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BUSINESS

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NEW YORK CITY RESTAURANTS MIGHT BE LOSING THEIR EDGE. THE MICHELIN GUIDE'S LATEST ROSTER SAYS DANIEL HAS BEEN BUMPED DOWN TO TWO STARS. AND THE BOROUGH SEEMS TO BE MOVING UP IN THE CULINARY WORLD. BROOKLYN NOW HAS A TOTAL OF 10 STARRED RESTAURANTS AND QUEENS HAS FOUR.

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A FAVORITE FROM THE PAST HAS REOPENED ATOP 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA. AFTER A 5-YEAR ABSENCE, THE RAINBOW ROOM WAS BACK IN BUSINESS FOR BRUNCH, OFFERING FOOD AND A FANTASTIC VIEW. THE RESTAURANT ON THE 65TH FLOOR WAS DESIGNATED A LANDMARK 2 YEARS AGO FOR ITS 80 YEARS OF HOSTING EVERYONE FROM ELIZABETH TAYLOR TO MUHAMMAD ALI. AMONG THE MUSICAL GREATS WHO HAVE PERFORMED THERE ARE TOMMY DORSEY, LOUIS ARMSTRONG AND TONY BENNETT. AND THE MUSIC'S STILL GOING STRONG.

10/14

MACYS HAS BECOME THE FIRST MAJOR CHAIN TO ANNOUNCE IT'S BLACK FRIDAY PLANS. THE COMPANY SAYS ITS STORES WILL OPEN AT 6PM ON THANKSGIVING EVENING. SOME RETAIL EXPERTS SAY IT'S A SMART MOVE. LAST YEAR, MACY'S OPENED AT 8 ON THANKSGIVING NIGHT.

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BRONX BOOK LOVERS WILL HAVE TO LEAVE THEIR BOROUGH TO BUY BOOKS AT BARNES AND NOBLE. THE BAY PLAZA STORE IS CLOSING AFTER NOT RENEWING ITS LEASE AND TURNING DOWN A SPACE IN THE MASSIVE NEW MALL THAT OPENED THIS YEAR. THE LAST INDEPENDENT BOOK SHOP IN THE BRONX, BOOKS IN THE HOOD, CLOSED IN 2011.

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RUDY'S BAKERY AND CAFE IN RIDGEWOOD, QUEENS IS CELEBRATING ITS 80TH YEAR AND OWNER TONI BINANTI SAYS IT'S BEEN A GOOD RIDE THROUGH ALL DIFFERENT ECONOMIC TIMES. TO MARK THEIR BIRTHDAY, RUDY'S IS ROLLING BACK PRICES ON BAKED GOODS THIS AFTERNOON TO 1934. RUDY'S IS THE OLDEST GERMAN BAKERY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, WHICH WAS BEEN HOME TO MOSTLY GERMAN IMMIGRANTS WHO WORKED IN BREWERIES AND KNITTING FACTORIES IN THE 1930S AND 40S. TODAY THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS MOSTLY HISPANIC.

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DO YOU HAVE ONE OF THE SCARIEST JOBS OF TODAY? CAREER BUILDER.COM HAS COMPILED A LIST BASED IN A NATIONWIDE SURVEY CONDUCTED BY A HARRIS POLL. 3,000 WORKERS WERE ASKED WHAT KINDS OF WORK SCARED THEM THE MOST. RAISING CHILDREN, STAND-UP COMEDY AND INVESTIGATING CRIME SCENES ARE AMONG THE TOP TEN, PARENTING IS ACTUALLY NUMBER TEN. AND NUMBER ONE; A POLITICIAN, SCARY FOR THOSE WHO FEAR: RESPONSIBILITY; ACCOUNTABILITY TO A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE; REJECTION.

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HOME DEPOT ALREADY HAS TWO STORES IN MANHATTAN. NOW, IT'S MAIN COMPETITOR, LOWE'S IS COMING. REPORTS SAY THE HOME IMPROVEMENT CHAIN PLANS TO OPEN A STORE IN CHELSEA AND ONE ON THE UPPER WEST SIDE, BUT THEY WILL BE MUCH SMALLER THAN THE HOME DEPOT STORES. THE NEW LOWE'S SHOULD OPEN SOMETIME IN THE SECOND HALF OF NEXT YEAR.

NOVEMBER IS ALWAYS A BIG MONTH IN THE BUSINESS FIELD. WITH THANKSGIVING, COMES THE BIG SPREE THAT KICKS OFF THE HOLIDAY SHOPPING. SEVERAL BUSINESSES HAVE DECIDED THIS YEAR, TO OPEN EVEN EARLIER THAN THE USUAL 5am BLACK FRIDAY, TURNING IT INTO A SORT OF "GREY THURSDAY," BY OPENING ON THANKSGIVING EVENING. THIS IS ALWAYS FOLLOWED BY "SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY AND A BIG ON-LINE SHOPPING FRENZY ON THE MONDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING, CALLED "CYBER MONDAY."

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THIS IS RESTAURANT WEEK IN THE BRONX. FROM NOW UNTIL NOVEMBER 14TH YOU CAN GET LUNCH AT PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS FOR \$16 AND DINNER FOR \$20. SOME RESTAURANTS ARE ALSO OFFERING 15% OFF COUPONS FOR MEALS THAT ARE MORE THAN 20 BUCKS.

11/7

COOKIE FANS IN FOREST HILLS ARE CRYING IN THEIR MILK TO LEARN BONNELLE PASTRY SHOP HAS LOST ITS LEASE AND WILL CLOSE AT THE END OF DECEMBER. THE SHOP HAS BEEN SERVING UP SPECIALTY COOKIES, CAKES AND ALMOND CROISSANTS FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS. OWNER RAHITA RAVEL SAID SHE WAS GIVEN NO REASON FOR THE LEASE TERMINATION. THERE'S SPECULATION THE LOCATION ON ASCAN AVENUE WILL BECOME A DUNKIN DONUTS.

11/11

FOR THE FIRST TIME, TWO NEW JERSEY MALLS WILL OPEN THEIR DOORS ON THANKSGIVING TO KICK OFF THE HOLIDAY SHOPPING SEASON. THE "WESTFIELD GARDEN STATE PLAZA" AND "PARAMUS PARK" CONFIRM TO "THE RECORD" THAT THEY WILL BE OPEN FROM 6PM TO 11PM AS THEY

TRY TO ATTRACT SHOPPERS WHO HAVE BEEN MIGRATING TO OTHER RETAILERS WHO HAVE BEEN OPENING ON THANKSGIVING.

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THE FORMER "SHOWBOAT CASINO" IN ATLANTIC CITY IS BEING SOLD TO THE 'RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY' AND WILL BE TURNED INTO A SATELLITE CAMPUS. THE SALE PRICE HAS NOT BEEN REVEALED AND THE DEAL HAS NOT YET BEEN FINALIZED. 'CAESARS ENTERTAINMENT' CLOSED THE SHOWBOAT AT THE END OF AUGUST. IT'S ONE OF FOUR ATLANTIC CITY CASINOS TO CLOSE SO FAR THIS YEAR.

11/20

THE LEGENDARY P.J. CLARKE'S, THE SALOON FOR CELEBRITIES SUCH AS FRANK SINATRA, LIZ TAYLOR AND LIZA, IS OPENING A NEW RESTAURANT ON LONG ISLAND. IT'S OPENING ON JERICHO TURNPIKE IN WOODBURY, NEAR THE CREST HOLLOW COUNTRY CLUB, NEXT WEEK. ONE OF THE OLDEST BARS IN NEW YORK, P.J. CLARKE'S HAS TWO OTHER MANHATTAN LOCATIONS, ONE IN D.C AND ANOTHER IN SAO PAULO, BRAZIL. THE MENU WILL INCLUDE THE "CADILLAC" BURGER, WHICH IS WHAT NAT KING COLE CALLED THEIR BACON CHEESEBURGER BACK IN THE 50S.

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THANKSGIVING USED TO BE ABOUT FAMILIES SITTING DOWN TO A FEAST. THEN IT WAS ABOUT THE TURKEY DINNER AND FOOTBALL. NOW, FOR SOME, IT'S ABOUT THE TURKEY AND SHOPPING. LOTS OF STORES ARE GETTING A HEADSTART ON THE SHOPPING SEASON BY OPENING FOR AT LEAST A PART OF THE DAY. THEY INCLUDE WAL-MART, SEARS, MACY'S, TARGET, K-MART, BEST BUY, TOYS-R-US. MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE NAMED THE STORES THAT ARE CLOSED TODAY; NORDSTROM, NIEMAN MARCUS, COSTCO. IF YOU DON'T SHOP TODAY, THERE'S ALWAYS TOMORROW, BLACK FRIDAY. SHOPPERS ARE EXPECTED TO BE OUT IN FORCE AND LOCAL MALLS AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS HAVE BEEFED UP SECURITY.

11/29

TODAY IS SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY, A DAY WHEN PEOPLE ARE ENCOURAGED TO BUY LOCAL. IT'S AN EFFORT STARTED BY AMERICAN EXPRESS IN 2010, BUT SOME SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS SAY, WHILE THEY APPRECIATE THE EFFORT, IT HASN'T DONE MUCH TO IMPACT THE BOTTOM LINE, ESPECIALLY WITH ALL OF THE HYPE SURROUNDING BLACK FRIDAY. SOME SAY THEY WANT PEOPLE TO SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESS, NOT BECAUSE YOU'RE BEING TOLD TO, BUT BECAUSE THEY'RE OFTEN BETTER.

11/30

BLACK FRIDAY SAW A BUYING SLUMP AT STORES THIS YEAR. NEW FIGURES OUT FROM SHOPPER TRAK SHOW A DROP OF 7% COMPARED TO 2013. THE TOTAL SPENT AT STORES NATIONWIDE WAS A LITTLE MORE

THAN \$9-BILLION THE FRIDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING. IT MAY BE DUE TO A BUYING SHIFT, WITH A SIZEABLE SPIKE OF 24% FOR IN-STORE SALES ON THANKSGIVING. THE CONSUMER RESEARCH GROUP CAUTIONS THAT THE FIGURES AREN'T FINAL, SINCE ONLINE SALES WEREN'T INCLUDED.

WITH THE HOLIDAY SEASON IN FULL SWING IN DECEMBER, THE BUSINESS MARKETS WERE FOCUSED ON NUMBERS FROM SHOPPERS.

12/1

RETAILERS ARE LOOKING FOR A BOOST IN HOLIDAY SALES WITH TODAY CYBER MONDAY, WHEN MANY PEOPLE GO ON LINE AT WORK OR ON SMARTPHONES TO SHOP FOR BARGAINS. SHOPPING EXPERT MARK ELLWOOD SAYS SOME OF THE BEST DEALS CAN BE FOUND FOR CLOTHES, SHOES AND ELECTRONICS. THE NATIONAL RETAIL FEDERATION SAYS BLACK FRIDAY SALES WERE DISAPPOINTING, FALLING 5% OVER LAST YEAR. IT ESTIMATES TOTAL SPENDING FOR THE WEEKEND WAS DOWN 11% TO \$50.9-BILLION. PART OF THE REASON IS THAT MANY MAJOR RETAILERS PUSHED FAT DISCOUNTS AS EARLY AS HALLOWEEN.

12/5

TROUBLE AT NEW REPUBLIC MAGAZINE. MUCH OF THE SENIOR STAFF AT THE WASHINGTON DC OFFICES RESIGNED TODAY, JUST ONE DAY AFTER FRANKLIN FOER WAS NAMED THE NEW EDITOR. MAGAZINE OWNER, FACEBOOK BILLIONAIRE CHRIS HUGHES, RECENTLY ANNOUNCED PLANS TO CHANGE THE 100 YEAR OLD JOURNAL INTO A DIGITAL MEDIA COMPANY AND RELOCATE TO MANHATTAN.

12/15

BEST SELLING AUTHOR JAMES PATTERSON DONATES MORE MONEY TO KEEP LOCAL BOOKSTORES IN BUSINESS. HIS PUBLISHER SAYS HE'S GIVEN \$473,000 TO 81 INDEPENDENT BOOKSELLERS AROUND THE COUNTRY, INCLUDING "THE STRAND" IN NEW YORK. THIS IS THE THIRD ROUND IN A YEAR WHICH TOTALS OVER \$1-MILLION GOING TO 178 BOOKSELLERS.

12/17

LAST CALL AT "CAFE EDISON". DESPITE EFFORTS TO SAVE THE 34-YEAR OLD TIMES SQUARE LOCATION, IT WILL CLOSE. MAYOR DEBLASIO AND OTHERS PROTESTED THE CLOSING AFTER THE LANDLORD REFUSED TO RENEW THE LEASE. THE OWNER TELLS "JEREMIAH'S VANISHING NEW YORK" HIS FAMILY WAS INSPIRED BY THE OUTPOURING OF SUPPORT AND THEY'RE COMMITTED TO REOPENING AT A NEW LOCATION.

12/23

NEW YORK CITY'S MOM AND POP STORES KEEP GIVING WAY TO CHAIN STORES. THE CENTER FOR URBAN FUTURE HAS RELEASED A SURVEY THAT FOUND THE NUMBER OF CHAIN STORES IN THE CITY INCREASED

NEARLY 3% OVER THE PAST YEAR. THE NUMBER ONE CHAIN WAS DUNKIN DONUTS WITH 536 STORES. SUBWAY WAS SECOND WITH 468 LOCATIONS FOLLOWED BY DUANE READE/WALGREENS WITH 318 STORES.

12/24

FOR THOSE WHO COULD GET OUT THIS CHRISTMAS EVE THE MALLS AND STORES MADE THE HOLIDAY A SPORT. OH YEAH, LAST MINUTE CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS SPENT THE DAY RACING AROUND TO GET WHATEVER THEY COULD FIND AT THIS LATE STAGE.

12/26

WHEN THE RENOVATION OF THE NASSAU VETERANS MEMORIAL COLISUM IS COMPLETE THE NAME WILL APPARENTLY REMAIN. THE HEAD OF BARCLAYS CENTER, WHICH IS OVERSEEING THE COLISEUM PROJECT, REPORTEDLY SAID NAMING RIGHTS WILL BE SOLD FOR THE SURROUNDING SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT COMPLEX. THE PROPOSAL CALLS FOR AN INDOOR THEATER, AN AMPHITHEATER, RESTAURANTS, BOWLING ALLEY, MOVIE THEATER, ICE SKATING AND RETAIL.

