

GREATER NEW YORK

Computer Glitches Impede Test Taking

By LESLIE BRODY

Many children across New York couldn't take the annual state English exams Wednesday because technical glitches blocked some schools from testing on computers. Schools have several days to administer the tests so they can reschedule, but the problem added stress and inconvenience at a time when anxiety runs high for some families and teachers.

This week marks the first widespread rollout of computer-based testing for New York's exams for grades three through eight in English-language arts and math. State officials said Questar Assessment Inc., the test vendor, was delayed in delivering the tests electronically to some students in the morning, but it was unclear how many were affected.

The problem didn't affect New York City, where pupils tackled tests with paper and pencil.

Many states have faced technical problems when they switched to online testing. "I was disappointed but not surprised that there were testing issues today," said Chris Brown, superintendent of West Genesee Central School District, in Onondaga County. "It inconveniences about 1,260 of our students today but hopefully the system is working tomorrow."

Emily DeSantis, a spokeswoman for the State Education Department, said some students in certain grades at 263 districts experienced delays, and more than 49,900 students completed computer-based tests on Wednesday. "Questar resolved the matter as quickly as possible, with delay times varying," she said by email. A spokesman for Questar, based in Minnesota, didn't respond to calls for comment.

Groundbreaking Latin Showcase



RADICAL VIEW: A sample of art from the 'Radical Women: Latin American Art, 1960-1985' exhibition that was previewed Wednesday at the Brooklyn Museum. The show runs April 13 through July 22.



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NEW JERSEY

Two Police Officers Are Facing Charges

Federal prosecutors say two Paterson police officers stopped vehicles, detained the occupants and searched the autos without justification, sometimes also taking cash and other items.

Officers Jonathan Bustios and Eudy Ramos were charged with conspiring to deprive people of their civil rights under color of law. Officer Bustios is also charged with extortion under color of official right for allegedly telling a man he had just arrested that he wouldn't charge him and would let him keep the cash he had if he helped Officer Bustios get a gun.

Both officers were arrested Wednesday morning. It wasn't known if either has retained an attorney.

—Associated Press



Brandy Odom

BROOKLYN

Remains Discovered In Park Identified

The New York Police Department on Wednesday identified the Brooklyn woman whose dismembered body was found in the Canarsie neighborhood earlier this week.

The remains of Brandy Odom, 26 years old, were discovered in Canarsie Park on Monday.

A woman was walking her dog noticed a naked torso in a wooded area off a pathway, police said. Investigators later found the arms and legs in the same park.

Ms. Odom wasn't reported missing, an official said. She lived across the street from the park, according to police.

Investigators on Wednesday continued to search for surveillance video in the area for any clues.

—Zolan Kanno-Youngs

NEW JERSEY

Body of Baby Found Near PATH Tracks

The body of a baby was found close to PATH rail tracks in Jersey City, officials said.

The body of the child, believed to be under a year old, was discovered Tuesday beneath the Tonelle Avenue Bridge west of the Journal Square PATH station, according to the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office. A spokesman for the office declined to provide further details.

—Paul Berger

City Council Passes Sexual-Harassment Bills

By MELANIE GRAYCE WEST

The New York City Council on Wednesday passed 11 separate bills designed to provide greater protections against workplace sexual harassment.

The strongest piece of the Stop Sexual Harassment in NYC Act requires all private employers with 15 or more workers to conduct annual an-

tisexual-harassment training for all employees, from interns to executives.

The City Council approved that measure 48-2.

Before the vote, Council Speaker Corey Johnson, a Democrat, said the suite of legislation is designed to provide "all New Yorkers a safe and respectful workplace." "This package of legislation

sends a strong message to public and private employers that there is no place for sexual harassment in our city," he said.

The measures are subject to approval by Mayor Bill de Blasio.

Other bills in the package will require employers in New York City to display a city-designed antisexual-harassment poster, as well as require con-

tractors to include antisexual-harassment policies in their applications for city business.

Another bill extends protections to any employee, regardless of a company's size, while still another increases the statute of limitations for filing harassment claims to three years from one year.

City agencies also will be required to report incidents of

workplace harassment to the Department of Citywide Administrative Services. Mr. Johnson said the goal of that bill is transparency, and that the City Council hasn't seen aggregated numbers on harassment complaints.

"I don't even know if those numbers are being tracked right now, which is part of the problem," he said.



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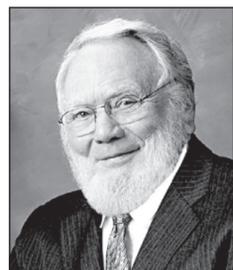
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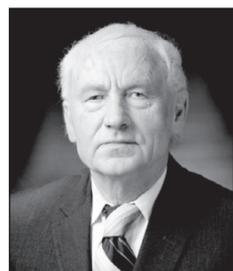
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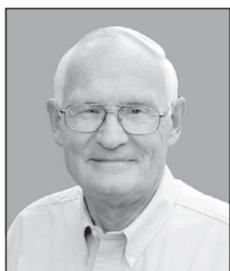
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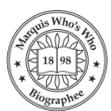
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