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Hurricane Jose Approaches

By JONATHAN WOLFE



It's coming. Julio Cortez/Associated Press

Good morning.

Hurricane Jose is approaching the East Coast.

While the Category 1 hurricane is predicted to remain offshore, we are still expecting to feel its effects in the city.

Today, watch for showers, wind gusts of up to 35 miles per hour, rip currents and possible coastal flooding.

The hurricane could affect New York City for days, but the peak will likely be tonight, when the storm will be the closest to the city.

While Hurricane Jose spared the Caribbean, which was ravaged this month by [Hurricane Irma](#), it is being followed by Hurricane Maria, a Category 5 hurricane that made landfall [on the island of Dominica](#) last night and is expected to pummel Puerto Rico tomorrow.

As Hurricane Jose nears, we had a few questions about hurricanes and how they might affect New York City.

Why is it so hard to predict where a hurricane will travel?

It all depends on the data available, said Brian Ciemnecki, a meteorologist at the [National Weather Service](#). The [National Hurricane Center](#) and the Weather Service examine data like relative humidity, atmospheric pressure, wind speed and wind direction. Sometimes the data align and show a similar trajectory, he said, but sometimes they don't.

“If you think about it, a difference of 40 miles is not a big deal on global scale,” Mr. Ciemnecki said, “but on a local scale it is a big deal. It could be mean millions of more people under the gun for weather.”

What areas of New York City are more prone to flooding?

Typically it's the low-lying and coastal areas, said Nancy Silvestri, press secretary for [New York City Emergency Management Department](#). Particular areas that have a history of flooding, or are closely watched by the department, include Broad

Channel, much of the Rockaway Peninsula, Old Howard Beach and Hamilton Beach in Queens; Great Kills, Oakwood Beach, New Dorp, and Princess Bay in Staten Island; and Gerritsen Beach and Canarsie in Brooklyn.

What can we expect on the waterways?

“We are not expecting Hurricane Jose to make a direct impact on New York City, so the ports and waterways are open,” said Allyson Conroy, the [Coast Guard](#) public affairs officer for New York City. “But we are asking mariners to make sure their boats are prepared for high winds, and consider not taking their boats out.”

Here’s what else is happening:

In the News



The scene of the bus crash. Yeong-Ung Yang for The New York Times

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- Three people were killed and 16 were injured when a city bus was hit by a charter bus in Flushing, Queens early Monday. [[New York Times](#)]
 - A Brooklyn police officer was charged with assault after a confrontation this summer with a man over a dropped plastic cup. [[New York Times](#)]
 - New York City election laws grant politicians vast sway in picking candidates when legislators leave office in the middle of their term. [[New York Times](#)]
 - Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo gave a rather unenthusiastic endorsement of Mayor Bill de Blasio's run for a second term. [[New York Times](#)]
 - Data obtained by The New York Times revealed the long, difficult path to holding an officer accountable for police misconduct. [[New York Times](#)]
 - A student has been charged in a racially motivated attack at Cornell University, the second such incident to occur just weeks into the school year. [[New York Times](#)]
 - A new program creates a pathway into the culinary arts for low-income New Yorkers. [[New York Times](#)]
 - From the practical to the pie-in-the-sky, a look at how New Yorkers could get around in the future. [[Curbed](#)]
 - As New York City vows to take a closer look at "all symbols of hate on city property," a public art scholar and professor of art history discussed the city's many statues. [[WNYC](#)]
 - The anti-poverty organization Oxfam rented President Trump's childhood home and invited refugees to share their stories with journalists. [[New York Post](#)]
 - The Staten Island Ferry reopened boarding on the lower level for the first time since 2003. [[CBS](#)]
 - For a global look at what's happening, see [Your Morning Briefing](#).



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- Check out the [five-day weather forecast](#).
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Coming Up Today

- Plan ahead: As the United Nations General Assembly continues, here is a list of [street closings](#) in Midtown.
 - A screening of the James Baldwin documentary “[I Am Not Your Negro](#)” at the Ottendorfer Library in the East Village. 6 p.m. [Free]
 - A [discussion about documentary photography](#) and the work of W. Eugene Smith and Eugene Richards at the New York Public Library Stephen A. Schwarzman Building in Midtown. 6:30 p.m. [Free]
 - Ginia Bellafante, The Times’s [Big City](#) columnist, [speaks with the author](#) Jacqueline Woodson about her book “Another Brooklyn,” part of The New York Times [Big City Book Club](#), at the Billie Holiday Theatre in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn. 7 p.m. [\$15 or [\\$10 for Times Insiders](#)]
 - An immersive performance of “[Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street](#)” at the Barrow Street Theater in Greenwich Village. 7:30 p.m. [Tickets start at \$69.50]
 - Yankees host Twins, 7:05 p.m. (YES). Mets at Marlins, 7:10 p.m. (SNY).
 - Alternate-side parking remains [in effect](#) until Sept. 21.
 - For more events, see The New York Times’s [Arts & Entertainment guide](#).
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And Finally ...



The start of a busy week. Doug Mills/The New York Times

President Trump’s visit to New York continues, and his schedule is packed with individual meetings with world leaders.

Today, he will [deliver his first speech](#) to the United Nations General Assembly. He will also meet with the Emir of Qatar; António Guterres, the United Nations secretary general; and Miroslav Lajcak, the General Assembly’s president.

Tomorrow, it’s more meetings — with the leaders of Britain, Jordan, Egypt, the Palestinian Authority — and a lunch with African leaders. On Thursday, [what is expected](#) to be his last day in New York, he is scheduled to meet with leaders of South Korea, Japan, Turkey, Afghanistan and Ukraine.

This year, the White House set out [three themes](#) for its participation in the General Assembly: “Promote Peace, Promote Prosperity, and Uphold Sovereignty and Accountability.”

In the past, Mr. Trump has called the United Nations an elitist “club” and has signaled large cuts in contributions from the United States, the largest contributor to its budget.

The meeting of world leaders comes under the shadow of North Korean [missile tests](#), the [Rohingya crisis](#) in Myanmar, and tensions around the [Iran nuclear deal](#).

His speech is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. You can watch it live [here](#).

Metropolitan Diary

Going a Round at P.J. Clarke’s

By HENRY SCHNEIDER

Dear Diary:

One day in 1974, I met an acquaintance at P.J. Clarke’s on Third Avenue for a late-afternoon beer.

The main room was half empty. I was seated with my back to a boisterous group, where an older man appeared to be keeping his younger audience in a state of high hilarity.

In the course of the next few minutes, the older man had moved his chair so that it was touching the back of mine and bumping into it. Preparing for a verbal confrontation, I turned slightly to signal my annoyance when he bumped the chair so hard that it must have been deliberate.

At that point, I turned all the way around, and so did he. His face was scarred and battered in a way that could only have been the result of years in the boxing ring.

I paused to consider my options.

“I bet you think I’ve been bumping you on purpose,” he said in a thick Brooklyn accent, “and you’re thinking of doing something about it.”

Oddly, his companions appeared to be laughing harder than ever. I denied having any such thoughts, silently praying the episode would end there.

Suddenly, his arm snaked out and he seized my tie at the throat. Slowly, he began to draw me closer.

My life flashed before my eyes. “It took him years to earn that face in the ring,” I remember thinking, “and he’s going to give it to me in the next ten seconds.”

Closer and closer he pulled me, until our faces almost met. Then he kissed me on the cheek. With that, he extended a broken-looking hand.

“Rocky Graziano,” he said.

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