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Little Italy garden in legal tussle may be uprooted

BY TÉA KVETENADZE
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

The saga of Little Italy's Elizabeth Street Garden, stuck in the legal weeds for years, inched closer to a resolution this month, but the ultimate fate of the urban oasis remains uncertain.

The green space sits at the center of dueling court cases between those trying to save the garden and those who want to see the city build senior apartments on the lot, and has become a flash point of New

Yorker's larger housing crisis.

A civil court judge ruled in the city's favor on a 2021 eviction case on May 8 but stayed execution of the warrant until Sept. 10 at the earliest to allow time for the garden to relocate. Judge Richard Tsai also ordered the nonprofit-run Elizabeth Street Garden to pay nearly \$95,500 plus interest in back rent.

The garden's legal team appealed the decision last week.

"This decision is a huge win for all New Yorkers," Adolfo

Carrión, commissioner of the Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD), said in a statement. "The fight over this land highlights how difficult it can be to build affordable housing, especially in neighborhoods that offer strong economic opportunities; we are undeterred."

The fate of the sculpture-filled lot, owned by the city but leased out since 1991, has been in dispute since HPD introduced plans to build a 123-unit affordable apartment

complex geared toward LGBTQ seniors dubbed Haven Green.

The plans have pitted housing advocates and two successive administrations against Little Italy locals and preservationists. Haven Green's backers point to the need for new affordable housing, particularly for vulnerable groups like seniors, and say the garden provides a rare opportunity for the city to develop on its own land.

The garden's supporters say



A judge recently ruled in favor of those wanting to replace the Elizabeth Street Garden in Little Italy (main photo) with senior citizen housing units (artist rendering right).



it is a unique and badly needed green space in an otherwise dense neighborhood, and that its loss would be a blow to the environment.

"It's a false choice to say we have to destroy a garden in order to solve the housing crisis," said Joseph Reiver, executive director of Elizabeth Street Garden, which was started by his late father, Allan.

"The garden is open to everyone. It's free, it's public, there's hundreds of free programs," he said. "It's the definition of the

opposite of 'not in my backyard.' It's literally for everyone."

A letter-writing campaign to Mayor Adams asking for the eviction to be halted has hit more than 85,000 signatures since launching last Wednesday.

While the eviction case is "concerning," Reiver and garden supporters also are focused on a long-running suit they recently argued in front of the state's highest court, claiming the city failed to carry out a proper environmental review for the project and fully take

into account the climate change implications.

The city has countered that Haven Green would not have a significant impact on the environment and would include its own, albeit smaller, open space.

In court last week, a lawyer for the city said no matter how the environmental suit plays out, the garden "is going to be evicted regardless" because of the housing case ruling.

Norman Siegel, who represents the garden, said that given the legal snarls, the space

could get stuck in limbo.

"It could turn out that the city could go ahead with the eviction and that you couldn't have the garden, but they might not be able to build the project that they want there," he said. "Then you don't have a garden and you don't have the project for affordable housing."

Siegel predicted the Court of Appeals would make a decision sometime in July; an inquest in the eviction case is set for June 11.

The battle comes as New York is facing its lowest rental vacancy

in decades, with affordable apartments particularly hard to come by. Leaders and advocates have been pushing for new development to offset the crisis and say Haven Green is too valuable an opportunity to squander.

The Elizabeth Street Garden serves about 200,000 visitors a year since 1991, according to Reiver. The 20,000-square-foot park between Mott and Elizabeth Sts. is known for its eclectic statue collection and has long been a favorite among locals, including the late David Bowie.

DON SHOW STAYS

Forced to stay close to Manhattan court where he's on trial,

BY JOSEPHINE STRATMAN
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

In a typical presidential election, the campaign is hardest fought in the battleground states: Pennsylvania, Michigan, Arizona, Wisconsin.

But for Donald Trump, the past few weeks have looked a little different.

The presumptive Republican nominee, forced to maintain a tight radius around his hush money trial at 100 Centre St., where he's been confronted with a series of characters from his past telling tales of sordid hotel room trysts and six-figure payoffs, Donald Trump did what Donald Trump does:

He put on a show.

And he's made New York City his stage, a flashback of sorts to his climb to prominence in the '80s and '90s.

In 2024, he's gone from courthouse hallway, to uptown bodega to Crotona Park rally.

The dingy hallway outside Courtroom 1530 has been his set for daily stump speeches where he rages against "Bidenflation" and pocketbook issues. A neighborhood bodega in West Harlem became a backdrop to platform "out of control" crime in the city. His parade of GOP sycophants and VP-wannabes are his supporting cast who can say what he can't at risk of violating a court-imposed gag order.

Trump has spun being stuck in court into pizza-delivery photo ops and fodder for fundraising emails whose subject lines scream things like "They want me in HANDCUFFS" and, falsely, "I stormed out of court!"

The scheme at the heart of the trial first hit the headlines in January 2018 when a bombshell story in The Wall Street Journal reported that Michael Cohen, the president's personal lawyer, had silenced a porn star who alleged she slept with Trump in a scheme to secure Trump's win in the 2016 presidential election. He has pleaded not guilty to multiple felony counts associated with the alleged scheme.

