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CARDI B TAKES THE SUBWAY (AND THE HOLIDAYS) BY STORM

This holiday season, New Yorkers got an early gift — and no, it's not faster trains, functional escalators, or a rent break. Instead, Santa delivered something way more chaotic and delightful: **Cardi B is now the voice of the NYC subway. - Yes, Cardi B.**

Belcalis Almanzar. **The Patron Saint of "Okurrr."** **Leader of Commuter Sass & Public-Transit Realness.**
Is this the only holiday miracle we can trust?

If anyone can unite tourists, commuters, property managers, and the guy eating a tuna sandwich at 8 AM, it's Cardi B telling you to **stand clear, pay attention, and get your life together before the next stop.**

So in the spirit of joy, jingles, and Q4 lease renewals, here are the official (and unofficial) Cardi B subway announcements for **commercial real estate managers** who are done with 2025 and just want the elevators to work and tenants to stop microwaving fish.

- “Ayo, passengers! Stand clear of the closing doors. Santa watching, and he don’t play games, okurrr?”
- “Next stop: your office holiday party! And baby, if you ain’t RSVP’d, this train ain’t slowing down for you!”
- “Attention y’all: spill your peppermint mocha and that’s on you. Not even the elves cleaning that up.”
- “This train is delayed, baby. Blame the snow, blame the elves, blame Mercury retrograde. We still surviving!”
- “All aboard! This ain’t the Rockefeller Center runway. Strut if you want, but watch the gap, k!”
- “Hey holiday shoppers! Keep your hands inside the sleigh and your complaints to Santa, not me!”
- “Next stop: North Pole Adjacent. If you ain’t festive, hop off now and go cry in a cab.”
- “This is your girl Cardi B — don’t block the doors unless you Santa carrying gifts! You heard it. Now move!”
- “If you drop your phone on the tracks during the holidays? Baby, that’s between you and the Grinch.”

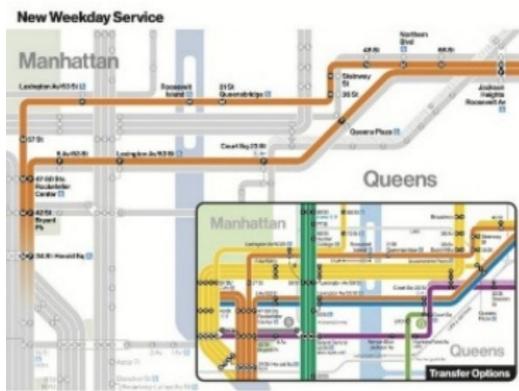
MTA

FARES ARE GOING UP ON JANUARY 1, 2026: [Changes to MTA fares and tolls.](#)

[LIRR strike coming in January? MTA Rejected Mediator Proposal.](#)

[LIRR worker axed, others on the block after bombshell MTA probe over phony ID cards](#)

[Albany, here we come! Gov. Kathy Hochul announced that Metro-North plans to add a round-trip train between Grand Central and Albany on the Hudson Line, with additional stops at Rhinecliff, Hudson, Albany-Rensselaer Station. Planning is currently underway with an anticipated launch of Spring 2026.](#)



[Transit advocates announce Pokey award for slowest New York City bus route](#)
[As MTA phases out MetroCards, here's how to get a free OMNY card](#)
[New York's transit system is on a comeback, but the feds loom large](#)
[MTA serial copper thief triggered mass train delays](#)
[MTA buying \\$7M in replacement subway wheels after solving mysterious issue](#)
[MTA drops \\$257M on new bus fleet in latest no-bid deal](#)
[← Click Picture To Enlarge.](#)



[Subway switcheroo: F & M lines swapping tunnels between Queens & Manhattan.](#)

[MTA will roll out new fare evasion tactic on buses. Once OMNY is rolled out in 2026, the city will move away from using police for fare enforcement on buses. The MTA will move to European-style fare payment enforcement, where you'll have fare agents, not cops, who can go up to people and say, 'Can you show me your phone or your OMNY card and I can validate that you paid?' \(Beware: If you don't have your ticket Harrison Ford might hoist you off the bus onto the street.\)](#)

[MTA official flirts with transit sales agent peddling her wares — and ends up costing taxpayers big-time: probe](#)

MTA CASINOS

3 NYC casinos win licenses after yearslong battle: gambling facilities to be built next to Citi Field, in the East Bronx and in Southeast Queens. The MTA is counting on receiving hundreds of millions of dollars in tax money from the projects starting next year.

