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By David Pollack

How To Reform The Corrupt Political System In NYS

“Three Men in a Room” was the way New York State politics was said to have worked for decades. Major state decisions and legislative settlements were said to have been resolved behind closed doors with only three men deciding the future of New York State (NYS). Who are those three men? They are the Governor, the former speaker of the Assembly Sheldon Silver and the head of the Senate, Dean Skelos. Dean Skelos is on trial for corruption, Sheldon Silver was just convicted of corruption and could spend the next 120 years in jail, and Governor Cuomo sidestepped his own investigation, really! Governor Cuomo started the MORELAND COMMISSION in 2013 to investigate public corruption. Then in March of 2014, Governor Cuomo had the Moreland Commission dissolved after the



secretary to the Governor barred the Commission from subpoenaing organizations with ties to the Governor. Ever wonder why? Use your imagination.

REFORM: ALL discussions, disagreements, settlements must be conducted publicly. If there are differences of thought between the Senate and Assembly, they should collectively vote for a resolution or assign the issue to be resolved by a federal arbitrator.

Currently, we have Senators and Assembly members who get paid only \$79,000 a year from New York State. That is all they make working on and off for 8 months a year. Don't get me wrong, \$79,000 is a lot of money, but hardly enough to avoid the financial temptation of passing “friendly” laws that may benefit

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Ribbon Cutting Of The New TLC Office Located In LIC



The New York City Taxi & Limousine Commission held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the grand opening of the new Long Island City office located in the Falchi Building better known as 31-00 47th Avenue. See pages 24-25 for more photos.

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New Shirt

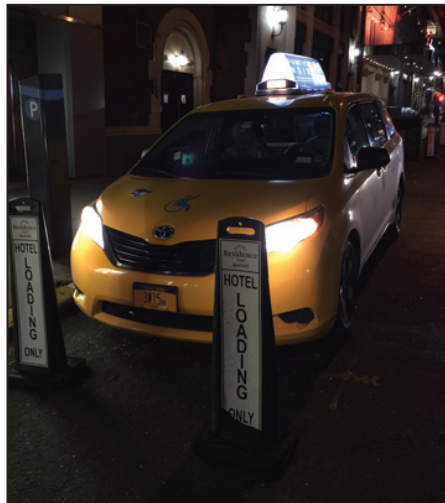


Hey Dave,

Nice show last night - this shirt was handed out at my garage today and yes, this is what I'm wearing for tonight's shift!

Pat

No Bribe! = No Airport Fare!



Dear Taxi Dave,

I'm a medallion owner yellow cab driver. On 11/13/2015 at 4:05 am I was waiting in front of Residence Inn Marriott, 148 East 48th Street for airport fare. I was legally parked and first in line. The doorman

(wearing eyeglasses) blocked my taxi with hotel loading barriers (pictures attached). He came to me and asking me why I didn't give him money for last night's LGA fare (11/12/2015 at 4:30 am). He also asked me do I know the rules \$3.00 for LGA and \$5.00 for JFK. Then he told me he would not give me any fares to airport and was hailing taxis on the street for airport fares. He was taking money from all taxi drivers.

Sincerely,
Abul Asad Khan

Uber Kills

Dear Taxi Dave,

On Friday, October 30th, at 4:25 PM I was standing on the corner on 24th Street and 8th Avenue. There was an Ambulance going north on 8th Avenue on an Emergency call, stuck in horrendous traffic greatly exacerbated by a bike lane and a vast number of vehicles with T&LC license plates. Mr. DeBlasio is more concerned with keeping bicyclists and Uber investors, who were not sitting in traffic, happy, instead of helping the poor victim needing to get to the hospital and could possibly die due to the unnecessary delay.

Mitch C.

Confusing Uber

Dear Taxi Dave,

Uber is making stuff up as they go along. We all know that Uber customers in New York City DO NOT take Uber cars a second time if they are drunk. This is because the Uber driver will give the passenger a poor rating. Also, if an Uber passenger gets "sick," there can be a \$200 charge automatically placed on their credit card for "cleaning". That said, a great organization, Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) is pushing for New York State lawmakers to pass a bill that can allow EVERY car, an Uber car, including your newly licensed child's vehicle or your great grandmothers' car. In areas where taxi service is lacking, it is true that apps can be helpful in saving lives. But in New York City, only the passenger has the right to complain about the driver, not the other way around. BTW, MADD received between \$100k-\$499K in 2014 from Uber.

Mike H

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More Riders in Fort Myers and Naples!

UBER

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MORE BUSINESS

Hi Joseph,

In October, we lowered our rider prices in order to encourage larger and more consistent demand in Fort Myers and Naples. After just a few short weeks, **we've already seen a 43% boost in weekday requests** from September to November. More requests lead to increased trips—which means more business every hour that you're out on the road!

Average Weekday Requests (Monday - Thursday)

Month	Change
September	43% Increase
November	43% Increase

We are excited about these promising results and will continue to keep you updated on the progress we're seeing since lowering prices. As always, thank you for partnering with us and providing safe, reliable, and affordable rides to our community.

Uber On,
Team Uber Fort Myers-Naples

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Dear Taxi Dave,
That's bulls@#. It's because the snow birds are back not because you lowered the rates here in Florida. You marketing geniuses don't know what your doing. Keep smoking that humbolt county \$&it dumba@%%. Must be nice to work for a start up that is making so much cash that there is no need for reason ,accountability or common sense.
*Respectfully,
Joe Mascis.*

Bathroom Break



Dear Taxi Dave,
Where can I go to use restroom these days?
Taxi Solomon

Great Idea



Hi David,
I saw this on one of my rides and thought you might find it interesting.
Robert

Setting Standards

Hey TLC!
Please DO NOT lower the YELLOW CAB DRIVER licensing standards !!
RAISE the standards for the OTHER TLC segments to meet OUR standards!
Passengers are finally going BACK to the yellow cabs because they actually think we are BETTER now!
DO NOT listen to the IDIOTS who constantly whine about 'We need moh DROYvahhs !!'
WE HAVE 53,000 licensed yellow cab drivers

already for only 14,000 yellow cabs !! WTF ?!?!
INCENTIVIZE THEM TO COME BACK! GET THEM BACK... FIRST!
RAISE the taxi fare, OR a decent group-ride plan... maybe even put in two-way radio dispatch- and REAL taxi APPS - into the yellow cabs! (Hey - Why are we the ONLY taxi service IN THE WORLD without two-way radio dispatch ???)

OTHERWISE - you'll be turning the yellow cabs into a freggin SH-T SHOW!
Is that what you want?
Or - is that REALLY what 'Uber' wants?!?!
Hey - Maybe the yellow cab service has gotten TOO good! (Lowering licensing standards could be another TRAP!)
AGAIN... PLEASE! - don't frack-up this business by diluting the existing pool of GREAT yellow cab drivers with a dangerous flood of 'rookies' and rejected Uber drivers!
NOOOOOOO!

*Sincerely,
Mike H.
aka 'Mike at JFK'*

DOT

Dear Taxi Dave,
I would like to agree with you regarding how the decision makers at DOT need to drive around NYC and take surveys before they make nonsense decisions such as no left turn into 3 Ave from 57 st going east bound for cars & trucks which will cause further congestion on 57 st from 2 ave to park Ave if not beyond.

As well as the no left turns into 7 Ave & Broadway going west on 53 & 55 st. Not to mention you can't make a left on 57 st anyway so cars will have to go around 8 ave just to make a right turn onto Broadway or 7ave. That also causes more traffic on 59st (Central park South) because that's also a more reasonable way to make a left into 7ave but the right lane has the horse carriages and sight seeing buses. Sooner or later the hotels are going to complain that there is too much noise & traffic. But let's be honest about why DOT did this. It is for NYPD to implement tickets and summonses to generate MONEY!...

What I would like to disagree with is how last time Charbel and others think that increasing the JFK flat fare or raising the fair will help us. I disagree with that only because that will drive people to UBER, LYFT, GETT & other apps more. These apps are already competing with each other and have low fares and people find it easier and cheaper to hail them at certain times. And most companies have their employees use the app companies for tax purposes & general ledgers.

I have a question that I am unsure of the answer. We pay surcharges for MTA TLC but does UBER, LYFT etc. pay? If not I'd like to know why the MTA is allowing these companies to advertise on the back of their buses. I'm sure they receive more money from us than from advertising. Also, since we are a NYC medallion & represent NYC & not a company from San Francisco. TLC, MTA & NYC mayors office should advertise to New Yorkers to use a NYC taxi. After all the money they spent on taxis goes into the infrastructure and pockets of New Yorkers, not to people in San Francisco.

*Thank you,
Brooklyn Tommy*

DeBlasio

Hi Taxi Dave,
Can you tell me and the audience when Mayor DiBlazio is going to reach decision and put cap on uber. there are so many cars now and not enough business for all.

*Michael
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Insider News

Industry Notice #15-48 TLC Publishes List Of Unrestricted Independent Medallions Entered Into November 24, 2015 Accessibility Drawing

The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) wishes to inform its licensees that it has published the list of medallions that will be entered into the accessibility drawing to occur on November 24, 2015.

This accessibility drawing will be limited to those unrestricted independent medallions with vehicles that are scheduled to retire between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019. The drawing will occur in two parts: the first part for medallions with vehicle retirement dates between January 1, 2019 and June 30, 2019; and the second part for medallions with vehicle retirement dates between July 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019.

The medallions selected in the drawing will be required to place an accessible vehicle into service when their current vehicle is retired (first retirement cycle). The medallions not selected in the drawing are not required to place an accessible vehicle into service when their current vehicle is retired. However, each medallion's accessibility requirement will alternate during each subsequent retirement cycle. For example, those medallions not selected in this drawing will be required to hack up an accessible vehicle in the next (subsequent) retirement cycle.

The medallions selected in the drawing will be required to place their first accessible vehicle into service when their current vehicle is retired (first retirement cycle). The medallions not selected in the drawing are required to place their first accessible vehicle into service after their next vehicle retires.

Each medallion's accessibility requirement will cycle so that after the first accessible vehicle retires, every other vehicle must be accessible.

The drawing will be conducted at the NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission offices located at 33 Beaver Street, 19th Floor, New York, NY 10004 at 10:00 A.M. We encourage all interested parties to attend. For those unable to attend, real-time video of the event will be available at <http://www.livestream.com/nyctaxi>. The TLC will post results of the drawing on its website within twenty four (24) hours. All medallion owners entered into the drawing will then receive a letter detailing the results of the drawing and next steps. The TLC will soon be providing detailed information about funding programs available to eligible licensees to assist with vehicle conversion costs.

Please see the TLC website or below for the complete list of medallions in this drawing:

Drawing A – Independent unrestricted medallions with vehicle retirement dates between 1/1/19 – 6/30/19

IA26	IK55	IY70	IJ38	IP82	3D96	3N34	4D41	4L68	5E42
IA41	IK56	2A26	2I41	2P84	3E23	3N55	4D57	4L79	5E59
IA55	IK62	2A41	2I43	2P85	3E38	3N84	4D61	4N11	5E67
IA57	IK78	2A54	2I44	2T18	3E45	3N90	4D63	4N17	5E77
IA61	IL10	2A70	2I45	2T29	3E66	3N91	4D65	4N54	5E87
IA69	IL11	2A77	2I46	2T34	3E69	3N94	4D78	4N66	5F13
IA87	IL43	2A79	2I49	2T56	3E76	3N95	4D86	4N78	5F24
IB11	IL47	2B28	2I61	2T59	3E80	3N96	4E34	4N85	5F96
IB12	IL48	2B30	2I73	2T61	3E93	3N97	4E45	4N95	5G84
IB18	IL83	2B89	2I86	2T69	3F67	3P27	4E51	4N99	5G93
IB74	IL84	2C17	2I87	2T77	3F72	3P29	4E63	4P18	5H89
IB91	IM28	2C62	2K10	2V65	3F75	3P30	4E77	4P22	5H94
IC31	IM54	2C75	2K12	2V90	3G39	3P45	4F27	4P23	5H95
IC49	IM75	2D28	2K17	2W22	3G48	3P55	4F48	4P60	5J22
IC52	IM89	2D46	2K23	2W25	3G65	3P56	4F69	4V10	5J39
IC84	IM90	2D53	2K29	2W30	3G93	3T11	4F76	4V11	5J41
IC85	IM94	2D54	2K47	2W35	3H65	3V73	4G34	4V32	5K45
IC97	IN32	2D64	2K68	2W39	3H77	3Y15	4G57	4W86	5K71
IC99	IP21	2D65	2K91	2W49	3H78	3Y26	4G74	4Y22	5K72
ID21	IP37	2D66	2L11	2Y35	3H79	3Y27	4G93	4Y23	5K74
ID63	IP46	2D71	2L35	2Y39	3I48	3Y49	4G94	5A15	5K77
ID91	IP66	2D82	2L50	2Y43	3I68	3Y50	4H19	5A36	5K98
IE14	IP69	2D99	2L53	2Y45	3I98	3Y51	4H23	5A61	5L25
IE45	IP99	2E10	2L57	2Y98	3K18	3Y65	4H30	5A91	5L32
IE59	IT11	2F14	2L69	3A31	3K50	3Y70	4H74	5B30	5L52
IE89	IT19	2F31	2M12	3A39	3K54	3Y75	4H79	5B38	5L65
IE99	IT57	2F85	2M15	3A64	3K92	4A14	4H82	5B43	5L66

GRIDLOCK ALERT DAYS

Each year during the holiday season, the Department of Transportation designates Gridlock Alert Days as some of the busiest transportation days of the year. Whether you are traveling to work, for shopping or recreation, please take public transportation whenever possible.

The Gridlock Alert Days for this holiday season are:

- Friday, December 4
- Friday, December 11
- Wednesday, December 16
- Thursday, December 17
- Friday, December 18
- Wednesday, December 23

IF49	IT77	2F89	2M29	3A73	3K94	4A17	4J22	5B59	5L67
IF93	IV42	2F99	2M32	3A76	3L21	4A48	4J34	5C10	5L98
IG91	IV80	2G47	2M33	3A94	3L69	4A71	4J38	5C19	5M24
IH11	IV81	2G53	2M76	3A96	3L98	4A77	4J59	5C25	5M25
IH12	IV22	2G54	2M77	3B58	3L99	4B12	4J60	5C64	5M37
IH24	IV25	2G66	2M89	3B68	3M12	4B45	4J78	5C67	5M52
IH55	IV30	2G89	2N10	3B71	3M17	4B80	4J95	5C88	5M70
IH56	IV31	2H20	2N12	3B86	3M21	4B85	4K10	5D15	5M92
IH57	IV47	2H25	2N39	3C64	3M33	4B91	4K28	5D20	5N10
IH69	IV48	2H26	2N40	3C70	3M35	4C10	4K32	5D26	5N11
IH93	IV52	2H27	2N42	3C73	3M45	4C38	4K39	5D45	5N12
IJ41	IV73	2H37	2P20	3C75	3M46	4C44	4K80	5D56	5N22
IJ57	IV80	2H41	2P26	3C92	3M47	4C50	4K88	5D58	5N23
IJ60	IV81	2H59	2P27	3D12	3M53	4C61	4L10	5D64	5N44
IJ66	IV89	2H71	2P36	3D13	3M78	4C70	4L19	5D70	5N72
IJ69	IV92	2H97	2P37	3D21	3M80	4C75	4L36	5D80	5N75
IJ96	IY51	2I14	2P55	3D48	3M82	4C86	4L48	5E15	5N77
IK40	IY52	2I15	2P80	3D91	3M89	4C89	4L54	5E17	5N92
IK49	IY66	2I27	2P81	3D95	3N10	4D36	4L67	5E36	5P31
5P51	6F40	6P61	7H23	7V19	8D97	8L27	9A68	9H26	9Y93
5P65	6F45	6P78	7H24	7V20	8E25	8L28	9A84	9H30	
5P72	6F46	6P90	7H32	7V28	8E29	8L63	9A93	9H31	
5P74	6F92	6V38	7H35	7Y24	8E31	8L91	9B22	9H93	
5Y73	6G32	7A14	7H56	7Y25	8E54	8M11	9B24	9J14	
5Y74	6G49	7A24	7H75	7Y27	8E76	8M20	9B42	9J65	
6A18	6G65	7A48	7H77	7Y28	8F14	8M58	9B60	9J88	
6A32	6G74	7A72	7H78	7Y36	8F27	8M61	9B69	9K83	
6A37	6G87	7B27	7H79	7Y38	8F62	8M75	9B89	9L21	
6A49	6H12	7B41	7H82	7Y39	8F73	8M84	9B90	9L30	
6A56	6H75	7B55	7H88	7Y41	8F77	8M90	9B96	9L36	
6A95	6J28	7B65	7H89	7Y42	8F93	8M94	9C60	9L40	
6B13	6J29	7B84	7H93	7Y44	8G18	8M95	9C61	9L59	
6B14	6J76	7C21	7J35	7Y46	8G22	8N24	9C75	9L85	
6B20	6J89	7C24	7J78	7Y48	8G27	8N26	9C77	9L86	
6B30	6K12	7C25	7J79	7Y58	8G29	8N29	9C78	9L99	
6B37	6K33	7C47	7K87	7Y62	8G36	8N33	9D21	9M13	
6B50	6K41	7C50	7L15	7Y64	8G58	8N38	9D48	9M22	
6B56	6K44	7C73	7L21	7Y75	8G63	8N64	9D70	9M45	
6B64	6K49	7C80	7L39	7Y81	8H17	8N98	9D76	9M70	
6B65	6K59	7C82	7L58	8A17	8H34	8P14	9D88	9M84	
6C16	6K60	7D23	7L66	8A48	8H38	8P15	9D90	9M85	
6C33	6L15	7D37	7L68	8A53	8H41	8P36	9E12	9M95	
6C45	6L16	7D49	7M19	8A89	8H42	8T15	9E26	9M97	
6C57	6L35	7D50	7M54	8A90	8H45	8T22	9E33	9N18	
6C76	6L47	7D57	7M59	8A94	8H52	8T24	9E35	9N30	
6C83	6L81	7D75	7M98	8A96	8H62	8T26	9E36	9N31	
6D17	6M17	7E12	7M99	8A99	8H82	8T28	9E51	9N34	
6D19	6M18	7E36	7N14	8B51	8H85	8T36	9E53	9N64	
6D31	6M19	7E62	7N38	8B66	8H89	8T43	9E80	9N66	
6D38	6M44	7E97	7N42	8B79	8H94	8T49	9E82	9N80	
6D45	6M49	7E99	7N50	8C13	8H98	8T62	9E88	9P43	
6D49	6M50	7F13	7N52	8C27	8J14	8T63	9F18	9P52	
6D58	6M55	7F37	7N60	8C45	8J39	8T73	9F20	9P57	
6D60	6M70	7F43	7N85	8C66	8J40	8V90	9F27	9P70	
6D88	6M96	7F66	7N88	8C79	8J57	8V94	9F30	9T31	

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TAXI AND FOR-HIRE VEHICLE RELIEF STANDS

DOT is not responsible regulating taxis. Taxis are regulated by the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission. DOT does regulate taxi relief stands

Taxi relief stands allow drivers to park their vehicles for up to one hour. This affords drivers the opportunity to leave their vehicles and take care of personal needs. Taxi relief stands should not be confused with taxi stands, which are locations where drivers can wait, in their cars, to pick up passengers.

