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APPLE TO TESTIFY MARCH 1

1 FBI Director James Comey and Apple Senior Vice President and general counsel Bruce Sewell will testify at a March 1 congressional hearing on encryption issues, the House of Representatives Judiciary Committee said in a statement Thursday. The hearing comes amid a dispute between the tech giant and the government over unlocking an iPhone used by one of the San Bernardino, California, shooters. **REUTERS**



BULGER MASTURBATING

2 James "Whitey" Bulger was punished in prison for masturbating in his cell, Boston.com reported. Federal inmates are prohibited from all sexual activity. Bulger was caught in the act last June, and the punishment was 30 days in solitary. The incident was dug up by the Boston Globe, which found documents indicating Bulger was caught in the act with the lights on. He defended himself by saying, "I'm 85 years old. My sex life is over." He also reportedly claimed he was just applying medicated powder to his irritated genitals. **REUTERS**

ZIKA VACCINE PATHWAY

3 President Barack Obama expressed optimism Thursday about the possibilities for a vaccine against Zika, a virus he said turned out to be not especially complicated. "We just had a meeting about Zika, where we actually think there's a promising pathway for diagnostics and vaccines on this," Obama said during a panel discussion about precision medicine. "It's not a real complicated virus, apparently." **REUTERS**



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**THINGS YOU
NEED TO KNOW**

VESSEL AGROUND

7 An NYPD officer looks at a fishing vessel on the shore of Rockaway Beach on Thursday in Queens. The fishing vessel ran aground during stormy seas and strong winds the night before and a Coast Guard vessel capsized while rescuing its crew.

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QUEENS KID BUTT GROPER

4 Police are seeking a man alleged to have forcibly touched a 10-year-old girl in Queens. The suspect allegedly tried to grope a 17-year-old girl's buttocks once before, and this week allegedly tried to grope a 10-year-old girl's buttocks, police said. The suspect was captured by surveillance cameras. **SAM NEWHOUSE**



FREE PUPPY PARTY

5 Next week get rid of the Monday blues at a party where the main guests are all kinds of adorable. In celebration of Leap Day, the Residence Inn by Marriott will offer a full day of free activities throughout Manhattan — including an afternoon puppy party. From noon to 4 p.m. on Feb. 29, the pet-friendly Residence Inn Midtown East, at 148 E. 48th Street, will host a puppy party in its lobby where anyone can come cuddle with the balls of fur to let go of every bit of stress to start the week right. **ANGY ALTAMIRANO**

DUO WANTED IN ROBBERY

6 Police are looking for two suspects wanted in connection with a robbery at a Queens hotel. On Feb. 22 at about 4:30 a.m., a 43-year-old man met the suspect, a female, near 82nd Street and Roosevelt Avenue, according to authorities. Both of them went back to the woman's hotel room at 73-00 Queens Boulevard, where a male suspect was inside, police said. **ANGY ALTAMIRANO**