NY Casino board raises red flags over winners' tax promises and debt financing

Deep Dive: Big Apple Jackpot | The New Yorker inside bringing casinos to NYC

Steve Cohen signs casino deal with city despite surprise court ruling - remember casino licenses and revenue will be used to fund the MTA.



How Steve Cohen Beat the Odds to Win a NYC Casino: Steve Cohen wanted something even bigger than the Mets. He beat Jay-Z, politicians, and the odds to get it. And note at least part of the massive CitiField Lot will become a new 25 acre park.

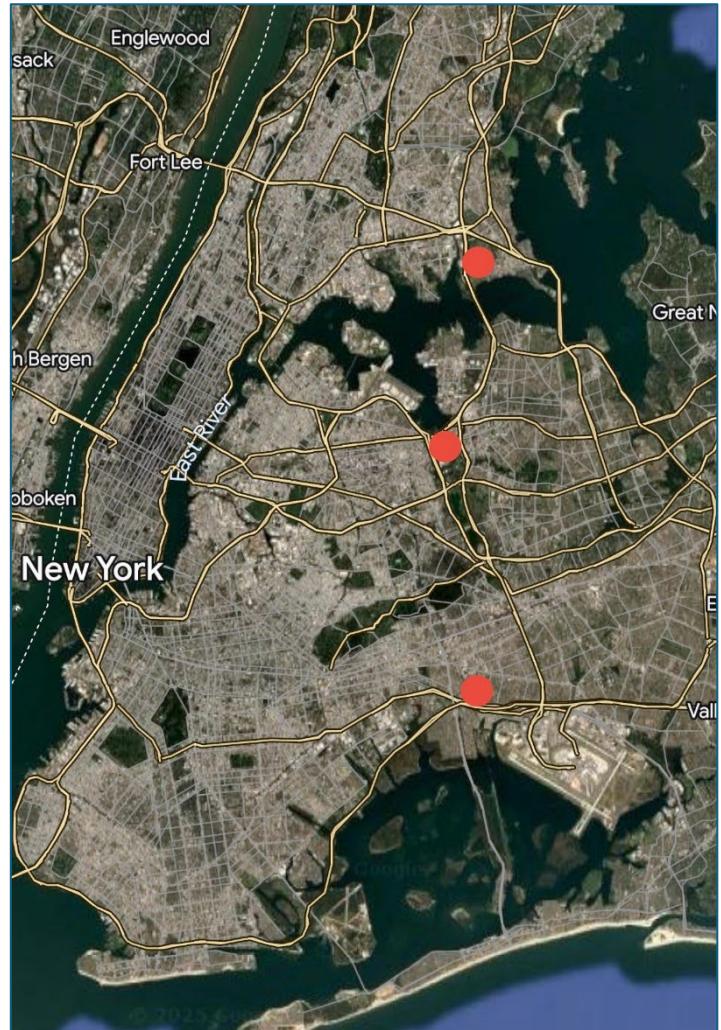
And let the complaints begin: "The city just spent a decade deciding where 3 casinos will go. The idea is to boost tourism and raise money as the city gets an initial \$500mm and a perpetual revenue cut from each casino. Think big, Vegas style resorts.

This is an easy opportunity for the city to raise money from foreigners and tourists, instead of raising taxes on residents, fares on transit, adding to the debt, etc.

You'd THINK it'd be logical to put a casino close to where the tourists already are, but no. Not a single casino in Manhattan or the Brooklyn waterfront. They instead decided to put them in a line in some of the least accessible places. One has no subway, one is DEEP off the A train, and the other is on the already packed 7

Are they really expecting tourist gamblers to go to any of these? NYC has so many rich tourists concentrated in Manhattan, why on earth would you make them go to deep Queens to gamble? Most won't go.

They had developers proposing billions in construction and improvements on 8 different unused and underused Manhattan/Brooklyn sites and the politicians voted against all. It's so frustrating watching the city squander an opportunity like this, but not surprising at this point..."



