

You'll take a (fare) hike on Sunday

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Boy killed by tractor-trailer

A 6-year-old boy was hit and killed by a tractor-trailer while walking to his East Harlem school on Thursday, according to the NYPD.

Amar Diarrosova, who reportedly attended PS 155, was crossing First Avenue at East 117th Street with his brother around 8 a.m. when the tractor-trailer made a right turn onto the avenue and struck him in the crosswalk, police said.

The accident happened about a block away from the school.

Amar was rushed to Harlem Hospital and pronounced dead. His brother was unharmed. No criminality was suspected, police said. (TIM HERRERA)

Your MetroCard is going to get a little pricier this weekend, as the MTA's sweeping 2013 fare hike kicks in Sunday.

The hike, which follows increases in 2008, 2009 and 2011, is expected to raise \$450 million yearly for the agency.

Another hike is expected in 2015.

Here's everything you need to know:



Whether you take the train or drive into the city, starting Sunday you'll be paying more for fares and tolls. (LEFT: JOHN PARASKEVAS; ABOVE: GETTY)

Subway

- Monthly unlimited ride MetroCard rises to \$112 from \$104.
- Weekly unlimited ride card rises to \$30 from \$29.
- Base fare for subways and buses rises to \$2.50 from \$2.25.

- Pay-per-ride bonus drops to 5% from 7%, but kicks in at \$5 instead of the current \$10.
- A \$1 fee will be charged every time you purchase a new MetroCard.

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- Ticket prices will rise between 7.1% and 15.3% starting Friday, depending on ticket type and distance traveled. The increase on each ride is limited to 75 cents.

Bridges and tunnels

- New rates on the seven bridges and two tunnels the MTA runs will start 2 a.m. on Sunday. For most paid crossings, tolls will rise to \$5.33 from \$4.80 for E-ZPass

- customers and to \$7.50 from \$6.50 for cash customers. The cash toll on the Verrazano Bridge will jump to \$15, and the E-ZPass toll will increase to \$10.66 per trip from \$9.60.

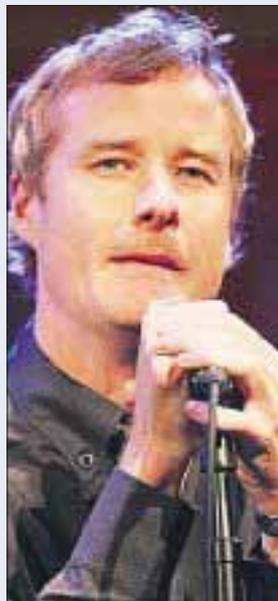
2 charged with sex trafficking

Two men are accused of raping and forcing a woman into prostitution while they held her captive for two days in a Manhattan apartment, according to the Manhattan district attorney's office.

Benjamin Gaston, 36, and Johnny Jackson, 53, are accused of taking the 28-year-old woman to an apartment on West 92nd Street last November, where they allegedly threatened her and took her ID, cellphone and cash, according to the DA's office. The men were charged with kidnapping, sex trafficking and rape, among other charges, and each face up to 25 years to life in prison.

Attorneys for Gaston and Jackson were unavailable for comment. (SHEILA ANNE FEENEY)

Rockin' start to Tribeca fest



Matt Berninger is the frontman for Brooklyn's The National. (GETTY)

The Tribeca Film Festival is opening with some hometown flavor.

"Mistaken for Strangers," a documentary that follows Brooklyn band The National on its biggest tour yet, will open the 12th annual festival on April 17, followed by a performance from the band.

"New York has been home to us for these past 15 years," said National frontman Matt Berninger.

The film is directed by Tom Berninger, Matt's brother and band roadie, who called the film "personal." The festival's full slate will be announced next week. (TIM HERRERA)

Report: NYC has hungriest nabe in the nation

BY ANNA SANDERS
Special to amNewYork

Despite its world-class restaurants, New York City is home to the nation's hungriest congressional district.

From 2011 to 2012, more than 36% of households in the since redistricted Congressional District 16, which included parts of the South Bronx, suffered from "food hardship," according to a report released Thursday by the Food Research and Action Center, a nonprofit organization.

The area was changed to the 15th district last year.

"In the richest city in the world, this is unacceptable and just plain wrong," said Joel Berg, executive director of the New York City Coalition Against Hunger.

The 16th Congressional District had the country's



Visitors eat free lunch at the Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen in Manhattan. (GETTY)

hoods in the South Bronx, including Bedford Park, East Tremont, Fordham, Hunts Point, Melrose, Highbridge, Morrisania, Mott Haven and University Heights.

"Any level of food insecurity is unacceptable in a city and a nation as wealthy as ours," said Rep. José Serrano, who represented the 16th when the poll was conducted.

In January, Serrano, who now represents the 15th District, which encompasses essentially the same area, introduced the "Anti-Hunger Empowerment Act," a bill that would eliminate fingerprinting requirements under the SNAP program and establish a federal grant program for community-based anti-hunger organizations. He's introduced the bill five times, including this year. It has never gotten past committee.

highest percentage of respondents that said there were times when they did not have enough money to buy food they or their family needed, according to Gallup polling data cited in the report.

When the survey was conducted, the 16th encompassed several neighbor-