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## New York Today: A Twist in the Tale

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"Boogie Down Booth"

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*Good morning on this marshy  
Tuesday.*

Many readers in our fair city and across the country [are heading out to bookstores today](#) to pick up their preorder of Harper Lee's novel, "Go Set A Watchman."

Or, perhaps, downloading a copy from their digital retailer of choice.

But many may do so skeptically, after revelations that Ms. Lee's new work, which is essentially a first draft of her classic "To Kill A Mockingbird," [cast its heroic protagonist Atticus Finch](#) as a bigot.



Ready for the rush. Credit Rob Stothard/Getty Images

Jay Rick of SoHo is one of many lawyers, teachers and other Americans inspired by the character of Atticus, the small-town trial lawyer who was the moral authority of Ms. Lee's acclaimed first novel.

Mr. Rick, an 88-year-old retired lawyer, said he did very little trial work in his practice but still felt intensely connected with Atticus's character in "Mockingbird" and in its 1962 film adaptation.

"Even though his life in law was different than mine," Mr. Rick said, "I think because of him I tended to look at the matters that came to me with more of an interest in what was moral."

"The book and the movie are great memories for me," he said, adding that while the plot twist disturbed him, he still planned to pick up a copy of the new book.

To celebrate the launch, "Mockingbird" fans may want to head to Kaufmann Concert Hall tonight, where Mary Badham, who played Atticus's daughter, Scout, in the film

adaptation of “Mockingbird,” reads from that book and from “Go Set A Watchman.” [Available tickets start at \\$36.](#)

Here’s what else is happening:

## **WEATHER**

Expect some puddles by the end of the day.

Scattered showers and thunderstorms throughout the day, [with a high of 80.](#)

About a quarter to half an inch of rain is possible when all’s said and done.

## **IN THE NEWS**

- New York City and the family of Eric Garner agreed on a \$5.9 million settlement from the city to resolve a wrongful-death claim. [[New York Times](#)]
- A Staten Island woman filed a lawsuit in federal court claiming she was falsely arrested and assaulted by the police for filming the final moments of Eric Garner’s life. [[Daily News](#)]
- Uber tries to court the Rev. Al Sharpton, an ally of Mayor Bill de Blasio, to oppose a cap on car-service vehicles. [[Crain’s New York](#)]
- Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo speaks out against scammers selling fake tickets for Pope Francis’ New York visit. [[New York Post](#)]
- A 3-month-old baby died on Monday at an unlicensed SoHo day care center. [[New York Times](#)]
- The filmmaker Joe Gibbons was sentenced to a year in prison for a robbery that he said was performance art. [[New York Times](#)]
- One person has died and several others were displaced by a house fire in Morristown, N.J. [[WABC-TV/Channel 7](#)]
- All-Star [break in baseball](#) until Friday.
- For a global look at what’s happening, see [Your Tuesday Briefing](#).

## **COMING UP TODAY**

- Enjoy the wildflowers, birds and other wildlife on a [wetlands tour](#) at Randall’s Island, a recurring event on Tuesdays this summer. 6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. [Free]
- “Standing in the Shadows of Motown,” which tells the story of the famous Detroit sound and of Berry Gordy’s Hitsville studio band, [plays tonight in Brownsville, Brooklyn](#) at 8:30 p.m. [Free]

- Brooklyn Laundry Social Club is [kicking off a two-day event](#) with discussions of worker cooperatives and economic democracy cooperatives, at the Living Gallery in Brooklyn. 6 p.m. [Free]
- Several bands, swing dancing, french food and drinks, [and more, in Times Square](#) for Bastille Day. R.S.V.P. required. 5 p.m. [Free]
- **Boogie Down Booth**, a colorful public art installation, is being built in the Bronx today; it will stand for one year. Southern Boulevard and 174th Street at 11 a.m. in The Bronx. [Free]
- Rock out to the music of your choice [at an outdoor dance party in Midtown](#), with D.J.s spinning different genres live via headphones. R.S.V.P. required. [Free]
- For more events, see The New York Times [Arts & Entertainment guide](#).

## COMMUTE

- **Subway** and **PATH**
- **Railroads:** [L.I.R.R.](#), [Metro-North](#), [N.J. Transit](#), [Amtrak](#)
- **Roads:** Check [traffic map](#) or radio report on [the 1s](#) or [the 8s](#).
- **Alternate-side parking:** [in effect](#) until July 17.
- **Ferries:** [Staten Island Ferry](#), [New York Waterway](#), [East River Ferry](#)
- **Airports:** [La Guardia](#), [J.F.K.](#), [Newark](#)

## AND FINALLY ...

Nearly 40 years ago today, about 1,500 N.Y.P.D. officers were assigned to Madison Square Garden.

Secret Service agents were there as well, in an effort to keep the Democratic National Convention secure as soon-to-be President Jimmy Carter [accepted his party's nomination](#).

But [what was different about that](#) convention was its reliance on “convention aides” to see the event go smoothly. Campaign volunteers would give directions to Carter supporters and try to keep the flow of people in and around the Garden moving.

The conventions of today seem to have followed suit. In 2012, 10,000 volunteers and 500 convention staff members were set to [work the Republican National Convention](#).

Paula Martin, of Manhattan, then a graduate student at Columbia, was quoted as saying that her job at the 1976 convention was to “be polite, smile, and try to give them directions.”

In 2016, perhaps the average Clevelander (from the city that hosts the G.O.P. convention) and Philadelphian (from the city that will host the Democratic version) will be just as welcoming.

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