The type column indicates if the relief stand is for taxis alone, or both taxis and For-Hire Vehicles (FHVs). Staten Island currently has no relief stands.

BRONX

TYPE	LOCATION	CROSS STREET
Taxi	Jerome Ave. (E. Side)	Eliot Pl. & E. 170th St.
Taxi	Metropolitan Ave. (N. Side)	Purdy St. & Red Oak Dr.

MANHATTAN EAST SIDE ABOVE 23RD STREET

Taxis	E. 77th St.(N. Side)	First & Second Aves.
Taxis	E. 86th St. (N. Side)	Henderson Pl. & York Ave.
Taxis	E. 78th Street (N. Side)	Lexington & Third Ave.
Taxis	E. 78th St. (S. Side)	Lexington & Third Ave.
Taxis & FHVs	E. 29th St. (S. Side)	Madison & Fifth Ave.
Taxis	E. 27th St. (N. Side)	Park Ave. S. & Madison Ave.
Taxis & FHVs	E. 28th St. (N. Side)	Park Av. S. & Lexington Ave.
Taxis & FHVs	Madison Ave. (W. Side)	E. 26th & 27th St.
Taxis	E. 26th Street (S. Side)	Third & Second Aves.

MANHATTAN WEST SIDE ABOVE 23RD STREET

Taxis	W. 55th St. (S. Side)	Tenth & Eleventh Aves.
Taxis & FHVs	Sixth Ave. (W.Side)	W. 55th & 56th Sts.
Taxis & FHVs	Eighth Ave. (E. Side)	W. 52nd & 53rd Sts.
Taxis	Broadway (E. Side)	W. 48th & 47th Sts.
Taxis	Eighth Ave. (W. Side)	W. 46th & 47th Sts.
Taxis & FHVs	Sixth Ave. (W. Side)	W. 39th & 40th Sts.
Taxis & FHVs	Sixth Ave. (W. Side)	W. 38th & 39th Sts.
Taxis	Broadway (E. Side)	W. 43rd & 42nd Sts.
Taxis	Ninth Ave. (E. Side)	W. 42nd & 41st Sts.
Taxis	West 39th St. (S. Side)	Eighth & Ninth Aves.
Taxis	Ninth Ave. (E. Side)	W. 30th & 29th Sts.

MANHATTAN BELOW 23RD STREET

Taxis	E. 23rd St.	First & Second Aves.
Taxis & FHVs	Sixth Ave. (W. Side)	W. 22nd & 23rd Sts.
Taxis	Third Ave. (W. Side)	E. 14th & 15th Sts.
Taxis & FHVs	Third Ave. (W. Side)	E. 15th & 14th Sts.
Taxis & FHVs	Sixth Ave. (W. Side)	W.13th & 14th Sts.
Taxis	Sixth Ave. (W. Side)	Thompson & Grand Sts.
Taxis & FHVs	Canal St. (N. Side)	E. Broadway & Essex St.
Taxis	Park Row (SE. Side)	Ann & Beekman Sts.
Taxis & FHVs	Fulton St. (S. Side)	Broadway & Church St.
Taxis & FHVs	South St. (N. Side)	Old Slip & Broad St.
Taxis & FHVs	Water St. (W. Side)	Whitehall & Broad Sts.
Taxis	Whitehall St. (W. Side)	South & State Sts,

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Taxis	Skillman Ave.	37th & 36th Sts.
Taxis	Queens Blvd. (S. Side)	50th & 51st Sts.
Taxis	Queens Blvd.	55th & 54th Sts.
Taxis & FHVs	45th Ave. (S. side)	Jackson Ave. & 23rd St.
Taxis & FHVs	Pearson St. (W. Side)	Jackson Ave. & dead end
Taxis	49th St.	Newtown Rd & Northern Blvd.
Taxis	55th St.	Queens Blvd & Roosevelt Ave.
Taxis	Van Dam St.	Queens Blvd & Skillman Ave.
Taxis & FHVs	36th St.	Skillman & 43rd Aves.

Don't risk a summons trying to find a Relief Stand on the list that the TLC web site provides. Texting or searching on-line while in your cab is against the law. Keep this list in your taxi for future use!

How To Reform

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supporters in the millions of dollars. In Speaker Silver's case, \$4 million in possible kickbacks (\$ we know about). Could there be more?

REFORM: Raising the current salaries substantially and banning any additional income will eliminate the need and temptation for elected officials to act in a corrupt manner. All legislative jobs must be made FULL TIME jobs, 12 months a year like everyone else.

Now how does a supporter show his appreciation? One way is by donating to election campaigns. After all, NYS Senators and Assembly members have no term limits and can "run" for a lifetime if they choose again and again. If they have the backing of their political district offices, nine out of ten times they will be the selected candidate and win a primary and then the election. Many financial supporters stick with "their guy" election after election. You will find many former New York City Council members now NYS Assembly members or members of the NYS Senate as term limits in New York City ousted them from the city to Albany.

But after reading the financial limitations for elections below, look closely at "housekeeping," a way for billionaires like Mayor Bloomberg, who once sent one contribution of \$1 MILLION to the State Senate Housekeeping account, to bypass the spirit of election laws.

New York State Election Contributions Law: STATE LIMITS 2015-2015 PER ELECTION CYCLE

Primary: Senate Candidate: \$6,500 - Assembly Candidate \$4,100
An individual can contribute between \$6,500 - \$19,700 Statewide (Limit is based on a formula: product of number of enrolled voters in candidate's party in state (excluding voters on inactive status) x \$.005, but not less than \$6,500 or more than \$19,700)

Family Limits Primary: Senate Candidate: \$20,000 - \$41,577
Assembly Candidate 412,500 - \$17,061

The Board of Elections Website states an individual may contribute up to \$7,000 to a Senator and \$4,400 to an Assembly member for a Primary and \$11,000 & \$4,400 respectively for the election.

GENERAL ELECTION CONTRIBUTION LIMITS

Senate Candidate: \$10,300
Assembly Candidate: \$4,100 (per election cycle) .

Family Limits:

Senate \$30,079 - \$57,304
Assembly \$12,500 - \$24,871

CORPORATE CONTRIBUTIONS: \$5,000 per year

HOUSEKEEPING

The easiest way for state leaders to get money with what seems to be very little accountability is by receiving donations made to their

"housekeeping" accounts. In New York State there are NO LIMITS to the amount of money a person, a group or a corporation can give to a political party if done through housekeeping. The State Board of Elections says that that money is supposed to go toward maintaining a party's headquarters and staff or carrying on "ordinary activities that are not for the express purpose of promoting the candidacy of specific candidates." But, there is virtually no oversight to monitor the spending of millions of dollars. Millions of dollars in unrestricted contributions add to the temptation of financial power and political allegiances in order to secure money for an elected's district. It is not uncommon for the wealthy or major corporations to donate hundreds of thousands or millions of dollars. Our former fair Mayor Bloomberg, by 2011, had donated over \$8 million to housekeeping accounts in New York State. I remember in 2012, Bloomberg wiring a \$1 million contribution to a political committee controlled by the Republican leader of the Senate. This particular contribution was at the same time Mayor Bloomberg was telling anyone who would listen that someone should investigate the taxi industry contributions which collectively I believe totaled about \$350,000. I think the one guy with a million dollar donation gets the ear of anyone he wants. Research shows that in the last decade through 2012, \$133.8 million was donated to housekeeping accounts. One PRESS release from Susan Lerner of Common Cause NY stated that: ".housekeeping accounts are the backdoor for big dollar special interests to give unlimited sums of cash for campaign purposes: a direct violation of the campaign finance law". Additional research shows that half of the money contributed to the NY Republicans' state-level committee came from only 5 donors. I might as well mention Mayor Bloomberg's other \$1 million contribution to the Conservative Party in 2010.

REFORM: We the people must contact OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS to insure that auditing and specific spending guidelines for all housekeeping accounts in New York State begin immediately. Without such action, the corruption will continue.

SOME RECENT FOLKS WHO GOT INTO TROUBLE:

- State Senator Malcolm Smith (D) was found guilty in federal court of conspiracy, wire fraud, bribery and extortion for trying to bribe a Republican Party official to let him onto the Republican ballot in the 2013 New York City mayoral race. (2014) [64]
- State Assemblyman William Boyland, Jr. (D) convicted of bribery (2014)[66]
- State Assemblyman Eric Stevenson (D) found guilty of bribery, conspiracy and other related charges. (2014)[67]

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The Taxi Attorney

Hello everybody,
I hope that you are working hard and making good money during this hectic time of the year.



This month I want to talk about eight topics: First, I have moved my office to Queens again in order to better help drivers. My new office is in Rego Park, Queens. It is close to the two airports and just about a 10 minute drive from the New York City Taxi & Limousine Commission (TLC) in Long Island City. There is meter parking available and a parking lot in the building (in case you are in a rush to see me). My new address is 97-77 Queens Blvd., Suite 1120, Rego Park, NY 11374. I am in an office suite with Crosstown Companies, a large real estate firm, so PLEASE CALL ME TO ARRANGE AN APPOINTMENT BEFORE COMING OVER TO THE OFFICE! Also, PLEASE CALL ME AT 212.754.1011 WHEN YOU REACH SECURITY IN THE LOBBY AND I WILL MEET YOU AT THE ELEVATOR DOOR ON THE 11th Floor to guide you to my office. I look forward to serving your needs and requirements from my new and improved office space. Hope to see you there!

Second, I am working with a prestigious and reasonably priced bankruptcy firm in case you need to file for Chapter 7, 13 or 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code. I understand the Industry and am glad to try to save your assets or liquidate your assets as the case may be if you need that type of service. A basic Chapter 13 which will generally allow you to keep your home and car etc. is around \$6500 for lawyer's fees. Chapter 11s are more and Chapter 7, when you liquidate your assets, are less. If you need this type of service or if you are considering it, I am glad to talk to you about it and you may contact me at my office during business hours at 212.754.1011 or 866.LAW.MIKE or 866.529.6453.

Third, if you are arrested and you possess a TLC license, it is imperative that you hire the best criminal attorney that you can afford and maybe one that you cannot afford. I suggest that you borrow money to pay the attorney. This is so because TLC will hold your license until the criminal case is finished and the TLC will take it permanently from you if the criminal matters is NOT resolved to the TLC's satisfaction. I work with a very high quality criminal attorney who can speed up criminal matters and obtains excellent results, so please call me at 212.754.1011 if you get arrested.

Fourth, please listen to the Taxi Dave radio show on 710 am WOR, on Sunday evenings between 8:00 PM

- 9:00 PM. David Pollack is the host. He is smart, entertaining, informative and best of all, knows the truth about what is happening in your Industry. Moreover, he has the highest rated show on radio in his time slot in the NYC Metro area according to Neilson and Arbitron! So, please tune in to listen.

Fifth, remember to bring me your DMV and TLC tickets. It is important to fight all your DMV (issued by NYPD) and TLC tickets. Be careful. Don't skimp on the lawyer only to lose your license later. Please fight every yellow or pink ticket you receive from NYPD and every TLC ticket you receive. If you are uncertain whether to use an attorney for a particular ticket, please come see me and I will tell you, at no charge, if the ticket has points and you need an attorney or representative for a particular summons.

Sixth, please take the defensive driver course every 18 months. Do not wait three years to take the DDC class that takes points off of your NYS driver's license. Please take the course every 18 months so if TLC sends you a letter to suspend or revoke your Hack or TLC license you will have taken the class before you get such TLC letter. Now TLC is allowing you to take a course which takes 3 points off your DMV record according to TLC calculations after you get a letter from TLC saying you have a suspension or revocation coming to you. Also, if you get found guilty of a DMV summons it may be best to take a DDC course AFTER the guilty finding at TVB or in other NYS traffic courts. Moreover, there is

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December Taxi Driver Puzzle

Do you know the stories behind each word? You would if you listened to Taxi Dave's Radio Show, Sunday's at 8:00 PM on WOR710. Brought to you by Melrose Credit Union. You will also understand the puzzle better if you read our articles.

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Find the following words/acronyms in the puzzle above

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How To Reform

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- State Assemblyman Nelson Castro (D) convicted of perjury (2013)[68]
- State Senator Shirley Huntley (D) convicted of mail fraud.[70] She was sentenced to one year and a day in prison. (2013)[71][72]
- Majority Leader of the New York State Senate Pedro Espada Jr. (D) On May 14, 2012 a federal jury found Espada guilty of embezzling money from federally funded healthcare clinics, after 11 days of deliberation. (2012)[73]
- State Senator Vincent Leibell (R) found guilty of felony bribery, tax evasion, and obstruction of justice charges related to \$43,000 in cash

- kickbacks he took from 2003 to 2006. (2012)[74][75]
- State Senator Nicholas Spano (R), convicted of federal income tax evasion. Spano pleaded guilty to the single felony. He was sentenced to 12 to 18 months in federal prison. (2012)[76]
- New York State Comptroller Alan Hevesi (D), was convicted on charges surrounding a "pay to play" scheme regarding the New York State Pension Fund, and was sentenced to 1-4 years. (2011) [77]
- State Senator Carl Kruger (D) resigned his seat and pled guilty to charges of corruption and bribery. (2011)[78]
- State Senator Efrain Gonzalez Jr. (D) was convicted of fraud and embezzling \$400,000 from the West

- Bronx Neighborhood Association Inc. and was sentenced to seven years in federal prison (2010) [79]
- State Health Commissioner Antonia Novello (R) pled guilty to costing the taxpayers \$48,000 by making her staff carry out personal chores for her such as taking her shopping and picking up her dry cleaning. Her plea deal calls for 250 hours of community service at an Albany health clinic, \$22,500 in restitution and a \$5,000 fine. (2009)[80][81]
- Mayor of Mount Vernon Ernie Davis (D) was convicted on federal misdemeanor tax evasion. (2014)[82]
- New York City Councillor Dan Halloran (R) convicted of taking bribes and orchestrating payoffs. (2014)
- New York City Councillor Larry

- Seabrook (D) On February 9, 2010, a federal grand jury indicted Seabrook on 13 counts of money laundering, extortion, and fraud.[83] Seabrook was convicted on 9 charges (2012). [84]
 - President of the New York City council Andrew Stein (D) was convicted of tax evasion regarding a Ponzi scheme (2010)
- REFORM:** Sign a "Contract With The People" upon entering office allowing for uncontested resignation and agreeing to donate a duplicate amount of ANY monies found to be illegally solicited, illegally received as a bribe, illegally laundered, illegally owed as taxes, or any embezzled funds to a fund for homeless and sickly children.

2015 Statewide Contribution Limits (Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Comptroller, Attorney General) Democratic \$21,100 - \$136,039
 Republican 13,410 - 67,049
 Conservative 7,000 - 3,712
 Green 7,000 - 573
 Working Families 7,000 - 1,081
 Independence 7,000 - 10,994
 General/Special Election Limits \$44,000 \$275,417

REFORM: Set a cap of \$1,000 per person FOR EVERY ELECTION with an aggregate total cap of \$150,000 for any election campaign contributions used by the state Senate, the Assembly or any of their individual campaigns.

There is virtually no competition in any district because the party, whether Republican or Democratic actually "draws" the district lines based on how many (Democratic or Republican) voters there are to insure their party candidates keep winning. Also, candidates are forced to do what they are TOLD as opposed to what they feel is right with the threat of rezoning their votes.

REFORM: District lines should be drawn once, by an unaffiliated third party (federal government)?

As a result of the current subpoenas, wiretaps and stings, nothing seems to be getting accomplished in Albany, the antithesis of why we elected our officials in the first place. YOU READER, must vote in every primary and every election. YOU must get to know your local Assembly person and Senator. Make your views known personally to your local officials. If you do nothing, then you don't deserve to complain when special interests, like a 70 billion dollar corporation, gets everything they want because they can write one check to a housekeeping account for a million dollars or more.