ECONOMY

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NEW JERSEY IS BETTING ON SPORTS GAMBLING TO HELP ATLANTIC CITY'S STRUGGLING AND REMAINING CASINOS. THE NEW JERSEY ASSEMBLY'S TOURISM AND GAMING COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED A BILL TODAY TO LEGALIZE SPORTS BETTING. IT WILL THEN GO TO THE FULL ASSEMBLY. STATE SENATORS SAY THEY PLAN TO INTRODUCE A SIMILAR BILL NEXT WEEK. THE FOUR MAJOR PROFESSIONAL SPORTS LEAGUES - AND THE NCAA - ARE FIGHTING AGAINST IT.

10/7

THE ENERGY DEPARTMENT SAYS THE NATION'S HEATING BILLS WILL BE LOWER THIS YEAR BECAUSE THE FORECAST IS FOR A LESS FRIGID WINTER. NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS WILL PAY AN AVERAGE OF \$649 FROM OCTOBER TO MARCH, DOWN FROM \$680 LAST YEAR. OIL CUSTOMERS WILL SAVE ABOUT \$362 AND ELECTRIC HEAT USERS WILL PAY AN AVERAGE OF \$17 LESS THAN IN 2013.

10/9

FORBES IS OUT WITH ITS ANNUAL RANKING OF THE NATIONS WEALTHIEST ZIP CODES AND 6 OUT OF THE TOP 10 ARE AROUND HERE. SAGAPONACK IN THE HAMPTONS IS NUMBER TWO, FOLLOWED BY 10013 IN SOHO AND 10065 AND 75 ON THE UPPER EAST SIDE. ALSO IN THE TOP 10 IS ALPINE NEW JERSEY. NUMBER ONE ON THE LIST IS NOWHERE NEAR HERE, IT'S ATHERTON CALIFORNIA IN SILICON VALLEY. THE LEAST EXPENSIVE

HOME CURRENTLY ON THE MARKET THERE IS A TWO BEDROOM BUNGALOW, A STARTER HOME WITH AN ASKING PRICE OF \$1.5 MILLION.

10/13

A BIT OF GOOD NEWS FOR A.C. A PHILADELPHIA DEVELOPER WANTS TO BUY THE PIER SHOPS AT CAESARS IN ATLANTIC CITY. BART BLATSTEIN HASN'T REVEALED A PRICE, BUT THE MALL COTS \$200-MILLION. IT OPENED IN 2006 AND SOLD AT A FORECLOSURE AUCTION 5 YEARS LATER.

10/15

GETTING READY TO DO A VACATION? HOW ABOUT A "STAY-CATION". THAT'S WHAT THE CITY'S TOURISM PROMOTION AGENCY IS PUSHING SAYING, WE'VE GOT SOME GEMS, RIGHT HERE IN OUR OWN BACKYARD! OFFICIALS SAY, "THAT'S WHY PEOPLE FLOCK FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY "TO" NEW YORK. SO YOU CAN EXPECT TO START SEEING POSTERS AT BUS SHELTERS, BANNERS HANGING FROM LIGHT POLES AND A VIDEO IN THE BACKSEAT OF YOUR TAXI, URGING YOU TO GO SOMEWHERE NEW. THE CAMPAIGN IS HIGHLIGHTING ALL FIVE BOROUGHES AND THINGS THAT MIGHT APPEAL TO ADVENTUROUS LOCALS.

10/18

MILLIONS OF OLDER AMERICANS WHO GET GOVERNMENT BENEFITS CAN EXPECT SMALL PAY RAISES COME JANUARY. PRELIMINARY FIGURES SUGGEST THE ANNUAL COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR SOCIAL SECURITY, DISABLED VETERAN AND FEDERAL RETIREE BENEFITS WILL BE LESS THAN 2%. THAT TRANSLATES TO A RAISE OF ABOUT \$20 A MONTH FOR THE TYPICAL PERSON ON SOCIAL SECURITY.

10/20

WAITERS AND BARTENDERS WORK FOR TIPS, BUT A REPORT FINDS MANY OF THEM ARE TWICE AS LIKELY TO LIVE IN POVERTY IN NEW YORK COMPARED TO WORKERS WHO DON'T RELY ON TIPS. THE STATE WAGE BOARD HOLDS A HEARING TODAY IN HARLEM TO CONSIDER WHETHER TO RAISE THE MINIMUM WAGE FOR SEVERAL HUNDRED THOUSAND WORKERS WHO RELY ON TIPS AS PART OF THEIR INCOME. A RALLY, ORGANIZED BY 'RAISE UP NY' IN SUPPORT OF HOSPITALITY WORKERS, WAS HELD ON 125TH STREET THIS MORNING.

10/31

IF YOU'RE LIPA, PSEG LONG ISLAND CUSTOMER, BAD NEWS; THE SUPPLY PORTION OF YOUR ELECTRIC BILL WILL GO UP 27% ADDING ABOUT \$15 TO THE AVERAGE BILL. THIS IS BECAUSE LIPA IS \$133-MILLION OVER BUDGET FOR FUEL AND PURCHASED POWER AND BECAUSE ELECTRICITY SALES WERE LOWER THAN PROJECTED DURING THE RELATIVELY COOL SUMMER. AS ONE TRUSTEE EXPLAINED IT, THEY'RE JUST COLLECTING MONEY THEY SHOULD HAVE COLLECTED A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO.

11/7

THE LABOR DEPARTMENT RELEASED THE JOBS REPORT FOR OCTOBER THIS MORNING AND IT SHOWS EMPLOYERS ADDED 214,000 JOBS LAST MONTH AND THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FELL FROM 5.9% TO 5.8%. ECONOMISTS WERE PREDICTING 230,000 NEW JOBS WITH THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE HOLDING STEADY.

11/7

A HEADS-UP HERE IF YOU'RE GOING TO NEED SOME HELP WITH YOUR HEAT THIS WINTER. STARTING A WEEK FROM MONDAY, THAT'S NOV. 17, NEW YORK STATE WILL BEGIN TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR FEDERALLY-FUNDED HOME HEATING ASSISTANCE. THE PROGRAM IS OFFERING RENTERS AND HOMEOWNERS OUTSIDE THE CITY UP TO \$625 THIS SEASON. YOU CAN APPLY ONLINE AT MYBENEFITS.NY.GOV. A HOUSEHOLD OF FOUR CAN EARN NEARLY \$51,000 A YEAR AND STILL QUALIFY.

11/10

CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER IS ASKING FOR A SPECIAL RATE INCREASE. THIS IS IN RESPONSE PROBLEMS WITH A NATURAL GAS PIPELINE. STANDARD ELECTRIC SERVICE NOW COSTS 10 CENTS PER KILOWATT HOUR. THAT WOULD GO UP TO 12 AND A HALF CENTS. FOR THE AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER, THAT WOULD MEAN A MONTHLY INCREASE FROM \$70 TO \$87.

11/12

NEW YORK CITY GETS JAMMED-PACKED WITH TOURISTS OVER THE HOLIDAYS, BUT NOW NYC & COMPANY IS LAUNCHING A NEW INITIATIVE TO GET FOLKS TO VISIT AT THE START OF THE YEAR. THAT WILL INCLUDE DEALS ON THEATER, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS BETWEEN JANUARY AND MARCH, INCLUDING RESTAURANT WEEK, FROM FEBRUARY 16TH TO MARCH 6TH. BROADWAY WEEK, WITH TWO FOR ONE TICKETS, WILL RUN FROM JANUARY 20TH THROUGH FEBRUARY 5TH AND OFF-BROADWAY WEEK IS FEBRUARY 23RD THROUGH MARCH 8TH.

11/14

THE OWNER OF 'TRUMP TAJ MAHAL CASINO RESORT' FILED PAPERS IN BANKRUPTCY COURT TODAY SAYING IT WILL CLOSE BY NEXT MONTH, MAKING IT THE FIFTH ATLANTIC CITY CASINO TO SHUT DOWN THIS YEAR. THE TARGET DATE IS DECEMBER 12TH. TRUMP ENTERTAINMENT HAD THREATENED TO CLOSE BY THEN IF ITS MAIN UNION DIDN'T DROP ITS APPEAL OF A COURT-ORDERED COST-SAVINGS PACKAGE. UNION OFFICIALS HAD NO IMMEDIATE COMMENT.

11/17

NEW PRIDE IN THE OLD BROOKLYN NAVY YARD. THE CITY IS INVESTING \$140 MILLION TO EXPAND MANUFACTURING AND ADD 3,000 JOBS. MAYOR DE BLASIO ANNOUNCED THE LATEST PLANS FOR WHAT'S KNOWN AS BUILDING 77. THE CITY WILL BUILD OUT SPACE IN THE MILLION-SQUARE-FOOT PLACE FOR A MEDICAL DIAGNOSTICS LAB AND A MOTORCYCLE DESIGN START-UP, AMONG OTHER BUSINESSES. MORE THAN 100 PROSPECTIVE TENANTS HAVE BEEN TRYING TO GET INTO BUILDING 77.

11/18

TOLL COLLECTORS ON THE NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AND GARDEN STATE PARKWAY AGREED TO ANOTHER ROUND OF PAY CUTS. THE TURNPIKE AUTHORITY SAID IT WAS THE ONLY WAY TO SAVE THEIR JOBS. THEY HAD THEIR SALARIES CUT BACK IN 2011 AS WELL. OFFICIALS ALSO SAY THEY HAVE DECIDED NOT TO PRIVATIZE TOLL COLLECTION ON THE ROADS.

11/24

LOOKS LIKE THIS MIGHT NOT BE THE BEST HOLIDAY SEASON EVER, AT THE MALLS. ACCORDING TO THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY SPENDING SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CONSUMER FEDERATION OF AMERICA AND THE CREDIT UNION NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, 33% OF SHOPPERS SAY THEY PLAN TO SPEND LESS THIS YEAR THAN THEY DID DURING 2013'S HOLIDAY SEASON. BUT NOT EVERYONE'S CUTTING BACK. TEN PERCENT OF SHOPPERS ADMITTED THAT THEY PLAN TO SPEND MORE.

11/25

THE COST OF A THANKSGIVING TURKEY IS UP SINCE LAST YEAR. TURKEY TRADERS AT THE HUNTS POINT MEAT MARKET SAY THEY'VE NEVER SEEN PRICES THIS HIGH AND BLAME IT ON THE SOARING COST OF CORN AND SOYBEANS THAT FARMERS FEED TURKEYS. TURKEY PRODUCER, NEBRASKALAND, IS CHARGING LOCAL GROCERIES AROUND \$1.24 A POUND FOR FROZEN TURKEY, ABOUT 10 CENTS MORE THAN IN 2012.

11/28

GONNA COST A LITTLE BIT MORE TO LIGHT THE TREE THIS YEAR. GROWERS SAY THEY'RE GETTING ABOUT \$20 FOR THE AVERAGE TREE, A COUPLE MORE THAN LAST YEAR. BUT, THE PRICE PAID TO GROWERS IS ONLY ONE OF MANY FACTORS IN THE ACTUAL COST OF A TREE SO IT MAY NOT BE MUCH AT ALL BY THE TIME YOU GET TO THE LOT. THE GROWERS SAY IT'S A RELIEF TO SEE PRICES RISE BECAUSE MANY HAVE BEEN DRIVEN OUT OF BUSINESS BECAUSE OF LOW PRICES IN RECENT YEARS.

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A CHRISTMAS SURPRISE FOR PSEG LONG ISLAND CUSTOMERS. REPORTS SAY THE UTILITY PLANS ANOTHER INCREASE IN THE POWER SUPPLY CHARGE, HIKING AVERAGE BILLS BY AROUND 10.50 A MONTH. FOR THE YEAR, RATEPAYERS SAW INCREASES IN SEVEN OF THE PAST 12 MONTHS.

PSEG SAYS THE "SINGLE BIGGEST DRIVER" IN MONTHLY ADJUSTMENTS WAS THE PRICE OF NATURAL GAS.

12/4

TREES MAY GROW IN BROOKLYN, BUT YOU BETTER HOPE YOUR WALLET IS GETTING FATTER IF YOU WANT TO BUY SOME REAL ESTATE THERE. A NEW STUDY BY HOUSING DATA FIRM 'REALTY-TRAC' FINDS BROOKLYN IS THE MOST UNAFFORDABLE HOUSING MARKET IN THE UNITED STATES. AFTER ANALYZING 475 COUNTIES THROUGH OCTOBER, BROOKLYN WAS THE LEAST-AFFORDABLE FOLLOWED BY SAN FRANCISCO AND MANHATTAN. EXPERTS ATTRIBUTE THAT TO INVESTORS AND FOREIGN BUYERS, WHO HAVE HELPED DRIVE UP HOME PRICES, KEEPING MANY RESIDENTS LOCKED INTO RENTALS.

12/5

THE MONTHLY EMPLOYMENT REPORT FOR NOVEMBER WAS RELEASED THIS MORNING. THE LABOR DEPARTMENT SAYS 321,000 JOBS WERE ADDED LAST MONTH AND THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE HELD STEADY AT 5.8%. THIS YEAR, THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE HAS DROPPED AND THE RATE OF HIRING HAS PICKED UP, ESPECIALLY FOR MILITARY VETERANS.

12/11

MAYOR DEBLASIO TEAMED UP WITH CARDINAL DOLAN TODAY TO ANNOUNCE NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE CITY. THEY BROKE GROUND AT ARTSBRIDGE, A COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ON 172ND STREET IN THE HIGHBRIDGE SECTION OF THE BRONX. THE DEVELOPMENT WILL CONTAIN 61 APARTMENTS FOR LOW-INCOME PERSONS 62 AND OLDER.

12/16

NEW YORK CITY'S FINANCIAL OUTLOOK IS IMPROVING. THAT'S THE WORD FROM NEW YORK STATE COMPTROLLER THOMAS DiNAPOLI. HE SAYS A REVISED 4-YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN SHOWS THE CITY'S SURPLUS WILL REACH \$105-MILLION IN 2015. THAT'S MOSTLY DUE TO HIGHER TAX REVENUES COMBINED WITH LOWER PENSION AND DEBT COSTS. HE SAYS JOB GROWTH HAS BEEN STRONG IN THE BOROUGHES, INCREASING AT AN AVERAGE ANNUAL RATE OF MORE THAN 2% OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS. AT THE SAME TIME, THE NUMBER OF HIGH PAYING WALL STREET JOBS IS SMALLER TODAY THAN BEFORE THE 2008 FINANCIAL CRISIS.

