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SUCCESS ACADEMY RAISES \$9.3 MILLION AT SPRING BENEFIT -- Capital's Eliza Shapiro and Conor Skelding: The Success Academy charter school network raised \$9.3 million at its third annual spring benefit on Monday night, according to an attendee, up from \$7.7 million at last year's benefit. The figure was announced by Dan Loeb, a hedge fund manager who serves as the chairman of Success' board of directors. The event was held at Cipriani in midtown Manhattan.

Rep. Hakeem Jeffries delivered the keynote address in lieu of Governor Andrew Cuomo, who was to give the keynote before his trade visit to Cuba was planned for the same day. ...

"I stand here because I unequivocally support quality public education and that's what Eva Moskowitz and Success Academy provide," Jeffries said, according to a quote posted on Success' Twitter account. "It's easier to raise strong children than it is to repair broken men."

Television host Katie Couric, Weekly Standard founder William Kristol, California Rep. Kevin McCarthy, Rep. Gregory Meeks of Queens and former Department of Education chancellor Joel Klein also attended the benefit, according to the attendee and Twitter posts. <http://goo.gl/Mt1bSH>

U.F.T. vs CUOMO: Teaches union unleash 'multi-million dollar' ad blitz -- The U.F.T. says the "ad will run on major broadcast and cable news programs" plus during shows like "Scandal," the finale of "The Americans," "American Crime," "The Blacklist," "Mad Men," "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart," and during the Mets and Yankee games.

-- **The script:** "For months, Andrew Cuomo attacked teachers and public schools. Now, with support at record lows, so-called education reformers and their billionaire backers are running TV ads trying to rewrite history. But we know the truth. Cuomo wants to pile on high-stakes testing, privatize classrooms, and divert money away from public schools by giving huge tax breaks to the wealthy. Governor, New Yorkers agree. Put politics aside, and put our kids first." **THE VIDEO:** <http://goo.gl/xe4iDV>

CITY HALL MOVES -- Emma Wolfe names new chief of staff -- Capital's Sally Goldenberg: Regina Schwartz will earn \$140,000 a year in her new role as chief of staff to the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, according to a spokeswoman for the mayor. Schwartz will attend to the office's legislative agendas at all levels of government while also working on Mayor Bill de Blasio's effort to organize municipalities throughout the country around common goals for urban areas.

Schwartz, 31, previously worked for four years as a deputy director for the Analyst Institute on field experiments and training throughout the country to improve voter turnout, according an online biography. A Harvard graduate, she also worked for Kirsten Gillibrand's 2006 run for Congress, Howard Dean's unsuccessful 2004 presidential bid and Rock the Vote. She also served as an intern in Hillary Clinton's Senate office. <http://bit.ly/1J3Yu83>

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TODAY: De Blasio has a closed-door event with members of the Campaign for One New York. There is no Q&A scheduled.

FRONT PAGES: Times: "Assembly Speaker Benefited From His Mother's Embezzlement" -- **News:** "Policing for DUMMIES" -- **Post:** "QUID PRO DOUGH"

NEW TWITTER PROFILE: "Bill de Blasio is preparing to run for president as Democrats' 'leftist' alternative to Clinton." -- via [@DraftDeBlasio](https://twitter.com/DraftDeBlasio) <http://bit.ly/1QbRIPM>

FUN WITH BILL AND HILLARY -- On Fox, Dick Morris said: "There's a vacancy. There's like an ad on Craigslist, 'Wanted: Leftist to run for president as a Democrat.' And the left certainly wants one. They are opposed to Hillary on any number of issues. The problem is that nobody of sufficient stature has stepped up top the plate. If de Blasio did, he would make a very potent candidate because I think that he certainly has demonstrated, as mayor of New York, a fidelity to a screwed-up agenda. At least he's faithful to it. And I believe that it's way too early to concede this nomination to Hillary." via **Mediaite:** <http://goo.gl/JWyFpg>

-- **WATCH:** De Blasio walking out of the Blue Room as CBS's Dick Brennan tries asking the mayor about running for president. <http://goo.gl/6Yi3j3>

REVIEWING THE GARNER DECISION -- Capital's Colby Hamilton: A state appeals court has granted a request by Public Advocate Letitia James and others to reconsider whether the grand jury proceedings in the case of Eric Garner should be made public, according to an attorney for the public advocate.