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6 Precinct	233 West 10 Street	1-212-741-4811
7 Precinct	19 1/2 Pitt Street	1-212-477-7311
9 Precinct	321 East 5th Street	1-212-477-7811
10 Precinct	230 West 20th Street	1-212-741-8211
13 Precinct	230 East 21st Street	1-212-477-7411
Midtown South Precinct		
MSP	357 West 35th Street	1-212-239-9811
17 Precinct	167 East 51st Street	1-212-826-3211
Midtown North Precinct		
MNP	306 West 54th Street	1-212-767-8400
19 Precinct	153 East 67th Street	1-212-452-0600
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23 Precinct	162 East 102nd Street	1-212-860-6411
24 Precinct	151 West 100th Street	1-212-678-1811
25 Precinct	120 East 119th Street	1-212-860-6511
26 Precinct	520 West 126th Street	1-212-678-1311
28 Precinct	2271-89 8th Avenue	1-212-678-1611
30 Precinct	451 West 151st Street	1-212-690-8811
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41 Precinct	1035 Longwood Avenue	1-718-542-4771
42 Precinct	830 Washington Avenue	1-718-402-3887
43 Precinct	900 Fteley Avenue	1-718-542-0888
44 Precinct	2 East 289th Street	1-718-590-5511
45 Precinct	2877 Barkley Avenue	1-718-822-5411
46 Precinct	2120 Ryer Avenue	1-718-220-5211
47 Precinct	4111 Laconia Avenue	1-718-920-1211
48 Precinct	450 Cross Bronx Expressway	1-718-299-3900
49 Precinct	2121 Eastchester Road	1-718-918-2000
50 Precinct	3450 Kingsbridge Avenue	1-718-543-5700
52 Precinct	3016 Webster Avenue	1-718-220-5811

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61 Precinct	2575 Coney Island Avenue	1-718-627-6611
62 Precinct	1925 Bath Avenue	1-718-236-2611
63 Precinct	1844 Brooklyn Avenue	1-718-258-4411
66 Precinct	5822 16th Avenue	1-718-851-5611
67 Precinct	2820 Snyder Avenue	1-718-287-3211
68 Precinct	333 65th Street	1-718-439-4211
69 Precinct	9720 Foster Avenue	1-718-257-6211
70 Precinct	154 Lawrence Avenue	1-718-851-5511

71 Precinct	421 Empire Boulevard	1-718-735-0511
72 Precinct	830 4th Avenue	1-718-965-6311
73 Precinct	1470 East New York Avenue	1-718-495-5411
75 Precinct	1000 Sutter Avenue	1-718-827-3511
76 Precinct	191 Union Street	1-718-834-3211
77 Precinct	127 Utica Avenue	1-718-735-0611
78 Precinct	65 6th Avenue	1-718-636-6411
79 Precinct	263 Tompkins Avenue	1-718-636-6611
81 Precinct	30 Ralph Avenue	1-718-574-0411
83 Precinct	480 Knickerbocker Avenue	1-718-574-1605
84 Precinct	301 Gold Street	1-718-875-6811
88 Precinct	298 Classon Avenue	1-718-636-6511
90 Precinct	211 Union Avenue	1-718-963-5311
94 Precinct	100 Meserole Avenue	1-718-383-3879

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106 Precinct	103-53 101st Street	1-718-845-2211
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108 Precinct	5-47 50th Avenue	1-718-784-5411
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111 Precinct	45-06 215th Street	1-718-279-5200
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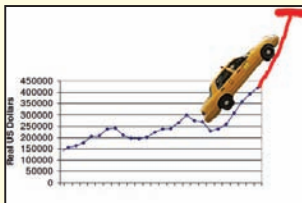
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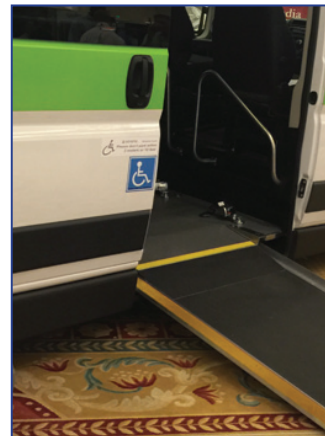
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Under No Circumstances Should A Driver Leave An Accident Scene

• If a driver is involved in any accident, no matter how insignificant or minor it may appear:

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• Many uninjured pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists will state that they are okay at an accident scene only to later file a claim. Call the Police to the scene whenever a pedestrian requests the Police. If you leave the scene of an accident with an alleged pedestrian injury you may be arrested and charged with a crime.

• Always invest a few minutes to avoid losing a greater amount of time in the future.

Proper Posture While Driving

The way you sit and hold the steering wheel affects your driving. Good posture can help you stay alert and in full control of your vehicle.

- Sit with your back straight, upright, and relaxed against the seat.
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- Keep both feet within reach of the floor controls

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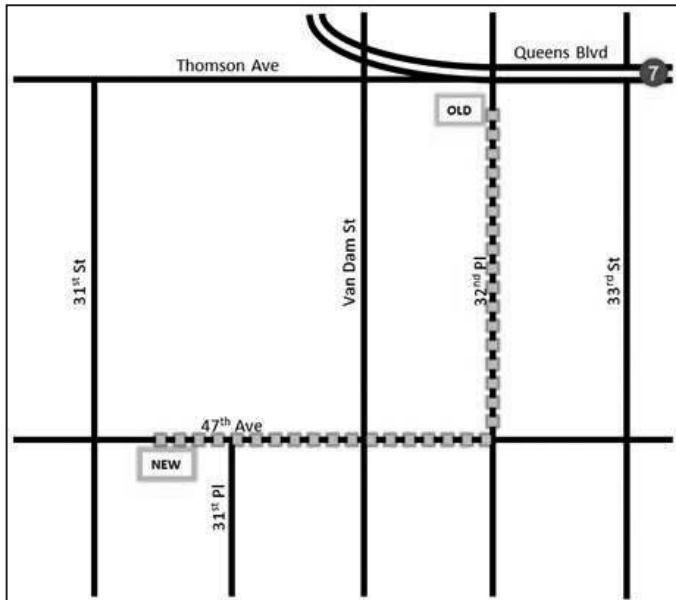
Industry Notice #15-49 We Are Moving!

The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) is pleased to announce that it will be relocating its Licensing Offices at 32-02 in Long Island City.

The Licensing Offices will be closed November 11 through November 16, 2015.

Our new offices will open on November 17, 2015 at the Falchi Building, 31-00 47th Avenue, 3rd floor, Long Island City.

While we're closed, you can complete some licensing transaction here: www.nyc.gov/lars



Industry Notice #15-51 Attention Medallion Taxi And SHL Licensees: Upcoming JFK Rush Hour Surcharges

The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) recently adopted rules providing a \$4.50 rush hour surcharge on JFK Airport flat rate trips. Beginning February 1, 2016, this surcharge will apply on weekdays, excluding holidays, between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on all Medallion Taxicab flat rate trips between the Manhattan and JFK and on all Street Hail Livery (SHL) flat rate trips from the Manhattan Hail Zone to JFK.

Medallion Taxicab and SHL vehicle owners will receive wireless updates to their TPEP and LPEP equipment to add the JFK rush hour surcharge. If there are any problems making the update to a vehicle's TPEP or LPEP equipment, the TPEP or LPEP provider will contact the vehicle owner directly to provide instructions on how to get the equipment updated. Unless instructed otherwise by the TPEP or LPEP provider, owners will not need to visit a meter shop to receive this update.

Drivers of Medallion Taxicabs and SHLs may not charge passengers a \$4.50 rush hour surcharge prior to February 1, 2016. The \$4.50 rush hour surcharge will automatically apply to all JFK flat rate trips beginning on this date. Charging passengers a \$4.50 rush hour surcharge prior to February 1, 2016 will be considered a passenger overcharge.

Industry Notice #15-54 TLC Publishes List Of Unrestricted Independent Medallions Entered Into December 8, 2015 Accessibility Drawing

The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) wishes to inform its licensees that it has published the list of medallions that will be entered into the accessibility drawing to occur on December 8, 2015.

This accessibility drawing will be limited to those unrestricted independent medallions with vehicles that are scheduled to retire between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021. The drawing will occur in two parts: the first part for medallions with vehicle retirement dates between January 1, 2021 and June 30, 2021; and the second part for medallions with vehicle retirement dates between July 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021.

The medallions selected in the drawing will be required to place an accessible vehicle into service when their current vehicle is retired (first retirement cycle). The medallions not selected in the drawing are not required to place an accessible vehicle into service when their current vehicle is retired. However, each medallion's accessibility requirement will alternate during each subsequent retirement cycle. For example, those medallions not selected in this drawing will be required to hack up an accessible vehicle in the next (subsequent) retirement cycle.

The medallions selected in the drawing will be required to place their first accessible vehicle into service when their current vehicle is retired (first retirement cycle). The medallions not selected in the drawing are required to place their first accessible vehicle into service after their next vehicle retires.

Each medallion's accessibility requirement will cycle so that after the first accessible vehicle retires, every other vehicle must be accessible.

The drawing will be conducted at the NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission offices located at 33 Beaver Street, 19th Floor, New York, NY 10004 at 10:00

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NYS DMV Point System

Speeding (mph over posted limit)

- 1 to 10 . . . 3 points
- 11 to 20 . . 4 points
- 21 to 30 . . 6 points
- 31 to 40 . . 8 points
- More than 40 . . 11 points



Reckless Driving . . . 5 points

Failure to stop for a School Bus . 5 points

Following too closely (tailgating) 4 points

Inadequate Brakes . . 4 points

(while driving employer's vehicle) 2 points

Failing to Yield Right-Of-Way. . 3 points

Violation Involving Traffic Signal,

Stop Sign, or Yield Sign . . . 3 points

Railroad Crossing Violation 3 points

Improper Passing or Lane Use . . 3 points

Leaving scene of an incident involving property

damage or injury to an animal . . 3 points

Safety restraint violation involving person

under 16 . 3 points

Any other moving violation 2 points

Note: Speeding when speed not indicated is 3 points



LETTERS



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Slow

Dear Taxi Dave,

The cabs are slow right now because of the weather. New York City is always experienced harsh winters. Without harsh winters the taxi industry may not have as many customers. I think most of us have not realize how important the weather is to the taxi industry. Additionally, I have never seen (in 40 years) the city so congested as it is now. It used to be confined to just some areas, now it all over.

M. Simon

UBER

Hey Dave,

Uber's ads talk about what a driver can gross, but not about one takes home after expenses. Something to consider given how much the streets of New York tear vehicles apart!

Pat

Yellow Cabs

Hi Dave,

Listening to you tonight & heard the letter you read from the young lady who wrote about her dad in the Taxi Insider. I agree what she's saying 100% ! Recently, I bumped into a guy who used to be the behind the cook for a local deli here in my neighborhood. He was dressed in a suit & I almost didn't recognize him. I knew he left to drive a cab so I was hoping he

wouldn't say the dirty word but he did. Anyway, he's losing money they cut his pay 30 percent! So I told him hello you should be driving a yellow cab Which I hope he'll check out because he has a family to support. People don't realize what a yellow cab driver goes through so every chance I get I let them know. Also, about the Arro app. They can download on the cellphones.

Hope you're feeling better yellow cabs rule in my book as you know.

Christine

Where Did It Go?

Dear Taxi Dave,

What happened to Ford C-Max, is not approved at this time by TLC for hacking up? I drive a 2013 C-Max, and it does 35 MPG in the city, one of the best cabs. Passengers like it too!

BNSI

Lot Payments At JFK

Dear Taxi Dave,

Don't be surprised in the very near future, if it costs you a few dollars to park in the central holding lot at JFK airport before you are dispatched to a terminal.

JFK Enrique

Traffic

Dear Taxi Dave,

One hour and 10 minutes on Tuesday November

24th. 24 minutes from LGA airport to Cobble Hill Brooklyn via 278 (BQE) at 3.30 PM, one hour today (Wednesday) at 3.40 minutes from Alphabet City in Manhattan to LaGuardia via 278 (BQE) We are buried under traffic in this city!!!!

Jose Batella

Motorcycle Taxis?

Dear Taxi Dave,

Word has it that Mayor Bloomberg is planning to launch (financially support) a motorcycle Taxi service in New York City. The traffic he created with pedestrian malls will now be used as the reason his royal highness supports this new service. "Faster, cheaper, able to move through traffic when cars are stuck in gridlock", will be the mantra promoted most probably by an off-shore-subsidized Bloomberg entity. Bloomberg gets the last laugh on the self-named taxi king and reinforces his promise to ".....destroy your F--KING industry after I am Mayor". Bloomberg has already spent \$72 million on electing officials nationally who support his anti-gun program, so what's a few million more to keep his promise to the Taxi King, using 50mpg motorcycles as his weapon? Lesson learned: NEVER PISS-OFF A BILLIONAIRE who happens to be the Mayor. Amazing that one man's words can personally ruin an iconic industry that has been used by my great grandparents, grandparents parents and my children for decades.

Rhonda S.

Taxi Radio

Dear Taxi Dave,

None of the Wheelchair Accessible cabs are hybrids! Does the TLC and the city of New York care about air pollution? In 2016 and beyond all taxicabs should be hybrids, and they should approve TESLA electric cars for taxis. That is undoubtedly a better

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A.M. We encourage all interested parties to attend. For those unable to attend, real-time video of the event will be available at <http://www.livestream.com/nyctaxi>. The TLC will post results of the drawing on its website within twenty four (24) hours. All medallion owners entered into the drawing will then receive a letter detailing the results of the drawing and next steps. The TLC will soon be providing detailed information about funding programs available to eligible licensees to assist with vehicle conversion costs.

Please see the TLC website or below for the complete list of medallions in this drawing:

Drawing A – Independent unrestricted medallions with vehicle retirement dates between 1/1/21 – 6/30/21

1A17	1T97	2T53	3T60	4F90	6B36	7E67	8F99	9E48
1A43	1W95	2T78	3T67	4F93	6B39	7E81	8Y33	9E61
1A76	2A14	2T84	3Y41	4F94	6B73	7E95	8Y36	9E74
1A78	2A21	2T88	4A16	5A80	6B79	7F11	8Y40	9E83
1B23	2A43	2T91	4A50	5A89	6B94	7F16	8Y57	9E93
1B27	2A53	2W18	4A59	5B13	6C19	7F29	8Y62	9E98
1B34	2A80	2W24	4A66	5B19	6C28	7F33	8Y66	9F52
1B38	2B13	2W46	4B31	5B21	6C34	7F48	8Y95	9F53
1B41	2B51	3A41	4B38	5B25	6C93	7F59	9A10	9F78
1B62	2B55	3A46	4B40	5B67	6D21	7F61	9A15	9F85
1B79	2B56	3A90	4B50	5B71	6D30	7F62	9A34	9Y14
1C10	2B58	3B15	4B63	5B77	6D59	7F64	9A41	
1C11	2B82	3B43	4B69	5B89	6D74	7F84	9A53	
1C72	2B93	3B57	4C14	5C18	6D95	8A70	9A54	
1C74	2C66	3B59	4C33	5C40	6D98	8A80	9A56	
1C80	2C71	3B76	4C41	5C57	6E68	8A95	9A65	
1C83	2C78	3B93	4C47	5C75	6E73	8B21	9A74	
1C87	2C91	3C10	4C69	5C96	6E77	8B23	9A95	
1D24	2C98	3C21	4C77	5D25	6E82	8B47	9A96	
1D59	2D27	3C41	4C79	5D31	6E97	8B59	9B11	
1D72	2D39	3D14	4D19	5D42	6F10	8B62	9B16	
1D92	2D47	3D16	4D20	5D76	6F27	8B74	9B19	
1D96	2D59	3D17	4D24	5E30	6F38	8B89	9B35	
1E13	2D79	3D20	4D43	5E40	6F86	8C43	9B37	
1E32	2E19	3D38	4D46	5E82	6F89	8C44	9B38	
1E62	2E43	3D39	4D70	5E85	7A39	8C50	9B49	
1E93	2E59	3D43	4D71	5E99	7A56	8C75	9B57	
1F15	2E82	3D46	4E12	5F38	7A61	8C77	9B84	
1F17	2E85	3D49	4E13	5F41	7A78	8C94	9B85	
1F31	2E96	3D54	4E15	5F62	7A99	8D15	9B86	
1F33	2F10	3D81	4E30	5F78	7B19	8D27	9C30	
1F46	2F13	3D98	4E36	5F97	7B49	8D35	9C98	
1F55	2F28	3E10	4E37	5Y92	7B66	8D40	9D17	
1F56	2F47	3E15	4E43	5Y96	7B98	8D44	9D20	
1F71	2F53	3E29	4E49	6A25	7C38	8D46	9D27	
1F78	2F55	3E39	4E72	6A31	7C46	8D78	9D45	
1F89	2F59	3E64	4E83	6A44	7C52	8D89	9D51	
1G30	2F61	3E84	4F11	6A45	7C59	8E18	9D62	
1G36	2F72	3F22	4F22	6A59	7C62	8E24	9D65	
1G53	2F78	3F25	4F24	6A73	7C70	8E30	9D89	
1G68	2F81	3F39	4F38	6A74	7D60	8E70	9D98	
1G85	2F87	3F43	4F52	6A80	7D86	8E91	9E11	
1G87	2F92	3F70	4F59	6A96	7E44	8E96	9E14	
1G89	2T20	3T34	4F64	6A98	7E60	8F46	9E15	
1T47	2T43	3T55	4F86	6B11	7E61	8F50	9E41	
1T61	2T45	3T56	4F88	6B22	7E64	8F69	9E46	

Drawing B – Independent unrestricted medallions with vehicle retirement dates between 7/1/21 – 12/31/21