12/19

RETAILERS ARE LIKELY BITING THEIR NAILS OVER THE SALES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON. THEY'RE HOPING SHOPPING PROCRASTINATORS CAN SAVE THEM. THE NATIONAL RETAIL FEDERATION HAD EXPECTED SALES FOR THE NOVEMBER-DECEMBER SHOPPING SEASON TO JUMP MORE THAN 4%, BUT SO FAR SALES ARE ONLY UP LESS THAN 2% WITH LES THAN 2

WEEKS TO GO. RETAILERS HAD HOPED TO JUMP START THE SHOPPING SEASON BY GIVING HOLIDAY DISCOUNTS AS EARLY AS HALLOWEEN AND MORE STORES OPENING ON THANKSGIVING DAY. ANALYSTS THINK THAT MAY HAVE BACKFIRED AND THUS THE NAIL-BITING.

12/23

A MILESTONE DAY ON WALL STREET. THE DOW CLIMBED ABOVE 18,000 FOR THE FIRST TIME. THE COMMERCE DEPARTMENT SAYS THE U-S ECONOMY GREW AT A 5% ANNUAL RATE BETWEEN JULY AND SEPTEMBER. IT SAYS THE ECONOMY WAS BOOSTED BY STRENGTH IN CONSUMER SPENDING AND BUSINESS INVESTMENT. ANALYSTS SAY IT'S THE LATEST EVIDENCE THE U-S ECONOMY IS STEADILY STRENGTHENING.

12/31

IF YOU MAKE MINIMUM WAGE IN NEW YORK STATE, CONGRATULATIONS YOU JUST GOT A RAISE. THE STATE MINIMUM WAGE IS \$8.75 AN HOUR EFFECTIVE TODAY, UP FROM \$8. IT WILL RISE TO \$9 DOLLARS A YEAR FROM TODAY. AMONG THOSE NOT SO EXCITED ABOUT THIS YEAR'S INCREASE, ARECELLY CANTOS OF QUEENS WHO TELLS US THAT 75 CENT AN HOUR RAISE IS BETTER THAN NOTHING.

EDUCATION

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IN THE FUTURE NEW YORK CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT GETTING AN F. SCHOOL CHANCELLOR CARMEN FARINA WILL GIVE A SPEECH TODAY IN WHICH SHE WILL SPELL OUT PLANS TO GET RID OF THE LETTER GRADING SYSTEM FOR CITY SCHOOLS STARTED BY MAYOR BLOOMBERG. CRITICS SAY THAT SYSTEM UNFAIRLY OVERSIMPLIFIES THE CHARACTERISTICS OF PROBLEM SCHOOLS.

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NEW JERSEY EDUCATION OFFICIALS SAY THE STATE WILL START USING A NEW TEST AS A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT FOR THE CLASS OF 2016. THE 'PARC' TEST WILL NOT BE THE ONLY OPTION FOR STUDENTS. THEY COULD ALSO GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL BY HITTING A MINIMUM SCORE ON THE SAT OR ACT COLLEGE ADMISSIONS EXAM OR SUBMITTING A PORTFOLIO INSTEAD. ACTING EDUCATION COMMISSIONER DAVID HESPE SAYS THE STATE WANTS TO HAVE ALTERNATE WAYS FOR STUDENTS TO PROVE WHAT THEY HAVE LEARNED IN HIGH SCHOOL.

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ADULTS IN NEW JERSEY WHO DON'T HAVE HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS WILL BE ABLE TO EARN ONE THROUGH AN ONLINE PROGRAM BEING OFFERED AT SOME LIBRARIES. THE FREE PROGRAM IS FUNDED BY THE CLINTON GLOBAL INITIATIVE AND THE STATE GOVERNMENT, BUT SPACE IS

LIMITED FOR JUST 125 STUDENTS. DEPUTY STATE LIBRARY DIRECTOR PEGGY CADIGAN SAYS THE PROGRAM REFLECTS HOW LIBRARIES ARE CHANGING TO OFFER MORE THAN JUST BOOKS. THE PROGRAM WILL INITIALLY BE AVAILABLE IN CAMDEN, ELIZABETH, LONG BRANCH, SCOTCH PLAINS, SOMERSET COUNTY AND TRENTON.

10/8

17 NEW CHARTER SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR THE CITY. THE SUNY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY. 14 OF THEM WILL BE OPERATED BY SUCCESS ACADEMY, ALLOWING THE CHAIN TO GROW TO 50 SCHOOLS BY THE YEAR 2016. IN A STATEMENT, SUCCESS ACADEMY C-E-O EVA MOSKOWITZ SAID SHE'S LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE LOCATIONS FOR THE NEW SCHOOLS.

10/12

WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE SAYS IT TRIES TO BE FLEXIBLE WITH STUDENTS STILL OWING MONEY ON THEIR LOANS BUT IT'S ALSO GOING A STEP FURTHER TO RECOVER SOME OF THE \$800,000 IN UNPAID TUITION AND FEES. THE JOURNAL NEWS SAYS THE COLLEGE HAS FILED MORE THAN 600 LAWSUITS AGAINST FORMER STUDENTS TO GET BACK THAT MONEY. SO FAR, WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE HAS WON ABOUT \$117,000 IN JUDGMENTS.

10/13

BERNARD GASSAWAY, THE PRINCIPAL OF BOYS AND GIRLS HIGH IN BROOKLYN, HANDED IN HIS REGINATION LAST WEEK COMPLAINING THAT THE CITY HAS NO PLAN TO FIX STRUGGLING SCHOOLS LIKE BOYS AND GIRLS. HE SAID THEY'RE MAKING IT UP AS THEY GO ALONG. PARENTS WILL RALLY OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL IN BED STUY TODAY TO DEMAND ACTION TO DEAL WITH WHAT THEY SAY IS A CRISIS AT THE SCHOOL.

10/15

MANHATTAN COLLEGE IN RIVERDALE WILL FORMALLY DEDICATE THE RAYMOND W. KELLY STUDENT COMMONS BUILDING THIS MORNING. THE FORMER NYPD POLICE COMMISSIONER GRADUATED FROM MANHATTAN COLLEGE IN 1963. THE SCHOOL SAYS THE BUILDING LINKS THE NORTH AND SOUTH PARTS OF THE CAMPUS AND SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCES STUDENT LIFE AND ACADEMICS.

10/21

A PERSONNEL SHAKEUP IN NEW YORK CITY SCHOOLS. CHANCELLOR CARMEN FARINA HAS REPLACED 15 OF 42 SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS. THEY MET WITH HER THIS MORNING AT A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MEETING. THE SUPERINTENDENTS EACH OVERSEE DOZENS OF SCHOOLS.

FARINA PROMISES SHE'S GOING TO GET IT RIGHT AND MAKE SURE EVERY CHILD IS IN A SCHOOL WHERE HE OR SHE CAN BE SUCCESSFUL.

10/23

BREAKFAST AT YOUR DESK? PLENTY OF BUSY PEOPLE EAT THAT WAY, AND NOW, ANTI-HUNGER ADVOCATES SAY THE CITY SHOULD LET SCHOOLKIDS DO IT. THEY SAY ONLY 35% OF STUDENTS WHO QUALIFY FOR FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE LUNCH EATS THE BREAKFAST THAT'S SERVED BEFORE SCHOOL. THEY SAY THAT'S TOO EARLY, ASKING THE MAYOR'S OFFICE FOR BREAKFAST IN THE CLASSROOM AFTER THE BELL.

10/28

FORMER MAYOR BLOOMBERG'S PHILANTHROPY HAS ANNOUNCED A NEW INITIATIVE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF LOW AND MODERATE-INCOME STUDENTS WHO APPLY TO AND GRADUATE FROM TOP COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES. STUDIES SHOW, EACH YEAR, TENS OF THOUSANDS OF HIGH-ACHIEVING STUDENTS FROM LOWER-INCOME BACKGROUNDS FAIL TO APPLY TO LEADING INSTITUTIONS BECAUSE THEY LACK SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE AND FINANCIAL AID.

10/29

THE CHANCELLOR OF SUNY IS BUYING INTO THE IDEA THAT IT'S GOOD FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS TO SPEND SOME TIME STUDYING ABROAD. NANCY ZIMPER IS EXPECTED TO ANNOUNCE A PARTNERSHIP TODAY WITH THE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION OR A 25% INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS STUDYING ABROAD BY 2020. THE PRESIDENT OF THE INSTITUTE, ALAN GOODMAN, SAYS INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE IS AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF A 21ST CENTURY RESUME, BUT LESS THAN 10% OF COLLEGE STUDENTS NOW STUDY OVERSEAS.

11/3

MAYOR DEBLASIO WILL LAY OUT THE NEXT STEPS IN HIS EDUCATION POLICY THIS MORNING DURING A SPEECH AT THE COALITION SCHOOL FOR SOCIAL CHANGE IN MANHATTAN. BUT IT SEEMS LIKE HE COULDN'T WAIT FOR THIS MORNING TO START GETTING HIS MESSAGE OUT. IN A SERIES OF TWEETS LAST NIGHT, DEBLASIO SAID THAT HE BELIEVES STRONG PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE THE HEART OF THE CITY AND THAT EDUCATION SHOULD BE MUCH MORE THAN TEST SCORES.

11/5

FOR THOSE NEW YORK VOTERS WHO TURNED THEIR BALLOTS OVER AND VOTED ON THE PROPOSITIONS, ALL THREE PASSED. THE MEASURE TO DELIVER PROPOSED LEGISLATION ELECTRONICALLY RATHER THAN IN PRINT GOT 77% OF THE VOTE. 62% BACKED THE \$2-BILLION SMART SCHOOLS BOND ACT TO PROVIDE HIGH-TECH EQUIPMENT AND EXPAND

AND UPGRADE SPACE FOR PRE-K. AND 57% BACKED THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CHANGE HOW REDISTRICTING IS DONE.

11/6

GARDEN STATE EDUCATION OFFICIALS SAY STUDENTS DIDN'T DO QUITE AS WELL ON STANDARDIZED TESTS LAST YEAR, WITH THE SUCCESS RATE DROPPING LESS THAN 1%. ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF THE ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE-SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO TOOK THE NEW JERSEY ASSESSMENT OF SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE LANGUAGE ARTS EXAM SCORED AS PROFICIENT OR BETTER. NEARLY THREE-QUARTERS PASSED THE MATH SECTION. NEW TESTS WILL BE USED THIS YEAR.

11/7

TEACHERS AT TWO OF THE CITY'S MOST TROUBLED HIGH SCHOOLS WILL HAVE TO REAPPLY FOR THEIR JOBS IF THEY WANT TO KEEP THEM. CITY OFFICIALS SAY ALL OF THE TEACHERS AT "BOYS AND GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL" AND "AUTOMOTIVE HIGH SCHOOL" IN BROOKLYN WILL ALSO HAVE TO SIT FOR INTERVIEWS. THIS COMES AFTER THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REACHED AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TEACHERS' AND PRINCIPALS' UNIONS ON THE PLAN. SCHOOLS CHANCELLOR CARMEN FARINYA CALLED IT A 'HISTORIC DAY" FOR THE TWO SCHOOLS.

11/10

THIS YEAR'S NEW YORK CITY SCHOOLS QUALITY REPORT INDICATES THAT MORE STUDENTS ARE READY FOR COLLEGE AND CAREERS THAN EVER BEFORE. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, STUDENTS WHO GRADUATED WITH A REGENTS DIPLOMA AND MET CUNY'S STANDARDS FOR COLLEGE READINESS IN ENGLISH AND MATH IS AT 32%, UP A FULL PERCENTAGE POINT FROM THE YEAR BEFORE. IT ALSO SHOWS THAT 46% OF THE CLASS OF 2014 SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED COURSES AND EXAMS THAT WILL PREPARE THEM FOR COLLEGE AND CAREERS, LIKE THE SAT. THAT'S COMPARED TO 44% IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

11/12

MAYOR DEBLASIO SAYS HIS ADMINISTRATION HAS REACHED ITS GOAL OF ENROLLING 53,000 CHILDREN IN FULL DAY PRE-K CLASSES. THAT'S UP FROM 19,000 LAST YEAR. THE ADMINISTRATION SAYS SOME PRE-K CLASSES AT SOME SITES HAD MORE APPLIATIONS THAN SEATS AND THAT OTHERS STILL HAVE SPACE. ADJUSTMENTS WILL BE MADE NEXT YEAR.

11/13

SOME RUMBLINGS IN NEW JERSEY ABOUT POSSIBLY MOVING BACK THE START TIMES AT THE STATE'S MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS. A STATE SENATE COMMITTEE PASSED A MEASURE CALLING FOR A GOVERNMENT STUDY THAT'LL LOOK INTO WHETHER A LATER START TIME COULD BOOST ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE. THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF

PEDIATRICS IS ALREADY ON RECORD WITH ITS FEELINGS ON THE MATTER. IT THINKS SCHOOL SHOULD START AT 8:30 A-M OR LATER. AT THE MOMENT, MANY SCHOOLS IN NEW JERSEY START AS EARLY AS 7:45.

11/20

TRADING TEXTBOOKS FOR TABLETS. THAT'S WHAT THREE BROOKLYN SCHOOLS ARE DOING THANKS TO A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE BROOKLYN BORO PRESIDENT AND A PRIVATE EDUCATION COMPANY. I-PADS AND SOFTWARE FROM THE FIRM COPIA ALLOW STUDENTS AT TWO SCHOOLS IN WILLIAMSBURG AND ONE IN BROWNSVILLE TO READ DOWNLOADED BOOKS, CHECK WITH TEACHERS ON ASSIGNMENTS, AND COMMUNICATE WITH CLASSMATES ON PROJECTS. BROOKLYN BORO PRESIDENT ERIC ADAMS SAYS THE PROGRAM PROVIDES A BADLY NEEDED TECH UPGRADE TO TEACHING.

11/23

32 RHODES SCHOLARS WILL BE HEADING TO OXFORD UNIVERSITY NEXT YEAR AND 3 OF THEM ARE FROM NEW YORK STATE! THE SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCED SUNDAY COVER EXPENSES FOR STUDY AT THE PRESTIGIOUS UNIVERSITY IN ENGLAND. THE SCHOLARS ARE JOSEPH BARRETT FROM PORT WASHINGTON, MATTHEW TOWNSEND OF CHAPPAQUA AND GABRIEL ZUCKER FROM BROOKLYN. ALL THREE PLAN TO FOCUS THEIR STUDIES ON ISSUES OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH REFORM.