MTA - IBX

[NYC's proposed IBX light rail: Is a fully automated train on its horizon?](#)

[IBX Stop by Stop: MTA's planned light rail is a short ride to a shopper's paradise in south Brooklyn](#)

[NIMBY-Mania: Middle Village Has a Love-Hate Relationship with the IBX - Streetsblog New York City](#)

NEW MAYOR

[MTA boss Lieber expects Mayor-elect Mamdani to move quickly on building out bus lane network to full potential](#)

[Mamdani eyeing MTA exec Jamie Torres-Springer for key role; wife helps lead mayoral transition team](#)

[Mamdani eyeing DOT veterans, including 'Vision Zero' czar, for Transportation commissioner](#)

[New York governor pumps brakes on Zohran Mamdani's plan for free buses](#)

[New York Post: "Mamdani hires car-hating activist Ben Furnas to transportation team. The activist Ben Furnas was bemused by the not-quite-accurate characterization and saw it as a badge of honor.](#)

[Mamdani campaigned on free buses. A recent case study: Iowa City Made Its Buses Free. Traffic Cleared, and So Did the Air.](#)

[Ridership jumped, people cut back on driving and, over the summer, the city extended the program another year.](#)

[Transit advocates announce Pokey award for slowest New York City bus route](#)

HOLIDAY GRIDLOCK

[NYC Gridlock Alert Days start for the 2025 holiday season](#)

NY VS. NJ HOLIDAY TRANSPORTATION CHEER	
 New York 	 New Jersey 
 "Frosty the Turnstile"	 "Frosty the Road Cone"
"Miracle on 34th Street... A Train Actually Arrived"	"Miracle at Newark Broad Street - A NJ Transit Tale"
"It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Gridlock"	"Hoboken for the Holidays" - The Ferry Ride No One Wants
"Deck the Halls with Unpaid Fares"	 "The Elf on the (Jersey) Shelf" Transit Tracker
"Have Yourself a Merry Little Transfer"	"Rockin' Around the Detour Signs"
"I Saw Mommy 🚻 ing 🎅 at the Metro-North Bar Car"	"The Traffic Before 🎄" (Cause Nightmare is Redundant.)

HANGOVER FROM GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN: AIRPORTS

[Chicago, New York Airports Hit Hard by Shutdown Flight Curbs](#)

[Why flight disruptions could linger even after the shutdown - 11/11/25](#)

[Airport delays likely to linger even after government shutdown ends - 11/12/25](#)

[Newark Airport still feeling effects of government shutdown. How bad are the delays? - 11/12/25](#)

[Will flights be back to normal by Thanksgiving now that the shutdown is over?](#)

[Air Travel Slowly Returns to Normal After Government Shutdown](#)

[Some TSA Workers to Get \\$10,000 Bonus Checks for Shutdown Work](#)

[FAA bonuses leave out thousands of air traffic controllers and technicians](#)

[Only 776, or seven percent, of the roughly 11,000 air traffic controllers and technicians who worked through the 43-day government shutdown will get a \\$10,000 bonus.](#)

SPEAKING OF HANGOVERS...

[A Drunk Raccoon Passed Out in the Bathroom of a Virginia Liquor Store](#)

This is the second recent headline about a drunk raccoon. At least this one made it to the bathroom after binge drinking. The last troubled raccoon needed to be rescued and get medical help: [Kentucky nurse gives life-saving CPR to raccoon drunk on moonshine](#)



BIKES & E-BIKES

[Adams Administration Picks Vendor for Bike Lockers After Years-Long Wait.](#)

[Brooklyn man who championed bike parking pods says he was iced out of city contract.](#)

[Citi Bike has an annual ridership of 45 million rides - nearly triple that of the Staten Island Ferry \(16 million rides\)](#)

[Citi Bike costs more to ride than any other major bike-share system in the US, Canada or Europe — despite astronomical geographic and ridership growth raking in more and more money for Lyft, which operates the program](#)

[The Shocking Crash That Led Marin County to Reckon With the Dangers of E-Bikes](#)

[Con' Job: Energy Giant Cancels NYCHA E-Bike Battery-Charging Pilot](#)

BATTERIES & ELECTRIC VEHICLES

[Scientists discover lithium replacement that may revolutionize EV batteries: '99.7% efficient after over 400 hours of use'](#)



IF YOU'RE HEADED TO WARMER CLIMATES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, DON'T BE SHARK BAIT

[Largest male great white shark ever recorded pinged off US coast](#)

