

WEATHER



FRIDAY
HI 41° LO 30°
Rain/snow



SATURDAY
HI 49° LO 33°
Sunny



SUNDAY
HI 49° LO 40°
Mostly cloudy

HOT LIST



National Meatball Day

Buy one get one free meatballs Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. at the Meatball Obsession walk-up window, 510 Sixth Ave. at 14th St.



Free Birkin bag!

Starting Saturday, enter to win a free purse, valued at \$13,499. Register at RueLaLa.com and refer five friends to register by March 29.

SONOS
THE WIRELESS HI-FI SYSTEM

New sounds

Sonos is having an in-store demo of its new sound system PLAYBAR at P.C. Richard & Son, 2372 Broadway, on Saturday from 12 to 6 p.m.

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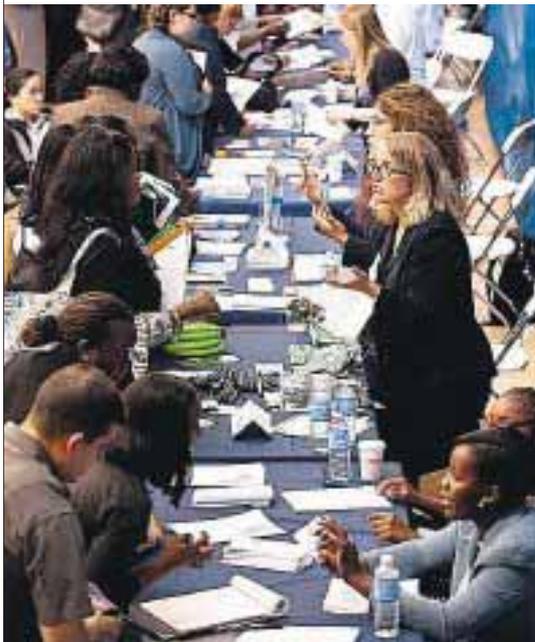


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Unemployment rate hits 9.1% in the city



Still, the state created 30,000 new jobs in January.

The city's unemployment rate hit a four-month high of 9.1% in January despite the state setting a new record for consecutive months of job creation, according to stats released Thursday by the Department of Labor.

Some 30,000 new private-sector jobs were created in the state in January, marking a record-breaking 17 months in a row that the state created jobs, the department said.

Still, the unemployment rate was up from 8.8% in December, officials said.

"New York state's strong economy continues to grow in 2013 and is setting records for consecutive job growth," said Bohdan M. Wynnyk, deputy director of the Division of Research and Statistics. (AMNY)

Bin Laden's son-in-law in Manhattan for trial

The federal government on Thursday charged Osama bin Laden's son-in-law with a conspiracy to kill U.S. nationals, after he was arrested in Turkey and brought to New York City to stand trial.

"No amount of distance or time will weaken our resolve to bring America's enemies to justice," Attorney General Eric Holder said in a statement accompanying the indictment against Suleiman Abu Ghaith, who also served as a spokesman for al-Qaida. U.S. officials including Hold-



Suleiman Abu Ghaith was an al-Qaida spokesman.

er said he would be arraigned on Friday at U.S. District Court in lower Manhattan.

Sources said Abu Ghaith, a militant who appeared in videos representing al-Qaida after 9/11, was initially picked up in Turkey.

The Turkish government deported him to Jordan, said the sources, where local authorities and the FBI took custody of him.

Ghaith was brought to the United States in the past few days, a law enforcement source said. (REUTERS)

Spider-Man to film downtown

Spider-Man — along with a crew of about 250 — is swinging into lower Manhattan next month.

"The Amazing Spider-Man 2," the latest installment of the blockbuster superhero franchise, is set to shoot in Fi Di's iconic 20 Exchange Place building for four days, from April 22-24 and again on the 29th.

But Spidey won't be scaling the 57-story, landmarked skyscraper, as all the filming will be done in the art-deco building's "grand" interior, location manager Jason Farrar told members of Community Board 1's Financial District

committee on Wednesday evening.

The building at 20 Exchange Place, which sits between William and Hanover streets, has been featured in recent movies like "The Adjustment Bureau," starring Matt Damon and Emily Blunt, as well as Denzel Washington's 2009 film "Inside Man."

"The Amazing Spider-Man 2," which has already been shooting at various locations throughout the city, is due in theaters in May 2014.

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NEW YORKERS
SOUND OFF
ON THE SODA BAN

I don't think it will be effective in terms of making people healthier. People won't respect it. If they change the size of what you can drink, the people that are drinking it — they're just going to buy more."

— Douglas Gamma, 28
Union Square



If it gets smaller, it gets smaller. I don't even drink soda. I just drink juice and water. It's not as good."

— Keisha Hughes, 23
Jamaica



It's more totalitarian. It's somebody's choice to eat what they eat. We have free speech, we should have free soda"

— Michael Allen, 41
Morningside Heights



It might be helpful, but we live in a free country. You're allowed to put what you want in your mouth. I don't think it's the government's place to restrict that."

— Meredith Gratton, 24
Prospect Lefferts
Gardens

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