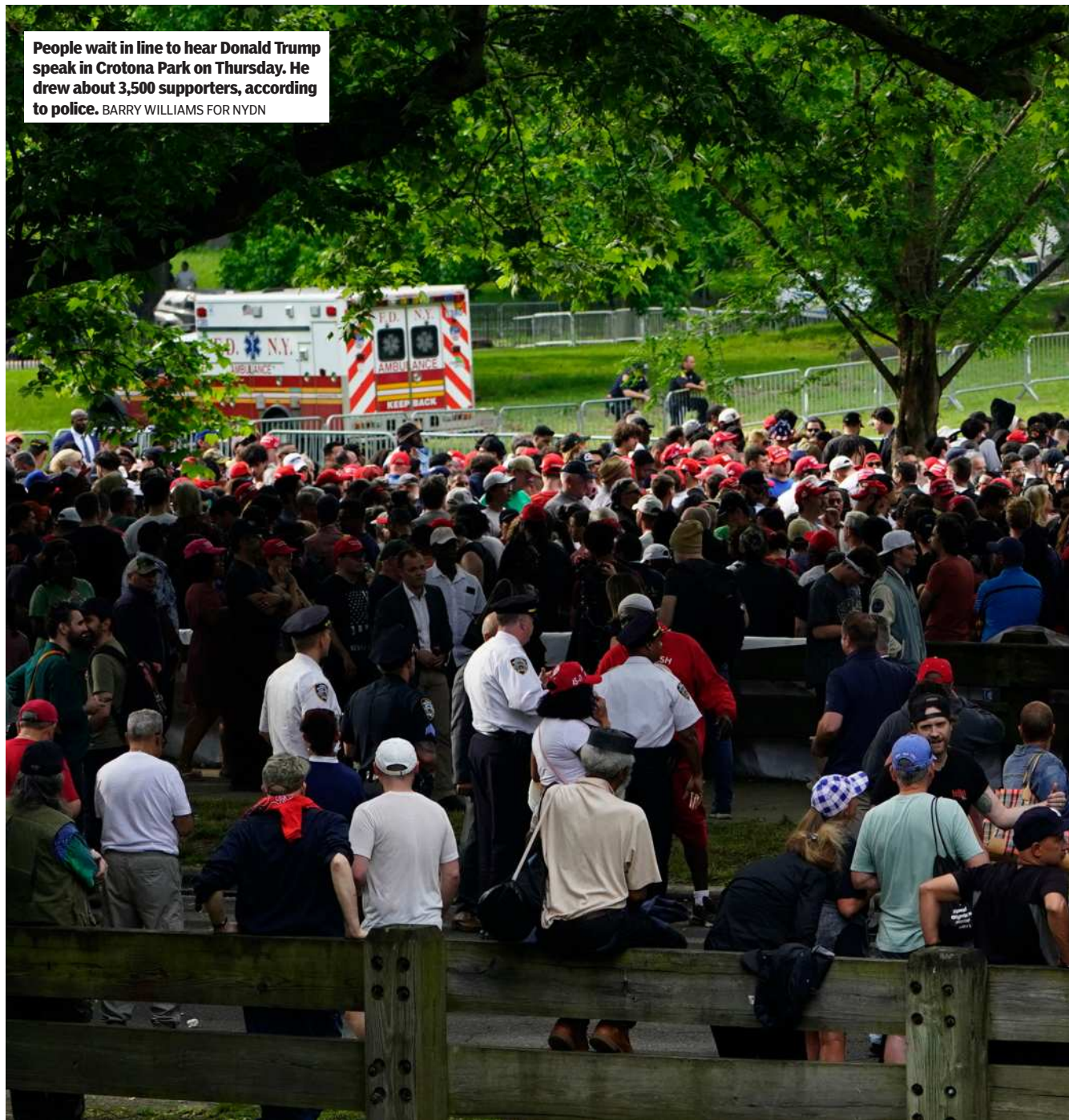
In New York, Trump's nearly six weeks of campaigning culminated with Thursday's rally in the deep-blue Bronx, a place largely hostile to his politics and home to some of his fiercest critics.

"For him, this is old gamesmanship," longtime political consultant George Arzt told the Daily News. "Anything to get under the skin of Democrats, who he thinks are behind all his legal problems, will make him a very happy man."

When he's in court, forced face-to-face with Stormy Daniels, a porn star who described the sordid details of their alleged tryst, and his fixer-turned-foe, Cohen, Trump has been muted. He's often closed his eyes in either sleep, boredom or both, and sat with his arms crossed. At the mercy of the court system, he doesn't even control when he stands up or sits down.

His campaign advisers, many of whom

People wait in line to hear Donald Trump speak in Crotona Park on Thursday. He drew about 3,500 supporters, according to police. BARRY WILLIAMS FOR NYDN



appear next to him every day at criminal court, have repeatedly called this strategy — diverting campaign headquarters to the bowels of the courthouse and hitting the pavement in the city — making lemonade out of lemons.

Thursday's rally drew plenty not from the majority Black and Hispanic Bronx, but many residents of Long Island, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Rockland County.

As Trump dived into the minutiae of his real estate projects in New York and pledged to improve the subway system, which he said "looks like it hasn't been cleaned since 1932," it seemed almost like

he was campaigning for mayor instead of president.

"Who said we're not going to win New York? We're going to win New York," Trump crowed.

However, political analysts say Trump's efforts aren't just directed at the five boroughs. New York, going through its own reckoning on crime, cost of living and an immigration crisis, provides a dramatic backdrop to showcase for a national audience the perceived failings of Democrats in office.

The rally in the Bronx, Arzt said, was like "sticking his finger in the eye" of New York City.

"He is saying, 'I have a chance in New York and let's see if I could pick up some Black and Hispanic votes,'" Arzt said.

Black and Hispanic voters, especially in swing states like Michigan, Georgia and Arizona, are a critical demographic for President Biden. But his grasp on that vote could be slipping. If Trump can take advantage of that, it could smooth his path to the White House.

Trump's campaign did not respond to multiple requests for comment.

"It makes me campaign locally. And that's OK," Trump said of the trial at the Harlem bodega, where a worker fatally stabbed a man in 2022.

RIGHT IN TOWN

Trump takes campaign to hallways, bodega and Bronx park



"This trial that I have right now, that's a Biden trial," he added moments later. "They want to keep me off the campaign trail, but based on what I'm doing here, I think there's more press here than there is if I went out to some nice location."