1A18	1E17	2A27	2D70	2W28	3E61	4C46	5A32	5F18	6E22	7D87	8D25	9B80
1A23	1E27	2A34	2D77	2W31	3E70	4C48	5A34	5F20	6E36	7D97	8D26	9B81
1A27	1E30	2A35	2D78	2W32	3E75	4C49	5A38	5F23	6E69	7E14	8D48	9B97
1A29	1E33	2A38	2D91	2W43	3E98	4C56	5A74	5F29	6E79	7E47	8D64	9C11
1A30	1E34	2A42	2E11	2W48	3F16	4C72	5A78	5F61	6E84	7E52	8D65	9C13
1A37	1E43	2A44	2E28	3A16	3F18	4C73	5A85	5F68	6E88	7E65	8D66	9C21
1A47	1E46	2A48	2E37	3A26	3F36	4C78	5A94	5F98	6F19	7E75	8D80	9C23
1A53	1E47	2A60	2E47	3A34	3F40	4C98	5A98	5Y84	6F21	7E85	8D95	9C48
1A54	1E56	2A64	2E60	3A66	3F66	4D16	5B10	6A16	6F30	7F24	8E21	9C59
1A62	1E58	2A86	2E80	3A75	3F82	4D26	5B35	6A30	6F39	7F36	8E47	9C70

1A83	1E60	2A91	2E83	3A82	3F87	4D31	5B36	6A47	6F47	7F42	8E49	9C72
1B16	1E67	2A96	2E89	3A86	3T13	4D35	5B50	6A48	6F70	7F44	8E50	9C84
1B25	1E74	2B20	2F27	3A97	3T15	4D49	5B57	6A52	6F85	7F47	8E51	9C99
1B28	1E85	2B22	2F40	3B47	3T16	4D50	5B61	6A58	7A31	7F54	8E72	9D15
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1B58	1F38	2B31	2F45	3B67	3T31	4D60	5B88	6A85	7A84	7F73	8F18	9D26
1B68	1F39	2B39	2F52	3B72	3T35	4D68	5B99	6A92	7A87	7F80	8F22	9D32
1B70	1F95	2B40	2F67	3B73	3T38	4D93	5C20	6B17	7B10	7F98	8F26	9D37
1B75	1G19	2B62	2F69	3B87	3T49	4E20	5C31	6B81	7B16	7F98	8F39	9D52
1B98	1G48	2B63	2F74	3C11	3T58	4E28	5C43	6B83	7B29	8A12	8F84	9D72
1C12	1G62	2B65	2F86	3C34	3T61	4E29	5C49	6B87	7B45	8A28	8Y31	9D74
1C21	1G67	2B74	2F98	3C36	4A11	4E42	5C51	6C10	7B51	8A56	8Y34	9D78
1C23	1G72	2B79	2T12	3C38	4A19	4E44	5C54	6C12	7B54	8A72	8Y37	9D92
1C26	1G92	2B92	2T14	3C63	4A39	4E62	5C58	6C14	7B72	8A75	8Y52	9E27
1C27	1G98	2C10	2T16	3C89	4A52	4E65	5C60	6C23	7B73	8A81	8Y58	9E49
1C28	1T21	2C19	2T17	3D23	4A78	4E91	5C77	6C25	7B77	8B17	8Y59	9E59
1C38	1T24	2C31	2T24	3D26	4A88	4E95	5C82	6C65	7B96	8B30	8Y63	9E65
1C55	1T27	2C33	2T28	3D27	4A96	4E96	5D19	6C72	7C27	8B32	8Y74	9E67
1C70	1T50	2C36	2T32	3D29	4A97	4E99	5D21	6C80	7C34	8B38	9A26	9E85
1C73	1T54	2C38	2T36	3D41	4A98	4F15	5D29	6C87	7C35	8B45	9A35	9E90
1D10	1T55	2C39	2T42	3D42	4A99	4F19	5D35	6C88	7C51	8B67	9A51	9E94
1D13	1T60	2C48	2T46	3D47	4B14	4F29	5D36	6C95	7C58	8B76	9A75	9F23
1D31	1T66	2C52	2T54	3D64	4B27	4F30	5D54	6D15	7C74	8B91	9A76	9F25
1D36	1T67	2C64	2T60	3D76	4B36	4F33	5D55	6D20	7C85	8B93	9A77	9F35
1D45	1T69	2C69	2T64	3D79	4B46	4F45	5D65	6D32	7C89	8B94	9A78	9F64
1D51	1T72	2C87	2T81	3D83	4B51	4F80	5D69	6D34	7C99	8C28	9A83	9F67
1D54	1T73	2C92	2T82	3D86	4B57	4F82	5D94	6D36	7D10	8C47	9A87	9F81
1D60	1T74	2C93	2T87	3D88	4B65	4F95	5D95	6D37	7D14	8C64	9A88	9F95
1D69	1T86	2C94	2T89	3D89	4B67	4F98	5E11	6D43	7D34	8C67	9A91	9F97
1D82	1T93	2C96	2T90	3E16	4B75	4F99	5E35	6D46	7D39	8C71	9B13	9Y10
1D86	1T95	2D17	2T94	3E20	4B93	5A16	5E37	6D53	7D48	8C73	9B36	9Y10
1D87	1T96	2D26	2T99	3E35	4C20	5A22	5E46	6D56	7D61	8C81	9B39	9Y10
1D95	1W94	2D29	2W10	3E37	4C34	5A28	5E78	6D57	7D67	8C85	9B52	
1D97	1W96	2D52	2W13	3E48	4C40	5A29	5E93	6D61	7D68	8D13	9B58	
1D99	2A10	2D69	3E60	4C45	5A30	5F16	6D85	7D74	8D23	9B68		

Industry Notice #15-57 Enhanced Bonus for Accessible Dispatch Drivers

The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) is pleased to announce that the Driver Dispatch Fees, or “deadhead” payments, for Accessible Dispatch taxi trips have increased as of November 22, 2015.

Perrules (§58-03) adopted by the Commission in October 2015, drivers will now receive from \$10-\$30 per Accessible Dispatch trip instead of \$6-\$15 per trip.

Please note, drivers will continue to receive dispatch/deadhead fee payments from Metro Taxi, the Accessible Taxi Dispatcher, as they did before.

Accessible Dispatch Driver Dispatch Fee Schedule

Distance Travelled to Customer's Pickup Location	Old Dispatch Fee Schedule	New Dispatch Fee Schedule Effective November 22, 2015
Up to 0.5 miles	\$6	\$10
>0.5 – 1 miles	\$10	\$15
>1 – 1.5 miles	\$15	\$20
>1.5 – 2 miles	\$15	\$25
Over 2 miles	\$15	\$30
Passenger No-Show Fee	\$5	\$5

If you have questions about Accessible Dispatch, please contact the TLC's call center at 718-391-5501.

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Boozing Broker Charged For Taking Cab On Wild ride

A drunken female real estate agent swiped a taxi when the cabby stopped at a Manhattan police station to report her boozed-up misbehavior—grabbing the wheel and taking off as he spoke to cops inside, authorities say.

Kinga Tabares, 27, who works for the Douglas Elliman agency, acted so wildly during the ride in the wee hours of Nov. 13 — even allegedly refusing to pay — that cabby Ronal Desir took her and a pal to the 13th Precinct station house, sources said Tuesday.

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Tabares “was so drunk, she didn’t know where she was going,” Desir told The Post, adding that her friend was the “normal” one of the two.

While he was inside the station house asking for help, Tabares allegedly got in the driver’s seat and drove off.

“When I came back outside, they were taking off,” Desir said. When cops caught Tabares in Chelsea, she was vomiting out the driver’s window, the sources said.

The broker was charged with grand larceny, unauthorized use of a vehicle and DWI.

She was taken into custody and transported to Bellevue Hospital, where she allegedly refused to take a breath test.

When asked by The Post about the bust, Tabares claimed that details about her stealing the cab were “completely false” and that “there’s more to this story.”

“I’m not speaking about it until there’s further investigation,” she said.

Tabares’ lawyer, Sean Parmenter, refused to comment any further and added that he was still looking into the case.

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Gypsies, Tramps and Theives

By Larry Fisher, Loan Department Supervisor
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Judge Allan Weiss dismissed the suit filed by four NYC taxi credit unions against NYC, the Taxi and Limousine Commission, and NY State Attorney General and on reargument stated the following: “As to the District Court’s view that there is ‘no material difference between

raising your arm to hail a cab on a street corner and putting your location in an app,’ this court respectfully disagrees,” the Queens judge added. “Street hails serve to benefit passengers in locations where cabs are available. Electronic dispatches via app allow passengers, who have not prearranged for transportation, to secure immediate livery assistance at any location.”

So Judge Weiss, please tell me where in the TLC bylaws does it state that location is the determining factor as to what constitutes street hail or that yellow taxi exclusivity is voided. If, Judge, you are speaking to the practical matter of how taxi service operates in the city of NY, then maybe you should apply for the job currently held by Meera Joshi.

This case was a slam dunk, a no-brainer. It is obvious to anyone with a modicum of fairness that e-hail is

the same as the doorman turning on the light at an apartment signaling that a cab is needed, or someone lifting their arm requesting a cab. E-hail is not prearrangement, despite what the TLC says, despite what this judge says. In fact, in Illinois, Judge Johnson determined that E-hail

is equivalent to street hail. How can it not be so? An Uber passenger cannot order a car in advance, therefore it must be on-demand. Therefore, it is violating the exclusivity promised to thousands of medallion owners and yellow cab drivers. It is particularly violative of their financial situations, and mark my words, compensation will be large and punitive.

Beyond the exclusivity issue is the issue of enforcement. The TLC and NYC police department are unwilling and incapable of stopping illegal street hails. My advice to you is to do it yourself. Call the gypsies out on it, and film them with your cell phone. Save it and send the video to David Pollack at his office at Melrose Credit Union. And when at the airport, make sure you include the TLC taxi dispatchers in the picture so the authorities at the TLC see how well their laws are being enforced, sarcasm added.

Uber Can’t Appeal Class Action Yet, Set To Face A Jury Trial Next Year

The employee v. contractor issue could be in front of a jury by June.

Ride-hailing app Uber has lost another round in its battle with some drivers who filed a class-action lawsuit against it.

In August, US District Judge Edward Chen ruled that drivers should be allowed to form a class. Uber appealed that ruling straight to the US Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit, but in a decision handed down yesterday, the appeals court declined to take up the case. The ruling doesn’t mean that Uber can’t challenge Chen’s class certification at a later time, but the company will first have to fully litigate its case.

That means that Uber may well have to make its case to a jury in Chen’s courtroom. He has scheduled a trial for June 2016, according to a report in Reuters. “We look forward to presenting the facts about how drivers use Uber with complete flexibility and control over their work to a jury,” Uber attor-

ney Theodore Boutros told the news service.

It’s not clear how many Uber drivers may have to drop out of the class, however, due to an arbitration clause added in June 2014.

According to Uber, drivers who continued to drive after June 2014 and did not opt out of the arbitration deal shouldn’t be eligible to join the class. In Uber’s view, only a small percentage of the 160,000 people who have driven for Uber in California will ultimately be eligible. Both sides are briefing their views on the arbitration issue before Chen.

If drivers win the O’Connor v. Uber case, then Uber may be required to reimburse things like gas and maintenance expenses. The company may also incur additional expenses, such as needing to pay workers’ compensation insurance, if drivers can no longer be independent contractors.

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New Threat To The Industry Emerges

MIDTOWN FHV STANDS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY

A few weeks ago I was at the corner of 55th street and 6th avenue on the right side. I was dispatched to 6th Ave and 44th street. The traffic cross-town to the east was really bad so I moved over to the left as best I could. It was not safe to access 55th and 56th and 58th went the wrong way and that made central park south or 57th street the way to go so I went to 57th and made a left. Traffic was snarled. No left on 7th and no left on Broadway so my choice was to go to eighth and make three rights and go down Broadway but Broadway does not go through either because Mayor Bloomberg decided to put tables and chairs where the road used to be so folks can get their fill of fresh carbon monoxide from car exhausts while enjoying the atmosphere of Times Square.

I could switch over to seventh but 44th street has no left turns allowed and there was also a construction constriction to only one lane and that was a disaster. So that left only ninth avenue to go downtown. Ninth is a major approach to the Lincoln tunnel so that was a standstill too. Cars were fleeing ninth to get to eleventh. Traffic chaos reigned everywhere.

I went south on ninth and left on 44th. I originally gave 20 minutes for an eta not having a computer in my head to calculate the extreme diversions to get around the turn restrictions instantly. I figured I was only 11 blocks away. I rolled up to 44th and 6th some 45 MINUTES LATER. It is not even December yet! Hell, I can drive about halfway to new York from Pennsylvania in that time. Fortunately, I called my pickup as soon as I realized that my original eta didn't have a chance in hell. There is nothing worse than an irate customer standing on the curb looking for their car. Customers are not going to tolerate such waits as a normal everyday experience. They will seek other means if possible. This is a threat to our survival. We need to be allowed legal means to have staging at the curbside throughout midtown. The Department of Impeding Transportation (DOIT) or the TLC needs to give us several new FHV only stands in midtown so we can get to pickups in a reasonable time. Better yet let them undo the stupidity of all the turn restrictions and "thru streets" and let traffic flow. None of the regulations make anything better and never did. The traffic design may seem to be elegant but it is like trying to stuff twenty pounds of potatoes into a ten pound bag. It does not work.

I was in the village during a parade and eighth avenue was at a standstill. There were ambulances with lights ablaze and sirens screaming to no avail. There was no place to go. I hope no one was dying or suffering badly in those ambulances. The upper west side also has gotten gridlocked in the morning with west end avenue shrunken to one

lane and a fifteen mile an hour speed limit on 95th street where southbound west side highway traffic has been routed from the exit instead of two lane 96th street. Whoever is doing this has brains where they sit. Eventually there will be a disaster somewhere requiring a mobilization of first responders who will not be able to get through because there are tables and chairs where open road was once or bike lanes that squeezed off two lanes from the road or three lanes on avenues where there was once five and on ed decided to close off two more. Some cross streets used to be two lanes now they were made into single lanes. This all seems to be intentional. New York city government has gone bonkers. Stupidity is running wild like the bulls of Pamplona. I hope no one dies for it but it will probably happen eventually. When it does then City government will become a murderer.

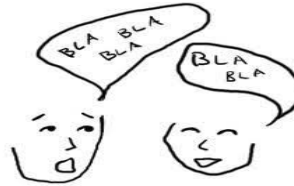
I hope no one with a heart condition lives on west 95th, has a problem in the morning and needs an ambulance ASAP. Is anyone awake out there? Somebody needs to stop DOIT from doing it.

I was very glad to hear the courts whacked the TLC for seizing private property. As I stated here earlier in another column I thought it violated the constitution and was despicable. It was and did. Oddly enough they say the TLC can seize licensed vehicles that violate the law. That is overkill. Drivers trying to survive bad times and desperate for income who are not ripping off people and are legally insured and registered with TLC should get a modest fine not big enough to destroy them financially but just enough to be felt since they are already starving. They should not get their livelihood seized totally. Yellow, Green and Black Cars are already taking each other's jobs anyway. That is fair. The TLC created this bloated taxi and for hire landscape causing a problem. It is solely their mismanagement and reckless abandon placing so many mouths to feed in the business causing this issue just so they can reap more revenue.

Now they will reap more revenue from starving drivers trying to survive possibly destroying more lives and livelihoods.

The TLC seems to be focusing on handicapped transportation by converting all vehicles to carry wheelchairs. I think there is a tremendous availability for handicapped transportation already with access-a-ride and all the yellow and green cars already available with handicap access and they are not focusing on the serious issues at hand. A modern version of Nero fiddling while Rome burns. They are not doing enough to correct the numbers of cabs and black cars that have skyrocketed past danger levels. There should always be less cars than there is demand. Now

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QUOTEABLE QUOTES

Maybe the dumbest thing I've heard in four decades in public service is Speaker Silver referring to the Moreland Commission as a 'fishing expedition.' Perhaps he hasn't noticed, but several dozen fish have been removed from his chamber under his watch for blatantly stealing from the tax-paying public."

Moreland Commission Co-Chair William Fitzpatrick responding to Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver.

"Quite frankly, given the way he's talking, and not worrying about the safety and security of the people of New York, maybe he should be mayor of Damascus."

Chris Christieabout de Blasio, on CNN.

"It is not sensible to have to stop and go at every stop sign."

Councilman Antonio Reynoso, on

his bill to lift traffic rules for cyclists.

"You're talking to the wrong guy if you think I'm going to be able to decipher the mayor's politics."

Gov. Cuomo on de Blasio appearing with Rob Astorino.

"Today, Sheldon Silver got justice, and at long last, so did the people of New York."

U.S. District Attorney Preet Bharara on the guilty verdict for former Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver.

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New Long Island City TLC Office

The New York City Taxi & Limousine Commission held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the grand opening of the new Long Island City office located in the Falchi Building better known as 31-00 47th Avenue. There are now an amazing 47 windows to help licensees as compared with the half dozen or so windows at the old 32-02 Queens Boulevard address. The New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will also be located in the same area and hopefully, Taxi Plates will be issued here as opposed to going into Manhattan for new license plates. There are also four fingerprint machines and four cashiers, all in the same "horseshoe" of windows. The horseshoe resembles the DMV system and everyone needing to go to a window, whether to pay a fine or register a vehicle will receive a "bakery" number for assistance. This should speed things up.

In addition to the Chairwoman of the TLC, Meera Joshi, many of the TLC's Deputy Commissioners were in attendance and/or helped to cut the thick, red ribbon such as Ray Scanlon, Gary Weiss, Sherry Cohen, Allan Fromberg, Jeff Grunfeld, assistant commissioner Brian Switzer and Mario Venetsia.

