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The Coast Guard searched yesterday for a crewman who fell from a 600-foot tanker ship as it approached the Port of New York, the Coast Guard said.

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A construction elevator plummeted from the side of a skyscraper in New York's Times Square area Tuesday, killing a woman and injuring 12 people, creating traffic chaos and forcing evacuations, officials said.

# 3

A 73-year-old woman was killed when a piece of the scaffolding crashed through her living room ceiling at the Woodstock Hotel, according to New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

# 4

An elevator in a Brooklyn apartment building plunged six floors yesterday afternoon, collapsing on the ground floor and injuring the six people inside, Fire Department officials said.

# 5

Investigators are trying to determine what caused a freight elevator to come crashing down in a Times Square building Thursday, killing the operator inside.

# 6

A sports utility vehicle driving in Brooklyn collapsed into a large sinkhole after a water main break caused the street to give way early Monday, authorities said.

The driver of the SUV, who was not seriously injured, exited the car on her own and later went to a local hospital to be treated for shock, said Fire Department spokesman Brian Conlon.

## 7

A former New York City doorman has received \$6 million from the city for a personal injury that resulted from slipping on pigeon droppings on subway steps.

## 8

Manhole covers are being replaced through out Central Park, New York, after a 5-year-old fell 18 feet into an uncovered hole.

# 9

A welder working on a barge docked at the Brooklyn Navy Yard died yesterday after he fell 50 feet into the vessel's hull, police said.

# 10

A 47-year-old man was charged with second-degree murder yesterday after a friend he had a scuffle with fell into a manhole in Lower Manhattan and died early Saturday, the police said.

# 11

A 21-year-old stumbled into the path of a Coney Island-bound train at the Seventh Ave. station of the line in Prospect Heights, Brooklyn, about 8:40 p.m. and was killed, police said.

# 12

Craig Alcantara scooped up \$100,000 in cash when bags of money fell off an armored truck, but he returned the money on Friday, after worrying about it for three days.

# 13

A horse pulling a carriage fell into a manhole in NYC.

# 14

An apparently vacant building has collapsed near a busy intersection in New York City.

Officials say commuter train service heading north out of Manhattan has been suspended after the collapse in East Harlem.

# 15

The collapse of a highway retaining wall in Manhattan and a fire at a railroad bridge in New Jersey created Friday-the-13th headaches for thousands of commuters.

## 16

High-rise scaffolding laden with heavy, wet concrete collapsed today at the violations-plagued site of Donald Trump's future SoHo hotel-condo complex, sending one worker plummeting 42 stories to his death.

## 17

A baby amazed her parents yesterday by toddling around her hospital room only hours after plunging four stories from her bedroom window. Cindy Riveros, 14 months old, bounced off a large rubber ball in the outdoor basement stairwell of her Flushing, Queens, home Wednesday night, her parents said.

## 18

Starting on a Christmas shopping trip with her husband, Victor, and her 5-year-old daughter, Cecelia, Mrs. Cecelia Correz of 50 Hilton Street, East Orange, N.J., slipped and fell in front of an incoming express train just as she was leaving the Thirty-fourth Street station of the B.R.T. yesterday morning.

## 19

A legal secretary miraculously escaped serious injury Wednesday when she was clocked on the head by two bricks that fell from a midtown Manhattan building.

## 20

Yesterday morning, a woman fell into the gap between the platform edge and train at the Syosset LIRR train station. The gap was measured to be between 10 and 12 inches.

## 21

A giant crane toppled over at a construction site and smashed into a block of residential buildings Saturday, creating a horrifying scene of destruction on Manhattan's East Side.

Fire Department officials said at least two people were dead.

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At the corner of Dumont Avenue and Cleveland Street, a three-story apartment building stands out sharply amid the nearby well-kept buildings. The stoop has crumbled into rubble, the roof has partly caved in and out back the body of a cat with matted yellow fur has begun to decay.

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There's a little bit of disagreement on how the worker died. The Post says that when a bucket of concrete "careened into scaffolding" and Yuri, a married father from the Ukraine, fell 30 feet to his death when a "bucket and the scaffolding" fell on top of him.

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The most recent occurred April 14, when Kevin Kelly, a 25-year-old worker who was installing windows at a condominium under construction on East 67th Street, fell to his death from the 23rd floor, apparently because a strap failed.

