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PET OF THE WEEK: ABBY

Abby is The Daily Independent's Pet of the Week. The 11-year-old long-haired Chihuahua is "extremely territorial, fantastically opinionated, fiercely loyal and loves naps and snacks," according to her owner. Abby is one of dozens of pet-of-the-week submissions on the newspaper's Facebook page.

Shooting in a crowded New York club leaves 3 dead, 9 wounded

NEW YORK (AP) A club shooting in the New York City borough of Brooklyn early Sunday left three people dead and nine others wounded in a year of record low gun violence in the city.

Investigators believe up to four shooters opened fire at Taste of the City Lounge in Crown Heights after a dispute just before 3:30 a.m. The violence appeared to be gang-related, Police Commissioner Jessica Tisch told reporters.

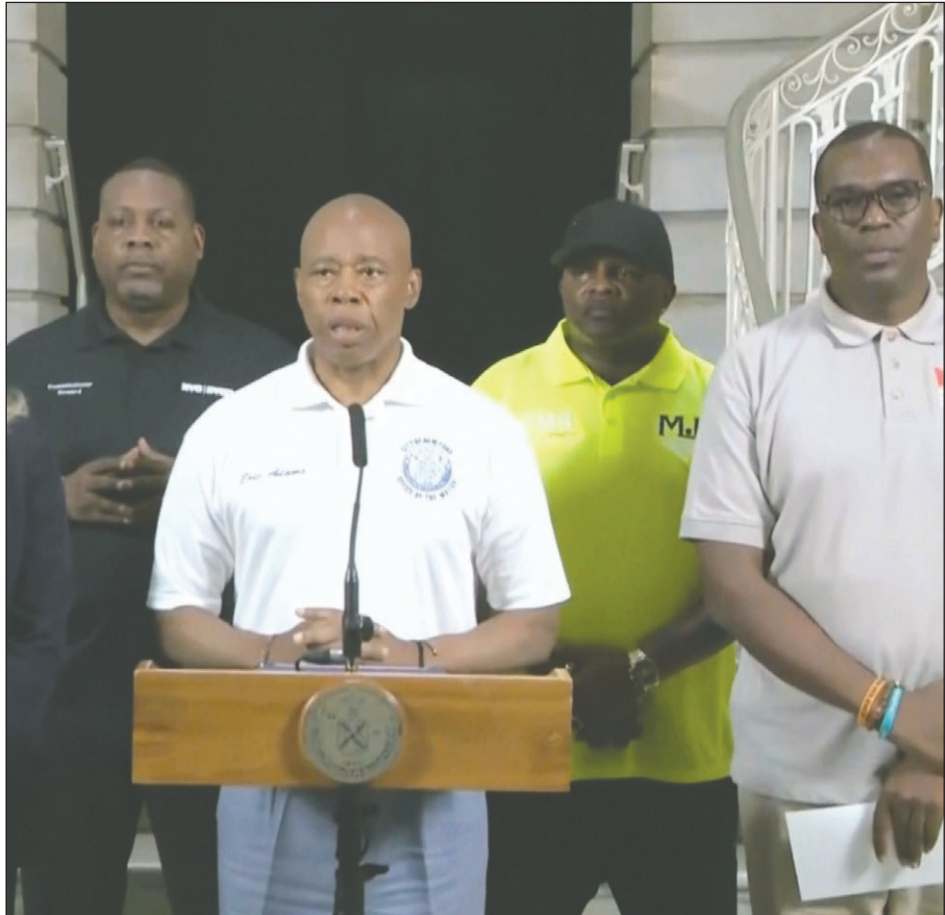
There were no immediate arrests. At a news briefing, Tisch called the killings "a tragic, senseless act of violence."

The crime is the second mass shooting within weeks in New York City during a year that has otherwise seen declining gun violence. On July 29, a man stalked through a Manhattan office tower with a rifle, wounding one person and killing four others. A New York City police officer was among those who died.

Mayor Eric Adams said both shootings reinforce "why we do this work of going after guns off our streets."

"This is the second within weeks, and we don't want this to turn into a normal course of doing business of violence in our city," he said.

Those wounded Sunday were being treated at hospitals for



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This image taken from video shows mayor Eric Adams speaking during a news confer-

non-life-threatening injuries, Tisch said. The ages of the victims range from 19 to 61. A 19-year-old man died at the scene and two other men — ages 35 and 27 — died after being transported to a hospital.

Investigators found at least 42 shell casings from 9 mm and .45-caliber weapons and a firearm in a nearby street.

Adams said crisis management teams had been mobilized to provide trauma services and facilitate mediation efforts with the victims' friends and families to

try to stop any retaliation. He asked members of the public who might have information about the shooting to help investigators by calling NYPD's crime stoppers line, 800-577-TIPS.

"If you were inside the club, if you heard individuals talking about this shooting, if you witnessed someone fleeing the location, every piece of information will allow us to put the puzzle together," Adams said.

Tisch said the city

has reported the lowest number of shootings and shooting victims on record during the first seven months of 2025.

"Something like this is, of course, thank God, an anomaly and it's a terrible thing that happened this morning, but we're going to investigate and get to the bottom of what went down," she said.

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that he's a flight risk," she said. "There's nothing to convince the court that he would be a danger to himself or others."

Stines has deep roots in the community and considerable family support, Bartley said. "He has a wife and daughter that he can still go home to today," she said.

In his response, special prosecutor Jackie Steele said: "What he did in the community ... is irrelevant. The only thing that's relevant is, in fact, the charges themselves."

The prosecutor pointed to a section of the state constitution that says: "All prisoners shall be bailable by sufficient securities, unless for capital offenses when the proof is evident or the presumption great."

At a prior court hearing, a harrowing video showing the judge being gunned down was revealed. The video, with no audio, showed a man identified by police as Stines pulling out a gun and shooting at the judge, who was seated at his desk. The man walked around the desk, pointed the gun at the judge — who ducked behind the desk for cover — and fired again, it showed.

Stines could potentially face the death penalty for the murder charge, but prosecutors haven't yet filed notice with the court on whether they will seek the death penalty.

Stines and Mullins had known each other for years. On the day of the shooting, they met for lunch with several other people, a Kentucky State Police detective said at a prior hearing. During the lunch, the judge apparently asked Stines if they needed to meet privately, but the reason for the meeting was unclear.

Defense lawyers also have pending motions to unseal the ex-sheriff's psychological evaluation and to dismiss the indictment. The judge will decide whether a hearing is needed to settle the motions.

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