[Beware of the world's shark attack hotspots - The US topped the charts with a staggering 2,473 recorded attacks since 1624. Florida comprised the lion's share of bites with 1,151, followed by Hawaii \(328\) and California \(316\). The Sunshine State has been a veritable Sharknado when it comes to attacks from these toothy predators, boasting 9 out of the 10 beaches with the most shark attacks in the US. New Smyrna Beach, Florida, was the sharkiest with 277 attacks since 1642, hence its moniker "the shark bite capital of the world."](#)



AIRPORTS

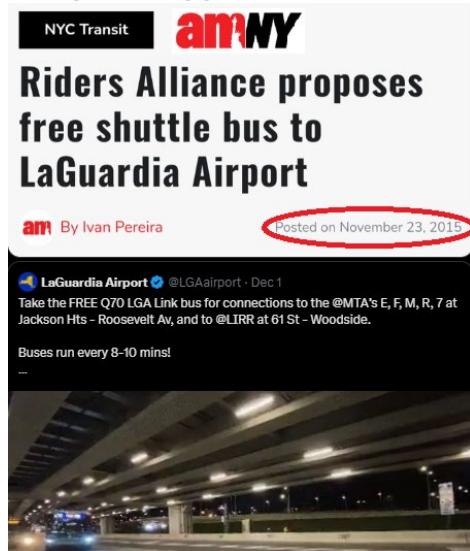
[Travelers without a REAL ID could be charged \\$45 by TSA!](#)

[How Delta Air Lines Is Using AI to Keep Track of Your Luggage](#)

[The New Terminal One Partners with JLL to Deliver World-Class Facility Operations at JFK Airport](#)

[John F. Kennedy airport Terminal 4 system outage resolved after causing delays](#)

[Are flights losing ground to bus rides? Greyhound's owner says bookings are up 17% this Thanksgiving.](#)



*Arriving at JFK, in line at customs

Man: "We shouldn't have to wait this long."

Other man: "It's chill. Won't take long."

Man: "I pay a lot more in taxes than you, I shouldn't have to wait."

Other man: "Relax, Kendall Roy."

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[It Took 10 Years - But Mission Accomplished of a Free Shuttle Bus To LaGuardia. See *Public Transportation – LGA*.](#)

UNFRIENDLY SKIES

[A320 Family precautionary fleet action: 12,300 planes were grounded by Airbus. There are 36,000 commercial planes so that's almost a third of all planes in the world. Why? Because of the Sun. Apparently extreme solar flares and radiation corrupted flight-control data essential to the safety and operation of this particular aircraft. The software fix is actively being installed on affected A320s. The update reportedly takes 2-5 hours to complete.](#)

[5 people on American Airlines flight hospitalized after 'reports of odor' diverts plane](#)

[United plane headed from Newark to South Africa turns around mid-flight, returns to N.J.](#)

[Another United flight U-turned over the Atlantic after someone dropped a laptop down the side of their seat](#)

[Airlines claim that passengers who pay extra for window seats are not entitled to a view in response to class-action lawsuit](#)

FRIENDLY SKIES

[Cat wriggles free on Thanksgiving Southwest Airlines flight](#)

BED BUGS & TRAVEL

[Flight Attendant Shared an Easy Bed Bug Check Every Traveler Should Try—and Science Says It Works.](#)

[If you're worried about bed bugs, just call Roscoe! He's Always Workin'!](#)



HOLIDAY SHOPPING

[Want to Know How Much Time Until The Next Subway From Your Desk Or When Leaving Your Apartment? Buy The Large NYC Subway LED Countdown Clock - Real Time Updates Until The Next Train!](#)



HOLIDAY TRAVEL

[8.8M Travelers to Use Port Authority Airports and Crossings During Thanksgiving Travel Period](#)
[Thanksgiving travel period to be busiest in 15 years, FAA warns](#)

HOLIDAY FUN

[Go Ice Skating Under The Brooklyn Bridge With NY1 Reporters!](#)
[Time Travel, Anyone? Nostalgia Train Rides Every Sunday in December](#)
[NYC's holiday window displays burn brighter than ever as Saks lights back up — joining Bergdorf's, Macy's and more](#)

*Chinese takeout container blows by

**Bouncer:** "It's New York City's tumbleweed."

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HIGHWAYS

[New York's BQE Is Falling Apart. The City Can't Agree on How to Fix It.](#)
[Rep. Ritchie Torres, Advocates Call For More Public Comment on Cross Bronx Project](#)
[Route 80 sinkholes in Wharton, NJ leaves lingering concerns](#)
[NJ Turnpike Authority approves 2026 toll increase, Drivers group asks current and incoming NJ governors \(Murphy and Sherill\) to freeze tolls after approval of a 5th hike since 2020. Drivers have seen an almost 50% total toll increase on the NJ Turnpike and almost 40% on the Garden State Parkway since 2020](#)

IS THIS SOME KIND OF JOKE?