## 28

A 16-year-old girl whose skull was fractured by construction debris that fell from atop a Brooklyn elementary school, died yesterday morning at Kings County Hospital Center, where she had lain unconscious since being injured on Friday.

After school let out at P.S. 131 yesterday, hundreds of crying students and their parents huddled at a makeshift memorial on the school's main lawn.

## 29

A construction contractor in Union Square yesterday became the latest casualty of the city's construction boom, falling 19 stories to his death and becoming the 17th such fatality in the past 12 months.

# 30

New York City is letting interior construction resume at Goldman Sachs' new headquarters, where a hunk of steel plunged 18 stories onto a ball field during Little League games last month.

# 31

During the height of the electric storm that swept over the city at nightfall yesterday the 200-foot navy observation balloon on sentry duty over Bath Beach and the adjacent coast line was struck by lightning and fell into Gravesend Bay in a mass of flames.

# 32

Rooftop rumble between sleek new condo and venerable nightspot pits Old Manhattan against New.

“It’s an ongoing pain in the ass,” he added. “Every day I gotta go out there and clean my roof. One day, when I was out there, a hammer came down from about the 15th floor and landed about four feet from me!”

## 33

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A construction worker trying to pour concrete fell 42 stories to his death at the Trump SoHo condominium project.

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Seven tons of steel fell from new Goldman Sachs building construction site in Battery Park City, paralyzing an architect.

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A pedestrian is injured when gusting wind pushed debris of the New York Times' new building. Another pedestrian is injured in a similar incident involving a nearby building.

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# 42

A pedestrian on Eighth Avenue was struck and killed yesterday afternoon by an 8-foot wooden beam that fell from a condominium tower being built across the street, the authorities said.

The man was identified as, 30-year-old aspiring actor who lived at 644 Ninth Avenue. He was struck in the head by the 4-by-4-inch beam at 980 Eighth Avenue, just south of 58th Street, the police said. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

# 43

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# 44

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"There will be a domino effect," he said. "Traffic on the Manhattan Bridge is already limited because of repairs, and for the next few days Manhattan-bound traffic on the Brooklyn Bridge will be cut by half." He predicted that between 40,000 and 50,000 motorists would be affected each day.

## 45

Debris from The New York Times Building in Manhattan injured a pedestrian yesterday, prompting the city to issue a safety violation to the building's owner for failing to safeguard the public. At least one other pedestrian was injured elsewhere in Manhattan from flying debris, as New York City and the surrounding area was battered by winds in excess of 40 mph.

## 46

A pedestrian was injured by falling debris from a building at 1345 Avenue of the Americas, at 55th St. The severity of the pedestrian's injuries is not known. However, a tenant from the building told The New York Times that a public address announcement about 4 p.m. reported that firefighters had arrived "because a window has come out on the 55th side."

# 47

It was a moment of horror and then relief in New York: the collapse of a century-old former castle wall, dumping tons of debris onto one of the city's busiest roads.

Numerous cars parked nearby were buried under a massive mound of rocks, trees and dirt. Police say they do not believe anyone is buried in the rubble, which will take some time to remove and is creating nightmarish hours-long traffic jams for area commuters.

# 48

Fire Department spokeswoman Emily Rahimi said an aircraft struck struck the 20th floor of a building on East 72nd Street. Witnesses said the crash caused a loud noise, and burning and falling debris was seen. Flames were seen shooting out of the windows. Video from the scene showed at least three apartments in the high rise fully engulfed in flames.

# 49

A large container filled with construction debris fell from atop the Bank of America tower yesterday, breaking windows and causing shrapnel to rain down onto Sixth Avenue during the Midtown lunch break.

"I was about to cross the street when I saw thousands of pieces of glass falling from the sky," consultant Charles Fiesel said. "Glass was bouncing in front of me and off of me."

Mr. Fiesel, 42, who said he was keeping a piece of shattered glass as a souvenir, said that before taking cover, he pulled a young woman to safety.

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Edgar Moreno, 30, of Linden, N.J., was pronounced dead at the scene. His 37-year-old brother was taken to a hospital in critical condition, officials

said. No update on his condition was available early Saturday from firefighters or police.

# 51

ENGINEERS ARE BAFFLED OVER THE COLLAPSE OF 7 WTC

"STEEL MEMBERS HAVE BEEN PARTLY EVAPORATED"

# 52

Within the building, the diesel tanks were surrounded by fireproofed enclosures. But some experts said that like the jet fuel in the twin towers, the diesel fuel could have played a role in the collapse of 7 World Trade.