11/24

DON'T TELL YOUR TEENAGER THIS, BUT GLEN RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL IS GETTING RID OF ITS MIDTERM AND FINAL EXAMS. THE NEW JERSEY DISTRICT WANTS TO USE THE DAYS FOR INSTRUCTION ON NEW STATE TESTS TIED TO THE COMMON CORE. THE KIDS MIGHT NOT CARE WHY. ONE SENIOR LACROSSE PLAYER SAYS WHEN STUDENTS HEARD THE NEWS, THEY CELEBRATED IN THE HALLS AND BANGED ON LOCKERS.

11/25

THE UPTOWN DANCE ACADEMY IN HARLEM HAS NUTURED THE TALENTS OF MANY YOUNG PEOPLE OVER THE YEARS WITH SOME STUDENTS GOING ON TO THE AMERICAN BALLET THEATER. BUT FOUNDER ROBIN WILLIAMS SAYS THE SCHOOL IS IN DANGER OF CLOSING DUE TO MOUNTING COSTS INCLUDING \$30,000 OWED TO ONE LANDLORD. WILLIAMS SAYS SHE RELIES MOSTLY ON GRANTS AND HOPES A DECEMBER 18TH FUNDRAISING PERFORMANCE OF THE NUTCRACKER WILL KEEP THE SCHOOL OPEN.

12/2

A SCATHING REPORT FROM CITY COMPTROLLER SCOTT STRINGER TARGETING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. IT SAYS AN AUDIT FOUND 1,800 COMPUTERS IN CITY SCHOOLS ARE MISSING AND ANOTHER 400 WERE NEVER UNPACKED. STRINGER SAYS THE AUDIT COULD REPRESENT

"JUST THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG" OF THE DEPARTMENT FAILING TO MANAGE ITS INVENTORY. DEPUTY SCHOOLS CHANCELLOR KATHLEEN GRIMM SAYS SOMETIMES EQUIPMENT ISN'T PUT TO IMMEDIATE USE BECAUSE OF INSUFFICIENT BANDWIDTH AND THE NEED TO TRAIN STAFF.

12/6

NEW YORK CITY'S SCHOOL PRINCIPALS AND ADMINISTRATORS UNION, THE CSA, IS THE LATEST TO REACH A NEW CONTRACT. THEY'VE BEEN WORKING WITHOUT A PACT SINCE 2010, BACK IN THE BLOOMBERG ADMINISTRATION. THE TENTATIVE 9-YEAR DEAL IS BASED ON THE CONTRACT WORKED OUT WITH THE UNITED FEDERATION OF TEACHERS EARLIER THIS YEAR. IT PROVIDES FOR AVERAGE 2% A YEAR PAY RAISES AND \$3.4-BILLION IN HEALTH CARE SAVINGS THROUGH 2018 WITH ANOTHER 1.3 BILLION AFTER THAT.

12/17

THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IS HAPPY TO REPORT THAT 97.5% OF ALL THE TEACHERS IN THE STATE HAVE BEEN RATED EFFECTIVE OR HIGHLY EFFECTIVE FOR THE 2013-14 SCHOOL YEAR WHICH LEADS JENNY SEDLIS OF STUDENTS FIRST NEW YORK TO ASK IF THE TEACHERS ARE SO GREAT WHY AREN'T THE STUDENTS DOING BETTER. CITY TEACHERS UNION PRESIDENT MICHAEL MULGREW SAYS THEY'RE WORKING ON IT. TEACHERS IN THE CITY WEREN'T AS HIGHLY RATED AS THOSE IN THE REST OF THE STATE, ONLY 91.7% OF THEM WERE RATED EFFECTIVE OR HIGHLY EFFECTIVE.

12/18

THE HEAD OF A GROUP OF CHARTER SCHOOLS IS TAKING ON THE MAYOR TODAY. EVA MOSKOWITZ, THE CEO AND FOUNDER OF SUCCESS ACADEMY, IS HEADING TO THE STEPS OF CITY HALL TO PRESS HIZZONER TO FIND LOCATIONS FOR 16 CHARTER SCHOOLS. THE CITY'S DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SAYS IT HASN'T MISSED ANY DEADLINES AND IS ACTUALLY AHEAD OF WHERE FORMER MAYOR BLOOMBERG WAS IN HIS PLANNING AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR.

12/19

COME JANUARY, NEW YORK STATE WILL REQUIRE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO NOTIFY POLICE WITHIN 24 HOURS AFTER A VIOLENT FELONY IS REPORTED OR SOMEONE GOES MISSING FROM UNIVERSITY HOUSING. LAWMAKERS CITE FEDERAL DATA INDICATING ONE IN FIVE COLLEGE FEMALES HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY ASSAULTED AND ONLY 12% ARE REPORTED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT.

12/24

SOME DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTROVERSY. CITY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS HAVE REJECTED APPLICATIONS FOR

PUBLIC SPACE FROM A DOZEN CHARTER SCHOOLS. OF THOSE SCHOOLS THAT WILL GET CITY SPACE STARTING IN THE 2014-15 SCHOOL YEAR AND BEYOND, 10 WILL BE OPERATED BY SUCCESS ACADEMY, THE CITY'S LARGEST CHARTER SCHOOL OPERATOR.

HEALTH

THE RESPIRATORY ILLNESS ENTEROVIRUS 68 AND EBOLA CONTINUED TO BE MAJOR TOPICS IN OCTOBER. THE TRI-STATE AREA SUFFERED ITS FIRST DEATH FROM THE ENTEROVIRUS IN NEW JERSEY. ALL AROUND THE CITY, PREPERATIONS WERE TAKEN TO HELP IN THE EVENT CASES OF EBOLA STRTED BEING DIAGNOSED.

10/1

TWO MORE NEW JERSEY CHILDREN HAVE CONFIRMED CASES OF THE RESPIRATORY ILLNESS ENTEROVIRUS 68 BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER TO 3. THE CHILDREN FROM ESSEX AND PASSAIC COUNTIES WERE HOSPITALIZED, BUT HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED. THE VIRUS HITS PEOPLE WITH ASTHMA, WHILE OTHERS SUFFER FLU-LIKE SYPTOMS.

10/3

A FIRST FOR NASSAU COUNTY AS OFFICIALS TODAY UNVEIL THE FIRST EVER 3-D MOBILE BREAST CANCER DETECTION CLINC AT NASSAU UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER. THEY SAY THE TECHNOLOGY IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE IMAGING PROCEDURE WHEN PERFORMING A MAMMOGRAPHY AND IT'S PROVEN TO FIND CANCERS EARLIER WITH TEST RESULTS IN LESS THAN 24 HOURS.

10/4

IT'S BEEN CONFIRMED THAT THE FOUR-YEAR-OLD NEW JERSEY BOY WHO DIED LAST WEEK HAD ENTEROVIRUS-68. ELI WALLER ATTENDED THE YARDVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN HAMILTON. THE CLASSROOM HAS BEEN STERILIZED, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS SAY NO OTHER STUDENTS AT THAT SCHOOL HAVE BEEN REPORTED SICK. HOWEVER, NEW JERSEY HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY THEY HAVE NINE CONFIRMED CASES OF ENTEROVIRUS-68 SPREAD OVER EIGHT COUNTIES. THE VIRUS SHOWS ITSELF WITH FLU-LIKE SYMPTONS.

10/6

A SECOND PRE-SCHOOLER IN HAMILTON TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY IS BEING MONITORED FOR ENTEROVIRUS D68 AFTER TESTS CONFIRMED 4-YEAR OLD ELI WALLER DIED FROM THE SEVERE RESPIRATORY ILLNESS. PARENTS GATHERED IN HAMILTON TO LISTEN TO STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS WHO PROMISED TO KEEP THEM UP TO DATE. DR ROBERT

GLATTER OF LENNOX HILL HOSPITAL SAYS MOST CASES ARE BENIGN, BUT PARENTS SHOULD BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR "COMMON COLD" SYMPTOMS THAT TAKE A TURN FOR THE WORSE. THE VIRUS HAS SICKENED MORE THAN 500 PEOPLE IN 43 STATES AND WASHINGTON, D.C.

10/7

HOW MUCH COFFEE YOU DRINK IS APPARENTLY DETERMINED IN YOUR GENES. SCIENTISTS HAVE SAID FOR YEARS THAT YOUR D-N-A INFLUENCES YOUR JAVA INTAKE, BUT NOW IT LOOKS LIKE VARIATIONS IN YOUR GENES CAN MODIFY THE DRINK'S EFFECT ON YOUR HEALTH. AFTER STUDYING THOUSANDS OF COFFEE DRINKERS THEY'VE IDENTIFIED SOME GENES INVOLVED. FOUR OF SIX NEW VARIANTS IMPLICATE SOME GENES THAT ARE INVOLVED WITH CAFFIENE, AND TWO OTHERS THAT SEEM TO BE INVOLVED WERE A COMPLETE SURPRISE. THE GOAL, SOMEDAY, MAYBE MODIFYING THE GENES MAY HELP YOU CUT BACK ON COFFEE, SHOULD YOU HAVE TO.

10/8

WE HAVE AT LEAST FIVE MORE CONFIRMED CASES OF ENTEROVIRUS D68 IN NEW JERSEY. THE STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAYS THAT MAKES A TOTAL OF 14 IN NEW JERSEY. THERE ARE 2 NEW CONFIRMED CASES IN MORRIS COUNTY AND ONE EACH IN CAMDEN MIDDLESEX AND MERCER COUNTIES. THAT NEW CASE IN MERCER COUNTY IS IN NOT IN HAMILTON WHERE PRESCHOOL STUDENT ELI WALLER DIED OF THE VIRUS. HIS DEATH IS BELEIVED TO BE THE FIRST IN THE COUNTRY DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED TO D68.

10/9

AMID CONCERNS ABOUT A POSSIBLE EBOLA OUTBREAK HERE, THE GOVERNMENT IS TAKING NEW STEPS TO KEEP THE VIRUS FROM SPREADING IN THIS COUNTRY. STARTING THIS WEEKEND, TRAVELERS ARRIVING AT JFK AIRPORT FROM THREE WEST AFRICAN NATIONS WILL BE SCREENED FOR EBOLA. SCREENINGS WILL BEGIN LATER AT NEWARK LIBERTY AIRPORT AND SEVERAL OTHER AIRPORTS. AT LAGUARDIA, SOME AIRPORT CLEANERS CONCERNED ABOUT EBOLA HAVE WALKED OFF THE JOB COMPLAINING THEY LACK THE PROPER SAFETY EQUIPMENT.

10/10

GOVERNOR CHRISTIE SAYS NEW JERSEY'S AIRPORTS AREN'T READY TO HANDLE AN EBOLA OUTBREAK, NOT YET, BUT THEY WILL BE SOON. NEWARK STARTS EXTRA SCREENINGS NEXT WEEK. MAYOR DEBLASIO SAYS NYC IS READY AS NEW SCREENING FOR EBOLA STARTS TOMORROW AT KENEDY. YOU CAN GO TO 1010WINS.COM FOR MORE ABOUT EBOLA, INCLUDING DOCTOR Q&A'S AND INFORMATION FROM THE C.D.C.

10/14

TODAY IS THE DEADLINE FOR PEOPLE WITH CANCER TO REGISTER FOR THE 9/11 VICTIMS COMPENSATION FUND. IT COVERS THOSE ALREADY SICK OR ANYONE WHO FEARS THEY MAY BECOME ILL DUE TO TOXIC DUST THAT LINGERED IN THE AIR OVER LOWER MANHATTAN FOLLOWING THE SEPTEMBER 11TH ATTACKS. OFFICIALS SAY EVEN IF FIRST RESPONDERS AND CONSTRUCTION WORKERS DON'T FEEL SICK NOW, THEY SHOULD REGISTER TO PRESERVE THEIR RIGHT TO FILE CLAIMS. AN ESTIMATED 3,000 WORKERS HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH 9/11-RELATED CANCERS. OVER 1,000 HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR COMPENSATION. FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT THE FUND'S WEBSITE, VCF.GOV.

10/15

3 CASES OF MRSA HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED AT COMMACK HIGH SCHOOL. OFFICIALS SAY TWO OF THE STUDENTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN TREATED AND ARE BACK IN CLASS. THE THIRD IS STILL UNDERGOING TREATMENT. THE SUFFOLK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS PROVIDING GUIDANCE AND COACHES AT THE SCHOOL HAVE BEEN PASSING OUT INFORMATION TO THEIR STUDENT ATHLETES ON HOW TO AVOID INFECTION.

10/21

THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT EVERYONE TRAVELING TO THE UNITED STATES FROM EBOLA AFFLICTED NATIONS WILL HAVE TO BE SCREENED AT ONE OF FIVE AIRPORTS. THE AIRPORTS INCLUDE KENNEDY AND NEWARK. CUSTOMERS AND BORDER PROTECTION OFFICERS HAVE ALREADY STARTED SCREENING PASSENGERS ARRIVING FROM WEST AFRICA, USING NON-CONTACT THERMOMETERS.

10/22

A DOCTOR WHO SAID HE RECENTLY WORKED WITH EBOLA PATIENTS IN GUINEA WAS RUSHED TO BELLEVUE HOSPITAL AFTER HE CALLED 9-1-1 TO SAY HE DIDN'T FEEL WELL. SOURCES TELL 1010 WINS THE MAN WAS RUSHED FROM A BUILDING ON WEST 147TH STREET IN MANHATTAN. WE DO NOT KNOW IF THIS PERSON HAS EBOLA OR HIS IDENTITY. BELLEVUE HAS BEEN SET UP AS A DEFAULT HOSPITAL TO TREAT EBOLA PATIENTS.

10/23

IN THE FIGHT AGAINST EBOLA, STARTING MONDAY, ANYBODY TRAVELLING FROM THREE WEST AFRICAN NATIONS WILL HAVE THEIR TEMPERATURE TAKEN TWICE A DAY AND WILL BE MONITORED BY FEDERAL HEALTH OFFICIALS. NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY ARE AMONG THE SIX STATES PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM. GOV. CHRIS CHRISTIE HAS SIGNED AN EXECUTIVE ORDER TO CREATE A JOINT RESPONSE TEAM TO COORDINATE EBOLA PREPAREDNESS IN THE STATE.