Better service will now be the norm for all licensees. Mazel Tov. **Photos By David Pollack**





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Baby Girl Born In Back Seat Of New York City Yellow Taxi

It was the ride of her life.

A baby girl was born in the back seat of a yellow taxi Tuesday morning, just as the cab pulled in front of Mount Sinai Beth Israel Hospital in the East Village.

Before dad Danny Torres, 36, could get his wife Yashira Guzman, 30, in a wheelchair to bring her inside the hospital, it was already too late.

"When she stood up, she said this baby's here," Torres told the Daily News.

With the baby crowning, Torres eased his wife back into the taxi to begin the delivery.

By 8:25 a.m., the cab had an extra passenger: 7-pound-4-ounce Darly Luz Torres.

The drama started around 8 a.m. when Guzman began having contractions. A neighbor at the couple's E. 1st St. and Bowery building flagged the cab and held it until Guzman and Torres could make their way from their apartment.

Torres said he had the best cab driver for the situation — 40-year-old Mritumjoy Saha, from Bed-Stuy by way of Bangladesh.

"He was calm, calm, calm. No emotion in his face, no anger, no desperation," Torres said. "I've never been in a cab in New York City that was driven this good. He didn't even want to touch

a pothole."

Saha, who was making his first trip of the day, may have appeared cool, but inside he was churning with tension and anticipation, he told The News.

"I was so excited, feeling nervous,"

said Saha, whose wife is pregnant with their second child. "I'm thinking, what do I do, at the time. So I drive very carefully."

Saha took six minutes to reach the hospital a mile away. Torres tossed a \$20 bill to cover the \$7.30 fare as he went to get his wife a wheelchair.

"He told me to give back \$11, but I could not give him change because he was busy at the time," Saha said.

The quick ride, however, was not fast enough for baby Darly Luz to be delivered in the hospital. As Saha and bystanders tried to get medical staff to help, Torres got into position to deliver the baby, his wife's second and his third.

He was prepared.

During the couple's Lamaze classes, he asked about what to do if a baby

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Danny Torres (right) and his wife Yashira Guzman with their baby girl.

NYC ECONOMY

Transit Ridership

Total ridership on MTA subways, trains, and buses in September 2015 was 226.7 million, a decrease of 3.05% from September 2014. Subway ridership in September 2015 was 146.5 million, down 1.91% from September 2014.

Source: Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

Air Traffic

In August 2015, 12.2 million passengers flew into and out of the region's airports, an increase of 5.2% from August 2014. Domestic air carriers accounted for 7.5 million passengers, a 5.2% increase from August 2014. 4.7 million passengers traveled with international air carriers in August 2015, a 5.2% increase from August 2014.

Source: Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

Broadway Ticket Sale

Total Broadway attendance was approximately 1,213,260 during the five weeks ending November 1, 2015, down 3.0% from the same period last year. Broadway revenues during this period were about \$122.7 million, down by 2.4% from last year.

Source: The Broadway League.

Hotel Occupancy

In September 2015, the average daily hotel room rate was \$372, a 1.7% increase from September 2014. Hotel occupancy was 92.5% in September 2015, up from 92.2% in September 2014. The average occupancy rate decreased the most in hotels charging over \$500 per night, decreasing by 3.0% from September of last year.

Employment

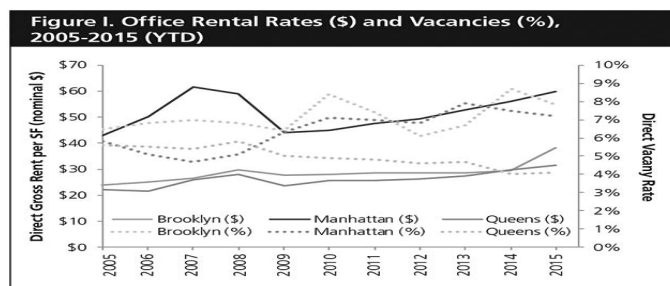
Private sector jobs in New York City rose by 11,200 in October 2015 after a loss of 9,500 jobs in September 2015. Government jobs in the city fell slightly, resulting in a net overall increase of 11,100 jobs between September and October 2015. Health Care & Social Assistance had the largest month-to-month growth, adding 6,200 jobs. Since October 2014, private sector employment has risen by 94,000 jobs or 2.6%. This compares to the national growth rate of 2.2%. New York City's unemployment rate was 4.8% in October 2015, down from 5.2% one month prior.

New York City Commercial Office

Forecast 2025 New York City's flourishing tech, creative, and innovation industries are not only driving employment growth but are also transforming the commercial real estate market. Firms in these sectors are looking for flexible, creative, wired space—and they are increasingly looking to boroughs outside of Manhattan to find it. Based on projected job growth, the city will need up to 60 million additional square feet of office space over the next 10 years to meet demand.

In Q3 2015, commercial offices in Midtown South and Brooklyn had the lowest overall direct vacancy rates among all central business districts in the U.S. (4.7% and 5.7%, respectively). Vacancies in Midtown and Downtown Manhattan were also among the lowest in the nation (4th and 9th, respectively).² Direct vacancy rates in Brooklyn, Midtown, and Midtown South last quarter fell below what the NYC Independent Budget Office defines as the natural office vacancy rate of 8%, or "the point at which supply and demand are balanced and lease rates are stable," indicating that demand exceeds supply.

Queens has the lowest office vacancy rate among the five boroughs (4.1%). Vacancy rates in Brooklyn and Manhattan have trended over the last decade, averaging 7.8% and 7.2%, respectively, in 2015 so far. Brooklyn has experienced the greatest increase in direct rental rates since 2005 (+60%), followed by Queens (+42%) and Manhattan (+40%) (see Figure I).



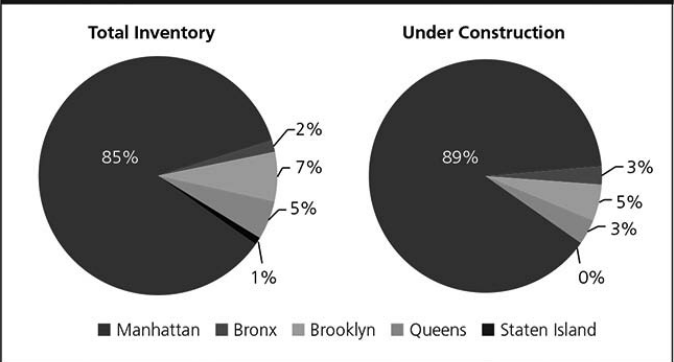
Source: CoStar
Note: 2015 refers to average YTD; dollar figures are in nominal terms

Average Gas Prices As of December 3, 2015

	Regular	Mid	Premium	Diesel
New York				
Current	\$2.427	\$2.707	\$2.901	\$3.035
Week Ago	\$2.429	\$2.707	\$2.904	\$3.035
Month Ago	\$2.449	\$2.742	\$2.932	\$3.062
Year Ago	\$3.226	\$3.462	\$3.617	\$3.990

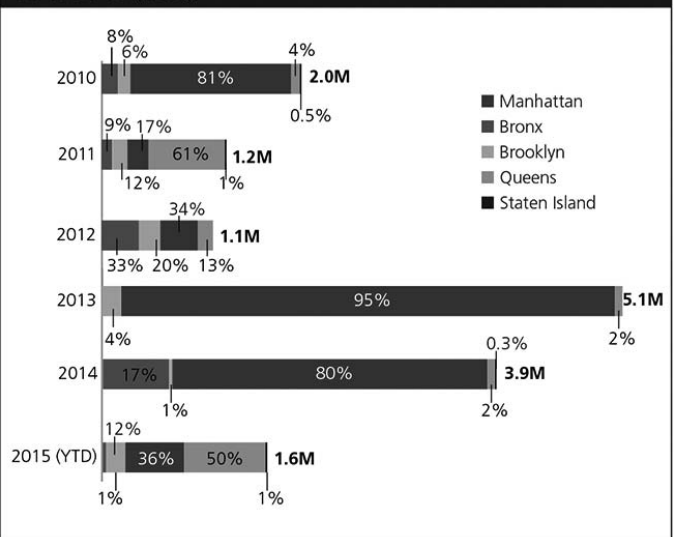
Boroughs outside Manhattan account for less than 15% of the city's total commercial office space and roughly 11% of space currently under construction in 2015 (see Figure II). The distributions in Figure III, however, show that the geospatial distribution of new commercial space can vary significantly by year. Boroughs outside of Manhattan are currently home to nearly two thirds of the commercial office space that has come online this year, up from just 5% in 2013.

Figure II. Commercial Office Real Estate by Borough, 2015 (YTD)



Source: CoStar

Figure III. Commercial Office Deliveries by Borough, 2010-2015 (YTD)



Source: CoStar

60 million additional SF of office space by 2025 would constitute the largest and most rapid increase in commercial office space in NYC in nearly two generations.⁴ But a significant share of construction is already planned or underway. Planned new space at Hudson Yards and the World Trade Center, together with new and proposed construction in East Midtown, put NYC a third of the way toward creating this capacity. Most of the growth, however, is expected to come from emerging business districts outside of Manhattan, notably in Jamaica, Queens, Lower Concourse in the Bronx, and Staten Island's North Shore, as well as in more established districts such as Downtown Brooklyn and Western Queens. Nascent commercial corridors could account for 40% of new commercial growth over the next decade.

Real Estate

In October 2015, the Manhattan Class A direct vacancy rate increased to 8.6% (Continued on Page 32)

TAXI INSIDER MANHATTAN HOTEL LIST !!!

Dear Readers of Taxi Insider,

Drivers always tell me that they cannot know the location of every hotel in Manhattan. A lot of work went into the list of Manhattan Hotels below. Drivers, please send Taxi Insider any corrections or additional hotels not mentioned. Also, when you are finished reading this issue of Taxi Insider, do not throw this newspaper in the garbage, give it to another taxi driver! Thank you!

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Between Broome and Spring Streets
- 414 Inn
414 W. 46th Street
between 9th & 10th Avenues
- Affinia 50 Suites
155 E 50th Street at 3rd Avenue
- Affinia Dumont
150 E 24th Street
between 3rd & Lexington Avenues
- Affinia Manhattan Hotel
(formerly the Southgate Tower Hotel)
371 Seventh Avenue at 31st Street
- Algonquin Hotel
59 W 44th Street
between 5th & 6th Avenues
- Americana Inn Hotel
69 W 38th Street
between 5th & 6th Avenues
- Ameritania Hotel
230 W 54th Street at Broadway
- Amsterdam Court Hotel
226 W 54th Street at Broadway
between 7th & 8th Avenues
- Amsterdam Inn Hotel
340 Amsterdam Avenue
at W 76th St.
- Arlington Hotel
18 W 25th Street at 5th Avenue
- Avalon Hotel
16 E 32nd Street
between Madison & 5th Avenues
- Beacon Hotel
2130 Broadway at 75th Street
- Beekman Tower Hotel
3 Mitchell Place
49th Street & 1st Ave.
- Belvedere Hotel
319 W 48th Street
between 8th & 9th Avenues
- Benjamin Hotel
125 E 50th Street at York Avenue
- Bentley Hotel
500 E 62nd Street at York Avenue
- Best Western
Convention Center Hotel
522 W 38th Street
between 10th & 11th Avenues
- Best Western Hospitality House
145 E 49th Street
between 3rd & Lexington Avenues
- Best Western President Hotel
234 W 48th Street
between 7th & 8th Avenues
- Best Western Seaport Inn Hotel
33 Peck Slip at Front Street
- Broadway Plaza Hotel
1155 Broadway at 27th Street
- Bryant Park Hotel
40 W 40th Street
between 5th & 6th Avenues
- Carlton New York Hotel
88 Madison Avenue at 29th Street
- Carlyle Hotel
35 E 76th Street
between Madison & 5th Avenues
- Carnegie Suites Hotel
229 W 58th Street
between 7th & 8th Avenues
- Casablanca Hotel
147 W 43rd Street
between 6th & 7th Avenues
- Chambers Hotel
15 W 56th Street
between 5th & 6th Avenues
- Hotel Chandler
12 E 31st Street off 5th Avenue
- Chelsea Hotel
222 W 23rd Street
between 7th & 8th Avenues

- Chelsea Lodge Hotel
318 W 20th Street
between 8th & 9th Avenues
- Chelsea Savoy Hotel
204 W 23rd Street
between 7th & 8th Avenues
- Chelsea Star Hotel
300 W 30th Street at 8th Avenue
- Clarion Park Ave. Hotel
429 Park Avenue South at
29th Street
- Comfort Inn Central Park Hotel
31 W 71st Street between
Central Park West & Columbus Ave.
- Comfort Inn Manhattan Hotel
42 W 35th Street
between 5th & 6th Avenue
- Comfort Inn Midtown Hotel
129 W 46th Street
between 6th & 7th Avenues
- Comfort Inn New York Hotel
442 W 36th Street
between 10th & Dyer Avenues
- Courtyard Manhattan 5th Avenue
3 E 40th Street
between Madison & 5th Avenues
- Courtyard Midtown East Hotel
866 3rd Avenue
between 51st & 52nd Streets
- Courtyard Times Square Hotel
114 W 40th Street
between 6th & 7th Avenues
- Crowne Plaza Times Square Hotel
1605 Broadway
between 49th & 50th Streets
- Crowne Plaza UN Hotel
304 E 42nd Street
between 1st & 2nd Avenues
- Doubletree Times Square Hotel
1568 Broadway
between 47th & 48th Streets
- Drake Swissotel Hotel
440 Park Avenue at 56th Street
- Eastgate Tower Suites Hotel
222 E 39th Street
between 2nd & 3rd Avenues
- Edison Hotel
228 W 47th Street
between 7th & 8th Avenues
- Elysee Hotel
60 E 54th Street
between Park & Madison Avenues
- Embassy Suites Hotel
102 North End Ave.
World Financial Center, Manhattan
- Fairfield Inn & Suites Chelsea-
116 W. 28th St
(near 6th Ave)
- Four Points Manhattan SoHo-
66 Charlton St.
(near Spring St)
- Fairfield Inn & Suites Times Square
330 W. 40th St
(near 9th Ave)
- Fairfield Inn & Suites Fifth Avenue
21 W. 37th St
- Four Points Sheraton Chelsea Hotel
160 W. 25th Street
between 6th & 7th Avenues
- Four Points Midtown Times Square
326 W. 40th St (near 9th Ave)
- Four Seasons Hotel
57 E 57th Street
between Park & Madison Aves.
- Flattotel International Hotel
135 W 52nd Street
between 6th & 7th Avenues
- Giraffe Hotel
365 Park Avenue South at 26th Street
- Gramercy Park Hotel
2 Lexington Avenue at 21st Street
- Grand Hyatt New York Hotel
Park Avenue & 42nd street
- Grand Union Hotel
34 E 32nd Street
between Park & Madison Avenues
- (Hampshire Hotel)
Quality Times Square Hotel
157 W 47th Street
between 6th & 7th Avenues
- Hampton Inn
Times Square Hotel
851 8th Avenue at 51st Street
- Hampton Inn SoHo
54 Watts St
(near Varick St)
- Helmsley Carlton House Hotel
680 Madison Ave
between 61st & 62nd Sts.
- Helmsley Middletowne Hotel
148 E 48th Street
between Lexington & Park Aves.
- Helmsley Park Lane Hotel
36 Central Park South
between 5th & 6th Avenues
- Hilton Garden Inn Time Square
790 8th Avenue
between 48th & 49th Streets
- Hilton New York Hotel
1335 6th Avenue
between 53rd & 54th Streets
- Hilton Times Square Hotel
234 W 42nd Street
between 7th & 8th Avenues
- Holiday Inn
Downtown Hotel
138 Lafayette Street
between Howard & Canal Streets
- Holiday Inn Martinique Hotel
Broadway & W 32nd Street
- Holiday Inn Midtown Hotel
440 W 57th Street
between 9th & 10th Avenues
- Holiday Inn Wall Street Hotel
15 Gold Street at Platt Street
- Hudson Hotel
356 W 58th Street
Between 8th & 9th Avenues
- Inter-Continental Barclay Hotel
111 E 48th Street
between Lexington
Park Avenues
- Iroquois Hotel
49 W 44th Street
between 5th & 6th Avenues
- JW Marriott Millennium
160 Central Park South
between 6th & 7th Avenues.
- Kitano Hotel
66 Park Avenue at 37th Street
- La Quinta Manhattan Hotel
17 W 32nd Street
between 5th & 6th Avenues
- Le Parker Meridien Hotel
118 W 57th Street
between 6th & 7th Avenues
- Lombardy Hotel

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EVENTS AND MORE IN THE BIG APPLE

Recommendations to passengers always increase the opportunity for a big tip! Here is a listing that will help keep all taxi drivers in the loop on what's going on in New York City! Mention these events & promotions and watch the tips grow!



The Best Museums In NYC

Screw the Smithsonian, the Louvre, the Prado and the Uffizi Gallery. The best museums in the world are right here in NYC, and there are about a million of them, boasting everything from 13th century folk art to curious sex positions and embalmed baby kittens. It's hard to suss out which of these are the best of the best, but we've sorted out some of our favorites for you. Leave yours—and your preferred mummifying techniques—in the comments, and be sure to check out our list of some of the city's lesser-known museums, too.