Trump does not have much of a shot in New York City. In 2016 and 2020, the vast majority of voters cast their ballots for Biden. However, the state overall has shifted more Republican. The party recently gained a rare foothold in the Bronx with the election of a Republican City Council member, and the state came close to electing Lee Zeldin in the 2022 gubernatorial race.

"I think the Democratic Party would be remiss to just assume that this city is super blue and they can ignore it, especially since New York is the reason why Joe Biden doesn't have a unified government," Christina Greer, an associate professor of political science at Fordham University, told The News.

In the 2022 midterm elections, four New York seats in Congress flipped from Democrat to Republican, an embarrassing loss for state Democrats.

"To campaign in New York, he makes the case to disaffected Democrats, generally Black men and Latino men who feel that they have been taken for granted,

and taken advantage of that particular narrative, to say, 'I'm actually campaigning here, and, where's the president?' " Greer said.

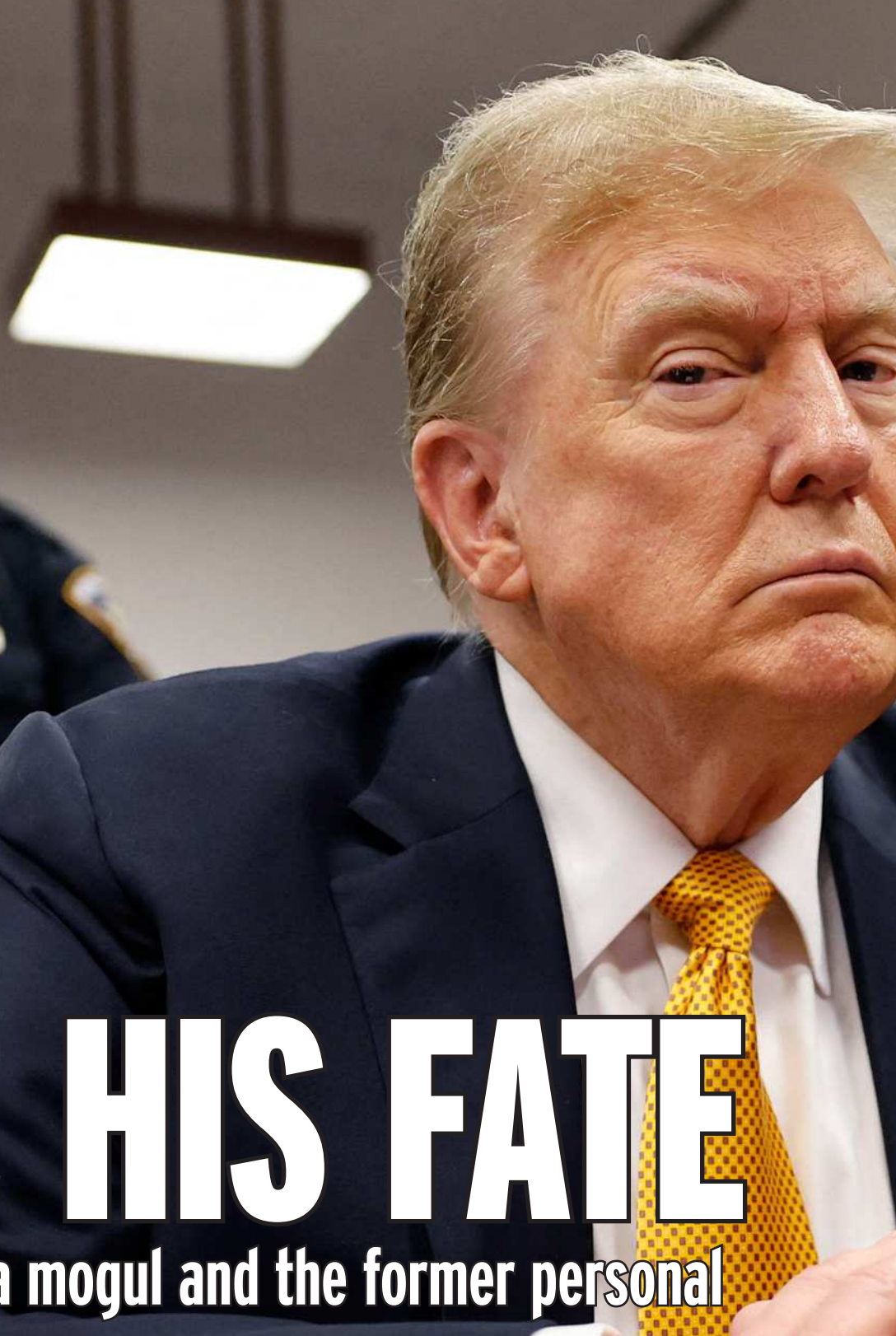
Jon Reinish, a Democratic strategist, said Trump will "take any chance to take a swipe" at New York. Trump is attempting to make a dent in the Democratic stronghold and undermine just how deep-blue New York really is.

"He's obviously not doing it to pick up votes locally, as he's beyond incredibly unpopular in New York, especially in New York City. So it's not like he's trying to siphon votes away from Joe Biden," Reinish said.

"However, look — logistically, he is stuck here, so why not use the media capital of the world, where he knows he will draw cameras, and he knows that he will draw bystanders or they can maybe draw some supporters in from further away out of New York City, and why not take advantage of that?"

At the Crotona Park rally on Thursday evening, Andrew Giuliani warmed up the crowd for Trump. Noting that the Bronx has been home to many legendary Yankees players, Rudy's son said the former president needs to be added to that list.

"Because tonight, Trump is playing the Bronx," Giuliani said.



SOON, HIS FATE

The porn star, the media mogul and the former personal

BY MOLLY CRANE-NEWMAN
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

Twelve Manhattanites are expected this week to begin deliberating whether Donald Trump is a felon who conspired to disguise lewd rumors of his past to help him win over voters during his 2016 run for the White House.

