Lower East Side Links

-The mayor yesterday once again addressed his administration's bungling of the Rivington House sale; "Hizzoner said the Allure Group 'lied' to city officials by suggesting the building at 45 Rivington Street would remain a healthcare facility, at the same time that the group asked the city to scrap restrictions on the site's allowable uses." [Post]

-Editorial: "Soon enough, documents subpoenaed by City Controller Scott Stringer may reveal whether the city's decision-making (regarding Rivington House) arose from gross incompetence or from a base form of corruption. What we have here, either way, is a scandal." [Daily News]

-Notorious landlord Steven Croman owes more than \$1 million in unpaid building- and construction-code violations. And, "He continued to receive city permission for construction on his buildings, even though some of the fines had been unpaid for as many as seven years." [Crain's]

-Caught on tape: Croman's kid berates the driver of an Uber car near the University of Michigan. [Gothamist]

-Republican Lester Chang says he wants to clean up Albany. It's why he's running to fill Sheldon Silver's old Assembly seat. [JP Updates]

-One political observer thinks the Asian vote could be decisive in next month's special election in the 65th Assembly District. [The Slant]

-The city comptroller will release a report today that shows New York's mom-and-pop businesses are being strangled by red tape. [Daily News]

-Developers are planning a "striking cantilivered ground-up structure" at 75 1st Avenue, consisting of 22 condominium apartments. [EV Grieve]

-There's now a photo book dedicated to the "Wolfpack" boys of the Lower East Side. [Hyperallergic]

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