10/25

JUST HOURS AFTER A HEALTH CARE WORKER WAS QUARANTINED AT NEWARK UNDER NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY'S NEW EBOLA RULES, SHE'S SPIKED A FEVER. THE WOMAN APPEARED HEALTHY WHEN SHE LANDED BUT WAS ISOLATED ANYWAY BECAUSE SHE'D BEEN TREATING EBOLA VICTIMS IN SIERRA LEONE. AND NOW, GOVERNOR CHRISTIE SAYS SHE DEVELOPED A FEVER AND IS BEING TREATED AT UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL.

10/27

JUST IN CASE YOU WERE WORRIED, NEW YORK CITY MARATHON ORGANIZERS SAY THERE'S NO ONE SIGNED UP FOR THE RACE FROM ANY OF THE WEST AFRICAN NATIONS STRICKEN BY EBOLA. THEY ALSO SAY THEY ASSUMED AN EBOLA CASE WOULD HAVE TURNED UP IN THE CITY BY THE TIME THE RACE ROLLED AROUND, SO THEY'VE STAYED IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH HEALTH OFFICIALS AND HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING PROPER PROTOCOL. THE NEW YORK CITY MARATHON GOES OFF ON SUNDAY.

10/30

THE FIVE YEAR OLD BOY WHO WAS SUSPECTED OF HAVING EBOLA, BUT DIDN'T, HAS BEEN DISCHARGED FROM BELLEVUE HOSPITAL. IT TURNED OUT HE HAD A RESPIRATORY ILLNESS THAT HAS BEEN TREATED. THE BOY AND HIS FAMILY HAD JUST RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES FROM WEST AFRICA. OFFICIALS SAY THE BOY WILL CONTINUE TO BE ACTIVELY MONITORED, ALONG WITH HIS MOTHER AND ONE OTHER SIBLING.

THE EBOLA SCARE IS STILL BIG NEWS IN NOVEMBER. CASES HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED AND TREATED IN THE NEW YORK CITY AREA AND OTHER PATIENTS WERE BROUGHT TO THE UNITED STATES FOR TREATMENT. IN ADDITION, THE ON COMING WINTER SEASON ALWAYS BRINGS ABOUT CONCERNS OF COLDS AND THE FLU. THIS INCLUDES UPDATES ON THE LATEST FLU VACCINE.

11/2

OFFICIALS SAY ONE PERSON QUARANTINED BECAUSE OF CONTACT WITH DR. CRAIG SPENCER POSES NO PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT AND WILL BE KEPT ON "DIRECT MONITORING." OFFICIALS SAY THE PERSON'S EXPOSURE TO SPENCER WASN'T CONSISTENT WITH HOW THE VIRUS IS TRANSMITTED SO THEY'RE FREE TO GO WITH TWICE-DAILY HEALTH CHECKS. THIS, AS BELLVUE UPGRADES SPENCER'S CONDITION FROM SERIOUS BUT STABLE TO STABLE AND KEEPS HIM IN ISOLATION.

11/2

YOUR BODY IS PROBABLY THANKFUL FOR THAT EXTRA HOUR OF SLEEP THIS MORNING, BUT A NEW HEALTH REPORT SAYS ALL THIS CLOCK-SWITCHING EVERY FALL AND SPRING IS BAD FOR US. ACCORDING TO THE RESEARCH IN THE BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, WE'RE HAPPIER AND HEALTHIER WHEN WE SEE MORE SUNLIGHT. SUMMERTIME MEANS LESS

SICKNESS AND BETTER MOODS AND ENERGY. FALLING BACK THIS TIME OF YEAR JUST GIVES US LESS OF THAT PRECIOUS STIMULATING SUNLIGHT. THE STUDY ARGUES THAT "IT'S RARE TO HAVE A WAY TO VASTLY IMPROVE THE HEALTH AND WELL BEING OF NEARLY EVERYONE IN THE WORLD AT NO COST AND HERE WE HAVE IT."

11/5

THE NEW YORK CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAYS DR. CRAIG SPENCER CONTINUES TO SHOW IMPROVEMENT AND IS IN STABLE CONDITION AT BELLEVUE HOSPITAL, WHERE HE'S BEING TREATED FOR EBOLA. THE STATEMENT SAYS SPENCER REMAINS IN ISOLATION. THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT ALSO SAYS ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO HAD CONTACT WITH SPENCER REMAINS UNDER QUARANTINE AND ANOTHER WILL NO LONGER HAVE HIS OR HER MOVEMENTS RESTRICTS. THAT PERSON POSES NO PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT AND WILL BE MONITORED TWICE EACH DAY BY HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFFERS.

11/12

NEW YORKERS SIGNING UP AT HEALTH EXCHANGES UNDER THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT WILL SEE AN INCREASE IN PREMIUMS. STATE HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY DEDUCTIBLES AND CO-PAYMENTS WILL BE FLAT, WITH INDIVIDUAL PREMIUMS RISING ABOUT 4.5% FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES. A SURVEY FINDS GENERAL SATISFACTION AMONG THOSE WHO GOT INSURANCE THE FIRST YEAR, THOUGH SOME REPORTED TROUBLE GETTING ACCEPTED BY DOCTORS AS A NEW PATIENT. OPEN ENROLLMENT BEGINS SATURDAY.

11/17

DR. MARTIN SALIA, THE SURGEON WHO CONTRACTED EBOLA IN SIERRA LEONE AND WAS TAKEN TO NEBRASKA OVER THE WEEKEND FOR TREATMENT, DIED TODAY. HOSPITAL OFFICIALS SAY THE TECHNIQUES THEY HAVE ARE NOT ENOUGH TO HELP THOSE IN VERY ADVANCED STAGES OF THE DISEASE. SALIA, WHO WAS 44, WAS DIAGNOSED ON NOVEMBER 6TH. HIS BODY WILL BE CREMATED AS A PRECAUTION.

11/19

THE REMAINS OF A WOMAN, WHO DIED OF AN APPARENT HEART ATTACK, WHILE BEING MONITORED FOR EBOLA, TESTED NEGATIVE FOR THE VIRUS. THE WOMAN HAD RECENTLY ARRIVED HERE 18-DAYS AGO FROM GUINEA. SHE HAD NO EBOLA SYMPTOMS BUT WAS BEING MONITORED BECAUSE OF HER TRAVEL HISTORY. SHE WAS AT A HAIR SALON IN BROWNSVILLE, YESTERDAY, WHEN SHE SUFFERED WHAT OFFICIALS BELIEVE WAS A HEART ATTACK. SHE WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD AT THE SCENE.

11/20

A PERSON WHO ARRIVED HERE FROM MALI, WHICH HAS SEEN ENOUGH CASES OF EBOLA LATELY THAT IT WAS ADDED TO THE LIST OF COUNTRIES WHOSE TRAVELERS ARE SCREENED FOR SYMPTOMS AT J-F-K AND NEWARK LIBERTY, IS NOW AT BELLVUE. A JOINT STATEMENT FROM THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND NYC HEALTH AND HOSPITALS CORPORATION, WHICH OPERATES BELLVUE, SAYS BECAUSE OF THIS PERSON'S TRAVEL HISTORY AND SYMPTOMS, THE PATIENT HAS BEEN ISOLATED AND AN EBOLA TEST WILL BE PERFORMED.

11/21

HUNCHING OVER TO LOOK AT YOUR SMARTPHONE ISN'T SMART, IN FACT ACCORDING TO NEW RESEARCH, IT'S MORE LIKE HANGING FOUR 10-POUND BOWLING BALLS AROUND YOUR NECK. THE STUDY BY THE NEW YORK SPINE SURGERY AND REHABILITATION CENTER SAYS THE POOR POSTURE USED TO HUNCH OVER YOUR SMART PHONES IS NOW TURNING INTO A WAVE A DEGENERATIVE BACK AND NECK PROBLEMS. SOME HAVE EVEN GIVEN THE NEW PROBLEM A TERM "TEXT NECK."

THE MONTH OF DECEMBER IS NORMALLY THE BEGINNING OF THE FLU SEASON, BUT THIS MONTH WE SAW A RAPID INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF CASES AROUND THE TRI-STATE AREA AND NATION WIDE. THE HEALTH DEPARTMENTS CAMPAIGNED HEAVILY TO ADVISE PEOPLE TO GET THEIR FLU SHOTS, IF THEY HADN'T ALREADY.

12/1

TODAY IS WORLD AIDS DAY. THE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL RELEASE A REPORT SHOWING NEW H-I-V DIAGNOSES ARE AT AN ALL-TIME LOW. IT WILL ALSO HOST WORLD AIDS DAY EVENTS FOR NEW YORKERS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT 'HIV-AIDS' AND WHERE TO GET TESTED. APPLE IS MARKING THE DAY BY CHANGING THE COLOR OF ITS LOGO TO RED AND A PERCENTAGE OF EVERY SALE MADE ON CYBER MONDAY WILL GO TO 'THE GLOBAL FUND TO FIGHT AIDS.'

12/2

THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL CAME OUT TODAY IN SUPPORT OF CIRCUMCISION SAYING THE BENEFITS OUTWEIGH THE RISKS. THESE ARE THE FIRST FEDERAL GUIDELINES ON CIRCUMCISION AND THE REPORT SAYS PARENTS OF BABY BOYS SHOULD CONSIDER IT AND HEALTH INSURERS SHOULD PAY FOR IT. THE AGENCY SAYS CIRCUMCISION CAN LOWER A MALE'S RISK OF SEXUALLY-TRANSMITTED DISEASES, SOME CANCERS AND INFECTIONS. THE CDC IS SEEKING 45 DAYS OF COMMENT BEFORE FINALIZING ITS RECOMMENDATIONS.

12/4

NEW CONCERNS ABOUT THIS YEAR'S FLU SEASON AND WORRIES FLU SHOT MIGHT NOT BE EFFECTIVE. THE C-D-C SAYS MUCH OF THE FLU

VIRUS DETECTED SO FAR IS NOT A GOOD MATCH FOR WHAT'S IN THE VACCINE. ABC NEWS MEDICAL EXPERT DR RICHARD BESSER SAYS EVEN IF YOU HAD THE FLU SHOT KNOW THE SIGNS OF THE FLU. CDC OFFICIALS LOOKED AT MORE THAN A THOUSAND FLU STRAINS FOUND THAT OVER 50% OF THEM DO NOT MATCH THE STRAIN OF VIRUS THAT WAS USED TO MAKE THIS YEAR'S FLU VACCINE.

12/5

NEW RESEARCH SUGGESTS THAT GOING TO BED EARLIER AT THE SAME TIME EVERY NIGHT CAN HELP ALLEVIATE REPETITIVE NEGATIVE THOUGHTS. THE STUDY LOOKED AT 100 SUNY BINGHAMPTON STUDENTS. THOSE WHO WERE NIGHT OWLS REPORTED EXPERIENCING MORE CASES OF REPETITIVE NEGATIVE THOUGHTS THAN THOSE WHO WENT TO BED EARLIER ON A REGULAR BASIS. THE STUDY IS PUBLISHED IN THE JOURNAL 'COGNITIVE THERAPY AND RESEARCH.'

12/9

IT'S A KEY INGREDIENT IN BRITA FILTERS AND IT TURNS OUT CHARCOAL MAY REMOVE TOXINS FROM YOUR BODY AS WELL. ACTIVATED CHARCOAL IS THE LATEST HEALTH TREND WITH PROPONENTS SAYING IT'S GREAT FOR YOUR SKIN, WORKS AS A NATURAL DETOXIFIER AND CAN EVEN WORK AS A TOOTH WHITENER. LIQUIFIED CHARCOAL HAS EVEN BECOME A GO TO INGREDIENT AT JUICE BARS AROUND THE COUNTRY.

12/12

IT'S NOT EVEN OFFICIALLY WINTER YET BUT THE FLU HAS ALREADY ARRIVED IN NEW YORK CITY. THE STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS ORDERED HEALTH CARE WORKERS WHO ARE NOT VACCINATED AGAINST INFLUENZA TO WEAR MASKS WHEN THEY'RE AROUND PATIENTS.

12/17

THE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS MANDATING FLU SHOTS FOR ALL CHILDREN IN CITY REGULATED PRE-SCHOOLS AND CHILD CARE CENTERS. THAT'S EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31ST. NASSAU COUNTY HEALTH OFFICIALS ARE DEALING WITH A FLU OUTBREAK. MORE THAN ONE THIRD OF STUDENTS AT THE LEE ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE LEVITTOWN, ABOUT 115 STUDENTS, STAYED HOME YESTERDAY, MANY OF THEM SUFFERING FROM FLU SYMPTOMS.

12/18

THE FLU VACCINE AVAILABLE THIS YEAR IS APPARENTLY A MATCH FOR ONLY ABOUT A THIRD OF THE FLU VIRUSES IN CIRCULATION BUT PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS URGE PEOPLE TO GET VACCINATED ANYWAY, BECAUSE SOME PROTECTION IS BETTER THAN NONE. FLU CASES ON LONG ISLAND HAVE ALREADY TRIPLED NUMBERS FROM LAST YEAR.

12/19

GOOD NEWS FOR KIDS WITH FOOD ALLERGIES IN NEW JERSEY. LAWMAKERS HAVE OKAYED A BILL THAT WOULD LET NURSES AND OTHER OFFICIALS TREAT THEM. RIGHT NOW, NURSES NEED PARENT AUTHORIZATION BEFORE GIVING KIDS AN EPI-PEN. ONE IN TWENTY KIDS HAS A FOOD ALLERGY, A 5% INCREASE FROM THE 1990S.

12/25

THE HOLIDAYS TIME FOR FESTIVITIES, FUN AND FOOD, AND EXPANDING WAISTLINES. ACCORDING TO ABC NEWS.COM, THE LATEST RESEARCH SHOWS AVERAGE PERSON PACKS ON ABOUT A POUND BETWEEN THANKSGIVING AND NEW YEAR'S. BUT EXPERTS WARN THAT LITTLE ADDED WEIGHT CAN LEAD TO "CREEPING OBESITY" WHICH CAN DEVELOP INTO OTHER HEALTH PROBLEMS. DESPITE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS, IT APPEARS FOR MANY THE POUNDS TEND TO STAY ON IF PEOPLE DON'T GET ACTIVE AND CHANGE WHAT AND HOW MUCH THEY EAT.