The historic determination could see an American president convicted for the first time at a time when Trump, the presumptive Republican presidential nominee, is again in reach of the White House.

The Manhattan district attorney's office presented 20 witnesses in their monthlong case against Trump, laying out an illicit "catch and kill" scheme that included falsifying business records to pay back his personal lawyer, Michael Cohen, for silencing porn star Stormy Daniels on the eve of

the election.

Trump, 77, presented two witnesses, with his defense countering that there was nothing illegal about his 2017 payments to Cohen from the White House and any endeavors to silence unflattering rumors sought to protect his family and his brand.

He has pleaded not guilty and vehemently maintains that he's the victim of a Democrat-led witch hunt.

Here are the highlights of the testimony:

DAVID PECKER

Prosecutors first called David Pecker, the former chairman of American Media Inc., or AMI. Across four days, the longtime publisher of the National Enquirer, who received immunity to testify, captivated jurors with details of the tabloid world's underbelly and the August 2015 Trump Tower meeting where the hush money

scheme was allegedly birthed.

Pecker told the court he agreed at the meeting attended by him, Trump and Cohen to be the campaign's "eyes and ears" — by looking out for stories brewing that could hurt Trump's candidacy to be bought and buried, running puff pieces about him to court voters with the assistance of then-National Enquirer editor Dylan Howard, and publishing hit jobs about his opponents, like the one that claimed Texas Sen. Ted Cruz's father had connections to Lee Harvey Oswald.

AMI paid Playboy model Karen McDougal \$150,000 to stay silent about her allegations of a monthslong affair with Trump that occurred not long after his marriage to Melania as part of the scheme, Pecker said. It also silenced a doorman at Trump Tower with \$30,000 for his claims about Trump fathering a child out of

wedlock.

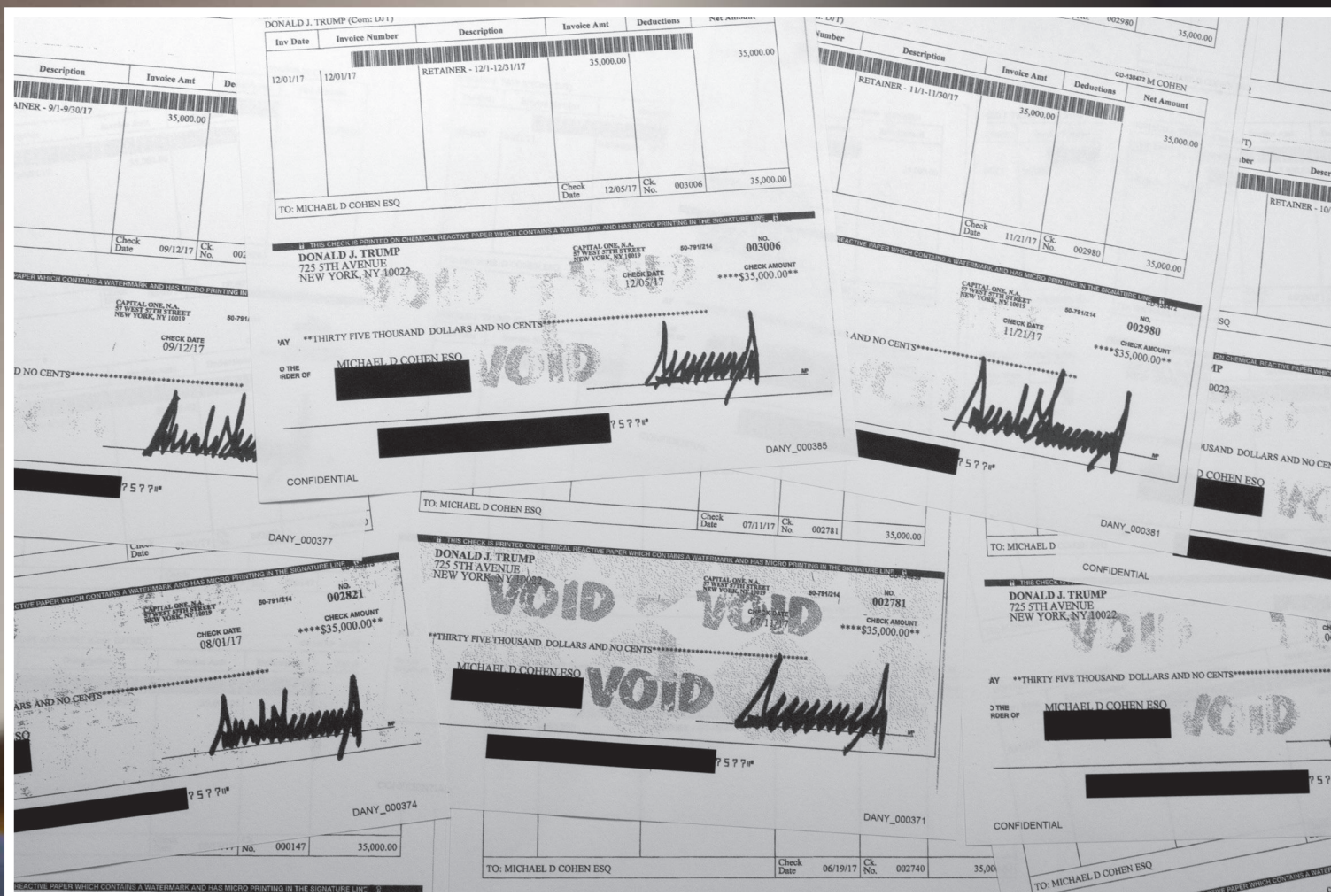
The raspy-voiced media bigwig said he went back decades with Trump — during which time the pair regularly scratched each other's backs in business — and still considered him a friend.

KEITH DAVIDSON

The lawyer who repped McDougal and Daniels in hush money negotiations described first working with AMI in summer 2016 to secure a nondisclosure deal for the Playboy model and months later being forced to deal with a frantic Cohen when AMI backed out of a plan to pay Daniels.