The four petitioners asked the court to review a Staten Island judge's decision to deny their request to unseal portions of the grand jury proceeding. The appeals court agreed to fast-track the review. ... James: "The crisis of confidence in our criminal justice system is intensifying every way, and we must act now" and "The public has the right to know what happened behind closed doors so we can restore transparency in our faith in the criminal justice system." <http://goo.gl/Xf5AtI>

TARGETING BROKEN WINDOWS -- Capital's Azi Paybarah: City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito is touting a plan she says will help "minimize" the public's contact with the criminal justice system "as much as possible" by reducing penalties for a host of quality-of-life offenses, including drinking in public, hopping turnstiles and public urination.

Mark-Viverito said criminal penalties for certain quality-of-life crimes are punitive and do long-term harm to too many people. "We have a lot of young people that are interacting, being arrested, being put in jail at times from the age of 16, 17, 18 even up to 20," she said. "But we are concerned about that interaction because it can have negative results in the long-term, in terms of people being able to get a job, in terms of retaining their housing if they're in jail for seven to 10 days, the impact it has in the larger scope are things that have to be taken into account. So we want to minimize that much interaction."

CRIME STATS -- Capital's Azi Paybarah: Eight people were murdered in New York City last week, bringing this year's total to 94, a 10.6-percent increase from this time last year, when 85 murders had been recorded, according to newly released data from the NYPD. Thirty-six people were victims of gunfire last

week, bringing the total for the year to 312, slightly higher than the 302 that were recorded a year ago at this time. According to the NYPD, there were 31 shooting incidents last week, bringing the year's total to 276, slightly higher than the 262 recorded at this time last year.

Uneasy support: Some of the progressive groups opposing the push to hire more police are welcoming this latest effort to reduce criminal penalties on quality-of-life crimes. But, they say, there should not be any deal-making on these two issues. "Decriminalizing low-level infractions can be a positive step, because it will decrease the unnecessary collateral consequences of over-criminalization that harms New Yorkers and our city," Priscilla Gonzalez of Communities United for Police Reform, said in a statement. But she warned about the need "to acknowledge and tackle the root causes that feed disparities" in police enforcement. Alex Vitale, a professor at Brooklyn College and critic of Bratton's police tactics, said reducing quality-of-life penalties "would be a major step toward ending Broken Windows policing because it decriminalizes many of the most commonly used offenses that police rely on to intervene in people's public non-criminal behavior.

<http://bit.ly/1HpeFeb>

A BRONX TALE -- How Heastie bought his home -- Times' Russ Buettner and David Chen: "About 16 years ago, when he had not yet run for public office but had already become entrenched in Bronx Democratic politics, [Assembly Speaker Carl] Heastie was able to hold onto a home that prosecutors said his mother had bought with embezzled money and that a judge had instructed him to sell. Selling it years later brought what appears to be the only significant financial gain of his life. ... An unusual string of legal lapses enabled Mr. Heastie to keep the home, an apartment in a three-story row house in the Bronx. Carelessness of those involved in the case could be to blame, or something more unsettling could have occurred, given the Bronx Democratic Party's influence on the court system and its long history of back-room deal-making." <http://goo.gl/pVFREk>

POOR DOOR -- Times Mireya Navarro: "A glassy new tower in New York City attracted an outcry for featuring one entrance for condominium owners and another for low-income tenants. But having to walk through a so-called poor door has not deterred those seeking an affordable place to live. As of Monday, the deadline for applying, more than 88,000 people had put their name in for the 55 low-priced units, the developer said. 'I guess people like it,' said Gary Barnett, founder and president of Extell Development Company, the tower's developer. 'It shows that there's a tremendous demand for high-quality affordable housing in beautiful neighborhoods.' ...

-- **"Despite the controversy,** it is not surprising that people are knocking down the poor door to get in. Housing lotteries, which the city uses to distribute subsidized apartments in new buildings, have been drawing record numbers after the system began allowing online applications in 2013 and as the rental market has gotten tighter. The lotteries are expected to multiply after [Mayor Bill] de Blasio's pledge to produce 80,000 new affordable units over 10 years. Already this year, 10 lotteries have been held for 698 units that received about 486,000 applications." <http://goo.gl/5EzzSj>

RUDY'S FUND-RAISER FOR DONOVAN -- Capital's Colby Hamilton: Former mayor Rudy Giuliani will headline a fund-raiser and rally for congressional candidate Daniel Donovan, his campaign announced Sunday. The event, described as a "supporters rally" by a Donovan campaign spokeswoman, is scheduled for next Saturday at the Hilltop Garden Inn in Staten Island. Tickets are \$25 per person. The campaign expects a few hundred supporters.