[Chicken causes subway train delays during morning commute](#)

♪ ♪ IT'S BEGINNING TO SMELL LIKE CHRISTMAS ♪ ♪

[Grand Central station teams up with Bath & Body Works to smell 'Christmassy.' They must've taken a hint from 200 Park's wonderful vanilla scent.](#)

NEWS OF THE WEIRD - CANADIANS ARE NICE, EVEN WHILE BREAKING RULES

[Man who took bus on joyride 'did a great job,' continued to make stops](#)

[It echoed a classic Seinfeld moment: The Heckler & The Bus Ride: "You kept making all the stops?" "Well, people kept ringing the bell."](#)



NEWS OF THE WEIRD - ROW BOAT EDITION - ♪ MERRILY, MERRILY, MERRILY, MERRILY... ♪

[3 young New Jersey men surrender in connection with alleged stuffed animal heist at 'Big' amusement park in Westchester via a row boat](#)

NEWS OF THE WEIRD - NATURE IS WEIRD!

[Bald eagle drops cat onto moving car in North Carolina](#)

NEWS OF THE WEIRD- HIGHWAY CROWDSOURCING

[Holiday travel never disappoints!! The most imaginative take on crowdfunding I've ever seen.](#)



NJ TRANSIT

[NJ Transit approves \\$917 million to overhaul aging multilevel rail cars. Current NJTransit Head Leaving Agency.](#)

[NJ Transit steps in after private Broadway Bus company shuts down - nj.com](#)

[7 New Hudson-Bergen Light Rail Stops Planned, NJ Transit Says](#)

[Cutover to new Portal Bridge could disrupt NJ Transit, Amtrak train service for 6 weeks](#)



NEWS OF THE FIT

[Running the rails: Brooklyn man finishes quest to jog along every NYC subway line](#)

PATH

[Proposed Service Improvements Mean All PATH Lines Would Operate Seven Days a Week for First Time in 25 Years, a Milestone for System's Modernization. Hoboken Would Receive Dedicated Service on Weekends, Eliminating Extra Stop for Riders Traveling to and from Jersey City. Weekday Rush Hours Would Also See Boost with More Trains on Hoboken-World Trade Center and Newark-World Trade Center Lines. To Help Pay for Sweeping System Improvements, Port Authority Proposes Gradual \\$0.25 Fare Increases Starting in Summer 2026.](#)

NYC STREETS

[Are Speaker Adams and DOT Eviscerating Daylighting Bill?](#)

[Bad Data Alert: NYC Council Tears Apart DOT Daylighting Study that claimed no reduction in accidents from the practice of banning parking near intersections to clear up sight lines. The DOT study was flawed by lumping in danger spots and locations without any daylighting.](#)

Two Views on 5th Avenue:

[Streetblog Memo to Mamdani: Fifth Ave. Belongs to the People — Not the Ultra-Wealthy and Gridlock](#) vs.

[Business leaders on Fifth Avenue respond to criticisms of Mayor Adams's proposal for the high-end retail corridor.](#)

[NYC street vending overhaul nears vote as businesses negotiate with council](#)

[NYC DOT: "Another parade, another night spent rotating the traffic lights so the balloons can fit down the street. Happy Thanksgiving, New York!](#)

[Easy Win: Uptowners Want To Keep Deteriorating Henry Hudson Parkway Off-Ramp Car-Free
Queens drag racing turns violent with couple assaulted on their lawn, car set on fire](#)

Woman yelling at someone on the phone: "I can't do this anymore, I just can't!"