12/30

WITH FLU SEASON NOW HERE, DOCTORS SAY ITS NEVER TOO LATE TO GET A FLU VACCINATION, EVEN THOUGH, THEY SAY TESTS SHOWED THIS YEAR'S VACCINE IS ONLY A GOOD MATCH FOR ABOUT ONE THIRD OF THE FLU STRAINS CURRENTLY OUT THERE. THE CDC REPORTS 22 STATES HAVE WIDESPREAD CASES OF FLU, MOST IN THE SOUTH AND MIDWEST.

12/31

THE SMOKING BAN IN NEW YORK STATE PARKS HAS WON ANOTHER ROUND IN COURT. THE APPELLATE DIVISION HAS DISMISSED A CHALLENGE FILED BY A SMOKERS' RIGHTS GROUP. THE GROUP CONTENDED ONLY THE STATE LEGISLATURE HAD THE AUTHORITY TO ENACT SUCH BANS, NOT THE PARKS DEPARTMENT.

TAXES

10/1

WITH THE NEW YORK GOVERNOR'S RACE DOWN TO ITS FINAL SEVERAL WEEKS, REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE, WESTCHESTER EXECUTIVE ROB ASTORINO SPOKE TO THE ASSOCIATION FOR A BETTER NEW YORK TODAY. HE OUTLINED HIS TAX REFORM PLAN TO SHARPLY REDUCE INCOME TAX RATES WHILE LOWERING THE NUMBER OF TAX BRACKETS FROM EIGHT TO TWO. ASTORINO WOULD ALSO CUT THE CORPORATE FRANCHISE TAX AND ELIMINATE THE ESTATE TAX. A RECENT SIENA COLLEGE POLL GAVE GOVERNOR CUOMO A 56 TO 27% LEAD OVER ASTORINO.

10/8

THE CITY'S TRYING TO SAVE YOU SOME MONEY ON YOUR COMMUTE. COUNCILMAN DAN GARODNICK WANTS THE PASSAGE OF A TAX-FREE

TRANSIT BENEFITS BILL. THE BILL SHOULD HELP SOME 450,000 NEW YORKERS SAVE AN AVERAGE OF \$440 A YEAR.

10/10

NEW JERSEY LAWMAKERS HAVE BEEN TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO PAY FOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS BUT A NEW POLL SHOWS NEARLY 3 IN 5 RESIDENTS SAY HANDS OFF THE GAS TAX. THE RUTGERS-EAGLETON SURVEY SHOWS DEMOCRATS AND HIGHER EARNERS ARE MORE RECEPTIVE TO A HIGHER GAS TAX THAN REPUBLICANS AND LOWER-INCOME EARNERS. BUT IT ALSO FINDS NEW JERSEYANS STRONGLY OBJECT TO BORROWING TO PAY FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE REPAIRS.

10/18

IT SEEMS PHONE SCAMS ARE MORE PREVELANT AND HERE IS ANOTHER ONE. NY STATE OFFICIALS WARNING PEOPLE OF SCAMMERS CALLING POPE SAYING THEY OWE BACK TAXES. THESE SCAMMERS CLAIM TO WORK FOR AN ATTORNEY AND TRY TO CONVINCEN PEOPLE TO SEND MONEY TO SETTLE NY STATE TAX DEBTS. TAX OFFICIALS IN ALBANY SAY IF YOU EVER GET A CALL TO IMMEDIATELY CONTACT ATTORNEY GENERAL ERIC SCHNEIDERMAN'S OFFICE HOTLINE AT 800 771 7755.

10/23

COURT APPEARANCE TODAY FOR MIKE 'THE SITUATION' SORRENTINO. THE REALITY STAR AND HIS BROTHER ARE ACCUSED OF FALSIFYING TAX RETURNS FOR THREE YEARS AND FAILING TO PAY TAXES ON NEARLY \$9-MILLION IN INCOME. SORRENTINO WAS SUPPOSED TO GO BEFORE A JUDGE ON OCTOBER 6TH, BUT HE WAS BUSY TAPING THE "WE-TV" SERIES, "MARRIAGE BOOT CAMP: REALITY TV STARS". IF CONVICTED, HE FACES UP TO 11-YEARS IN PRISON AND \$600,000 IN FINES.

10/29

REPUBLICAN CONGRESSMAN MICHAEL GRIMM AND DEMOCRATIC CHALLENGER DOMENIC RECCHIA MET IN A DEBATE LAST NIGHT AT THE COLLEGE OF STATEN ISLAND. RECCHIA REPEATEDLY BROUGHT UP A FEDERAL INDICTMENT FACING GRIMM, WHO IS ACCUSED OF EVADING TAXES AT A MANHATTAN RESTAURANT HE HAD RUN. GRIMM DISMISSED SPECULATION HE'S BEEN HAMPERED BY HIS LEGAL TROUBLES AND PROMISED TO WORK HARD IN WASHINGTON. THE CANDIDATES DID AGREE GOVERNOR CUOMO DID THE RIGHT THING IN ISSUING QUARANTINE RULES TO DEAL WITH EBOLA.

11/2

ABOUT A THOUSAND WORKERS AT THE TRUMP TAJ MAHAL CASINO SIGNED A PETITION CALLING ON THE MAYOR OF ATLANTIC CITY AND OTHER OFFICIALS TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO KEEP IT OPEN. MANY OF THEM PLAN TO MARCH TO THE MAYOR'S OFFICE. THE TAJ MAHAL IS

SET TO CLOSE NEXT MONTH UNLESS IT GETS A DRASTIC REDUCTION IN PROPERTY TAXES, SOMETHING THE FISCALLY STRAPPED CITY SAY IT CAN'T AFFORD. FOUR OF THE CITY'S 12 CASINOS HAVE CLOSED, LEAVING 8,000 WORKERS WITHOUT JOBS. THE TAJ MAHAL WOULD BE THE 5TH.

11/5

A PUSH BY HEALTH ADVOCATES TO TAX SUGARY DRINKS WAS APPROVED BY VOTERS IN BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA YESTERDAY. BERKELEY'S MEASURE IMPOSES A ONE-CENT-PER-OUNCE GENERAL TAX ON SUGAR-SWEETENED BEVERAGES AND SWEETENERS USED TO FLAVOR DRINKS. IT MAKES EXEMPTIONS FOR SOME PRODUCTS INCLUDING DIET DRINKS AND MILK PRODUCTS. A SIMILAR MEASURE FAILED IN SAN FRANCISCO.

11/11

THE WAY THE LAW IS NOW, FOLKS WHO DRIVE TO WORK CAN DEDUCT UP TO \$240 IN PARKING EXPENSES FROM THEIR TAXABLE INCOME WHILE FOLKS WHO TAKE MASS TRANSIT CAN ONLY DEDUCT \$130. SENATOR SCHUMER THINKS THAT'S NOT FAIR, SO HE'S PROPOSING A BILL IN CONGRESS THAT WOULD BUMP THE MASS TRANSIT DEDUCTION TO \$250. HE SAYS DRIVERS MIGHT BENEFIT TOO, BECAUSE IF MORE PEOPLE DECIDE TO USE MASS TRANSIT IT'LL MAKE TRAFFIC MORE BEARABLE.

11/19

AL SHARPTON SAYS THERE'S NOTHING NEW HERE. YESTERDAY, REPORTS SAID THAT SHARPTON AND HIS NATIONAL ACTION NETWORK OWE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN BACK TAXES. TODAY, SHARPTON SHOT BACK. THE ACTIVIST SAID, "I'M STILL HERE AND I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE."

12/2

TRENTON MAY BE THROWING A LIFE LINE TO ATLANTIC CITY. A BILL, INTRODUCED BY A PAIR OF STATE SENATORS, WOULD GIVE A-C'S REMAINING 8 CASINOS A BREAK ON THEIR TAXES FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS, WHILE REDIRECTING OTHER TAXES TOWARD PAYING OFF THE CITY'S DEBT. STATE SENATE PRESIDENT STEVE SWEENEY AND SENATOR JAMES WHELAN ARE SPONSORING THE LEGISLATION. FOUR ATLANTIC CITY CASINOS HAVE ALREADY CLOSED THIS YEAR.

12/8

NASSAU OTB WANTS TO BUILD A MINI-CASINO WITH 1,000 SLOT MACHINES AND TABLE GAMES. OFF TRACK BETTING PRESIDENT JOSEPH CAIRO SAYS BOARD MEMBERS WILL MEET TO PASS A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AGENCY TO FLOAT \$100-MILLION IN TAX EXEMPT BONDS FOR THE PROJECT. HE DECLINED TO IDENTIFY WHERE THE MINI CASINO WOULD BE BUILT, CITING A CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT WITH THE PROPERTY OWNER.

12/10

NEW JERSEY VOTERS WANT TO SEE TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING A NEW TUNNEL FOR TRAINS TO NEW YORK. THEY JUST DON'T WANT TO PAY FOR THOSE IMPROVEMENTS. A NEW QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL HAS FOUND THAT 53% OF REGISTERED VOTERS SURVEYED SUPPORT BUILDING THE TUNNEL THAT GOVERNOR CHRISTIE KILLED. BUT 58% DON'T THINK THE GASOLINE TAX, WHICH FINANCES SUCH PROJECTS, SHOULD BE HIKED. STILL, THE IDEA IS MORE POPULAR THAN IT WAS IN AUGUST WHEN 63% OPPOSED THE TUNNEL.

12/16

GAS PRICES ARE THE LOWEST THEY'VE BEEN IN QUITE A WHILE BUT A NEW RUTGERS EAGLETON POLL FINDS MOST RESIDENTS ARE STILL NOT IN THE MOOD FOR AN INCREASE IN THE GAS TAX. SUPPORTERS OF THE INCREASE HAVE BEEN ARGUING THAT'S NECESSARY TO FIX UP NEW JERSEY'S AWFUL ROADS, BUT THE POLLS DAVID REDLAWSK SAYS NOT EVERYONE IS CONVINCED THE ROADS ARE THAT BAD. ABOUT 6 OUT OF 10 NEW JERSEY RESIDENTS POLLED ARE AGAINST RAISING THE GAS TAX EVEN THOUGH IT IS ONE OF THE LOWEST IN THE COUNTRY.

12/18

CONGRESS CUT MORE THAN A THIRD OF A BILLION DOLLARS FROM THE I.R.S. BUDGET THIS FISCAL YEAR AND THE AGENCY SAYS TAXPAYERS WILL NOTICE. I-R-S COMMISSIONER JOHN KOSKINEN ESTIMATES REFUNDS WILL LIKELY TAKE LONGER AND ABOUT HALF THE PEOPLE WHO CALL THE OFFICES WON'T REACH A PERSON, JUST A RECORDING. WHAT'S MORE, THERE WILL BE FEWER AGENTS AUDITING RETURNS SINCE THERE'S A HIRING FREEZE ON AND LITTLE OVERTIME. THIS ALL COMES AS THE I.R.S. ALSO STARTS KEEPING TRACK OF WHO HAS HEALTH INSURANCE, WHO IS GETTING TAX CREDITS TO HELP PAY FOR IT AND WHO HAS TO PAY A PENALTY FOR NOT HAVING HEALTH COVERAGE.

12/29

THERE WERE SOME CONCERNS THAT TAX REFUNDS WOULD BE LATE IN 2015, BUT APPARENTLY THIS WON'T BE THE CASE AFTER ALL. WE COULD HAVE A REPEAT OF THIS DRAMA A YEAR FROM NOW SINCE ALL THESE TAX BREAKS ARE SET TO EXPIRE AGAIN AT THE BEGINNING OF 2016.

TRANSPORTATION

10/1

COMMUTING ON PATH TRAINS WILL BE MORE EXPENSIVE STARTING TODAY. SINGLE-RIDE FARES ARE UP 25-CENTS TO \$2.75. A TWO TRIP TICKET WILL COST \$5.50. IT'S PART OF A FAR HIKE THAT WAS OKAYED IN 2011. THE MONEY GOES TO THREE BIG PROJECTS INCLUDING WORK ON

THE HARRISON AND GROVE STREET PATH STATIONS AND A PATH EXTENTION TO NEWARK AIRPORT.

10/3

TOO MANY SUBWAY STATIONS ARE IN DISREPAIR AND RENOVATIONS ARE TAKING TOO LONG. THAT'S THE CONCLUSION OF A REPORT RELEASED BY STATE COMPTROLLER THOMAS DINAPOLI. ONLY 51 OF THE CITY'S 468 STATIONS WERE FOUND TO BE FREE OF DEFECTS, AND ONLY ONE IN FOUR WERE DEEMED TO BE IN GOOD CONDITION. DINAPOLI SAYS A SURVEY FOUND WORN OR DAMAGED STAIRS, DANGEROUS PLATFORM EDGES, BROKEN TILES, LIGHTS AND PEELING PAINT. IN RESPONSE, THE MTA SAYS IT'S WORKING ON IT AND MORE THAN \$140 MILLION HAS BEEN ALLOCATED FOR REPAIR WORK ON STATIONS ON THE 7-TRAIN LINE.

10/6

A HUGE CRANE HAS BEEN MOVED INTO PLACE IN THE HUDSON TO HELP WITH CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW TAPPAN ZEE BRIDGE. THE CRANE NAMED THE 'LEFT COAST LIFTER' HAS BEEN DUBBED 'I LIFT NY' BECAUSE IT'S STRONG ENOUGH TO HOIST 19 HUNDRED TONS AT ONE TIME, OR THE WEIGHT OF 12 STATUES OF LIBERTY. THE CRANE WILL LIFT SECTIONS OF THE NEW TAPPAN ZEE BRIDGE INTO PLACE AND THEN HELP DEMOLISH THE EXISTING BRIDGE. IT WAS ORIGINALLY BUILT FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO-OAKLAND BAY BRIDGE PROJECT.

10/7

THE CITY COUNCIL HAS VOTED TO LOWER THE SPEED LIMIT IN NEW YORK CITY TO 25 MILES AN HOUR DOWN FROM 30. THE MEASURE IS PART OF MAYOR DE BLASIO'S 'VISION ZERO INITIATIVE' AIMED AT REDUCING TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN FATALITIES. THE MAYOR HASN'T SIGNED THE BILL YET BUT ONCE HE DOES IT WILL TAKE EFFECT NOVEMBER 7TH. HIGHWAYS AND PARKWAYS WILL STILL HAVE HIGHER LIMITS.