# 53

The long-delayed demolition of the former Deutsche Bank building across from ground zero suffered another setback yesterday when a 22-foot metal pipe fell from its 35th floor and crashed through the roof of a firehouse across the street.

When the pipe fell, it bounced off scaffolding on the 32nd floor. Eight feet of pipe pierced the firehouse roof, coming to rest after leaving a seven-inch

gash in a concrete wall. Thirteen firefighters were in the firehouse when the pipe landed.

## 54

A Honda Accord with three occupants was hit by a pipe from The New York Times's new building on Eighth Avenue in Manhattan on Tuesday.

## 55

New York City stopped construction on an office tower near ground zero Saturday after a chunk of steel fell 18 stories onto a ballfield where dozens of children were playing, the second accident at the site in five months.

## 56

In the deadliest incident, a 20-story construction crane collapsed in midtown Manhattan on March 15, killing seven people and demolishing a brownstone.

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While working on the renovation of an apartment on West 27th Street about 10 years ago, I witnessed a friend accidentally drop a hammer out of an eighth-floor window onto a busy sidewalk.

# 60

A section of a Madison Avenue office tower's side wall suddenly peeled off yesterday, raining debris on holiday shoppers and tourists, snapping a hanging work platform in two and dangling a ton of bricks from a torn safety net.

# 61

The senior prom was almost over, and the 200 students from Springfield Gardens High School were waiting for the balloons to drop from the ceiling of the New York Hall of Science in Queens, signaling an end to a night of dancing and animated conversation. But what fell instead from the building's 70-foot-high ceiling early yesterday morning was a 10-pound steel pipe. After it struck 17-year-old Micha Chatmon in the head, she collapsed to the floor.

# 62

Yesterday afternoon, there were reports of a wall collapse or falling debris from a Harlem building on 116th Street, off Fifth Avenue.

# 63

A Brooklyn filmmaker bicycling to work in the rain was killed yesterday morning when he fell off his bike and tumbled underneath a truck on West Houston Street in Greenwich Village.

# 64

A tourist attending a religious conference walking in Midtown suffered a fractured skull yesterday when a 25-pound stucco ornament loosened and fell 14 stories, knocking him unconscious in front of his wife and children.

# 65

Everybody knows *The New York Times'* newly-erected skyscraper home has been plagued by falling glass, ice and vermin. And the time an *entire window* fell from the sky onto a car below. Then there's the succinct complaint from July 31, 2007: "Something fell off the building."

# 66

College student Grace Gold was killed by a falling ice at 115th St. and Broadway.

# 67

Shelter residents were temporarily ordered out of a homeless shelter in Brooklyn yesterday after a 200-foot-long parapet on the roof of an adjacent building that was about to be demolished to make way for the Atlantic Yards project collapsed, the authorities said.

# 68

A bucket of cement fell 20 stories off a building under construction in Brooklyn and crushed the roof of a Department of Environmental Protection worker's car as he and a co-worker were about to enter the vehicle.

The two DEP workers, Omar Ishack and Pritim Masun, thought the car exploded when the bucket fell on the vehicle.

# 69

New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art reported Tuesday that a 15th century glazed terra-cotta relief sculpture of St. Michael the Archangel by Andrea della Robbia came loose from its wall mounts and fell onto a stone floor.

The 62-by-32-inch relief, which has been on view in the museum's European Paintings and Decorative Arts Galleries since 1996, fell during the night, the statement said.

# 70

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"The bricks are coming off; it is very dangerous," said Joe L. Gaither, 61, who lives on Cleveland Street. "To everyone I see I say, 'Get on the other side of the street.' "

# 72

September 7, 2004 23-year-old graduate film student at New York University fell to her death yesterday from the roof of the Tisch School of the Arts in what school officials said was apparently a suicide. It was the seventh high-profile death of an N.Y.U. student in a year, and the second death of a Tisch student in less than a week.

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Now we're hearing that part of the 42nd floor collapsed into the 41st floor. Reader renter999 commented, "I'm in the building next door, and when the collapse occurred a whole load of debris and wet cement fell partly on my building and partly on the ground below. I could see a worker swept off the roof into the safety net attached to the building.

# 74

Last month, a crane had the WTC site collapsed, causing 14,000 pounds of steel to fall to the ground. The steel beams hit a construction trailer and seriously injured an architect.