The Met

THE BIGGIES: MOMA, MET, WHITNEY, GUGGENHEIM & AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY: These five museums include four internationally-renowned art institutions and arguably the best science museum in the world, and though each one warrants its own sprawling encomium, their virtues have been extolled so often we're clumping them together to save space for some of the city's other worthy destinations. Even without a mind-blowing special exhibit, The Met's permanent collection is worth a five hour visit alone, boasting everything from Greek sculpture to modern Pop art; the Cloisters, which is also under the Met's jurisdiction, features some of the most spectacular medieval and religious art in the country. MoMA's (and its Queens satellite PS1) permanent collection of modern and contemporary art is unparalleled, and the special shows that migrate through its galleries are nothing short of breathtaking. Past exhibitions have focused on Salvador Dali, Andy Warhol, Vincent Van Gogh and Rene Magritte, and ne'er forget recent Drudge Siren blog events like The Clock, Sleeping Tilda and the Rain Room.

As for The Whitney, well, that Upper East Side standby and famed Biennial holder is on its way to a new home in the Meatpacking District at the end of the year. But for now, it's worth stopping by the bizarre Marcel Breuer bunker to see the museum's massive Jeff Koons retrospective, on view through October 19th. And then there's the Guggenheim, whose Frank Lloyd Wright building itself is perhaps more famous and beautiful than some of the artwork inside, though its compelling

collection of modern and contemporary art is nothing to sneeze at.

And the last-but-not-least of these most celebrated New York institutions is the American Museum of Natural History, where we presume gigantic dinosaurs and the Ghost of Teddy Roosevelt haunt the halls at night. You don't have to like science to appreciate these adorable penguins, but this museum touches every aspect of biology, ecology and geology imaginable, and you can even take a trip into space at the Hayden Planetarium next door.

The Museum of Modern Art is located at 11 West 53rd Street in Midtown West (212-708-9400, moma.org) \$25 admission. The Metropolitan Museum of Art is located at 1000 5th Ave at Central Park (212) 535-7710, metmuseum.org) \$25 recommended admission. The Whitney Museum of American Art is located at 945 Madison Ave on the Upper East Side (212-570-3600, whitney.org) \$20 admission. The Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum is located at 1071 5th Ave on the Upper East Side (212-423-3500, guggenheim.org) \$22 admission. And the American Museum of Natural History is located at 79th Street and Central Park West on the Upper West Side (212-769-5100, amnh.org) \$22 suggested admission.



The Frick

FRICK COLLECTION: The Met might have the city's most famous collection of art, but the Frick may have the most elegant. The museum, housed in the former home of art collector and former Andrew Carnegie partner Henry Clay Frick, boasts an elegant collection of primarily European art, including works by Johannes Vermeer, Francisco Goya, Gian Lorenzo Bernini, Rembrandt van Rijn and François Boucher. And though the art itself is certainly a draw, it's the presentation that draws you in here; much of the collection on view remains arranged as it was during Frick's lifetime, spread out through the mansion's rooms, halls, vestibules and galleries. Be sure to save time for a lengthy visit to the museum's spectacular Garden Court, check out all the amazing clocks, and note that a secret bowling alley, billiards room and woodshop lurk beneath all that art.

The Frick is located at 1 East 70th Street between 5th and Madison Aves on the Upper East Side (212-288-0700, frick.org) \$20 admission.



The Museum of The City of NY

MUSEUM OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK: The MCNY's been culling art, photos and objects out of New York's history since it was housed in Gracie Mansion in the 1920s. And now they've got a collection of about 750,000 artifacts squirreled away in a landmarked mansion at the northern tip of Museum Mile; these include images made by 19th century printmaking firm Currier and Ives, classic Broadway theater scripts, and a 12-room dollhouse that once belonged to socialite Carrie Walter Stettheimer and features tiny doll-sized artworks by artists like Marcel Duchamp. MCNY unleashes some of its collection through ongoing and temporary exhibitions, like "Activist New York", "City As A Canvas" and the erstwhile "The Greatest Grid: The Master Plan of Manhattan, 1811-2011."

The Museum of the City of New York is located at 1220 5th Ave in East Harlem (212-534-1672, mcny.org) \$10 suggested admission.



The Morgan Library & Museum

MORGAN LIBRARY & MUSEUM: J.P. Morgan may be better known for his financial services empire, but it turns out he was a pretty prolific art and manuscript collector, too. The Morgan houses this collection, along with newer acquisitions, in its Midtown East space, boasting everything from original Sir Walter Scott and Charles Dickens manuscripts, ancient Neo-Babylonian stone cylinder seals, renowned Renaissance artwork and Einstein's "Fundamentals and Methods of the Theory of Relativity." Past and present exhibitions have included a look at The Little Prince

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New Threat To The

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there is always too many leaving room for catastrophe to strike. They are not addressing issues threatening the industries they control. This will be a threat to the city financially should it collapse too. TLC must freeze all new cars entering for the first time no matter the color. There is no room for them. They should not prevent drivers returning who may have left temporarily. When green cab licensees terminate their license the cab license should be terminated. There must be a backward march to reduce cabs.

MORE SIGNS

I recently spoke to a yellow taxi lessee. He informed me that he used to make \$1000 for himself after five days work. Now he is making \$800 for seven days work. A friend informed me he saw 30 green cabs at the flushing train terminus. Usually there are four or so. Taxi lineups at office buildings are now a common sight as drivers find cruising less productive. My own voucher average has been lower than usual. The European tourist trade is down due to the euro devaluation. I think if the domestic tourist trade slows enough the yellow taxi industry could collapse in a substantial manner.

Lessees will flee the business for lack of significant income. Then owners who lease will have no income and fail.

UBER UNFAIR TO DRIVERS

It is high time the TLC force Uber to comply with the law in the manner for which it was enacted. Uber charges sales tax to the driver instead of the customer. Sales taxes are supposed to be charged to the purchaser not the store. Yes, it is up to the store if it options to pay the sales tax instead of the customer paying it but it is not up to the driver as they have no option in this regard. Uber is unfairly imposing this on drivers. Uber should not be allowed to compel drivers to pay for a sales tax imposed by state law for riders. This may violate federal independent contractor rules. In addition Uber forces drivers to pay for tolls out of pocket when they are given pickups that require routes where a toll must be paid to gain access to the pickup. Those tolls are mandated by Uber to get to the passenger and therefore should be paid by Uber not the driver. Tolls are supposed to be paid by riders when incurred on their purchase order for their benefit when there is no other option available. If there is a way to access the customer without paying a toll then that is a different situation. The drivers make little enough and should not be abused in this manner. These Uber directives are predatory upon drivers and the TLC should protect drivers from such directives as they license the base (Uber) to operate lawfully. That involves the spirit or intent of the law not just the wording.

BLACK LANE

I thought I might investigate Blacklane as an additional income source.

The rates seemed reasonable at first. After going through their vetting and signing contracts I found out that the prices include everything like tolls and tips and lots of free waiting time. At that point the rates seemed unworthy and I decided not to take even one job from them. I notified them I was not willing to accept their rates and would not use my business to service their clients. I never did one job and asked them to remove me from their database. They are continually sending me texts to do their work anyway. They will not stop. So, I am warning you of this in order that you do not suffer the same fate and get your phone texted to death. Do not apply in the first place. There is also a possibility you may not be protected by workman's comp if you do their work. Verify before you do.

WARNING

If you have not noticed yet the Dept. of Impeding Traffic has decided to lower the speed limit of the southbound FDR Drive from the Brooklyn Bridge down to the Battery Park Underpass to only 30 mph. There are speed cops there all the time doing a municipal fund raiser. Be careful. No one is doing 30 because the road is obviously designed for highway speeds and does not look like one that should be 30 for any reason. While I do understand the desire to keep speed down since they reopened the entrance and exit just before the

underpass they lowered the speed all the way up by the bridge instead of just before the lowered part of the highway. Closing the entrance and exit was one of the stupidest moves they ever made. It made an enormous amount of traffic downtown to get to the west side from the east. They should return Whitehall street by the ferry to two way as well. It seems they just like making everyone drive more to get to their destination and making life more of a hassle any way they can. Typical city agency.

That is it for this month. Until next be happy, be healthy, make money and spend time with those you love. Please support the American Cancer Society any way that you can. Men have a one in two chance of developing cancer and women one in three roughly. The ACS helps so many with all forms of support and needs your help to help those in need.

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Manhattan Hotel List

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111 E 56th Street between Lexington & Park Avenues	569 Lexington Avenue at 51st Street Michelangelo Hotel 152 W 51st Street between 6th & 7th Avenues	near Christy Street Omni Berkshire Place Hotel 21 E 52nd Street between Madison & 5th Avenue	Ramada New Yorker Hotel 481 8th Avenue at 34th Street Renaissance Hotel 714 7th Avenue at 48th Street	Sofitel Hotel 45 W 44th Street between 5th & 6th Avenues
Lucerne Hotel 201 W 79th Street at Amsterdam Avenue	Milford Plaza Hotel 270 W 45th Street at 8th Avenue	Paramount Hotel 235 W 46th Street between 7th & 8th Avenues	Regency Hotel 540 Park Avenue at 61st Street	SoHo Grand Hotel 310 W Broadway between Canal & Grand Streets
Affinia Gardens Suite Hotel (formerly Lyden Gardens) 215 E 64th Street between 2nd & 3rd Avenues	Millenium Hilton Hotel 55 Church Street between Fulton & Day Streets	Park Central Hotel 870 7th Avenue at 56th Street	Roger Smith Hotel 501 Lexington Avenue at 47th Street	Solita SoHo Hotel 159 Grand St
Madison Hotel 21 E 27th Street at Madison Avenue	Millennium Broadway Hotel 145 W 44th Street between 6th & 7th Aves	Park Savoy Hotel 158 E 58th Street between 6th & 7th Avenues	Roger Williams Hotel 131 Madison Avenue at 31st Street	St. Regis Hotel 2 E 55th Street at 5th Avenue
Manhattan Broadway Hotel 273 W 38th Street between 7th & 8th Avenues	Millennium UN Plaza Hotel 1 United Nations Plaza at 1st Avenue & 44th Street	Park South Hotel 122 E 28th Street between Lexington & Park Avenues	Roosevelt Hotel 45 E 45th Street at Madison Avenue	Travel Inn Hotel 515 W 42nd Street between 7th & 8th Avenues
Manhattan Seaport Suites Hotel 219 Front Street between Pine & Wall Streets	Morningside Inn Hotel 235 W 107th Street between Amsterdam Avenue & Broadway	Peninsula Hotel 700 5th Avenue at 55th Street	Salisbury Hotel 123 W 57th Street between 6th & 7th Avenues	TriBeCa Grand Hotel 2 6th Avenue between White & Walker Streets
Maritime Hotel 363 W 16th Street at 9th Avenue	Murray Hill East Suites Hotel 149 E 39th Street between 3rd & Lexington Avenues	Pennsylvania Hotel 401 7th Avenue between 32nd & 33rd Streets	San Carlos Hotel 150 E 50th Street between 3rd & Lexington Avenues	Trump International Hotel 1 Central Park West at Columbus Circle
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By RH Stovall, Jr.

Smashed

It was 4 AM on a Sunday morning in early March, 2014. It was cold and dark outside. There was still snow on the ground after a recent storm.

I had my brand new 2014 Chrysler 300 parked in front of my house on a quiet, residential tree-lined street in central New Jersey. Although my limo company's employee handbook clearly states: "Do not park company car on the street if you have a driveway," I dismissed this rule because I figured that I live on a nice street in a nice town where nothing bad ever happens.

I descended the stairs at 4 AM in preparation for my 6 AM pick up in Northern New Jersey to Newark Airport. As I was reaching for my mobile phone to check in with dispatch, I heard a skid and an awful crash outside. I looked outside but couldn't see anything because it was dark. I proceeded to call and tell my dispatcher I was up and ready for my first pick up of the day.

After my ceremonial cup of coffee and blueberry pop tart, I straightened my tie and walked out to my car. What I saw next made my heart stop. My brand new company-provided \$40,000 luxury vehicle was completely demolished on the front driver's side because this was the ugly result of the skid and crash I heard minutes before.

I call 911 to notify the police and requested a cruiser come to the accident scene. Then I called dispatch again to tell them what had happened and the car was not drive able and I would need a flatbed truck to bring the car back to headquarters. A few minutes after that call, a police car pulled up and the officer took down my information.

I had just started working for Royal Coachman four months before

this smash up and I was fearing the worst, especially since the employee manual clearly said no parking on the street. What happened next was truly miraculous. I always parked the car in my driveway except for this fateful morning.

I rode up to headquarters on the flat bed truck and was completing the accident report to give to my Chauffeur Manager. I was sure this was also my resignation paperwork when my mobile phone rang. "We found the guy who hit you" the officer told me on the phone. "How? When? Where?" I babbled incredulously. The officer said he noticed a green fender was lying on the side of the road my car at the accident scene. He noticed a trail of radiator fluid leading away from the accident scene and figured it must have been from the car that hit me. Being a thorough detective, he followed the trail of radiator fluid to its source and it was right down the street at a neighbor's house! The officer matched the green bumper left on the road to the car and felt the car's warm hood and determined it had recently been driven. Apparently, the neighbor had gotten smashed at our local bar before coming home at 4 in the morning and smashing into my luxury vehicle. What were the chances of that happening? One in a million, the officer said. But the story has a happy ending. I did not get fired because the smashed driver who smashed my car had insurance that paid for the \$10,000 in damage to my car.

My lesson learned was to always park my car in my driveway.

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The Taxi Attorney

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a persistent violator course available to reduce TLC points which are now being combined with DMV points and can result in your losing your TLC license very quickly if you speed or talk on your cell phone while driving. Basically, any moving violation now puts you in jeopardy. Call me at 212.754.1011 if you want to discuss your DMV or TLC tickets.

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so please call me at 212.754.1011 to discuss such a matter. If you get a settlement offer for 6 points in 15 months on your DMV license from TLC, I might be able to help you get such a summons dismissed, so please contact me at 212.754.1011.

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from 8.3% one month prior, while the average rental rate increased slightly to \$78 PSF. The direct vacancy rate in Midtown increased by half a percentage point, prompting a slight drop in asking rents. The Downtown direct vacancy rate fell to 11.5% from 11.8% between September and October 2015, with direct rents rising by more than \$2.50 PSF. Though the Downtown sublease vacancy rate was up slightly over the period (0.8% in October versus 0.6% in September), the associated rental rate rose by more than \$4.00 PSF.

Construction

For the twelve months ending September 2015: The number of building projects (including new, additions, and alterations) that started construction in New York City was down 1.2% relative to the twelve month period ending September 2014. Planned space for such projects, however, was 87.3% higher than the same period in 2014, suggesting that building projects have become larger. The value associated with these projects was also up 77.2% over the period. 3,430 residential building projects began construction, a 3.2% increase from the twelve months ending in September 2014. These starts contained 47,530 units, almost double the number from last year.

Baby Girl

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insists on being born before reaching the hospital, as he's seen in movies and news reports.

"It was funny enough that I, thank God, asked that question," he said. "That kept me calm."

Saha, who has been driving a cab for three years, will get to meet Taxi and Limousine Commissioner Meera Joshi

for his coolheaded driving under stress.

"I know it's urban legend that babies are born in NYC taxis all the time, but it's actually quite rare, so beautiful Darly Luz is one very special delivery," Joshi said in a statement to the News. "We're also so gratified to hear that Mr. Saha was such a comfort and help to the family, and we look forward to thanking him in person sometime soon."

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Letters

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decision instead of pressing 50% of the cabs to be Wheelchair Accessible cabs.

Steve

Glow In The Dark Logo

Dear Taxi Dave,

Uber puts illuminated stickers on their windshields which light up well

in the dark. When will the taxi industry do the same such as A for Arro?

Mike

Dear Taxi Dave,

Uber's windshield logo lights up at night like a rooftop. If the TLC issued tickets to phony Uber cars using phony Uber signs on their side windows, there would be no need for windshields that light up. When is the TLC going to step in and stop any of this?

Hassan

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Celebrate Christmas in The City!

Here are 13 ways for tourists and New Yorkers alike to celebrate Christmas in the city that never sleeps:

1. Rockefeller Center Tree Sighting -- One of the most iconic Christmas-themed destinations in New York is Rockefeller Center, which is home to an 80-foot-tall tree that's decorated with more than 30,000 multicolored lights. The tree will remain lit until 8 p.m. EST on Jan. 7, 2015. (Location: In the plaza center, at 50th Street and Fifth Avenue)

2. Ice Skating in Bryant Park -- Grab a friend, a pair of rental skates and hit Bryant Park's 170-by-100 foot rink. While admission is free, patrons must pay for skate rentals, locks and bag check. (Location: Between 40th and 42nd Streets and Fifth and Sixth Avenues)

3. Bryant Park Holiday Shops -- Take a break from showing off on the ice to stroll through Bryant Park's Winter Village. It features more than 125 boutique-style shops located throughout the tree-lined park. (Location: Between 40th and 42nd Streets and Fifth and Sixth Avenues)

4. Fifth Avenue Window Shopping -- You'll feel like you're walking in a winter wonderland when you pass the festively decorated stores like Bergdorf Goodman, Lord & Taylor, Saks and Tiffany. (Location: Fifth Avenue between 39th and 60th Streets)

5. Radio City Music Hall - Nothing says Christmastime like 36 Rockettes

performing high kicks! While in New York, it's a must to attend the annual musical holiday stage show, a fixture since 1933. (Location: Sixth Avenue and 50th Street)

6. Sixth Avenue Decorations -- Give your eyes an early Christmas treat by checking out the holiday decorations on the Avenue of the Americas. From festive, oversize tree ornaments to jumbo, colored lights, you'll be aesthetically pleased every which way you turn! (Location: Sixth Avenue between 34th and 59th Streets)

7. Empire State Building -- While taking a tour of New York, don't forget to look up! The skyscraper will be decorated in festive Christmas colors, sporting green and red lights at the very top. (Located: Fifth Avenue at 34th Street)

8. Chelsea Market - The 6,000-square-foot indoor market has something for everyone. From asmsgasbord of delicious food options (our personal favorite is Cull & Pistol) to a variety of stores, Chelsea Market just might become your favorite New York destination -- especially during the holidays. Make sure to glance around at the brilliantly decorated space.