***Pauses and looks at another woman walking by:** "Love your jacket, so cute!"

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NYC PARKING

[Opinion | Paying for Free Buses Means Free Street Parking Must End
NYC lawmakers and businesses plan to rally for year-round roadway dining](#)

[Outdoor Dining Has Faded Out — And Not Just Because It's Winter](#)

[EXCLUSIVE: NYPD Rejects Ending 'Self-Enforcement' Scandal at Precinct Houses](#)

[NY cops bust sketchy driver -- for drawing registration with crayons and magic markers](#)

[Who Is TikTok's Sal Cacciatore, the License Plate Vigilante?](#)



NY PENN STATION

[Byford Plan: Figure Out How to Get LIRR to Run to New Jersey \(Would that make Alec Baldwin happy?\)](#)

[New Yorkers Must Decide Fate of Madison Square Garden Now, Says Andy Byford: The permit extending MSG's lease will expire in September 2028, less than a year after Byford has promised to have "shovels in the ground" on a new Penn Station.](#)

PORT AUTHORITY

[Rick Cotton announces retirement from Port Authority in 2026 after transformative tenure: Port Authority boss rebuilt agency after Bridgegate.](#)

I'VE BEEN WORKIN' ON THE RAILROAD!

[Worth 1+ Minute Of Your Day!](#) Watch a clever Taylor Swift-esque song/video explaining how and why railroad tracks are designed and maintained

NEWARK PENN STATION

[NJ TRANSIT & Horizon BCBS Look to Redevelop Former Newark Headquarters Site](#): JLL and CBRE, Inc. are working together on the project, which is expected to result in a new residential complex of up to 1000 units at 1 and 3 Penn Plaza East. The project plan also includes a new single-tenant 250,000 square foot Class A building that would serve as Horizon's new headquarters.

ROBO TAXIS

[New Jersey autonomous vehicle bill could delay Waymo service for 5 years](#)

[Self-Driving Taxis Are Catching On. Are You Ready?](#)

[Driverless Waymo vehicle goes through tense police stop in L.A.: Video shows the Waymo passing a white pickup pulled over in Los Angeles by several police cruisers with their lights flashing as the suspected driver lies on the ground.](#)

GATEWAY TUNNEL & SHUTDOWN HANGOVER

[Democrats push Trump to support Gateway Tunnel Project. Murphy: "Too much at stake."](#)

SNOWY FORECAST AHEAD

[Snowy Winter Ahead - NYC set to get up to 35 inches of snow](#)

BRIDGES

[Maryland more than doubles cost estimate on rebuilding collapsed Baltimore bridge](#)

[Baltimore bridge collapse that killed 6 was 'preventable,' federal investigators say](#)

[Petition started to restore Tappan Zee Bridge name](#)

CAR MARKETS

[Tesla struggles to course correct from sales skid](#)

[Trump Returns to Gasoline as Fuel of Choice for Cars, Gutting Biden's Climate Policy](#)

CRUISES

[Cruise Ship Workers Use Social Media to Expose Life Behind the Luxury \(Spoiler: It's not as glamorous as you might think.\)](#)

DEEP DIVE: DRONES

[Deep Dive: The Robots Taking Over Milton Keynes- A Town In England That Uses Drones For Deliveries](#)

DELIVERIES: CLOSER TO HOME

[Instacart sues NYC to block minimum wage for grocery workers](#)

FERRIES

[New NYC Ferry routes bring direct boat ride between Brooklyn and Staten Island](#)

[Big Changes Coming to NYC Ferry - New York City Ferry Service](#)



Ship Early For A Stress-Free Holiday.

A BOMA EXCLUSIVE, FOUND IN THE ARCHIVES – ♪🎅 SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO YOUR BUILDING ♪

"Man... it's *cold* down along the Parkway tonight. Wind's whippin' across every parking lot from Paramus to Point Pleasant. Hey, Band!"

BAND: "Yeah, Boss?"

"You all know what time of year it is?"

BAND: "YEAH!"

"What time?"

BAND: "HOLIDAY TIME!"

"Ohhh, that's right — holiday time in New Jersey!"

"You guys been good this year? You been doing your fire-code drills? Your boiler inspections? You change out those elevator certificates on time?"



"Yeah? What about you, **Lori** - you been behavin' enough so **Bridget** uploads brand-new building access badge software this year?"

(Saxophone honk of disagreement)

"I dunno, Big Man — that sounded guilty to me..."

"Alright, how 'bout everybody out there — all you PROPERTY MANAGERS! You been good this year? You stayed on top of HVAC filters? You answered those 3 a.m. tenant calls about mysterious noises that were definitely just the ice machine again?"