# 75

WNBC reports that the fatality was caused when the worker fell 30 feet: "A crane dropped a piece of concrete onto the scaffolding, which collapsed after the impact." And here's a haunting photograph from of two construction helmets from workers who fell:

# 76

The construction site on East 29th Street is where a worker fell 25 feet to a concrete slab. The building is to be 15 stories high and is part of a complex known as the East River Science Park.

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Elsewhere in New York City, a second pedestrian was injured by falling debris from a building at 1345 Avenue of the Americas, at 55th Street. The severity of the pedestrian's injuries is not known, and emergency response personnel at the scene would not confirm if the victim was struck by glass.

# 91

Wind was also blamed for the collapse of a wall at a construction site in Brooklyn.

# 92

A collapse of a century-old former castle wall dumped tons of debris onto one of the city's busiest roads. The 50-foot-tall stone retaining wall that first sent a few stones falling down into Henry Hudson Parkway rush hour traffic and a few minutes later - as firemen began inspecting the area - the wall and the cliff it supported came completely tumbling down.

Numerous cars parked nearby were buried under a massive mound of rocks, trees and dirt.

# 93

A small aircraft crashed into a high-rise on the Upper East Side, setting off a fire and startling New Yorkers, police said.

# 94

A large container filled with construction debris fell from atop the Bank of America tower yesterday, breaking windows and causing shrapnel to rain down onto Sixth Avenue during the Midtown lunch break.

# 95

The fire department closes off the area where debris fell from the Bank of America building at 42nd street and Sixth Avenue.

The container, which is used to transport tools and rubbish to and from the upper levels of the tower via a crane, plummeted from the 53rd floor of the building at 1111 Sixth Ave. at about 1 p.m., fire officials said. Four construction workers and four passersby sustained minor injuries, the "I was about to cross the street when I saw thousands of pieces of glass falling from the sky," consultant Charles Fiesel said. "Glass was bouncing in front of me and off of me."

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# 97

Almost lost in the chaos of the collapse of the World Trade Center is a mystery that under normal circumstances would probably have captured the attention of the city and the world. That mystery is the collapse of a nearby 47-story, two-million-square-foot building seven hours after flaming debris from the towers rained down on it, igniting what became an out-of-control fire.

# 98

Sucha Ram was getting ready to tar the roof of a building in the Bronx last year when he fell over the side, plunging 15 feet to his death. In one of the more detailed reports, Mieczyslaw Piatek, 52, was killed when a 10-foot cinderblock wall from an adjacent property collapsed on him as he labored in an excavated plot.

# 99

On Friday, dozens of birds fell out of the sky and died on a street in the Great Kills section of Staten Island.

# 100

Three people ó two adults and a 2-year-old boy were injured yesterday when a steel pipe from a building under construction on Eighth Avenue crashed through the sunroof of their car, the police said.

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# 103

Estimates are that at least 200 people jumped to their deaths that morning.

The jumping started shortly after the first jet hit at 8:46 a.m. People jumped continuously during the 102 minutes that the north tower stood. Two people jumped as the north tower began to fall at 10:28 a.m., witnesses said.

# 104

Since the plane fell from the sky not far from her home, Arlene Jordan has been shuttling one of her daughters to shopping malls, to help the children in the Lawler family, who lost a mother and a brother.

# 105

Something fell out of the sky on Thursday, and terrorized a small corner of New York, on Broadway, just south of 100th Street. It was not a bomb but a building that shook a neighborhood; part of a supermarket, which was being demolished to make way for an apartment tower, came tumbling down without warning.

# 106

A 15th-century marble statue of Adam by the Venetian sculptor Tullio Lombardo crashed to the ground in the Velez Blanco Patio at the Metropolitan Museum of Art sometime Sunday evening, scattering its arms, legs and an ornamental tree trunk into dozens of pieces.

# 107

A 53-year-old man died yesterday afternoon when he fell down the stairs to a Queens subway platform and crashed head-on into the side of an R train that was entering the station.

# 108

Dozens of birds reportedly fell from the sky to their deaths in Staten Island, scattered about in the streets Friday afternoon, and officials believe an ammonia cloud could be responsible.

# 109

A European Vogue cover model fell to her death from her Manhattan apartment building Saturday in an apparent suicide, published reports said.

# 110

On July 21 a Tomahawk Cruise Missile fell off a truck and landed in the middle of the highway near the Bronx.