* Don't forget to check out the holiday popup shops! You can check them out HERE. (Location: 75 Ninth Ave., at 15th Street)

9. Lincoln Center -- If you're looking to be dazzled this holiday season, then George Balanchine's ballet of Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker" is your

best bet. You'll leave the show with the Sugar Plum Fairy dancing in your head -- and maybe a nutcracker ornament from the gift shop. (Location: 10 Lincoln Center Plaza)

10. FAO Schwarz -- What's Christmas without toys? At the legendary FAO Schwarz you can let your inner child play among the life-size stuffed animals, dolls and high-end toys. And did we mention the wall-to-wall candy store? (Location: Fifth Avenue and 59th Street)

11. Serendipity 3 - If your sweet tooth still isn't satisfied after FAO Schwarz, then stop at Serendipity 3, an old-school dessert destination best known for its Frozen Hot Chocolate. (We're drooling just thinking about it!) (Location: 225 E. 60th St.)

12. Russian Tea Room - After spending a cold day exploring the city, warm up by dining at the iconic midtown restaurant. From famous writers to Madonna and even the cast of "Gossip Girl," the Russian Tea Room is a venue that everyone should visit! (Location: 150 W. 57th St.)

13. Botanical Garden Holiday Train Show -- This 23-year-old tradition is a must-see! Watch model trains zip through the miniature, enchanting city past popular landmarks like the Brooklyn Bridge, Statue of Liberty and Rockefeller Center. The holiday event is so popular that visitors are encouraged to make advance reservations.

(Location: 2900 Southern Blvd., Bronx)

15 Things To Do within 10 Blocks of Radio City Music Hall before the Show

It's on just about everyone's top 10 list for the holidays in New York City—The Christmas Spectacular starring the Rockettes at Radio City Music Hall—and it is indeed a treat. But what do you do before the show when there's not enough time to head uptown to a museum or downtown to see sites like the Statue of Liberty? We've picked 15 great things to do that will add a special extra to your visit and get you to the show on time. Pick just one or two so you don't miss the curtain and come back again to check out the remainder on another wintry day.

1. Rockefeller Center has lots to do on a short timetable. The Tree at Rockefeller Center perched over the skating rink is so obvious, we won't even count that one. If you have a little more time you can lace on a pair of rented skates and stretch your legs under the great Prometheus statue. The rink is tiny but there are frequent sessions and room for everyone to take a turn around the most photographed skating rink in the country at least once.

2. Rockefeller Center's Top of the Rock has really taken over as the favorite tall building and vantage point to see the city skyline among New Yorkers and visitors. Top of the Rock makes the visit easy with timed tickets that let you reserve your visit within a 15-minute arrival window. This ensures more

control over getting up and down with plenty of time for the show. Arrange this visit when you order your Christmas Spectacular tickets and don't forget to allow for at least 1/2 hour at the top plus travel time up and down. There are several levels and the views are enchanting so you don't want to feel rushed. If you don't have time to go up, take a trip down below to the concourse shopping level of Rockefeller Center where the Top of the Rock store and photo pick-up is. The staff is friendly and inventory includes books, games and puzzles related to Rockefeller Center and a great supply of NYC ornaments.

3. Now that we have you in the concourse of Rockefeller Center, maybe it's time for a snack. There aren't a lot of mid- or low-priced restaurants in this neighborhood so the food court here is welcome. There is plenty of seating, good restrooms, a ground level view of the ice rink and a nice selection of food choices. After you nosh, visit the shops in the concourse including the Swarovski Boutique. Brides know this brand's sparklers for gowns and veils but did you know that the star on the Tree at Rockefeller Center is covered with Swarovski Crystals? The concourse is a little underground city so it's a really nice spot to know about if the weather is cold and wet. You'll find lots more to do including a shoeshine at

Edie's Shoe Repair on the 6th Avenue side. Head out of the concourse on the 6th Avenue side (aka Avenue of the Americas) for easiest access to Radio City Music Hall's entrance.

4. If there is still more time and shopping is on your mind, head for the Channel Gardens (between the skating rink and Fifth Avenue). Amidst the greenery and lifesize angel sculptures is The Metropolitan Museum of Art satellite store with really terrific and reasonably priced jewelry, scarves and paper goods. Also along this corridor of shops is the stunning window of Swiss Teuscher Chocolates which will attract and entice you inside. And don't miss the very helpful staff at Librarie de France, the first retail tenant of Channel Gardens which sells books in French and Spanish. Many New York stores stay open late during the holiday season.

5. Directly across from Channel Gardens is Saks Fifth Avenue on Fifth Avenue between 49th and 50th Streets. Check out the holiday window displays. Do not miss a visit inside where the first floor is transformed into a winter wonderland. Upstairs, if the cafe is open, you can have a drink with a front-row view of the Tree at Rockefeller Center.

6. Next door to Saks, St. Patrick's Cathedral rises up over Fifth Avenue between 50th and 51st Streets. You

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can walk around (if mass is not being celebrated) or sit in a pew and gaze up to the soaring clerestory, windows and religious statuary. You can even light a candle for someone. Be sure to stop by the creche on the left aisle.

7. Tucked away on 51st Street midway down the block from Fifth Avenue is the Olympic Tower Atrium with a small Greek cafe, a break area with tables and bathrooms and, downstairs, a free museum dedicated to Hellenic Art and its influence in the world. The museum's shop is on ground level opposite the break area. If you are feeling sad because you could not get to the Met on this visit, consider this a really

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12/7/15 7:30 PM at Symphony Space
 Broadway at 95th Street. New York, NY.

Graham Elliot, star of "MasterChef"
signing copies of Cooking Like A MasterChef
12/12/15 Noon at Bookends
 East Ridgewood Avenue. Ridgewood, NJ.

15 Things To Do

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terrific consolation prize.

8. From here you aren't far from the American Girl store a few blocks south or some of the city's most iconic stores heading north. The window shopping is free at Bergdorf Goodman, Tiffany & Co., Bulgari, Fendi, Escada, Henri Bendel, The Disney Store, Godiva, Gucci, Fortunoff and more all within 10 blocks of Rockefeller Center. If you wander all the way up to Bergdorf's and the Apple Store on 59th Street allow a good 20 minutes to get back and over to 6th Avenue (1/2 hour if you don't like to walk at a brisk pace). If you bought too much, stop back at the concourse under Rockefeller Center and see the nice people at the UPS Store.

9. Heading south on Fifth Avenue, look for the diamond-shaped torches flanking the opening to 47th Street between 5th and 6th that welcomes pedestrians to the Diamond District. The whole block is devoted to diamonds and precious jewelry businesses. Good to know how close this is since the Tree at Rockefeller Center is one of the most popular wedding proposal locations in the city (and perhaps the east coast). If you get the urge, head over to the Diamond District first.

10. and 11. There are two great museums near Radio City. MOMA and The Paley Center. Haven't heard of the Paley Center? It used to be called the Museum of Television and Radio and is located at 25 West 52 Street between 5th and 6th Avenues. Their permanent media collection contains more than 140,000 television and radio programs and advertisements. The Paley Center is open Wednesdays to Sundays 12:00 to 6:00 pm and 12:00 to 8:00 pm on Thursdays. A daily tour for visitors is free and lasts about 40 minutes. Link to their site for a schedule of the upcoming week's screenings and displays to see if anything catches your eye. The center also presents seminars and panels that are often open to the public.

At MOMA (Museum of Modern Art

at 11 West 53rd Street between 5th and 6th Avenues) immerse yourself for an hour or two or three among the massive but well organized modern collection. In addition to the permanent collection, this season's exhibits includes a deKooning retrospective and Cy Twombly's sculptures. Don't forget the MOMA Shop across the street where you'll find designs based on museum originals, interesting toys and books.

12. Christie's Auction Gallery located on the southern side of Rockefeller Center allows the public to attend free viewings prior to each auction. This season the Elizabeth Taylor estate is on view from December 3-16. Her jewelry, film memorabilia, costumes, accessories and more will be on display prior to the December 13-16th auctions of The Collections of Elizabeth Taylor. Check the New York City/Rockefeller Center viewing calendar here for times, mostly between 12-6pm but some days open as early as 10am. (Through the end of November Christie's is showing Important American Paintings, Drawings and Sculpture in its viewing galleries.)

13. FOX News Headquarters is also along 6th Avenue (1211 Avenue of the Americas), a few blocks south of Radio City. You will know you are there when you see the red-lit news ticker running around the side and front of the building. Morning people may see the early crew and news hosts of Fox & Friends out on their plaza shooting a segment or interacting with pedestrians.

14. By now you may have noticed the plethora of street carts with hot and sometimes spicy foods from around the world parked next to the more familiar hot dog and pretzel carts. Follow your nose and a local or two to find the best spot for a little (or large) snack al fresco. If you are not sure which to choose, ask someone in one of the lines. New Yorkers love to recommend their favorites and introduce others to something good. Take your food purchase over to the open-air plaza on 6th between 49th and 50th (1251 Avenue of the

Museums along Museum Mile

El Museo del Barrio at 104th Street
 Museum of the City of New York at 103rd Street
 Jewish Museum at 92nd Street
 Cooper-Hewitt National Museum of Design at 91st Street
 National Academy Museum and School of Fine Arts at 89th Street
 Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum at 88th Street
 Metropolitan Museum of Art from 82nd to 86th Streets
 Goethe House German Cultural Center at 82nd Street

Other Museums

The Museum of American Finance, the nation's only independent public ...
 Museum of American Finance, 48 Wall Street
 African Burial Ground - corners of Duane and Elk Streets
 American Folk Art Museum 45 W. 53rd St.
 American Museum of Natural History 77th St Central Park West
 Children's Museum of the Arts 250 Lafayette St # A,
 Children's Museum of the Arts
 Free Art Island Outpost Program at Governors Island
 Harbor Defense Museum - 230 Sheridan Loop, Brooklyn
 Italian American Museum-155 Mulberry St
 Kehila Kedosha Jania Museum-280 Broome St
 Luxe Project 53 Stanton St
 The Morgan Library and Museum-225 Madison Ave.
 Museum of Chinese In America-211 Centre St
 Museum of Jewish Heritage- Holocaust
 Edmond J. Safra Plaza - 36 Battery Place
 Museum at FIT-Seventh Ave.
 Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) 11 W 53rd St
 Museum of Modern Art Design-81 Spring St # A
 National Museum of the American Indian
 Alexander Hamilton U.S. Custom House, 1 Bowling Green
 New Museum of Contemporary Art-235 Bowery
 New World Art Ctr-250 Lafayette St # 5
 New York City Police Museum-100 Old Slip
 Poets House - Ten River Terrace
 Queens Museum of Art-49th Ave. and 111th St.
 Rubin Museum of Art-150 West 17th Street
 Skyscraper Museum - 39 Battery Place
 South Street Seaport Museum - 12 Fulton Street
 The Tenement Museum-108 Orchard St
 Whitney Museum of American Art-945 Madison Ave

Americas) with the giant red Christmas ornaments piled into a pyramid. Here's your holiday photo opportunity. Take the shot from the plaza's southwest corner and you can capture your family and Radio City Music Hall in the background all in one.

15. If fine dining is more your style or you'd like to relax with a drink while the rest of your party shops 'til they drop, we recommend Morrell Wine Bar & Cafe just south of the Tree. It is sometimes crowded and hard to get a table, but the short wait will reward you with a fun and extensive wines by the glass and bar menu. Back on 6th

Avenue, there's Del Frisco's (1221 Avenue of the Americas) one the city's power lunch spots that's also open for dinner. Reservations are a must but you can stop in for a martini downstairs at the testosterone-fueled bar or upstairs in their quieter bar. If you are looking forward to a fine meal after the show La Cite (120 West 51st) and Ben Bensons (123 West 52nd Street) are also in the neighborhood.

World-class art, shopping, dining, spectacular views, skating, a TV studio, and a very famous cathedral. You can see any of these without worrying about straying too far from showtime.



The Best Museums In NYC

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author Antoine Saint-Expurey, J.D. Salinger's love letters, and first edition works by modern masters like William Faulkner, F. Scott Fitzgerald and Allen Ginsberg; book nerds will also appreciate Pierpont Morgan's sublime library, which was restored to its 1906 glory a few years ago.

The Morgan is located at 225 Madison Ave between 36th and 37th Street in Midtown East (212-685-0008, themorgan.org) \$18 admission.



The Queens Museum

QUEENS MUSEUM: The Queens Museum never gets enough love, and that's a real shame. The four-decade old art institution is a cultural gem, located in a pavilion building built specifically for the 1939 World's Fair and used briefly as headquarters for the United Nations General Assembly. Now, the Queens Museum harbors a hefty collection of fine arts, Tiffany glass, and collections stemming from the 1939 and 1964 World's Fairs, the latter of which is currently on view as part of temporary exhibition *Behind the Curtain: Collecting the New York Fairs*.

But the museum's best and most famous offering is its *Panorama of the City of New York*, a 9,335-square-foot model of the city's five boroughs that was originally commissioned by Robert Moses for the 1964 World's Fair. Though the panorama hasn't undergone a full-throttle update since 1992, developments like Brooklyn Bridge Park and Citi Field have slowly gotten added over time thanks to the museum's "Adopt A Building" program, though it seems Williamsburg's condos have yet to receive treatment in miniature.

The Queens Museum is located at the New York City Building in Flushing Meadows Corona Park (718-592-9700, queensmuseum.org) \$8 suggested admission.



The Brooklyn Museum

BROOKLYN MUSEUM: The Brooklyn Museum has really been on a roll this century with a series of blockbuster exhibits, including 2008's stellar Takashi Murakami show, 2012's Keith Haring exhibition, last year's innovative Jean Paul Gaultier show, "Ai Weiwei: According to What?" which is on view until August 10th, and a site-specific piece by street artist Swoon. Beyond the

special stuff, though, this second largest museum in NYC has a massive permanent collection, with noteworthy works including Judy Chicago's celebrated feminist installation *The Dinner Party*, Gilbert Stuart's 1796 portrait of George Washington (used on the \$1 bill!) and many, many mummies, which once gave an acquaintance of my grandmother's a rash back in the 1940s.

The Brooklyn Museum is located at 200 East Parkway at Washington Ave in Prospect Heights, Brooklyn. (718-638-5000, brooklynmuseum.org) \$12 suggested admission.



The Museum of Moving Image

THE MUSEUM OF MOVING IMAGE: You don't have to be a film buff to enjoy MoMI's expansive special exhibitions on, say, *The Muppets*, or *Breaking Bad*. But if you do love movies, this Astoria museum is stuffed with all sorts of memorabilia, interactive exhibitions and special programming that'll tickle your inner cinephile. MoMI's ongoing exhibition, "Behind The Screen," runs through the history of cinema, tackling everything from the earliest moving picture camera to makeup from *Sex And The City*. They also hold frequent film screenings—all summer long, they've been continuously showing films from the 1939 and 1964 World's Fairs, and recent screening offerings have included *The Searchers*, *2001: A Space Odyssey* and the original *Godzilla*. Stay tuned for their upcoming permanent Jim Henson installation, planned for 2015.

The Museum of the Moving Image is located at 3601 35th Ave in Astoria, Queens (718-777-6888, movingimage.us). \$12 admission.



New York Transit Museum

NEW YORK TRANSIT MUSEUM: Visiting the New York Transit Museum is a bit like traveling back in time. The nation's only museum dedicated to public transportation, the NYTM boasts an astonishing collection of MTA memorabilia, not the least of which is its collection of antique subway cars, complete with antique ads that predate Dr. Zizmor. You can also peruse an extensive collection of subway tokens (ah, memories of watching my bus fare roll under a car...) and fare collectors, and for the young and young at heart, there's a child-sized taxi cab, trolley car and bus to play on. It's also noteworthy that the museum is located inside a de-

commissioned subway station, and you can peek into a functional control room to see the whole system at work.

The New York Transit Museum is located at Boerum Place and Schermerhorn Street in Brooklyn Heights, Brooklyn (718-694-1600, mta.info/mta/museum). \$7 admission.



New York Historical Society

NEW YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY: When I was a child, there was an exhibit in the basement of the New York Historical Society dubbed "Kid City," in which the museum had transformed West 82nd Street and Broadway into a tot-friendly version of its 1901 self. I spent many hours there commandeering a turn-of-the-century grocer's market and forcing other children to make deliveries to the neighboring horse goods store, and though "Kid City" has since been replaced with a larger children's exhibition, I like to think it taught me a lot about New York's history—what nine-year-old knew Central Park didn't simply sprout fully-formed out of the ground? The NYHS underwent a major renovation a few years ago, and it's since returned with some excellent programming.

There is, for instance, a show featuring 90 artworks by Madeline creator Ludwig Bemelmans; through the end of the month, the museum is showing work by street style photographer Bill Cunningham, and past exhibitions have included works from the 1913 Armory Show and a look at the city's AIDS

crisis. You can marvel at a portion of Keith Haring's Pop Shop ceiling at the admissions desk, or snap photos of the statues of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass perched outside the museum's two entrances.

The New York Historical Society is located at 170 Central Park West at 77th Street on the Upper West Side (212-873-3400, nyhistory.org).



