Gulp. After 12 years, Bloomberg leaves office December 31 with a unique record as a public health crusader. In his three terms, he attacked cigarettes, artery-clogging fats, and big sugary drinks.

New Yorkers who haven't registered yet for a property tax break are about to get automated telephone calls reminding them that the December 31 deadline is coming up. The state tax department will be notifying about 620,000 homeowners who haven't registered yet for Basic STAR, including more than 210,000 in New York City. It says 2 million have registered.

Billionaire businessman and longtime World Jewish Congress president Edgar Bronfman, Sr., has died. He was 84. The Samuel Bronfman Foundation says the longtime CEO of his family's Seagram's liquor empire died yesterday at his home in New York. Bronfman provided more than a quarter-century of leadership at the World Jewish Congress during the 1980s when it lobbied the Soviets to allow Jews to emigrate, and helped spearhead the search for hidden Nazi loot.

7:50 The hosts spoke to Ann Kissane Engelhart, illustrator of the book **BAMBINELLI SUNDAY: A CHRISTMAS BLESSING**, about the book.

8:05 Sister Mary Ann Ambrose of St. Joseph of Brentwood talks about a few upcoming movies.

8:35 Thomas P. DiNapoli, Comptroller of the State of New York, discusses his bill, which Governor Cuomo signed into law, mandating that we audit pre-K special education across the state; the Audit of Dual Employment; Public Authorities by the Numbers; and his recent trip to Bangladesh.

9:05 Sarah, a young woman who has been in the life of sex-trafficking, and Lori Cohen, a senior staff attorney at the Center for Battered Women's Legal Services and Director of the Sex Trafficking Initiative at Sanctuary for Families, talk about Sara's experience and what is being done about this activity.

## **12/29**

The NYPD is searching for a man they say escaped arresting officers while handcuffed on the Cross Bronx Expressway. Police say 23-year-old William Monge-Betancourt was in custody at about 10:00 Friday night when he wrestled free from an arresting officer, and ran across the highway against traffic. Police say they found marijuana on Monge-Betancourt and his passenger after stopping them for speeding.

Former President Bill Clinton will do the honors for Bill de Blasio when he is sworn in as Mayor of New York City on Wednesday. De Blasio's transition team announced Saturday that he will be sworn in by the former President. De Blasio worked in Clinton's administration in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Times Square is getting ready for New Year's Eve. Visitors to Times Square over the next few days can help illuminate the famed ball that will bring in 2014. Six Citibikes from the City's bike share program are installed in Times Square, and connected to 12-volt deep cycle batteries. New Yorkers and tourists will generate power by pedaling.

Someone left a box of 28 baby chicks outside a Long Island pet store. Newsday reports that the chicks are being cared for at a veterinarian's office in Valley Stream. But employees at the vet's office say they don't know where the birds are headed next. The chicks were discovered Friday afternoon outside Petland Discounts in Hempstead.

Two people are hurt following a helicopter crash in Westchester County yesterday. Officials at the Federal Aviation Administration say the Hughes 269 helicopter was trying to land at Westchester County Airport when it crashed alongside a runway yesterday morning. The helicopter rolled on its side. The pilot and one passenger were taken to a hospital for treatment of minor injuries.

Three men have been hospitalized after shots were fired outside a Friday night house party in Rochester. Police tell the Democrat and Chronicle the three were taken to Rochester General Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Their names were not released. Police are looking for two suspects.

State police arrested a New York man twice on marijuana charges in 36 hours after troopers stopped his car in each instance for veering out of its lane. Troopers say Jerome Fonda had marijuana, and was drunk when they stopped him the first time early Friday in Johnstown. They say troopers found a pipe and 21 grams of marijuana after again pulling him over at 1:30 PM Saturday.

8:05 The hosts spoke to Reverend A.R. Bernard, Founder, Senior Pastor, and CEO of the Christian Cultural Center in Brooklyn about Christmas and New Year's.

8:35 The hosts spoke with Representative Peter King of New York's Second Congressional District about the upcoming year, and what we might expect politically and socially worldwide.

9:05 The hosts spoke with Rabbi Arnold E. Resnicoff, U.S. Navy Captain (retired) of the Chaplain Corps., about a recent article he had published in THE HUFFINGTON POST on prayer.

9:35 The hosts spoke with His Eminence, Edwin Cardinal O'Brien, Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, and one of the original hosts of "Religion on the Line," about what he has been doing in Jerusalem.

