

Alec: Not down with Quinn for mayor

While Alec Baldwin has made it clear he doesn't have any mayoral aspirations this election, that hasn't stopped the actor from sounding off on the candidates.

The actor wrote in a Huffington Post blog yesterday that the current front-runner, City Council Speaker Christine Quinn, "is not qualified to be mayor of New York."

Calling Quinn "Bloomberg's handmaiden" and "Bloomberg 2.0," the former "30 Rock" star and tabloid magnet criticized the Democrat's opposition to a bill requiring paid sick leave, her support of Police Commissioner Ray Kelly and, quoting a report by the Village Voice, accused her



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Alec Baldwin wrote that Quinn is "Bloomberg 2.0."

of having a \$49 million City Council "slush fund" that she distributes to members.

Quinn only announced her bid last week, but has been leading the polls for several months.

Baldwin admitted Quinn is the city's favorite now in the race, but slammed her and Bloomberg for having "polarized" the city into haves and have-nots.

Baldwin said the city needed a mayor with "middle class values" and wrote that Public Advocate Bill de Blasio was the right man for the job.

The 54-year-old actor hasn't announced any current plans to run for mayor himself, but his interest in the position has been widely discussed.

"30 Rock" even spoofed Baldwin's potential ambitions through his character Jack Donaghy last year.

A representative for Quinn declined to comment. (ANNA SANDERS)

BALDWIN GETS POLITICAL

How do I convey this without offending the gay community, or women who are supportive of more women in politics, or those who believe that Michael Bloomberg was a great mayor for New York?"

"Even if Quinn got on her knees and begged forgiveness for the murder of the term limits law, I still regard her as too compromised to become mayor."

"Quinn basically had a deal with Bloomberg that he would support her and, as such, is clearly presenting herself now as pro-business, while walking and talking her way across the five boroughs as a populist."

"Like the murder of Luca Brasi in 'The Godfather,' Bloomberg simply diverted people's attention from the dangers of killing a voter approved referendum, at times by giving money from his charitable operation to literally buy the silence of potential term limits advocates. But the garotte (sic) around the throat of term limits was wielded by Quinn."

— FROM THE HUFFINGTON POST



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Joe to get key Council backing tmrw.

The City Council's GOP delegation is set to back Joe Lhota for mayor tomorrow, according to one of its members.

Councilman James Oddo's office said he, fellow Staten Island Councilman Vincent Ignizio and Queens Councilmen Dan Halloran and Eric Ulrich will announce their endorsement of the former MTA chief at a 1 p.m. news

conference at City Hall.

"I have worked with Joe Lhota and I know firsthand his intelligence, work ethic, wit and understanding of city government. He is by far the superior candidate in the Republican primary and would be a fantastic mayor," Oddo said in a statement. The other three councilmen could not be reached for comment. (AMNY)



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Joe Lhota

I know who gets my vote, Mike says

Mayor Michael Bloomberg revealed yesterday that he knows exactly who he wants to succeed him as mayor in 2014 — but he refused to spill the beans.

"I'm certainly going to vote, and I know who I'm going to vote for," he said during a news conference at the Queens Hospital Center.

Still, Bloomberg continued to play coy, refusing to reveal his pick.

"Am I going to tell you? No," he said, after being pressed for an answer by reporters.

The revelation came in response to a question about Twitter founder Jack Dorsey, who said during a "60 Minutes" interview that he might want to run for mayor of New York one day.

Bloomberg said he thought it was likely too late for anyone new to join the race, but that he's generally happy with the field.



Close call as 6 train stops at Harlem station before hitting man

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IT'S UNCLEAR HOW THE MAN FELL ON THE TRACKS YESTERDAY.

A No. 6 train stopped on a dime in Harlem yesterday and avoided running over a man who had fallen onto the tracks, officials said.

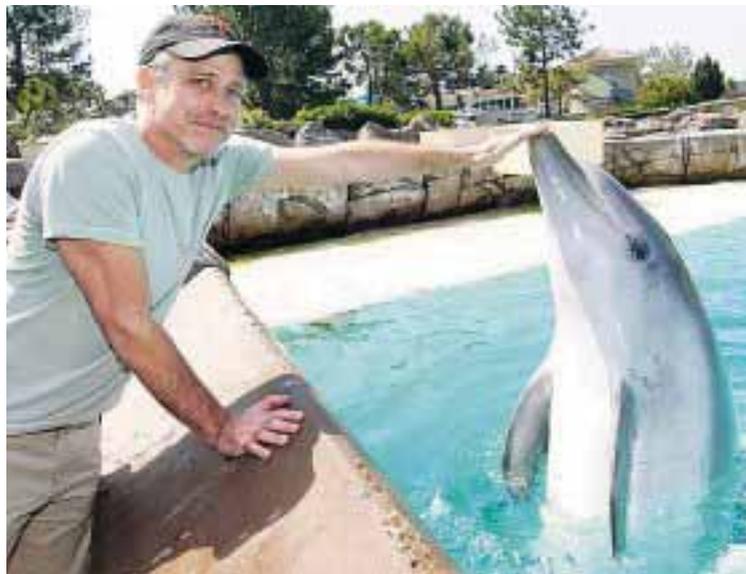
The train entering the sta-

tion at 125th Street and Lexington Avenue was able to hit the brakes just before striking the unidentified man on the tracks, the MTA said yesterday.

It's unclear how the man ended up there, but the train's operator stopped

about a full car length's short of running him over, according to the MTA.

Once the subway came to a full stop, fellow straphangers pulled the man to safety, and he walked out of the station without incident, the agency said.



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Jon's new pal

On vacation from "The Daily Show," Jon Stewart got to meet Cocoa, an Atlantic bottlenose dolphin at SeaWorld San Diego's Dolphin Point.

FDNY commish's son out of a job

The fire commissioner's son resigned from his EMT job yesterday after his racist tweets drew headlines and forced an apology from his dad, the department said.

Joe Cassano, 23, son of FDNY commish Salvatore Cassano, left the job after just three months over the tweets, officials said. The commissioner said he was disappointed in his son's behavior and that he thought the resignation was the "right decision."

Mayor Michael Bloomberg said he found the tweets "offensive."

The younger Cassano had sent anti-Semitic and racist tweets from his Twitter account @jcassano15, which has since been shut down. The tweets were published by the New York Post yesterday.

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