10/8

THEY'RE DOING BETTER BUT THEY HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO. A NEW REPORT SAYS THE AREA'S THREE MAJOR AIRPORTS ARE IMPROVING WHEN IT COMES TO OFFERING AMENITIES, LIKE FREE WIRELESS, MOVIE KIOSKS AND MORE, TO TRAVELERS. THE "GLOBWAY GATEWAY ALLIANCE," A GROUP THAT ADVOCATES FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO AIRPORTS, SAYS J-F-K AND NEWARK NOW RANK 10TH AND 13TH ON THE LIST, RESPECTIVELY AND LAGUARDIA WAS 18TH. LAST YEAR, LAGUARDIA WAS DEAD LAST ON THE TOP 20 LIST.

10/9

NEW YORK CITY RESTAURANTS HAVE GRADES, WHY NOT CAB DRIVERS? CITY COUNCILMAN CARLOS MECHACA IS SAID TO BE WORKING ON LEGISLATION THAT WOULD ESTABLISH SUCH A SYSTEM. HE DECLINED TO

COMMENT. A SPOKESMAN FOR THE METROPOLITAN TAXI CAB BOARD OF TRADE SAYS HE'D RATHER SEE MORE DONE TO RECOGNIZE SAFE DRIVERS. IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH A CABBIE, TAKE DOWN HIS OR HER NUMBER AND CALL 3-1-1 OR GO TO NYC.GOV.

10/13

THE RAIL TRAFFIC CONTROL STAFF AT METRO NORTH HAS BEEN RACKING UP THE OVERTIME, WORKING 7 DAY WEEKS, BECAUSE OF A MANPOWER SHORTAGE. THIS AS THE NTSB IS INVESTIGATING A SERIES OF FIVE MAJOR ACCIDENTS ON METRO NORTH THAT TOOK PLACE IN LESS THAN A YEAR, INCLUDING LAST DECEMBERS FATAL DERAILMENT IN THE BRONX. REPORTS SAY THE REVELATIONS OF UNDERSTAFFING ARE IN AN INTERVIEW WITH MTA CHAIRMAN TOM PRENDERGAST WHO WAS QUESTIONED BY FEDERAL SAFETY EXPERTS EARLIER THIS YEAR.

10/15

THE CITY HAS KICKED OFF A CAMPAIGN AIMED AT MAKING DRIVERS AWARE THAT THE SPEED LIMIT WILL SOON DROP FROM 30 MILES AN HOUR, TO 25 MILES AN HOUR. THE NEW, LOWER SPEED LIMIT TAKES AFFECT NOVEMBER 7TH. IT'S PART OF THE DE BLASIO ADMINISTRATION'S SO CALLED 'VISION ZERO' INIATIVE AIMED AT REDUCING TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN FATALITIES.

10/19

A NEW WAY TO PAY FOR PARKING'S BEING PROPOSED. BROOKLYN ASSEMBLYMAN DOV HIKIND WANTS DRIVERS TO BE ABLE TO FEED THE MUNI-METERS AN HOUR BEFORE THEY SWITCH ON SO YOU WON'T HAVE TO SIT IN YOUR CAR AND WAIT. A D.O.T. SPOKESMAN SAYS THE IDEA NEEDS TO BE STUDIED.

10/20

DON'T LOOK NOW BUT AIRFARES ARE GOING UP AGAIN, AND THAT'S DESPITE THE LOWER FUEL PRICES THESE DAYS. IT ALL STARTED WITH DELTA RAISING FARES LAST WEEK BY AN AVERAGE OF \$4 A FLIGHT. UNITED, AMERICAN AND EVEN SOUTHWEST QUICKLY FOLLOWED WITH SIMILAR BUMPS IN PRICE.

10/22

THE MTA IS SHORT ON MONEY, AGAIN, ABOUT \$15-BILLION LIGHT ACCORDING TO A REPORT FROM THE STATE COMPTROLLER, WHO CONCLUDES THAT TO FILL THE GAP FARES AND TOLLS WOULD HAVE TO GO UP ABOUT 15%. THE BASE BUS AND SUBWAY FARE WOULD RISE FROM 2.50 TO 2.90 AND THE 30 DAY METRO CARD WOULD RISE FROM \$112 TO \$119. THE MTA'S AARON DONOVAN SAYS OTHER MEANS OF FUNDING THE SYSTEM HAVE TO BE EXPLORED AS WELL, WITH WORKER BENEFIT AND

DEBT SERVICE COSTS RISING FASTER THAN REVENUES. THE MTA IS ALREADY PLANNING TO RAISE FARES AND TOLLS 4% NEXT MARCH.

10/22

A NOTORIOUS TRAFFIC BOTTLENECK IN NEW JERSEY MAY SOON BE DISAPPEARING. THE PROJECT TO WIDEN THE TURNPIKE FROM 6 TO 12 LANES ALONG A 35-MILE STRETCH BETWEEN EXITS 6 AND 9 IS NEARLY COMPLETE. THE NORTHBOUND LANES ARE EXPECTED TO OPEN SATURDAY NIGHT. THE SOUTHBOUND LANES WILL OPEN NEXT WEEKEND. OFFICIALS SAY THE PROJECT, WHICH BEGAN IN 2009, CAME IN MORE THAN \$200-MILLION UNDER BUDGET.

10/23

THE AREA AIRPORTS ARE ONCE AGAIN TOPPING A WORST OF LIST. A NEW REPORT SAYS "NEWARK" RACKED UP THE MOST DELAYS AND CANCELLATIONS DURING LAST YEAR'S HOLIDAY TRAVEL SEASON, IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER. "NERD WALLET.COM," THE PERSONAL FINANCE SITE, SAYS NEARLY 29% OF ALL FLIGHTS WERE CANCELLED OR DELAYED. SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL WAS SECOND, FOLLOWED BY LAGUARDIA, CHICAGO'S O'HARE AND J-F-K. THE SURVEY, WHICH LOOKED AT 'BUREAU OF TRANSPORTATION' DATA, FOUND THAT PHOENIX'S SKY HARBOR AIRPORT, WHILE ONE OF THE NATION'S BUSIEST, HAD THE LOWEST NUMBER OF HOLIDAY DELAYS, THANKS TO ITS WARM WEATHER.

10/24

A WARNING IF YOU WERE PLANNING ON USING THE HOLLAND TUNNEL TO NEW JERSEY THIS WEEKEND. THE JERSEY BOUND HOLLAND TUNNEL WILL BE CLOSED OVERNIGHT, FROM SATURDAY INTO SUNDAY. FROM MIDNIGHT UNTIL 6-O-CLOCK SUNDAY MORNING SO AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE DRILL CAN BE CONDUCTED. THE NEW YORK BOUND LANES WILL REMAIN OPEN. AND IF YOU SEE SMOKE COMING FROM THE TUNNEL, IT'S JUST PART OF THE DRILL.

10/25

IF YOU LIKE CITIBIKE, GET READY. IT'S GOING TO COST A WHOLE LOT MORE. REPORTS SAY A REAL ESTATE COMPANY HAS SIGNED A CONTRACT TO BUY THE BIKE-SHARING VENTURE AND REPORT ARE SAYING THE PRICE OF THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP WILL JUMP FROM \$95 TO \$145.

10/26

TRAVELING ON THE NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE GETS A LITTLE EASIER BEGINNING TODAY. A MASSIVE \$2.3 BILLION PROJECT HAS BEEN COMPLETED, WIDENING THE TURNPIKE FROM SIX TO TWELVE LANES BETWEEN EXITS SIX AND NINE. THE NORTHBOUND LANES OPEN TODAY. CREWS ARE FINISHING WORK ON THE SOUTHBOUND LANES WHICH WILL BE GOOD-TO-GO NEXT WEEKEND.

10/27

MAYOR DEBLASIO TODAY IS FOCUSING ON HIS 'VISION ZERO' TRAFFIC SAFETY INITIATIVE. HE SIGNED A BILL TO LOWER THE CITY'S SPEED LIMIT TO 25 MILES PER HOUR. CITY COUNCILMAN DAVID GREENFIELD CO-SPONSORED THE BILL. SUPPORTERS ADMIT THAT ULTIMATELY ENFORCEMENT OF THE NEW SPEED LIMIT IS KEY. THE NEW SPEED LIMIT TAKES EFFECT, NOVEMBER 7TH.

10/29

A NEW POLL RATES NEW YORK CITY AS HAVING THE SAFEST MASS TRANSIT SYSTEM FOR WOMEN, COMPARED TO 15 OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST CITIES. BUT 3 OUT OF 10 NEW YORK WOMEN SAY THEY HAVE BEEN VERBALLY ABUSED ON BUSES AND TRAINS. THE WORST THREE RATED CITIES FOR WOMEN TO RIDE MASS TRANSIT, BOGOTA, COLOMBIA, MEXICO CITY AND LIMA, PERU.

10/31

THE LAST SHIP WILL SAIL TO THE ROCKAWAYS TONIGHT. THE ROCKAWAY FERRY THAT WAS SET UP AFTER HURRICANE SANDY WILL OPERATE FOR THE FINAL TIME WHEN THE 8:45 PULLS INTO THE DOCK AT BEACH 108TH STREET. RESIDENTS, WHOSE LIMITED TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS INCLUDE THE "A" TRAIN, HAVE BEEN TRYING TO KEEP THE FERRY IN SERVICE, BUT MAYOR DE BLASIO HAS SAID THE HEAVILY SUBSIDIZED FERRY WAS NEVER MEANT TO BE PERMANENT.

NOVEMBER IS A VERY BUSY TRAVEL MONTH. PEOPLE USE THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY TO TRAVEL AND SEE FRIENDS AND FAMILY. THIS IS COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE BUSIEST TRAVEL SEASON OF THE YEAR. THERE IS ALWAYS THE HOLIDAY RUSH, AND WITH GAS PRICES GOING DOWN, MORE PEOPLE THAN USUAL TRAVELED. NOVEMBER ALSO SAW THE NYC SPEED LIMIT DROP FROM 30 TO 25.

11/1

EFFECTIVE TODAY, NEW, TOUGHER PENALTIES ARE IN EFFECT FOR DRIVERS WHO TEXT OR USE A HAND HELD PHONE BEHIND THE WHEEL. YOUNG DRIVERS WILL FACE A FOUR MONTH LICENSE SUSPENSION. MORE EXPERIENCED DRIVERS WILL FACE STIFFER FINES FOR REPEAT OFFENSES.

11/2

IT'S TOO EARLY FOR POTHOLE SEASON. BUT MORE THAN A DOZEN DRIVERS GOT FLATS BECAUSE OF A REPAVING PROJECT ON THE NORTHERN STATE PARKWAY IN THE PLAINVIEW AREA LAST NIGHT. THEY WERE STRANDED IN THE COLD RAIN AFTER SOME POPPED THEIR TIRES ON THE ROAD THAT IS BEING GROUND DOWN FOR PAVING, LEAVING ELEVATED SEWER GRATES EXPOSED. AND YES, DRIVERS DID HIT SOME

POTHOLE, TOO. NOBODY WAS HURT. AND A DOT CREW WAS SENT OUT TO CLEAR THINGS UP.

11/4

THERE IS A LOT OF BRIDGES IN NEW YORK CITY AND NOT ALL OF THEM ARE IN GREAT SHAPE, BUT AT A CITY HALL HEARING YESTERDAY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IDENTIFIED THE THREE WORST AND THOSE ARE THE MILL BASIN, CITY ISLAND AND GERRITSEN INLET BRIDGES. CITY COUNCILMAN DAN GARODNICK CALLED THE HEARING DUE TO CONCERN ABOUT THE CITY'S AGING AND DETERIORATING TRANSIT INFRASTRUCTURE. HE SAYS THE CITY IS STILL NOT BUDGETING ENOUGH MONEY TO KEEP ROADS IN GOOD REPAIR.

11/5

MORE PEOPLE IN BROOKLYN AND MANHATTAN WOULD GET ACCESS TO EAST RIVER FERRY SERVICE UNDER A PLAN PROPOSED BY ELECTED OFFICIALS. THEY'RE URGING THE CITY'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO ADD FERRY STOPS AT GRAND STREET IN MANHATTAN AND AT PIER-6 IN BROOKLYN. SUPPORTERS SAY FERRYS ARE STORM RESILIENT AND WOULD SERVE GROWING WATERFRONT COMMUNITIES AND PARKS. A SPOKESMAN FOR THE E-D-C IS CONSIDERING ALL OPTIONS.

11/6

FEDERAL OFFICIALS HAVE RELEASED THEIR WISH LIST TO REMAKE THE NORTHEAST RAIL CORRIDOR STRETCHING FROM NEW YORK TO BOSTON AND NEW YORK TO WASHINGTON DC. SOME OF THE AMBITIOUS PROPOSALS INCLUDE AMTRAK TRAINS THAT WOULD BE ABLE TO SPEED TO 220 MILES PER HOUR AND LONG ISLAND TRAVELERS WOULD TAKE A TUNNEL STRAIGHT TO CONNECTICUT AND NEW ENGLAND, RATHER THAN PASSING THROUGH NEW YORK CITY. A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY ON PROPOSALS WILL BE RELEASED NEXT FALL.

11/6

30 TODAY, GOING DOWN TO 25 TOMORROW. THAT'S NOT THE WEATHER, BUT THE SPEED LIMIT ON MOST NEW YORK CITY STREETS. TOMORROW'S THE DAY IT DROPS AS ONE OF THE SAFETY MEASURES OF MAYOR DE BLASIO'S VISION ZERO PLAN. AND JUST SO YOU KNOW WHAT TO LOOK FOR, THE DOT IS UNVEILING THE NEW 25 MPH SIGNS TODAY.

11/11

GET READY TO DIG DEEPER TO PAY FOR SUBWAY AND BUS FARES. SOURCES SAY THE MTA IS CONSIDERING TWO POSSIBILITIES, WITH BOTH INCREASING A MONTHLY METROCARD BY \$4.50. THE FIRST WOULD KEEP THE FARE AT \$2.50, BUT THE 5% METROCARD BONUS WOULD GET CUT BACK. THE SECOND WOULD BOOST THE FARE BY 25 CENTS TO \$2.75 AND

INCREASE THE BONUS FROM 5 TO 11%. THE MTA WILL HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS NEXT MONTH WITH THE FARE HIKE KICKING IN NEXT MARCH.

11/13

IF YOU HAVE AN EZ-PASS, THERE COULD BE A TOLL INCREASE IN YOUR FUTURE. THE MTA IS CONSIDERING A 4% INCREASE IN THE EZ-PASS RATE FOR ITS CROSSINGS. REPORTS SAY THE MTA IS ALSO CONSIDERING RAISING THE CURRENT \$8 CASH TOLL ON ITS BRIDGES AND TUNNELS.