The truck was carrying the Cruise Missile on I-95 in New York on its way from Rhode Island to Virginia when it broke down and was rear-ended by another tractor-trailer. This knocked the missile off the truck and onto the highway. The missile remained in its fiberglass protective box.

# 111

A convict who had been jailed for 14 years fell from his chair yesterday after learning a Queens judge threw out his murder rap.

"He fell to the floor and just stayed there," lawyer Thomas Hoffman said of his client, Kareem Bellamy, whose conviction was overturned by Supreme Court Justice Joel Blumenfeld.

# 112

A man from Senegal who was denied permission to climb the stairs to the top of the Statue of Liberty was killed yesterday evening when he jumped or fell from a promenade at the base of the statue, the National Parks Service said.

# 113

On Dec. 7 bricks rained down from the 33rd floor of a 39 story Manhattan office building located at 540 Madison Ave., slightly injuring two passersby and closing Madison Avenue at the height of the Christmas shopping season.

# 114

Carmine Santa Maria once collected 50 pounds of bolts that had fallen from the elevated subway line in Bensonhurst, Brooklyn.

# 115

Ellen Barry describes the travails of people in Richmond Hill, Queens, where creosote — a coal tar derivative — occasionally drips from the elevated subway tracks of the J line.

# 116

Then there was the 1934 case of John Bolger, 57, a Bowery lodging house resident who fell off the platform and landed in the rear seat of a “passing sedan of expensive make.”

# 117

The Times related the tumble of “a big coal black cat” who “for a few moments led a strenuous life, pacing a south-bound seven-car train,” then jumped to Sixth Avenue.. “The crowd was dense, but by some strange bit of luck the cat landed between two women, missing their heads by the merest trifle.” The police tried to save the animal but its injuries were severe; they shot it.

# 118

Rubys over the weekend had an unfortunate accident as everyone has reported. The facts are as he did fall thru a partially collapsed floor in the mens room - the piping was not broken - he missed them - barely. He had literally hit the dirt floor underneath along with all the cobwebs etc.

# 119

Sohaib Qureshi was a strapping, athletic boy, but today he's fighting to come back from a devastating brain injury, the result of a freak accident in a park that has shattered his devoted family. It happened in August in Riverside Park. Sohaib was playing with his brother when suddenly a 24-foot foot limb cracked off a tree. It hit Sohaib in the head and fractured his skull.

# 120

Six men were injured yesterday in two building accidents in West Thirtysixth Street, west of Seventh Avenue, while workmen were searching for dead in the ruins of the Strathmore, Broadway and Fifty-second Street, which collapsed last Wednesday

# 121

Two persons were killed last evening when part of the shed over the sidewalk in front of 1,946 First Avenue collapsed under the weight of the snow Gatano Conti, 29 years old, of 1,946 First Avenue, was one of those killed, and Jean Lauro, 6 years old, of the same address, was the other.

# 122

Nine houses in Harlem and the Bronx partly collapsed yesterday and last night as a result, the contractors said, of the thaw undermining the foundations. Rear walls of four of the unfinished structures fell and the others were said to be in a dangerous state.

# 123

The driver of a flatbed truck delivering several tons of granite to a construction site in Times Square apparently pulled away before a crane could lift the supplies from the truck, causing the crane's boom to buckle and crash into a building across the street yesterday afternoon, the authorities said.

# 124

A one-story building collapsed into a busy uptown block of Broadway this morning, trapping a handful of people waiting at a bus stop and leaving a heap of debris that spilled across three lanes of traffic.

# 125

A crash of falling timbers and bricks from behind the old Tompkins Market startled everybody in the neighborhood just after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and the rattle of trucks and fire engines a few moments after caused much excitement. The firemen found that ambulances and surgeons were needed instead of men to fight a fire.

# 126

On Saturday, Corner GAMBLE held an inquest on the bodies of the three men who were killed by the falling of a building in Forty third street, rear the Crystal Palace, during the storm on Friday evening. The names of the unfortunate men were James McCauley, WM.McCracken, and Matthew McGraun.

# 127

A group of men standing under the awning in front of N.T. Sweezey's Son Co.'s wholesale flour store, at No. 126 Roosevelt Street, at 9:40 PM last evening, heard a crash as of breaking timbers above their heads. They turned and looked up. The awning seemed to be tumbling down upon them.