(Crowd groans in solidarity)

"Ohh boy... that didn't sound like many of you! You guys are in TROUBLE out here!"



🎅 “Santa Claus Is Comin’ to Your Building” 🏢

You better log out, You better shut lights, You better clear snow by the loading dock tonight

♪ **Santa Claus is comin’ to your building.** ♪

He's checkin' the lease, He's lookin' for cracks, He's makin' sure the freight elevator's on track

♪ **Santa Claus is comin’ to your building.** ♪

He knows your boiler's humming, He knows the roof's been patched, He knows if tenants kept their promise
Not to light candles after hours (yeah, right, we all know THAT).

So you better gear up, You better stay sharp, You better keep those water pipes from gettin' too dark

♪ **Santa Claus is comin’ to your building.** ♪ (Ho! Ho! Ho!)

He's bringin' a list, A long spreadsheet, With all the work orders you hoped he wouldn't see

♪ **Santa Claus is comin’ to your building.** ♪

So grab your radios, Your winter boots, 'Cause Santa's walkin' through the lobby in a big red suit

♪ **Santa Claus is comin’ to your building.** ♪

♪ **Yeah — Santa Claus is comin’ to your building tonight.** ♪

FINALLY, AIRPORT DRESS CODES & OUR LEGALLY REQUIRED HARRISON FORD MENTION

[Secretary of Transportation wants America to dress up for our next flights](#)

[California Governor Gavin Newsom's uses RFK Jr. to rebuke Duffy's air travel plans](#)

[People Magazine & The Public Weigh In Sorry, Sean Duffy. We're Wearing Our PJs on Planes This Thanksgiving](#)

It's Not The Years, It's The Miles.... Let's Ask Indiana Jones What To Do

RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK

Flight 1: Peru → US. Attire: Classic Indy look. Travel safety: *Moderately unsafe*. He's forced to share the cockpit with Reggie the pet snake, and remember, he hates snakes.

Flight 2: US → Nepal. Attire: **Well-dressed academic**: city suit, trench coat, fedora. Travel safety: *Smooth, but Nazi agents shadow him*.

INDIANA JONES AND THE TEMPLE OF DOOM

Flight: Shanghai → India (Lao Che Air Freight). Attire: Start: **Formal white tuxedo jacket**. Escape attire: By the time he crashes (in an inflatable raft), he's back to rugged "lion tamer" gear. Travel safety: *Absolute catastrophe*.

INDIANA JONES AND THE LAST CRUSADE

Flight 1: US → Venice. Attire: Well-cut suit. Travel safety: *Uneventful*. But he ignores the "don't trust anybody" advice.

Flight 2: Germany → ? (Escape via Zeppelin & biplane). Attire: Tweed suit + overcoat; posing as a **ticket inspector** on the blimp. (See the front page of this report) Mid-flight: Forced to evacuate via attached biplane. End attire: Same suit, minus dignity. Travel safety: Indy flies well. His dad accidentally shoots the plane's tail off. They crashland, but survive.

INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL

One Flight shown: US → Peru. Attire: Classic Indy look. Travel safety: *Uneventful*. (All the danger is saved for the jungle.)

INDIANA JONES AND THE DIAL OF DESTINY

Flight 1: New York → Tangier. Attire: Professorial shirt and jacket. Travel safety: Commercial flight; no issues.

Flight 2: Sicily → Aeolian Sea → Ancient Syracuse. Attire: Field outfit. Travel safety: *Historically unprecedented*. Enemy aircraft, Temporal vortex, Battle of Syracuse, Emergency return to 1969.

When Indy dresses nicely:

- *Tuxedo flight*: Plane sabotage, pilots jump out, forced raft escape
- *Suit/tweed flights*: Shot down by his father, followed/attacked by Nazis.

When Indy wears rugged field gear:

- Flights are usually unremarkable, even if surrounded by chaos.
- Also allows for hat retention during improbable physics events.

Conclusion: Dressing well statistically results in *worse* air travel outcomes for Dr. Jones. Functional clothing improves survivability, not elegance.

If Indiana Jones is our data set, the Department of Transportation should require passengers to dress **DOWN** for safer flights. There are limits to this conclusion: shirtless attire on the airfield is a clear danger.