11/15

NEW MTA CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEYS SHOW RIDERS ARE NOT ALL THAT HAPPY WITH METRO-NORTH. THE OVERALL SATISFACTION OF RIDERS HAS DROPPED TO 73%, DOWN 20 POINTS IN JUST ONE YEAR. OF COURSE, THE COMMUTER RAILROAD HAD A FATAL DERAILMENT AND OTHER PROBLEMS DURING THE PAST YEAR. THE SURVEY ALSO SHOWS 84% OF LIRR RIDERS ARE GENERALLY SATISFIED. THAT'S ABOUT THE SAME AS LAST YEAR. AS FOR THE SUBWAYS, THEY GET A 78% SATISFACTION RATING FROM RIDERS, AN INCREASE OF 2 POINTS.

11/16

WITH THANKSGIVING JUST AROUND THE CORNER, CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS' COMES NEXT. OVERALL, IT'S THE BUSIEST TRAVEL PERIOD OF THE YEAR. GEORGE HOBICA OF AIR FARE WATCHDOG.COM TELLING 1010 WINS IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO GET A GOOD PRICE ON CHRISTMAS TRAVEL, DEPENDING ON WHERE YOU'RE GOING, ESPECIALLY IF YOU'RE WILLING TO TRAVEL ON CHRISTMAS DAY. HOBICA ALSO SUGGESTS LOOKING INTO PACKAGE DEALS, WITH SOME AIR & HOTEL PACKAGES USING CHEAPER AIRFARES THAT WHAT YOU'LL FIND FOR AIRFARES ALONE.

11/18

IF YOU'RE DRIVING OVER THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY, THE FOLKS AT GOOGLE MAPS ARE OUT WITH SOME ADVICE AS TO WHEN AND WHEN NOT TO HIT THE ROAD. THEY SAY NEXT WEDNESDAY BETWEEN 4-5PM WILL BE THE WORST TIME TO BE IN YOUR CAR AND THAT ON THANKSGIVING DAY, TRAFFIC IS NOT SO BAD, EXCEPT BETWEEN NOON AND 2PM. AS FOR THE RIDE HOME, THEY PREDICT IT WILL BE BETTER THE SUNDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING THAN ON SATURDAY.

11/19

TRIPLE A HAS STRUCK OUT IN ITS INITIAL ATTEMPTS TO BLOCK A NEW ROUND OF PORT AUTHORITY TOLL HIKES. A JUDGE REFUSED TO ISSUE AN INJUNCTION AGAINST THE INCREASES, WHICH ARE SET TO TAKE EFFECT ON DECEMBER 7TH. EZ PASS USERS WILL PAY 75 CENTS MORE TO CROSS THE PORT AUTHORITY BRIDGES AND TUNNELS. THOSE USING CASH WILL PAY \$1 MORE. AAA SAYS THE MONEY FROM THE TOLL HIKES IS SPENT ON PROJECTS WITH NOTHING TO DO WITH INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION.

11/24

IF YOU THINK IT'S TIME FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CARS ON THE LONG ISLAND RAIL ROAD, YOU'RE NOT ALONE. SENATOR CHARLES SCHUMER IS CALLING ON THE L-I-R-R TO BE SURE THEIR NEXT GENERATION OF TRAINS INCLUDES SOME MODERN CONVENIENCES LIKE GLARE-RESISTANT WINDOWS, WIDER SEATS AND CLEARER AUDIO ANNOUNCEMENTS. NEW CARS ARE EXPECTED BY 2017. THE RAILROAD SAYS THEY WILL HAVE WIDER SEATS AND ELECTRICAL OUTLETS IN ALL SEAT ROWS, BUT GETTING DARKLY TINTED WINDOWS MAY NOT BE FEASIBLE.

11/26

NEW JERSEY STATE SENATE PRESIDENT STEVE SWEENEY SAYS A NEW TRAIN TUNNEL, CONNECTING NEW JERSEY AND NEW YORK IS NEEDED. HE SAID THE EXISTING TUNNELS ARE MORE THAN A HUNDRED YEARS OLD ADDING THE LACK OF INVESTMENT FROM ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT IS CAUSING A CRISIS.

11/30

THE SUNDAY OF THE LONG THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY WEEKEND, THAT'S TODAY, AND IT'S THE SINGLE BUSIEST TRAVEL DAY OF THE YEAR. FAA ADMINISTRATOR MICHAEL HUERTA SAID A COMBINATION OF GOOD WEATHER AND ADDITIONAL AIRSPACE BEING USED SHOULD MAKE FOR LESS STRESSFUL FLIGHTS BACK HOME. AS FOR GAS PRICES THE NEWS REMAINS POSITIVE. THE LATEST AAA SURVEY SHOWS A NATIONAL AVERAGE FOR A GALLON OF REGULAR AT \$2.78, LOWEST LEVEL IN FOUR YEARS. A YEAR AGO, GAS ON AVERAGE COST \$3.27 A GALLON.

IN DECEMBER, WE SAW GAS PRICES FALL TO A LOW WE HAVN'T SEEN IN YEARS. THIS HELPED WITH COMMUTING, TRANSPORTATION AND AUTO SALES. THERE WAS ALSO LOTS OF TALKS AND MEETINGS ABOUT MTA FARE HIKE EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE IN 2015. PORT AUTHORITY TOLLS DID GO UP IN DECEMBER.

12/1

A HEADS UP FOR NEW JERSEY TRANSIT COMMUTERS. TRACK REPAIRS COULD SLOW THE RIDE FOR COMMUTERS ON NORTHEAST CORRIDOR TRAINS. BEGINNING TOMORROW, AMTRACK WILL REPLACE CONCRETE TIES NEAR METUCHEN STATION. N-J-T SAYS PASSENGERS HEADING TO NEWARK AND NEW YORK CITY SHOULD EXPECT DELAYS OF UP TO 15 MINUTES THRU DECEMBER 21ST.

12/2

THE GOAL WILL NOT BE MET. THE HEAD OF METRO NORTH RAILROAD HAS TOLD CONNECTICUT GOVERNOR DANIEL MALLOY THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO REACH THE TARGET OF 95% ON-TIME PERFORMANCE ANYTIME

SOON. JOSEPH GIULETTI SAYS THIS HAS TO DO WITH IMPROVEMENTS THAT PUT PUBLIC SAFETY BEFORE SCHEDULE RELIABILITY. METRO NORTH REACHED A NEARLY 95% ON-TIME PERFORMANCE RATING IN SEPTEMBER, BUT IT SLIPPED TO LESS THAN 87% ON THE NEW HAVEN LINE IN OCTOBER. INCREASED TRACK WORK WAS CITED AS THE REASON.

12/3

THE PORT AUTHORITY IS OUT WITH ITS BUDGET FOR 2015. THE \$7.8-BILLION PLAN INCLUDES A \$2.9-BILLION OPERATING BUDGET AND \$3.6-BILLION FOR COMPLETION OF THE WORLD TRADE CENTER SITE AND REGULAR MAINTENANCE WORK. THE REST COVERS DEBT SERVICE. THE BOARD VOTES ON THE PLAN NEXT WEEK, JUST DAYS AFTER MOTORISTS START PAYING THEIR FOURTH TOLL HIKE IN AS MANY YEARS.

12/5

A NEW CENSUS BUREAU REPORT CONFIRMS WHAT MANY NEW JERSEY COMMUTERS ALREADY KNOW; THEIR COMMUTE IS THE LONGEST IN THE COUNTRY. FROM BERGEN, ESSEX, HUDSON AND MIDDLESEX COUNTIES, THE COMMUTE AVERAGES 30 TO 35 MINUTES. IN SUSSEX AND WARREN COUNTIES ITS 60 TO 90 MINUTES. AS FOR NEW YORKERS, THEY JOIN THE MISERY WITH NEW JERSEY RESIDENTS SHARING 30 TO 35 MINUTES AS THE LONGEST COMMUTE TIMES IN THE NATION.

12/6

IF YOU USE PORT AUTHORITY BRIDGES AND TUNNELS, LISTEN UP. AT 3 A.M. TOMORROW THE LATEST TOLL HIKE TAKES EFFECT. THAT WILL MEAN MOST E-Z PASS DRIVERS WILL HAVE TO KICK IN 75 CENTS MORE, \$9.75 OFF PEAK, \$11.75 DURING PEAK HOURS. DRIVERS PAYING CASH WILL PAY \$1 MORE. THE SPANS AFFECTED ARE THE LINCOLN AND HOLLAND TUNNELS, GEORGE WASHINGTON, BAYONNE AND GOETHALS BRIDGES AND THE OUTERBRIDGE CROSSING. IT'S THE LATEST TOLL HIKE IN THE 4-YEAR PHASE-IN PLAN APPROVED BY P.A. COMMISSIONERS BACK IN 2011.

12/7

TRIPLE-A SAYS GAS PRICES ARE DROPPING AND COULD STAY LOW ALL WINTER. TRIPLE-A MID ATLANTIC SEZ A GALLON OF REGULAR UNLEADED IN NEW JERSEY WENT FOR \$2.65 LAST WEEK, 62 CENTS LOWER THAN A YEAR AGO. NATIONWIDE, PRICES ARE THE LOWEST IN FOUR YEARS WITH A GALLON OF REGULAR COMING IN AT \$2.71, DOWN EIGHT CENTS FROM LAST WEEK AND 54 CENTS OVER A YEAR AGO. TRIPLE-A CREDITS LOWER CRUDE OILCOSTS AND SAYS PRICES COULD DROP ANOTHER FIFTEEN TO 20 CENTS THROUGH THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

12/9

PATH HAS ANNOUNCED THE EXCHANGE PLACE AND WORLD TRADE CENTER STATIONS WILL SOON REOPEN ON WEEKENDS AFTER NEARLY A

YEAR OF SUPERSTORM SANDY REPAIRS AND SIGNAL UPGRADES. THE SERVICE WILL RESUME STARTING THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 20TH.

12/12

THEY'VE ALREADY APPROVED THIS IN CHICAGO, NOW THE NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL IS CONSIDERING A PLAN THAT WOULD ALLOW PEOPLE TO HAIL TAXIS IN THE CITY USING A SMART PHONE APP. THIS IS IN REACTION TO THE SURGE IN SERVICES LIKE UBER AND LIFT MANY TRADITIONAL TAXI OPERATORS FEEL ARE PUTTING THEM AT A DISADVANTAGE.

12/13

GAS PRICES CONTINUE TO DROP AROUND THE COUNTRY AND WE COULD SEE NATIONAL PRICES CLOSE TO \$2, ACCORDING TO ENERGY ANALYST PHIL FLYNN FROM THE PRICE FUTURES GROUP. ANALYSTS SAY LOWER PRICES ARE FROM ABUNDANT OIL PRODUCTION AROUND THE WORLD. TRIPLE A- MID ATLANTIC SAYS THE AVERAGE PRICE OF A GALLON OF GAS IN NEW JERSEY WAS \$2.55 ON FRIDAY, DOWN TEN CENTS FROM LAST WEEK. THE AVERAGE IS \$2.60, COMPARED TO \$3.25 A YEAR AGO.

12/14

THE PLUMMETING PRICE OF CRUDE OIL HAS TRANSLATED INTO LOWER PRICES AT THE PUMP BUT AIRFARES REMAIN HIGH. SENATOR CHARLES SCHUMER IS CALLING FOR FEDERAL INVESTIGATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS OF JUSTICE AND TRANSPORTATION INTO WHY AIRFARES ARE NOT DROPPING ALONG WITH THE COST OF FUEL. ACCORDING TO THE SENATOR'S OFFICE, AIRLINE INDUSTRY PROFITS WILL GROW FROM ABOUT \$20-BILLION THIS YEAR TO 25-BILLION NEXT YEAR. OIL PRICES HAVE DROPPED 40% SINCE JUNE AND ARE CURRENTLY ABOUT \$60 A BARREL.

12/15

THE SUBWAYS ARE MORE CROWDED AND THERE ARE MORE DELAYS. ACCORDING TO MTA OFFICIALS ABOUT 25% OF ALL TRAINS ARE AT LEAST FIVE MINUTES LATE BY THE END OF THE LINE. THAT'S AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 6% FROM A YEAR AGO.

12/19

WHILE THE TEMPERATURE CONTINUES TO FALL, SO DO GAS PRICES. ACCORDING TO TRIPLE-A, THE AVERAGE FOR REGULAR IN NEW YORK CITY IS ABOUT \$2.97 A GALLON. THE AVERAGE IS \$2.43 IN NEW JERSEY. IT'S \$2.83 IN CONNECTICUT.

12/26

HOLIDAY TRAVELERS RECEIVED A PRETTY GOOD GIFT THIS SEASON; LOWER GASOLINE PRICES. THE TRIPLE-A'S MICHAEL GREEN SAYS THEY HAVE FALLEN TO THEIR LOWEST LEVELS SINCE MAY OF 2009. GREEN SAYS GAS PRICES HAVE FALLEN FOR 92 STRAIGHT DAYS, WHICH HAS

NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE. HE THINKS THE PRICE OF GAS COULD FALL ANOTHER DIME BEFORE LEVELING OFF NEXT MONTH.

12/29

GOVERNORS CUOMO AND CHRISTIE HAVE TRIGGERED A CONTROVERSY BY PUTTING OUT A REPORT THAT CALLS ON THE PORT AUTHORITY TO END OVERNIGHT PATH SERVICE TO SAVE \$10-MILLION. JERSEY CITY'S MAYOR CALLED THE IDEA 'FOOLISH.' HOBOKEN'S MAYOR SAYS IT'S 'IRRESPONSIBLE.' THE REPORT COMES AFTER BOTH GOVERNORS VETOED LEGISLATION TO OVERHAUL THE PORT AUTHORITY.

12/31

IT'LL BE HARDER FOR PEDESTRIANS TO SAY THEY DIDN'T HEAR A BUS COMING IN THE NEW YEAR. THE MTA WILL LAUNCH A PILOT PROGRAM, USING LOUDSPEAKERS ON VEHICLES TO WARN "STAND CLEAR OF THE TURNING BUS." THE PROGRAM IS EXPECTED TO START IN THE FALL. THE MTA ALSO WILL TEST ANOTHER COLLISION AVOIDANCE STRATEGY, USING RADAR AND SENSORS TO DETECT AND THEN ALERT BUS DRIVERS TO PEDESTRIANS, BICYCLISTS AND VEHICLES IN THEIR BLIND SPOTS.

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