# 128

We briefly alluded yesterday morning to an accident which occurred Monday night at No. 177 Grand-street, Williamsburg, occasioned by the falling of a building in process of erection, instantly killing a lad of twelve years of age, by the name of Walter Tufts, who resided with his mother, a widow lady, in North Seventh-street, and seriously injuring Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, and two of their children.

# 129

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# 130

Coroner Keenan proceeded yesterday to investigate the case of John Donnelly, Mrs. Anne Hamiltan, John Cafferty and Mary Reilly, who were killed on the 15th inst. by the sudden fall of the large eight-story brick building in West Thirty-fifth-street

# 131

The giant steel skeleton of the Darlington Apartment Hotel, which since last Fall has been in process of erection on the north side of Forty-sixth Street between Fifth and Sixth Avenues, collapsed at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon without warning, carrying with it nearly every one of the workmen engaged on the ten stories that had been raised

# 132

A 100-foot-long brick parapet that was being renovated at a Brooklyn elementary school collapsed onto the school's roof yesterday afternoon, critically injuring a construction worker, injuring two students and closing the school at least until tomorrow, school officials said.

# 133

Two construction workers refurbishing a TriBeCa building were seriously injured yesterday when a cable they were securing snapped, dropping a pulley on top of them.

# 134

A vacant four-story building in the Flatiron District that officials suspected was unstable, collapsed last night, but caused no injuries, the authorities said.

# 135

One of the big buildings adjoining the Stock Exchange is known as the Mortimer, one of the handsomest in the Street. Yesterday workmen were engaged on its roof, when one of them, Charles McDonald triped while holding a blowpipe and a bottle of Benzine. Then burst into flames and fell to his death.

# 136

A woman tumbled 15 feet to within inches of her death on a Midtown sidewalk yesterday after a Con Edison metal grate shielding a mud pit of live voltage gave way, fire officials said.

# 137

A retired Queens pharmacist died yesterday from injuries he suffered in a freak fall into a 15-foot-deep construction pit at a Con Ed site in Forest Hills, authorities said.

# 138

A 12-year-old girl miraculously survived a 15-story plunge after she climbed into the chimney of a historic Greenwich Village building last night, authorities said.

The girl, whose family lives in the famed artists' building, had been playing on the roof and was somehow able to climb the chimney, which FDNY officials estimate is two stories high.

Then she tumbled down to the basement of the 13-story structure.

Building security called 911, and when the super took firefighters to the basement, they saw the girl's arm sticking out of a door.

# 139

A dramatic early morning crash sent a sport-utility vehicle hurtling off a bridge and onto the Cross Bronx Expressway, killing the driver, cops said.

# 140

A despondent woman survived a suicide leap off the Brooklyn Bridge yesterday, police said.

# 141

An actor in "The Little Mermaid" broke his wrists after falling at least 20 feet through a trap door to the stage minutes before a performance of the popular Broadway production, authorities said.

# 142

Police say a bicyclist has died after plunging from the Manhattan Bridge's upper roadway onto the level below.

# 143

Around 11:50 A.M. Monday Jun 9th a giant tree came crashing down across a Catholic school playground, crowded with children playing. Early reports from police and firemen are that no children were killed or injured. The school is the Epiphany school located on east 22nd street near 2nd avenue. The children were quickly ushered inside as emergency workers showed up.

# 144

Following a runaway yesterday from the Bowery and Houston Street to Delancey, and thence eastward to Chrystie Street, where the wagon was ditched in the subway excavation, Charles Olsen of 321 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, a one-armed man, fell fifty-two feet to the bottom of the excavation while trying to extricate the wagon.

# 145

Witnesses on Long Island told Nassau County authorities that a body recovered in northern Long Beach last night fell from an airplane en route to John F. Kennedy International Airport in Queens, the police said.

The body, which had not been identified as of late last night, was found about 6:30 p.m.

# 146

Two Guggenheim Heirs die in 13 Story Fall.

# 147

Two people were electrocuted by a fallen power line and at least five others were injured as a freakish lightning storm swept through the New York region yesterday afternoon, shattering rainfall records.

# 148

The storm was heaviest, and deadly, in Queens, where 3.8 inches fell at Kennedy Airport in about three hours. A man and a woman whose car had stalled in two and a half feet of water on 15th Avenue in College Point were killed when they climbed out of the car, not noticing the cable hanging from a nearby utility pole into the water below, the police said.

