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Explosives Found In Shipping Container

October 29, Harbor officials discovered a shipping crate of military grade weapons and explosives. Further investigation revealed that the import records showed the crate as holding fragile ceramic artifacts.

In conjunction with additional, undisclosed information, the city went to a very high degree of alert for terrorist activity. Arrests were made, although police are not commenting on them. November 5, the police declared that the immediate danger had passed, but remained on a heightened state of alert.

The FBI and the New York Port Authority are reportedly co-operating with the investigation.

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Terror Alert Level Raised to Red

For the first time since the so-called Devil's Thursday attacks, the official terror alert level for the city of New York has been raised by Homeland Security to the Red level, or the level that indicates an imminent danger of terrorist attack.

The alert level was raised in response to the recent discovery of military grade weapons and explosives in a shipping

crate. Michael Chertoff, the Secretary of Homeland Security, has not commented on the situation, but officials within the FBI, speaking on condition of anonymity, have said that they believe the danger has passed but that they will maintain the current alert level until Monday the 12th at the least.

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Vontaug Shareholder Meeting Security Further Increased

Vontaug Industries has announced that its much-anticipated shareholder's meeting Friday will have further increased security in response to the recent terror threat.

"I almost want to see them try," said a Vontaug security official speaking on condition of anonymity. "They'd get some nasty surprises."

Nonetheless, the atmosphere surrounding the Vontaug plant where the meeting is to take place is quite tense. No members of Vontaug management were available for comment.

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Pat Robertson Endorses Giuliani

Noted conservative Christian leader Pat Robertson has endorsed former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani's presidential campaign.

Robertson, often a controversial figure famed for statements advocating the assassination of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez and implying that the 9/11 attacks were due to America's over-tolerant attitude towards gays and lesbians, is nonetheless a highly

respected member of the Christian right. He has been courted for some time by Giuliani and by Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney, both of whom have been facing attacks from their opponents in the primary on their stances on abortion and other key issues to the Republican base.

It remains to be seen whether Robertson's endorsement of Giuliani will help Giuliani's case, but initial reactions among Republicans seem favorable.

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Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): You know that thing you were thinking might not be entirely stupid to do? It's a horrible idea.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Patience is a virtue. Wait until this mess blows over.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): I see a lot of angst in your future. You probably should have said no.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): A lot of stupid things are about to happen. Don't be a part of them.

LEO (July 23- Aug 22): About time! Go ahead! Do it! Really! It's a wonderful and great idea! Get involved!

VIRGO (Aug 23 - Sept 23): NO. Don't get involved. You really don't want to be. Seriously.

LIBRA (Sept 23 - Oct 22): That probably is a bad idea. Weigh your options. Most of them are bad.

SCORPIO (Oct 23 - Nov 21): You're more likely to succeed if you don't go rushing into things. You're more likely to survive, too.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22 - Dec 21): If a Leo asks you for help, don't. It's a bad idea for your continued happiness and

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CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 19): Life is okay. It'll be better if you don't get yourself involved in this. Trust me.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20 - Feb 18): You probably want to dodge this bullet, and all of the other ones that might head your way today.

PISCES (Feb 19 - March 20): Keep your head down, your eyes open, and your ears sharp. You might get through this safely.