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Current events

1.

Since the outbreak began on July 25, the death toll in New York City's Legionnaires' disease outbreak has risen to five with more than 100 cases confirmed across five ZIP codes in Central Harlem.

The outbreak in Central Harlem has been linked to cooling towers in the area. A component of central air conditioning, cooling towers are heat exchangers that use fans and water to cool down buildings.

The city health department has sampled and tested water from all cooling towers in the five Harlem ZIP codes. Health officials confirmed that 12 cooling towers in the area had positive results for the Legionella bacteria. Remediation of those towers has been completed.

Legionnaires' disease is a type of pneumonia caused by consuming water or breathing in water vapor contaminated with Legionella bacteria.

The disease can be caused by plumbing systems where the environment is favorable for bacterial growth, such as in cooling towers, whirlpool spas, hot tubs, humidifiers, hot water tanks, and evaporative condensers of large air-conditioning systems.

Legionnaires' disease cannot be spread from person to person and can be treated with antibiotics. Most healthy people who become infected usually recover. However about one in 10 victims of the disease die due to complications from Legionnaires' disease.

2.

The African Union is promoting a campaign to adopt a world map that more accurately reflects the African continent's relative size than the current Mercator projection world maps.

In use since the 16th century, the Mercator maps make Africa look comparatively small and inflates the size of land masses further away from the equator. As a result, the African continent appears to be the same size as Greenland, though it's about 14 times as large.

3.

Hurricane Erin is poised to bring deadly rip currents to the entire US East Coast, as well as destructive waves and storm surge to North Carolina's Outer Banks. Meanwhile, Atlantic hurricane season is hitting its stride, threatening to spin up another named storm in Erin's wake.

4.

Mayor Eric Adams demanded last week that the federal government stop arrests of petitioners at New York City's Immigration Court. The action marks a sharp break for the mayor with Washington on immigration. Mr. Adams is running a long-shot mayoral re-election campaign..

The mayor's legal brief was filed in conjunction with a lawsuit challenging the federal authority to detain people who report for mandatory immigration hearings.

5.

Former Democratic Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo told donors at a private fund raiser in the Hamptons last weekend that he believed the President would help provide a clear a path for a Cuomo victory in November's mayoral election.

Mr. Cuomo, who is running as an independent in the general election after losing June's Democratic primary, made his comments on Saturday's private fundraiser where he sought to



New JPMorgan Chase Bank headquarters building at 270 Park Avenue in Mid-town Manhattan

convince MAGA-friendly donors that he was the best positioned in the crowded field of candidates to defeat Assemblyman Zohran Mamdani, a self described "democratic socialist."

6.

Last week's world summit meetings in Anchorage, Alaska and Washington, D.C. were disappointing.

France's former ambassador to the United States, Gérard Araud, observed, "In Anchorage and in Washington we witnessed a triumph of empty vagueness and meaningless commitments. No firm decisions were agreed upon. Nothing has changed."

7.

Paige Bueckers scored 44 points in the Dallas Wings' 81-80 loss to the Los Angeles Sparks, a record for the most points scored by a WNBA rookie.

Bueckers sank 17 of 21 shots, including 4 of 4 from three-point range and 6 of 6 at the free-throw line to become the first player in league history with 40-plus points on 80% shooting from the floor. She also had four rebounds and three assists.

8.

The New York City office market is recovering from its pandemic debacle faster than any other in the US. Nothing speaks more to the turn-around than the gleaming new office tower built for JPMorgan Chase Bank.

After more than six years of development, the bank is preparing to move thousands of employees into its new, 2.5 million-square-foot

headquarters at 270 Park Avenue later this month before the skyscraper's grand opening in October..

The 60-story building is a roughly \$3 billion statement that New York City has made a comeback after years of uncertainty about whether or not the city would maintain leadership in world business and finance.

9.

The New York City Council approved new zoning rules for a 42-block section of Manhattan, paving the way for the development of more than 9,500 new residential apartments in the area.

The city legislation would allow construction of high-density housing in four separate areas south of Times Square that are currently designated for manufacturing and offices.

The area includes the Garment District, known historically for its concentration of clothing manufacturers. The businesses there were among those hit hardest during the pandemic. Office workers fled the city to work remotely. Many buildings have remained largely empty since then.

The zoning law changes are a test for Mayor Eric Adams' initiative to build more housing in neighborhoods zoned exclusively for commercial use.

10.

The 2025 US Open Tennis Championships are being held from August 24 to September 7, 2025, at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in New York City. This is the final Grand Slam of the year and is played on outdoor hard courts.

Word of the week

[sic]

/sɪk/

1. [sic] (Latin)
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2. As a verb, "sic" means to attack, incite, or urge someone or something to attack.

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