He said the adult film star's allegations were of sudden importance for Trump's side amid the release of the "Access Hollywood" tape, assumed to be disastrous.

The Beverly Hills attorney said he felt Cohen was stringing him along when



Donald Trump heard testimony from Stormy Daniels (top left), among others, and saw his checks to Michael Cohen (above) entered into evidence in his hush money trial. AP

WILL BE KNOWN

fixer have all spoken; this week, the jury decides on Trump

Cohen delayed sending the money, suspecting he was trying to “kick the can down the road” until after the election.

Jurors saw Daniels’ \$130,000 hush money contract anonymizing her and Trump’s names, a side letter agreement for “attorney’s eyes only” with their real names, and the transaction wired to Davidson’s firm from a shell company Cohen set up 11 days before the election. Davidson said he assumed the presidential candidate was funding the deal.

STORMY DANIELS

In riveting testimony across two days, Daniels, an adult film star and director, explicitly detailed her infamous alleged tryst with Trump in a Lake Tahoe hotel room in 2006 and her fear of Trump after he announced he was running.

She said she ended up at Trump’s hotel

room after receiving a dinner invitation from his longtime personal bodyguard, Keith Schiller, when they met at a celebrity golf tournament. Daniels described walking out of Trump’s hotel bathroom after an hourslong conversation to find him splayed out on the bed in his boxers.

Daniels said the sex with a man “probably older than my father” was consensual but described blacking out and feeling disoriented.

“I was trying to think about anything other than what was happening there,” she said.

The Louisiana native, whom Trump’s lawyers sought to paint as an extortionist driven by fame and money, said she was threatened by a stranger in 2011 to stay silent about Trump and that that encounter was front of mind when he announced his candidacy and when she agreed to sign a

nondisclosure right before the election.

MICHAEL COHEN

Trump’s longtime fixer turned foe, who was federally convicted of breaking campaign finance laws for Trump in 2018 and other crimes, was the prosecution’s star witness and their last one.

Cohen mostly corroborated others’ testimony and critically described Trump as having full knowledge of the hush money payoffs and the plan to reimburse him, which prosecutors must prove. Jurors heard him and Trump appearing to discuss the McDougal payoff in a secret recording he made in September 2016.

Cohen said he confirmed the deal with Daniels was done with Trump in an October 2016 phone call. He testified that President-elect Trump learned of the plan to reimburse him at Trump Tower in

January 2017, which he said was dictated by Trump’s convicted finance chief Allen Weisselberg, and that they discussed it again in February 2017 inside the Oval Office.

The defense sought to aggressively attack Cohen as an unreliable liar by highlighting his perjury conviction, steep profits from rebranding as a bitter Trump-hater, and motives for revenge. They elicited testimony showing he stole \$30,000 from Trump’s company and said Cohen was lying about the purpose of the phone call he claimed was about Daniels situation and whether it concerned the porn star payoff or a teenage prankster.

