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President Obama on Wednesday at West Point, where he laid out his foreign policy plan for his final two and a half years in office.

Severe Report  
Finds V.A. Hid  
Waiting Lists

By RICHARD A. OPPEL Jr.  
and MICHAEL D. SHEAR

In the first confirmation that Department of Veterans Affairs administrators manipulated medical waiting lists at one and possibly more hospitals, the department’s inspector general reported on Wednesday that 1,700 patients at the veterans medical center in Phoenix were not placed on the official waiting list for doctors’ appointments and may never have received care.

The scathing report by Richard J. Griffin, the acting inspector general, validates allegations raised by whistle-blowers and others that Veterans Affairs officials in Phoenix employed artifices to cloak long waiting times for veterans seeking medical care. Mr. Griffin said the average waiting time in Phoenix for initial primary care appointments, 115 days, was nearly five times as long as what the hospital’s administrators had reported.

He suggested that the falsified data may have led to more favorable performance reviews for hospital personnel, and he indicated that some instances of potentially manipulated data had

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Right This Way, Sir, for Botox  
And a Quick Prostate Exam

By ANEMONA HARTOCOLLIS

From the gleaming limestone lobby to the chocolate and ox-blood exam room walls to the percussive address, 555 Madison Avenue, a new clinic in Midtown Manhattan exudes masculinity, and that is no accident.

Still smelling of fresh paint, it is NYU Langone Medical Center’s health center devoted to men, one of two such centers opened in the last two years by major New York hospitals, within 10 blocks of each other, and using marketing techniques common to lifestyle companies and luxury spas.

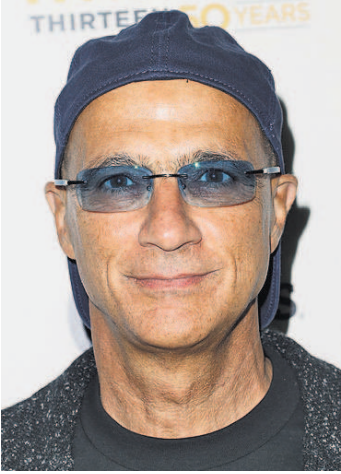
“The glass ceiling has been broken; now there’s a health center just for men,” goes one NYU Langone advertising slogan, with a tongue-in-cheek hint of transgression. Says another: “It’s the gentlemen’s club your wife would

approve of.” NYU Langone and other medical institutions have long had services devoted to women, an outgrowth of the belief that the male-dominated medical establishment had not paid enough attention to their particular needs.

Now men are beginning to get equal treatment as hospitals try to take advantage of an enormous untapped market: men who, studies show, avoid doctors for virtually anything short of a bullet wound. The new clinics offer one-stop shopping for services ranging from heart monitoring to hair removal to hormone therapy, from the life-prolonging to the life-enhancing, if medically debatable.

The Men’s Health Center at the

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Jimmy Iovine is joining Apple.

A Master of Beats Lends Apple a Skilled Ear

By BEN SISARIO

CUPERTINO, Calif. — Apple’s new music impresario, Jimmy Iovine, didn’t start out writing code or studying computer engineering, the usual path of a Silicon Valley mogul. Instead, his career began sweeping floors at New York City recording studios and fetching tea for John Lennon.

But Apple is betting that Mr. Iovine’s four decades in the trenches of the recording industry, his knack for trend-spotting and his credibility with artists will help the company rejuvenate its music business nearly three years after the death of its co-founder, Steven P. Jobs.

STREAMING COMPETITION

Apple’s deal for Beats aims at rivals that offer subscription-based music services. Page B1.

On Wednesday, after weeks of speculation, Apple said it would pay \$3 billion for Beats Electronics, the company that Mr. Iovine (pronounced eye-oh-VEEN) founded with the rap star Dr. Dre that includes the Beats by Dr. Dre headphone line and a fledgling streaming music service.

“We looked at the combination with Beats, and what we saw is a company that has incredible, rare talent,” said Apple’s chief execu-

tive, Timothy D. Cook, in a joint interview with Mr. Iovine and Dr. Dre at the company’s headquarters here.

One of the most powerful figures in the music industry, Mr. Iovine, 61, brings to Apple deep celebrity connections and a devil-may-care attitude that stands in stark contrast to the businesslike manner of Mr. Cook.

Mr. Iovine’s relationship with Apple dates to the beginnings of iTunes, when he became a friend and crucial advocate for Mr. Jobs as he tried to persuade nervous record executives to sell their songs à la carte.

“Jimmy was one of the first

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MAYA ANGELOU, 1928-2014

Lyrical Witness to Jim Crow, and the Caged Bird

By MARGALIT FOX

Maya Angelou, whose landmark book of 1969, “I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings” — a lyrical, unsparing account of her childhood in the Jim Crow South — was among the first autobiographies by a 20th-century black woman to reach a wide general readership, died on Wednesday at her home in Winston-Salem, N.C. She was 86.

Her death was confirmed by her literary agent, Helen Brann. The cause was not immediately known, but Ms. Brann said Ms. Angelou had been frail for some time and had heart problems.

In a statement, President Obama said, “Today, Michelle and I join millions around the world in remembering one of the brightest lights of our time — a brilliant writer, a fierce friend and a truly phenomenal woman,” adding, “She inspired my own mother to name my sister Maya.”

Though her memoirs, which eventually filled six volumes, garnered more critical praise than her poetry did, Ms. Angelou (pronounced AHN-zhe-low) very likely received her widest exposure on a chilly January day in 1993, when she delivered her inaugural poem, “On the Pulse of Morning,” at the swearing-in of Bill Clinton, the nation’s 42nd president. He, like Ms. Angelou, had grown up in Arkansas.

It began:  
A Rock, A River, A Tree  
Hosts to species long since departed,  
Marked the mastodon,  
The dinosaur, who left dried tokens



CHESTER HIGGINS JR.

Maya Angelou in 1969, the year of her landmark memoir.

Of their sojourn here  
On our planet floor,  
Any broad alarm of their  
hastening doom  
Is lost in the gloom of dust and ages.

But today, the Rock cries out to us, clearly, forcefully,

Come, you may stand upon my  
Back and face your distant destiny,  
But seek no haven in my shadow,  
I will give you no hiding place down here.

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Le Pen on Mission in Brussels

Emboldened by victories in elections for the European Union Parliament, Marine Le Pen of France’s National Front hopes to forge an alliance of right-wing parties.

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Left Puts Pressure on Cuomo

Mayor Bill de Blasio has become a behind-the-scenes mediator as the governor tries to mollify liberals.

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After a mass shooting, California considers creating a type of restraining order for people deemed at risk of committing violence, to prevent them from buying or owning a gun.

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President Obama is to propose cutting coal power plants’ carbon pollution, part of a plan that would also urge states to set up cap-and-trade systems.

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Snowden Says He’s a Patriot

In an NBC interview, Edward J. Snowden said he considered himself a patriot and criticized Russia on rights.

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Bad Day for Williams Sisters

Serena Williams, the No. 1 seed, lost to 20-year-old Garbiñe Muguruza, right, in the second round of the French Open. Venus Williams also lost to a youthful opponent.

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Mel Ottenberg is the stylist who has helped the singer become a major force in fashion.

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Ohio lawmakers reversed their support for a law intended to phase in renewable energy, a sign of an eroding consensus on the role of government.

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Battle Over Book Sales Grows

Amazon and Hachette are stepping up their increasingly public clash over the contract terms of selling books.

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