Giuliani was an early support of Donovan's campaign. Former aides organized a super PAC for Donovan weeks before he officially announced he was running. Donovan, the Staten Island district attorney, is running to replace former congressman Michael Grimm, who resigned from Congress in early January after pleading guilty to federal tax fraud. The election in the 11th Congressional District, which encompasses all of Staten Island and a portion of southwest Brooklyn, will be held on May 5.

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ACCESSIBLE WEB -- Bills requires the city's websites to be translated and meet federal accessibility standards -- Capital's Miranda Neubauer: Chris Long, assistant commissioner for web strategy and operations at the Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications, said the department is working with city agencies to redesign their websites based on the template of the redesigned homepage, which offers automatic translation options through Google. He also said the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs launched a comprehensive program earlier this year to step up its language access issues.

The Council found in a report that of the 91 agencies and offices with active websites, 25 percent did not have a translation option. Williams said that while the NYPD had such an option, it was only in English and that the FDNY had none. <http://bit.ly/1J3XwZC>

SANITATION UPGRADE -- News' Lisa Colangelo: "The City Council wants to spend \$2.7 million to get dungeon-like facilities for female sanitation workers out of the Dark Ages. Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito said the funds — paired with another \$2.5 million in the city's proposed budget — could finally bring bathrooms, showers and lockers for women at old city garages into the modern era." <http://goo.gl/nXW396>

TODAY

10 a.m. -- The health committee meets to hear three bills. Two will make technical corrections to pet shop bills passed earlier this year. Intro. 599 would "require all schools, grades 6-12, gyms, health clubs and athletic clubs to post warnings in locker rooms regarding anabolic steroid and human growth hormone use." City Hall, Council Chambers. <http://on.nyc.gov/1Dvcq3g>

10 a.m. -- The Committee on Economic Development will hold an oversight hearing on "the economic impact of the federal export-import bank in New York City." City Hall, Committee Room. <http://on.nyc.gov/1JnW6G4>

1 p.m. -- The Committee on Contracts and the Committee on Housing and Buildings will hold a joint oversight hearing of contracting processes for the mayor's affordable housing plan. City Hall, Chambers. Public Advocate Tish James to testify: <http://on.nyc.gov/1DFHWyK>

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SHORT READS:

-- **Rep. Greg Meeks of Queens defended** his support of the controversial Trans Pacific Partnership trade deal many Democrats and union leaders oppose. Observer's Will Bredderman: <http://goo.gl/gPpyh8>

-- **Charges were dropped against Jeanine Johnson, a staffer to Assemblyman Keith Wright**, related to a D.U.I. stop last year. Post's Rebecca Rosenberg and Kathleen Culliton: <http://goo.gl/C46XKk>

-- **"Two bullets pierced an MTA bus filled with passengers** in a shooting near Central Park on Monday, police said. The gunman began shooting at E. 104 St. and Madison Ave. in front of the George Washington Carver Houses in East Harlem around 5:15 p.m., police said. One bullet hit 31-year-old Kasheef Queen, who

was on the street, in the heel, and two other slugs hit an M3 bus, the sources said.” News’ Pete Donohue, Laura Bult, Joseph Stepansky and Kerry Burke: <http://goo.gl/fbg04l>

EVENTS:

9:30 a.m. -- City Comptroller Scott Stringer speaks at press conference on Export-Import Bank, on the City Hall steps.

10 a.m. -- New York Power Authority president and C.E.O. Gil Quiniones and M.T.A. chairman Tom Prendergast announce completion of a \$25 million energy efficiency project at Grand Central Terminal, 89 E. 42nd Street in Manhattan.

11 a.m. -- Mothers and child safety advocates deliver piles of toxic toys to the Manhattan headquarters of the Toy Industry Association, a group that opposes laws aimed at getting toxic chemicals out of toys and other children’s products. Toy Industry Association, 1115 Broadway in Manhattan.

5:30 p.m. -- Public Advocate Letitia James speaks at John Jay College's Women in Politics Series, at 524 West 59th Street, in Manhattan.

6 p.m. -- Governor Andrew Cuomo speaks at the Food Bank for New York City’s annual Can Do awards dinner, Cipriani Wall Street, 55 Wall Street in Manhattan.

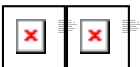
6:30 p.m. -- Councilman Andy King hosts a Constituent Night event, Eastchester Gardens Community Center, 3016 Yates Avenue in the Bronx.

7 p.m. -- NY1’s “Inside City Hall”: Hillary Clinton adviser Karen Finney; Steve Banks, city Human Resource Administration and, and Vicki Been, city housing and preservation; plus the NY1 Wise Guys, with Al D’Amato, Anthony Weiner & C. Virginia Fields.

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