THE BOOKKEEPERS

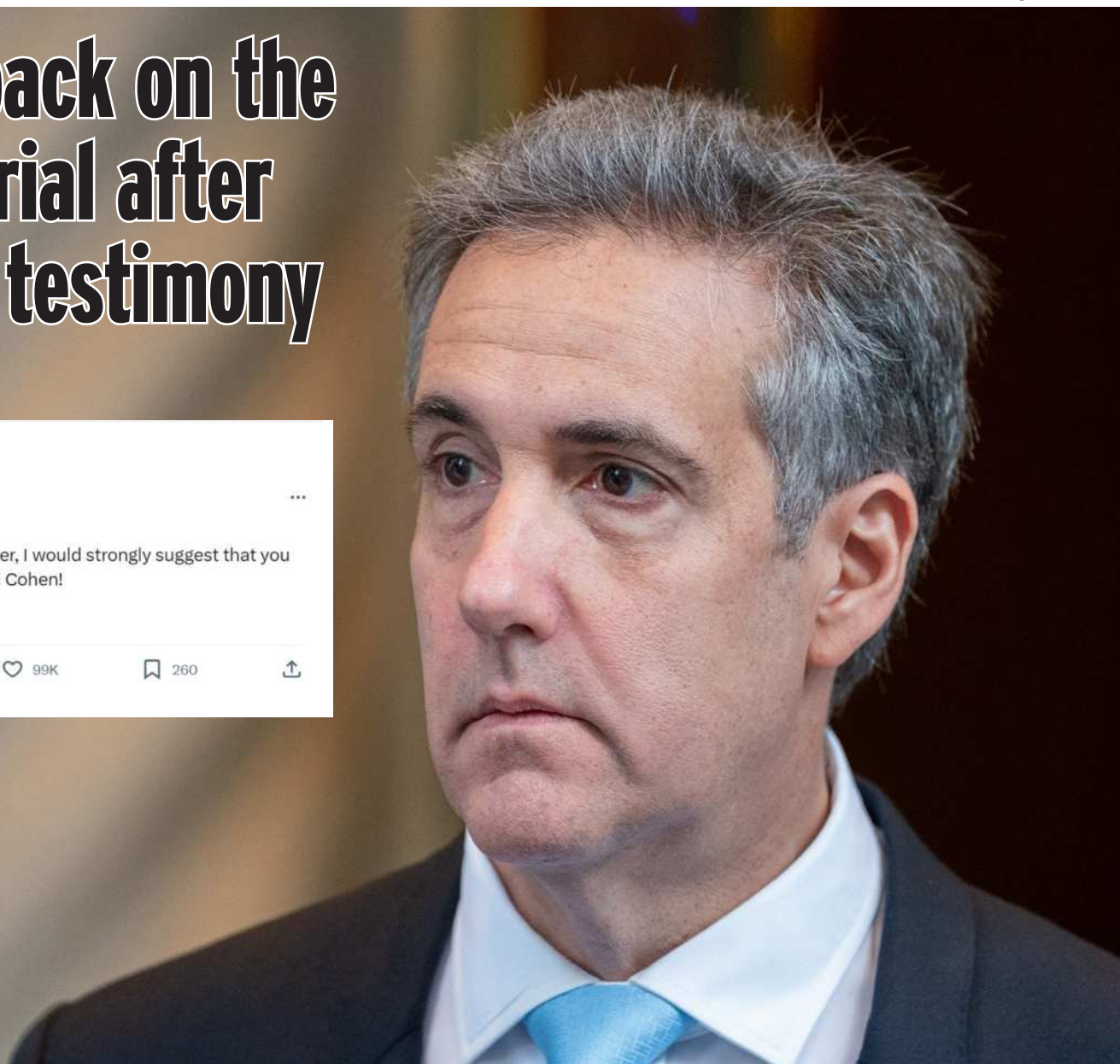
Testimony from the bookkeepers was

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Looking back on the historic trial after month of testimony



Michael Cohen (main photo), along with Deborah Tarasoff, Jeffrey McConney and Rebecca Manochio (left to right below), detailed how Donald Trump made payments, including those to Cohen. GETTY; AP



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accompanied by some of the most crucial evidence in the case — the checks to Cohen, his invoices, and corresponding ledger entries that make up the charges.

The Trump Organization's loyal longtime controller Jeffrey McConney said his boss Weisselberg told him Cohen needed to be reimbursed in January 2017. McConney identified handwritten notes on a copy of Cohen's hush money bank transaction as those of his boss. Trump's side claimed Cohen was paid for legitimate legal work, not reimbursement.

The jury saw McConney's corresponding notes on Trump letterhead that he said were jotted down when Weisselberg chucked a notepad at him.

Weisselberg calculated Cohen was owed \$420,000: the \$130,000 he sent to Davidson for Daniels, \$50,000 he paid a tech company to rig a poll in Trump's favor, then doubled to "gross up" for taxes. The CFO tacked on a \$60,000 bonus. McConney said Cohen received it in monthly checks after billing the company for a "retainer," conceding he never saw a retainer agreement.

McConney said payment came from Trump's personal bank account and partially his trust. Trump Tower bookkeepers sent the checks to Washington to be signed by the president in black Sharpie.

"Only Mr. Trump" could sign off on checks sent out of his account even after he became president, accounts payable



employee Deborah Tarasoff, a 24-year vet at the Trump Org., told the court as prosecutors sought to establish Trump knew where every penny went. Tarasoff said Trump didn't always sign them right away, sometimes having questions or writing "VOID."

Called to the stand, Weisselberg's former assistant Rebecca Manochio said he directed her to send Trump's personal checks — like those for Cohen and unlike others sent straight to the White House — to his bodyguard Schiller's home address in D.C. and later to Trump's top aide John McEntee.

HOPE HICKS

Trump's former White House communications director and campaign spokeswoman Hope Hicks divulged details of Trump's knowledge of Cohen's payoff to Daniels.

She said he addressed it after it was first reported in detail in February 2018, when Cohen, still loyal to Trump, denied the boss knew anything about it.

"Mr. Trump's opinion was it was better to be dealing with it now, and that it would have been bad to have that story come out before the election," Hicks said.

Hicks, who made clear her loyalty to Trump was enduring, admitted she found it hard to believe Cohen made the payoff out of the kindness of his heart, as Trump told her.

"I didn't know Michael to be an especially charitable person or selfless person."

Hicks also testified about the Trump campaign's panic over the release of the "Access Hollywood" tape, which prosecutors say was the motivation behind the

hasty hush money payoff to Daniels.

DEFENSE WITNESSES

Trump's side called two witnesses, veteran defense attorney Bob Costello and a paralegal.

A longtime associate of Trump adviser and former Mayor Rudy Giuliani, Costello informally advised Trump's fixer after the feds began investigating him. He claimed Cohen told him then that Trump "knew nothing" about the Daniels payoff.

On cross-examination, prosecutor Susan Hoffinger sought to establish Costello was part of a "pressure campaign" to stop Cohen from flipping on Trump, with Cohen testifying that he didn't trust the attorney, who dangled a "back channel" to the White House, not to relay what he told him to the boss.

"Our issue is to get Cohen on the right page without giving him the appearance that we are following instructions from Giuliani or the president," read one email from Costello to his law partner showed to the jury during his cross-examination.

Jurors saw Trump's tweets lauding his fixer after his places were raided by the feds in April 2018 — saying he was confident he wouldn't flip — and then saying he wouldn't recommend him as a lawyer after he pleaded guilty.

The defense's main witness didn't help his credibility when, less than 15 minutes into his testimony, the judge ejected spectators to scold him for muttering comments under his breath and staring him down.

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Sean "Diddy" Combs last September at the MTV Video Music Awards, where he was honored. Now we must shame him like we shamed Kanye West, like we shamed R. Kelly, like we shamed Harvey Weinstein.
AFP/GETTY

Diddy, meet R. Kelly

Beating video convinces me you should be in a cell with the perv

Until recently, I thought Diddy's worst crime was rapping on other people's records.

But now, between the sex trafficking allegations and the shameless video of him attacking his ex-girlfriend in a hotel hallway, I'm convinced that the only place he should be making music is in a prison cell with R. Kelly.

The video was hard to watch. The newly released disturbing footage of Diddy — real name, Sean Combs — assaulting singer Cassie Ventura in a Los Angeles hotel back in 2016 was the worst domestic violence video since former football star Ray Rice was caught on camera coldcocking his fiancée in an Atlantic City casino elevator in 2014.

The only thing more difficult to watch was Combs' shameless public apology, the one that took him years to make after denying months ago that anything ever happened.