## **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

WABC airs a wide variety of Public Service Announcements (PSAs). PSAs are non-commercial announcements that run free of charge in all dayparts. Announcements are submitted by community groups, non-profit organizations, listeners, advertising agencies doing pro-bono work, as well as by "grass roots" community efforts to the station's Public Service Director by mail, fax and email. PSAs are also collected at the periodic Community Leaders Day Meetings hosted by New York Market Radio (NYMRAD) for all area radio broadcast stations. On a daily basis, the Public Service Director speaks to listeners, representatives of community groups, schools, religious organizations, government agencies, and local and non-profit groups. These conversations often lead to the airing of PSAs, WABC airs both pre-recorded and live PSAs throughout the broadcast day.

Public Service Announcements aired during the Third Quarter 2013 can be characterized as follows:

<b>PSA:</b>	<b>American Lung Association / Quit Smoking</b>
<b>Dates Aired:</b>	<b>October 3 to December 28, 2013</b>
<b>Length:</b>	<b>30 seconds</b>
<b>Number Aired:</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>PSA:</b>	<b>Hurricane Sandy NJ Relief Fund – 1 Year Later</b>
<b>Dates Aired:</b>	<b>October 25 to October 28, 2013</b>
<b>Length:</b>	<b>30 seconds</b>
<b>Number Aired:</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>PSA:</b>	<b>National Breast Cancer Foundation / Pink Ribbon Challenge</b>
<b>Dates Aired:</b>	<b>October 14 to October 31, 2013</b>
<b>Length:</b>	<b>30 seconds</b>
<b>Number Aired:</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Length:</b>	<b>10 seconds</b>
<b>Number Aired:</b>	<b>25</b>

During October, 728 x 90 and 300 x 250 display ads were featured throughout the station's website as free clicks on the National Breast Cancer site help fund mammograms for underprivileged women

**PSA:** City Harvest  
**Dates Aired:** July 1 to September 30, 2013  
**Length:** 30 seconds  
**Number Aired:** 62

During December, WABC and Cumulus NY partnered with City Harvest to promote the organization's annual Care To Feed The Hungry Food Drive.

**PSA:** NY Governor's Traffic Safety Committee – Drive Sober  
**Dates Aired:** October 1 to October 10, 2013  
**Length:** 30 seconds  
**Number Aired:** 4  
**Dates Aired:** December 15 to December 29, 2013  
**Length:** 30 seconds  
**Number Aired:** 11

**PSA:** NYS National Guard  
**Dates Aired:** October 2 to December 29, 2013  
**Length:** 30 seconds  
**Number Aired:** 58

**PSA:** U.S. Coast Guard  
**Dates Aired:** October 1 to October 11, 2013  
**Length:** 30 seconds  
**Number Aired:** 7

**PSA:** 1 Matters / Veterans Matter  
**Dates Aired:** November 1 to November 11, 2013  
**Length:** 30 seconds  
**Number Aired:** 53

**PSA:** NYS DMV – Safe Driving  
**Dates Aired:** October 12 to December 12, 2013  
**Length:** 30 seconds  
**Number Aired:** 62

**PSA:** SAMHSA / Center For Substance Abuse Treatment  
**Dates Aired:** October 1 to December 25, 2013  
**Length:** 30 seconds  
**Number Aired:** 68

**PSA:** US Department of Homeland Security / See Something, Say Something  
**Dates Aired:** October 1 to December 27, 2013  
**Length:** 30 seconds  
**Number Aired:** 64

**PSA:** Water Collective  
**Dates Aired:** October 8 to December 26, 2013  
**Length:** 30 seconds  
**Number Aired:** 51

**Community Leaders Day**

Twice each year, in April and October, NYMRAD (New York Market Radio) hosts a day-long meeting in Manhattan to bring radio stations and community organizations together. NYMRAD is a marketing association supported by over 50 radio stations in the Tri-State Area. WABC, and sister-station WPLJ, are represented at these meetings by their Public Service Director.

Each invited community group makes a brief presentation outlining the pressing issues and needs in the residential area of the presenter, the work their group is doing in the community at large and areas where stations can perhaps assist them with their work. The issues and needs focus on the residential areas of the presenters to provide better idea of what is facing communities throughout the Tri State Area as many of the groups often have offices in the same area. Sometimes, the organizations use the meeting as a focus group, to merely speak out about issues of public concern, or to alert stations to potential news-worthy stories. The great majority of groups provide printed information about their work.

All organizations are encouraged to bring PSAs (scripts or pre-records) for distribution to the attending radio stations. Following the meetings, the Public Service Director reviews the submitted announcements and schedules them for airing throughout the year.