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A French CRS riot police officer patrols near the glass Pyramid of the Louvre Museum after French police arrested suspects in the Louvre heist case, in Paris Oct. 27. ABDUL SABOOR/REUTERS

Hospital safety ranking rises

Check area health care facilities grade

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New York hospitals received mixed safety grades as the state’s health care system ranking nationally rose slightly in fall 2025, a consumer watchdog group reported.

A total of 33 hospitals across New York, or about 23%, received the highest A safety grade from Leapfrog, a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit, while 16 hospitals received the second-lowest D grade. Two hospitals received an F.

The review looked at a variety of serious health-related issues, from infectious-disease prevention measures to surgical errors, while also highlighting some of the top-performing health systems.

New York state overall ranked 30th worst in the country in terms of hospital safety, according to Leapfrog’s latest fall 2025 grades. New York’s overall fall ranking was a slight improvement from its spring ranking, where it was listed as 31st worst in the country.

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Art heists more likely in Europe

Older buildings, security issues contribute

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The museum’s unarmed security guards watched the heist unfold. Under strict orders not to engage with the intruders, all they could do was call the police and monitor the thieves on grainy security footage from a nearby room. In eight chaotic minutes, it was over.

Around 5 a.m. on Nov. 25, 2019, the thieves set fire to a circuit breaker directly across the street from their target. The fire disabled the alarm system, turned off the surrounding streetlights and cut all power to the Grünes Gewölbe museum – the Green Vault in Dresden, Germany – plunging the whole area into darkness.

Moments later, two black-clad hooded figures emerged from the shadows and sprinted toward a small window on the museum’s ground floor with an iron grille over it. Days earlier, the thieves had used a hydraulic tool to cut through a large section of the iron bars and then reattached them with glue to avoid suspicion.

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A visitor to Boston’s Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum Aug. 29 looks at the frame that held Rembrandt Van Rijn’s painting “Lady and Gentleman in Black.” The painting was one of 13 artworks stolen from the museum March 18, 1990, in one of the largest art heists ever. REUTERS

ICE guts oversight and pays billions to private prisons

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During the 2025 Border Security Expo in Phoenix – an annual trade show for government officials, technology manufacturers and policy advocates – Immigration and Customs Enforcement acting Director Todd Lyons expressed a desire for migrant arrests to be carried out by a finely tuned fleet similar to Amazon’s delivery service.

As for how a handful of immigration enforcement agencies could coordinate the transportation and housing of every suspect swept up in the White House’s strategy, border czar Tom Homan’s explanation was simple.

“Let the badge and guns do the badge and gun stuff, everything else, let’s contract out,” he said, according to a prior report from the Arizona Mirror.

Among “everything else” was the dilemma of where to house the daily influx of immigrants apprehended as part of President Donald Trump’s effort to deport 1 million people who are in the country without legal authority per year.

In order to provide housing, food and medical care for the people being detained, the executive branch leveraged private prisons, an industry so troubled that its use has been banned or phased out at various times by the federal Bureau of Prisons and multiple state governments.

However, many of the proscriptions have since been repealed or rolled back.

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