Lower East Side Tenement Museum

LOWER EAST SIDE TENEMENT MUSEUM: This is another one for the time travelers. This 19th century five-story tenement building housed around 7,000 immigrants from the 1860s to the 1930s, and the Tenement Museum's restored the rooms to mirror what they looked like from the 1860s to the 1930s. Museum staff provide guided tours of the rooms and businesses, which include a garment workshop and a German saloon; there are even costumed staff members who take on the characters of the building's former residents. Beyond the Orchard Street building, the museum provides walking tours of the neighborhood to remind you of what the LES was like before Max Fish moved in (and then out, and then back in again).

The Tenement Museum is located at 103 Orchard Street between Broome and Delancey Streets on the Lower East Side (212) 982-8420, tenement.org). \$25 admission.

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The 10 Best Art Galleries In NYC

New York may have some of the finest museums in the world, but not all of the city's best art is hidden behind a \$20 entrance fee. Works by renowned artists and lesser-known locals line the walls and hang from the ceilings of galleries small and large, and visitors can often peruse them for no fee, often with a glass of wine in hand (if it's a Thursday or sometimes Friday). Here are a few of our favorite galleries around town; as always, leave yours in the comments.

DAVID ZWIRNER GALLERY



German ex-pat David Zwirner opened up his gallery in 1993, relocating from SoHo to Chelsea in 2002. The exhibitions hosted at his current large space are often wildly popular, as the long lines attest. Infinity seems like something of a theme here—Yayoi Kusama's popular infinity

rooms were on display here last year, and Doug Wheeler's hypnotizing, white-light saturated "infinity environment" took center stage in 2012. The gallery's also hosted work by mainstream names like Jeff Koons and Richard Serra. Up next, look for works by Diana Thater, Mamma Andersson, Al Taylor and Jan Schoonhoven.

David Zwirner is located at 525 West 19th Street in Chelsea (212-727-2070, davidzwirner.com). They have a second gallery at 537 West 20th Street between 10th and 11th Avenue.

GAGOSIAN GALLERY



Gagosian's a major name in the global gallery scene, with locations in Los Angeles (where the first Gagosian

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Broadway Shows

- A GENTLEMAN'S GUIDE TO LOVE AND MURDER**
Walter Kerr Theatre
218 West 48th Street
- ALADDIN**
New Amsterdam Theatre
214 West 42nd Street
- ALLEGIANCE**
Longacre Theatre
220 West 48th Street
- AN AMERICAN IN PARIS**
Palace Theatre
1564 Broadway
- AMERICAN PSYCHO**
Gerald Schoenfeld Theatre
236 West 45th Street
- BEAUTIFUL THE CAROLE KING MUSICAL**
Stephen Sondheim Theatre
124 West 43rd Street
- BLACKBIRD**
Belasco Theatre
111 West 44th Street
- BRIGHT STAR**
Cort Theatre
138 West 48th Street
- CHICAGO**
Ambassador Theatre
219 West 49th Street
- CHINA DOLL**
Gerald Schoenfeld Theatre
236 West 45th Street
- CIRQUE DU SOLEIL PARAMOUR**
Lyric Theatre
214 West 43rd Street
- DAMES AT SEA**
Helen Hayes Theatre
240 West 44th Street
- ECLIPSED**
Golden Theatre
252 West 45th Street
- FIDDLER ON THE ROOF**
Broadway Theatre
1681 Broadway
- FINDING NEVERLAND**
Lunt-Fontanne Theatre
205 West 46th Street
- FUN HOME**
Circle in the Square Theatre
West 50th Street
- HAMILTON**
Richard Rodgers Theatre
226 West 46th Street
- HAND TO GOD**
Booth Theatre
222 West 45th Street
- HUGHIE**
- Booth Theatre
222 West 45th Street
- JERSEY BOYS**
August Wilson Theater
245 West 52nd Street
- KINKY BOOTS**
Al Hirshfield Theater
203 West 45th Street
- LES MISERABLES**
Imperial Theatre
249 West 45th Street
- LONG DAY'S JOURNEY INTO NIGHT**
American Airlines Theatre
227 West 42nd Street
- LORD OF THE DANCE: DANGEROUS GAMES**
Lyric Theatre
214 West 43rd Street
- MATILDA THE MUSICAL**
Shubert Theater
225 West 44th Street
- MISERY**
Broadhurst Theatre
235 West 44th Street
- NOISES OFF**
American Airlines Theatre
227 West 42nd Street
- ON YOUR FEET! THE STORY OF EMILIO AND GLORIA ESTEFAN**
Marquis Theatre
1535 Broadway
- OUR MOTHER'S BRIEF AFFAIR**
Samuel J. Friedman Theatre
261 West 47th Street
- PLAY SYLVIA**
Cort Theatre
138 West 48th Street
- SCHOOL OF ROCK**
Winter Garden Theatre
1634 Broadway
- SHE LOVES ME**
Studio 54
254 West 54th Street
- SOMETHING ROTTEN**
St. James Theatre
246 West 44th Street
- SPRING AWAKENING**
Brooks Atkinson Theatre
256 West 47th Street
- THE BOOK OF MORMON**
Eugene O'Neil Theatre
230 West 49th Street
- THE COLOR PURPLE**
Bernard B. Jacobs Theatre
242 West 45th Street

Off Broadway Shows

- 2 ACROSS: A NEW COMEDY OF CROSSWORDS AND ROMANCE**
St. Luke's Theatre
308 West 46th Street
- 39 STEPS**
Union Square Theatre
100 East 17th Street
- AVENUE Q**
New World Stages
340 West 50th Street
- BLACK ANGELS OVER TUSKEGEE**
Actors Temple Theatre
339 West 47th Street
- BLUE MAN GROUP**
Astor Plae Theatre
424 Lafayette Street
- CLEVER LITTLE LIES**
Westside Theatre
407 West 43rd Street
- DADDY LONG LEGS**
Davenport Theatre
354 West 45th Street
- DRUNK SHAKESPEARE**
The Lounge at Roy Arias Theatre
300 West 43rd Street
- FUERZA BRUTA**
The Daryl Roth Theatre
101 East 15th Street
- FULL HOUSE! THE MUSICAL!**
Theatre 80
80 St. Marks Place
- GAZILLION BUBBLE SHOW**
New World Stages
340 West 55th Street
- HELL'S BELLES**
Elektra Theatre
673 Eighth Avenue
- IT'S JUST SEX**
Actors Temple Theatre
339 West 47th Street
- MONDAY NIGHT MAGIC**
Theatre 80
80 Saint Marks Place
- MOTHER COURAGE AND HER CHILDREN**
Classic Stage Company
136 East 13th Street
- MY BIG GAY ITALIAN FUNERAL**
St. Luke's Theatre
308 West 46th Street
- MY BIG GAY ITALIAN WEDDING**
St. Luke's Theatre
308 West 46th Street
- MY SON THE WAITER: A JEWISH TRAGEDY**
Stage 72 at The Triad Theatre
158 West 72nd Street
- NAKED BOYS SINGING**
Kirk Theatre
410 West 42nd Street
- NEWSical**
Kirk Theatre
410 West 42nd Street
- PERFECT CRIME**
Snapple Theatre Center
210 West 50th Street
- ROSE**
Clurman Theatre
410 West 42nd Street
- SAM EATON'S THE QUANTUM EYE MENTALISM & MAGIC SHOW**
Theatre 80
80 St. Marks Place
- SEX TIPS FOR STRAIGHT WOMEN FROM A GAY MAN**
The 777 Theatre
777 Eighth Avenue
- SISTAS: THE MUSICAL**
St. Lukes Theatre
308 West 46th Street
- SMART PEOPLE**
Second Stage Theatre
305 West 43rd Street
- SMOKEFALL**
Lucille Lortel Theatre
121 Christopher Street
- STOMP**
Orpheum Theatre
126 Second Avenue
- THE BERENSTAIN BEARS**
The Marjorie S. Deane Little Theatre
5 West 63rd Street
- THE FANTASTICKS**
Snapple Theater Center
210 West 50th Street
- THE GABRIELS: ELECTION YEAR IN THE LIFE OF ONE FAMILY, PLAY ONE: HUNGRY**
The Public Theater
425 Lafayette Street
- THE GREATEST PIRATE HOLIDAY SPECTACULARRRR!**
Theatre 54
244 West 54th Street
- THE JACKIE MASON MUSICAL**
St. Luke's Theatre
308 West 46th Street
- THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE**
St. Lukes Theatre
308 West 46th Street
- THE ROBBER BRIDEGROOM**
Laura Pels Theatre
111 W 46th Street

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10 Best Galleries

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gallery opened in 1979), London, Paris, Rome, Hong Kong, Athens and Geneva, in addition to the several famed spaces in New York. All of the city's galleries have featured works by the biggest names in modern and contemporary art—Julian Schnabel, Damien Hirst, Andy Warhol, Richard Serra, Cy Twombly, Francis Bacon, etc.—with old masters occasionally on display as well. Exhibitions currently on display include a show focusing on Pablo Picasso's photography at the West 21st Street gallery and an exhibition of Takashi Murakami's painting and sculpture on West 24th Street.

There are a number of Gagosian Gallery locations in Manhattan. Visit their website for more information.

LUHRING AUGUSTINE



Luhring Augustine, founded in Chelsea in 1985, is one of the city's most reputable galleries, exhibiting and representing works by the likes of Gerhard Richter, Larry Clark, Pablo Picasso and David Musgrave. And Luhring Augustine was also one of the first major art galleries to expand beyond Manhattan's enclave, making headlines when it opened a Bushwick outpost off the Morgan Ave L stop in 2012. That location boasts a stellar exhibition space for installations.

Luhring Augustine has two locations in the city: 531 West 24th Street between 10th and 11th Avenues in Chelsea (212-206,9100, luhringaugustine.com) and at 25 Knickerbocker Avenue between Johnson Avenue and Ingraham Street in Bushwick, Brooklyn (718-386-276, luhringaugustine.com).

PIEROGI



This Williamsburg gallery may most recently be known for providing greater North Brooklyn with a lifetime supply of rock salt and human hamster wheels. But the 20-year-old space is one of Williamsburg's pioneering art hubs, boasting both exhibitions and the famed flat files showcasing hundreds of works by local artists that are up for sale (you can also view them online). Pierogi's also opened a second space, The Boiler, on North 14th Street, where they host larger installations and sculpture shows.

Pierogi is located at 177 North 9th Street between Bedford and Driggs Avenues in Williamsburg, Brooklyn (718-599-2144, pierogi2000.com). They've also got a secondary space at 191 North 14th Street between Nassau and Wythe Avenues in Williamsburg, Brooklyn.

FISHER LANDAU CENTER FOR ART



This LIC gallery, housed in an erstwhile parachute harness factory, of all places, contains hundreds of works belonging to 94-year-old collector Emily Fisher Landau. Landau's got quite an eye for art, having amassed works by the likes of Robert Rauschenberg, Ellsworth Kelly and Andy Warhol over the past half-century. You can peruse the permanent works in addition to intermittent temporary exhibitions highlighting specific pieces from Landau's collection.

The Fisher Landau Center for Art is located at 38-27 30th Street in Long Island City, Queens (718-937-0727, fcart.org).

SEAN KELLY GALLERY



Once a SoHo stalwart, Sean Kelly's 23-year-old gallery represents some of contemporary art's biggest names, including Robert Mapplethorpe, Marina Abramovi and Mariko Mori. The gallery relocated to a two-story spot in Midtown a few years ago, and continues to host unconventional exhibitions, with upcoming shows including work by Chinese artist Sun Xun.

Sean Kelly Gallery is located at 475 Tenth Avenue between 36th and 37th Streets in Midtown West (212-239-1181, skny.com).

JACK SHAINMAN GALLERY



This DC transplant focuses on international work, with represented artists including the Ghanaian El Anatsui, Malian artist Malick Sidibé and the Israeli Adi Nes. Not that the gallery shuns Americans: native Missourian Nick Cave is also represented by Jack Shainman, and the gallery just wrapped up a spectacular exhibition of his new work last month. Up next, the gallery will host work by Michigan native Titus Kaphar.

Jack Shainman has two locations in Manhattan: 513 West 20th Street between West Street and 10th Avenue in Chelsea (212-645-1701, jackshainman.com) and at 524 West 24th Street between 10th and 11th Avenues, also in Chelsea (212-337-3372, jackshainman.com).

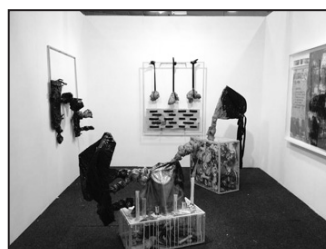
CHEIM & READ



This spacious 6,000 square foot gallery helmed by John Cheim and Howard Read boasts a heavy-hitting list of represented artists, with names like Diane Arbus, William Eggleston, Louise Bourgeois and Joan Mitchell on their list. Upcoming exhibitions include shows by Danish artist Tal R and Ireland's Sean Scully; you can see Louise Bourgeois's fascinating Suspension exhibition through mid-January.

Cheim & Read is located at 547 West 25th Street between 10th and 11th Avenues in Chelsea (212-242-7727, cheimread.com).

ON STELLAR RAYS



Candice Madey's LES gallery was one of the first to hit the Bowery back in 2008, opening just one day before Lehman Brothers brought the United States economy tumbling down. But On Stellar Rays, named after a 9th century text by Arab philosopher Al-Kindi, is a survivor, and continues hawking and displaying unique works by new and emerging artists. Current represented artists include Zipora Fried, Alix Pearlstein and JJ PEET; the gallery is about to close a breathtaking exhibition of Queens-based artist Tommy Hartung's work.

On Stellar Rays is located at 133 Orchard Street between Delancey and Rivington Streets on the Lower East Side (212-598-3012, onstellarrays.com).

STOREFRONT FOR ART & ARCHITECTURE



Last but not least on this list is the Storefront for Art & Architecture, a 32-year-old triangular slice located in that SoHo/Little Italy no-man's land. Storefront's an all-around art "institution," a non-profit dedicated to supporting emerging and local art. But the gallery's one of the city's most treasured exhibition spots, displaying works by hundreds of artists, including Peter Cook, Yves Klein and David Molander. Right now, visitors can experience Jana Winderen and Marc Fornes's interactive installation Situation NY, on display through December 20th.

Storefront for Art & Architecture is located at 97 Kenmare Street in Nolita (212-431-5794, storefrontnews.org).

Broadway Shows

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THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME

Ethel Barrymore Theatre
243 West 47th Street

THE CRUCIBLE

Walter Kerr Theatre
219 West 48th Street

THE FATHER

Samuel J. Friedman Theatre
261 West 47th Street

THE GIN GAME

Golden Theatre
252 West 45th Street

THE HUMANS

Helen Hayes Theatre
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The Disconnect

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As lenders, we are privy to a variety of financial documents including personal financial statements, tax returns and credit reports. In all likelihood, the most revealing bit of information is contained in the electronic trip sheets that all drivers generate on a daily basis. The trip sheets tell us if the driver is working, and how effectively. In turn, we are able to extrapolate this data in order to determine whether a borrower



can meet one's expenses and service debt.

There are some people on financial-oriented websites that opine on the income disparity between operating an Uber car versus the yellow cab. To hear them tell it, a reader would be inclined to believe that Uber drivers earn more money per hour than yellow cab drivers. None of these website denizens has ever seen a CMT or Verifone printout of a driver's

earnings. They base their conclusions on averages provided by TLC data. There is no weight given to owner-operators who work part-time so that in the TLC data, all drivers are considered full-time. In addition, there is no accounting for medallions in storage, or not being dispatched. They simply take the fare box data and divide by 13,500 medallions, clearly not a scientific method of determining income. When it comes to analyzing Uber driver data, because it's a private company, their data is generally self-serving and therefore unreliable.

So then, let's talk about what's real and what's apparent. In interviews with hundreds of owner-drivers over the last eighteen months, few drivers acknowl-

edge a significant change in their revenue streams. They do admit that certain sources of fares in years past are less fruitful, like hotels and airports. They do mention that traffic is worse than ever, and that is saying something.

But, to my eyes, the biggest shock is how much yellow cab drivers are earning. I took a small sample of one fleets drivers from last Friday night, admittedly a busy night. Of the seven trip sheets given to me, the lowest amount earned for one night shift was \$435, not including cash tips. The highest earned was \$691, probably an outlier in this collection of data. Nonetheless, most of this driver sample earned in the vicinity of \$525 for one night shift.

When I presented my findings to this illustrious band of website opinion givers, the evidence was met with grousing about cherry picking a busy night with high earning drivers. Yeah, OK, whatever. I dare any Uber, Lyft, Via, or Gett driver to show me their weekly income statement and prove to me that they are earning anything remotely comparable to what a yellow cab driver earns. In fact, I have seen weekly pay stubs and tax returns from a few Uber drivers, and income earned did not compare favorably with yellow cab drivers. And if they are leasing a car to drive, their net income is worse, roughly 33% of their gross revenue.

To be redundant from a prior column, even Meera Joshi acknowledged that illegal street hail is the only way these Uber guys can survive. On a daily basis, the brazenness of the Uber drivers can be witnessed by all to see. Last night, in a one block walk, I was solicited by an Uber driver who called himself a taxi. Stories abound from all in the legitimate taxi industry regarding illegal street hails, hotel doormen being bribed, and a toothless TLC, unable or unwilling to enforce the law.

So for all the hand-wringing about the taxi industry's woes, the earning capacity is strong. The bigger problem is that too few potential drivers are aware of the superior income stream that yellow taxis provide for those who want to make a living driving. The need for a coherent advertising campaign geared toward the driver population is necessary to attract drivers. And what better way than to show them the truth. In the end, that's the best ammunition we have.



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