"I take full responsibility for my actions

in that video. I was disgusted then when I did it. I'm disgusted now," the music mogul said in a video statement posted to Instagram and Facebook. Sean Combs went on to say that he sought out therapy after the incident, and that he was working hard to try to be a better man.

The therapy only succeeded in turning him into a worse liar.

When Cassie 37, filed a lawsuit against Combs late last year, accusing him of rape, sex trafficking and physical abuse, he denied the allegations, although he settled the next day.

"Let me be absolutely clear," Combs said in a statement. "I did not do any of the awful things being alleged."

Complicit in Combs' alleged crimes is the hotel where it happened. Cassie, in a civil lawsuit against her one-time mentor, said Combs paid \$50,000 for the security video. The arrangement didn't stop CNN from obtaining the video and giving it more exposure than any of Combs' music videos ever got.

But whoever sold Combs the hotel videos cheated Cassie out of the justice she could have received before the statute of limitations ran out on the assault crime that Combs now conveniently admits to.

"Domestic violence is THE issue," Cassie said in an Instagram post last week. "It broke me down to someone I never thought I would become. With a lot of hard work, I am better today, but I will always be recovering from my past."

The singer also made a special request. "My only ask is that EVERYONE open your heart to believing victims the first time," she wrote. "It takes a lot of heart to tell the truth out of a situation that you were powerless in."

For decades, Diddy has had all the power. The time has come to take all that power away.

No more music. No more fashion line.

No more white parties.

We should treat Combs like the pariah he is.

We must shame him like we shamed Kanye West, like we shamed R. Kelly, like we shamed Harvey Weinstein.

Radio stations should stop playing

his music. Artists should sign with other labels. The public should stop streaming his songs.

You can't beat up a woman, bury the evidence and never pay a price.

Officials at Peloton said they have seen enough. After the abuse video aired, the company said it has dropped Combs' catalog from its programming as it "take[s] this issue very seriously."

Meanwhile, the City Council said it wants its key to the city back. Mayor Adams bestowed the honor in September, calling Combs the "embodiment of the New York City attitude."

"Mayor Adams should immediately revoke Diddy's key to the city," Brooklyn Councilwoman Sandy Nurse told TMZ. "As an abuser, Diddy lost his right to have such an honor and should be held accountable for his actions."

Adams said rescinding the key is under consideration. Combs would be the first in the city to have a key revoked.

Rescinding the key is not enough to dishonor Combs. New York needs to change the locks, close the blinds and pretend it's not home.



LEONARD GREENE



NYPD Deputy Commissioner of Operations Kaz Daughtry (below, right) holds flotation device that can be dropped to struggling swimmers from a drone (main photo).

Drones to the rescue

City will use eyes in the sky that can drop flotation devices

BY THOMAS TRACY
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

Drones equipped with flotation devices will help New York City lifeguards rescue swimmers in distress this summer, officials said Saturday.

The addition of drones comes as the city faces staff shortages among lifeguards that are expected to keep several miles of beaches closed this holiday weekend.

The NYPD, FDNY, Parks Department and other agencies are working together to bring the drones to the beaches and keep an aerial eye out for swimmers in trouble starting this weekend, officials confirmed.

NYPD Deputy Commissioner of Operations Kaz Daughtry announced the plan on X Friday, calling the use of drones in this manner “game changing.”

“Thanks to @nycmayor and @nypdpc, the @NYPDnews is embracing technology that could save lives,” Daughtry wrote as he posted a video on how drones will help swimmers in trouble. “This summer, we will be utilizing drones that can deploy a flotation device to swimmers in distress. We can also use these drones to communicate with the swimmer in distress while help is on the way.”

“Enjoy the sunshine, NYC. We have the Watch,” he wrote.



An email to the NYPD on more specifics of the plan and where the drones would be deployed was not immediately returned. An email to the mayor’s office for comment was also not returned.

The idea to use drones was formulated last summer when the city used the remote-controlled flyers to watch out for sharks near the shoreline.

Fearing shark attacks like the one that befell swimmer Tatyana Koltunuk, the city began patrolling the waters off the beaches by flying camera-equipped drones over the Rockaways in August.

Drones spotted six sharks in their scans of the ocean during the weeks

they were deployed, but none of the sharks came close to the shoreline, officials said.

The drone patrol exposed a far more common danger: Beachgoers often struggle in the water, officials said.

Twenty-one people died in the city of accidental drowning in 2021, according to the most recent statistics.

The near-drownings spotted with the drones inspired the city to consider equipping some of their fliers with automatic flotation devices.

Similar programs are in place in other states, including Michigan, California and Florida.

Mayor Adams announced the pilot

program in February.

“They’re going to start out with Coney Island, and they’re going to grow from there,” Adams said at the time. “I think it can be a great addition to saving the lives of those that we lose over the summer.”

The drones will not be replacing lifeguards, and only be used as an assistance tool, city officials said.

If a swimmer is seen struggling in the waves, a drone can be flown over and alert them that help is on the way. The drone will also drop a flotation device that the swimmer can grab onto. The flotation device inflates once it hits the water, officials said.

City officials last week said “some segments” of the city’s 14-mile shoreline will be closed this Memorial Day weekend due to lifeguard shortages.

Adams on Friday announced the city will relax some test requirements for lifeguards in a bid to get more candidates. The city has 230 lifeguards that will be manning beaches this holiday weekend — well short of the roughly 600 lifeguards required to fully staff all stretches of city beaches.

The Parks Department’s press office said Friday that “as with every summer, lifeguard assignments along beaches are made based on daily staffing and other site conditions.”



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East End late-night kibosh

As hot eatery eyes club, East Hampton passes 11 p.m. last call

BY NANCY KANE

Rattled by the prospect of wee hours partying in East Hampton's historic village district at a planned East End outpost of NoHo hotspot Zero Bond, East Hampton has decided to stick to its traditional 11 p.m. last call for restaurants.