# 149

Shortly after seven in the morning, a woman was walking along the sidewalk on West 51st St. when the grating she walked over collapsed beneath her and she dropped 12-feet.

# 150

For the first time since loose bricks from a high-rise building rained down on Madison Avenue last Sunday, nearby stores were allowed to open and cars and buses were finally permitted on a two-block stretch between 53d and 55th Streets. The avenue had been closed all week while construction crews worked to shore up the damaged facade and until the city finished putting up a tunnel-like scaffold between 54th and 55th to protect cars and buses in case any more bricks fell from the high-rise.

# 151

Yesterday afternoon, a 19 year-old woman was killed by an oncoming V train when she climbed down to pick up her cellphone on the subway tracks. After being struck at around 2PM, Lina Villegas was soon pronounced dead at the Grand Avenue station in Elmhurst, Queens. Another person waiting for the subway tried to help her up but was unsuccessful.

# 152

Reportedly, a vacationer in New York recently dropped his iPhone down onto the subway tracks while shuttling back home, and after realizing his dear mobile was missing and backtracking quite a ways, his pal finally spotted it down below.

# 153

A construction worker was seriously hurt in a 25-foot fall off a scaffold at Lincoln Center Wednesday, hours after the city tightened oversight of construction work in the wake of more than a dozen deadly accidents, authorities and the construction managers said.

# 154

However well you plan, something can always go wrong. And that's exactly what happened at two designer shows today when - shock, horror! - *two* models slipped and fell on the runway.

One at Rebecca Taylor – she lost a shoe. The other at Zac Posen – flat on the floor and she was pro Karen Elson!

# 155

Eleven persons, of whom seven were women, had an exciting experience in a falling passenger elevator in the six-story business building at 32 and 34 Lafayette Place at 7 o'clock yesterday morning.

# 156

A 4-year-old girl who was struck in the head Saturday night by a beer bottle thrown or dropped from a 15-story Manhattan apartment building died yesterday at the Bellevue Hospital Center, having never regained consciousness.

# 157

A man was injured Friday when a light pole came down on his head outside the main branch of the New York Public Library in Midtown Manhattan.

# 158

A woman fell from an operating room table and died. She just had hip surgery, and was still anesthetized. But when a safety strap was removed, Catherine O'Donnell somehow slipped off the table and slammed her head on to the floor fracturing her skull.

# 160

More than a million revelers in Times Square cheered as the giant crystal ball made its 100th drop on Monday night and a ton of confetti rained down on the urban canyon, ushering in the New Year.

# 161

Officials said the employee in yesterday's accident was moving between two scaffoldings about 25 feet apart that were attached to a building on Fifth Avenue at West 17th Street. Officials said around 8:45 a.m., the employee, Klever Ramiro Jara, 25, of Brooklyn, unclipped his harness and was walking on a building ledge when he apparently fell.

# 162

Wind was also blamed for the collapse of a wall at a construction site in Brooklyn.

# 163

The Daily News reports he actually "plummeted 42 stories" when the crane dropped its load. One worker, Walter Brown, who was "under the floor that collapsed" told the News, "'There was a rush of concrete. Then, everything came down...One guy missed the net and went over and literally fell to his death."

# 164

A massive pillow fight in New York City sent feathers flying over Union Square. This year's pillow fight is timed to coincide with pillow fights in cities all over the world.

# 165

The Snapple company wanted to break a Guinness Book of World Records by having the largest popsicle ever recorded in Union Square. Except the popsicle melted, with juice going everyone, causing all sorts of commotions, from bikers falling to the police and fire departments being called in to handle the situation.

# 166

On March 20, 1991 Eric Clapton's four and a half year old son Conner Clapton died when he fell from a 53<sup>rd</sup> story window in a New York City apartment. He landed on the roof of an adjacent four-story building.

# 167

A New York Airways helicopter idling on the heliport atop the Pan Am Building in midtown Manhattan keeled over on a broken landing gear yesterday afternoon and a huge rotor blade snapped off and slashed four people to death before coming to rest 59 stories below

# 168

A bowling ball dropped from an overpass near the Holland Tunnel slammed through the front window of a car and fatally injured an 8-month-old girl riding with her parents and brother, the authorities said today.

# 169

An Italian bride is suing the designer of her \$3,000 wedding gown after it fell apart while she was professing her vows at the altar.

# 170

Dow tumbles 504 as Wall Street shakeup rattles investors.

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