The move to codify the practice in a resolution picked up steam after word got out that Scott Sartiano planned to open a private club, at the Hedges Inn on Main St. in the village.

Sartiano's popular Zero Bond club in Manhattan has become quite the scene due to the patronage of Taylor Swift, Kim Kardashian, Mayor Adams and many other luminaries.

In a public session May 17, local residents spoke up to show support for the resolution, which was voted into law later that afternoon. The vote came amid rumors about other venues looking to potentially open late-night options.

Mayor Jerry Larsen, who spoke to the Daily News by phone, was quick to dispel those rumors, but said he's also let folks know East Hampton isn't looking for a late-night scene.

"I told Scott when I met him, 'You seem like a really great guy, but I don't want our historic district to become a club scene,'" Larsen recalled.

Some have argued that this type of clientele is not prone to boozy late nights and people driving home drunk because most of the members have their own drivers. Another concern raised was that the venue is a historic inn that should be open to the public, though there are no shortage of private clubs in the Hamptons.

"I have no problem with Sartiano opening a restaurant," Larsen said. As long as it closes by 11.



The owner of Manhattan's Zero Bond was reportedly looking to put a late-night club in East Hampton. GETTY

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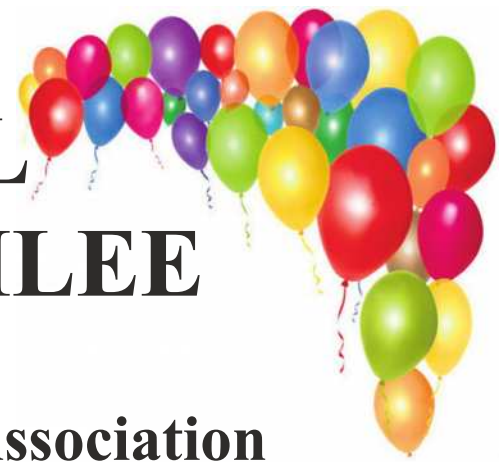
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Floyd's fam pays tribute

'My brother was somebody,' says sis, 4 years after his slay

BY JAMI GANZ
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

George Floyd was remembered as "somebody that is going to help everybody" by his loved ones four years after his murder at the hands of Minneapolis police fueled the Black Lives Matter movement.

Floyd was killed on May 25, 2020, when Officer Derek Chauvin knelt on his neck for more than eight minutes. Chilling video footage of his death at age 46 was seen around the world.

"I just want the world to know that my brother was somebody," his sister Bridgett Floyd told People. "He wasn't just any man. He just wasn't any Black man. But he was somebody.... He is the somebody that is going to help everybody."

To honor Floyd's memory, his sister said she "really want[s] to do the works that God wants to see."

"Some people saw it as a great injustice that was done to a human being. For other people, they saw it as a great injustice and a murder of a Black man in broad daylight in a public situation. For

me, it was my dear friend," Floyd's friend Tiffany Cofield told People.

In the aftermath of Floyd's murder, his sister said she was "so broken," while Cofield said she's "seriously been traumatized."

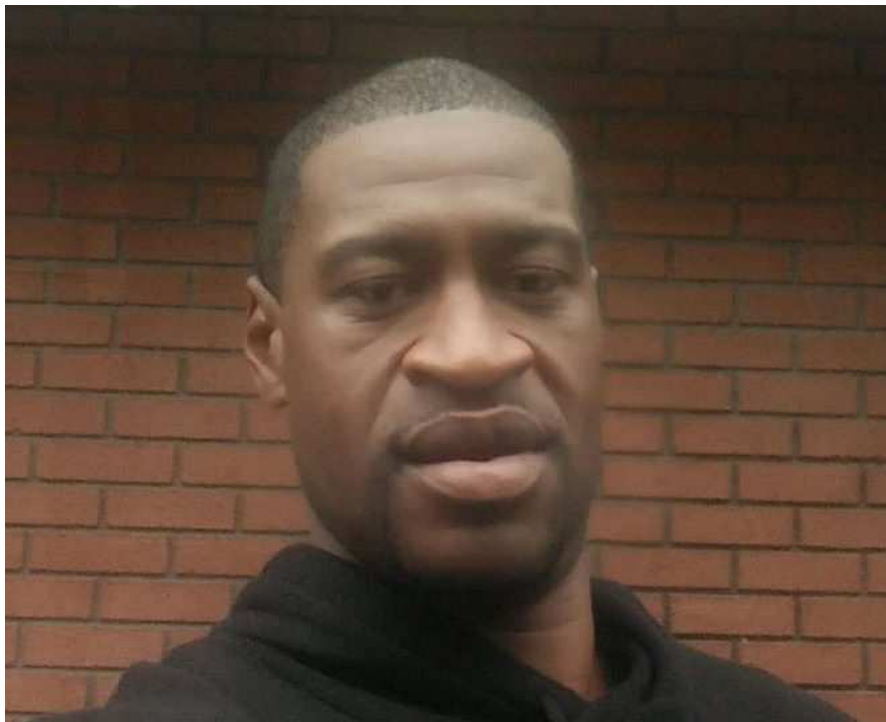
"If I get pulled over by a police officer, it takes me an hour just to calm down," said Cofield, 39.

"I know some people ask, 'Oh, why are we still talking about George Floyd?'" said Cofield, who planned to commemorate the heartbreaking anniversary by listening to her late friend's music and visiting his grave. "It's because we can never forget. Unfortunately, it was history made in the most horrific way."

In 2021, Chauvin was convicted of murder and manslaughter for killing Floyd. He is serving a more than two-decade prison sentence.

Late last year, another inmate stabbed Chauvin nearly two dozen times.

The former cop was sued along with another Minneapolis officer last week by a woman accusing him of excessive force in January 2020, just months before his force ended Floyd's life.



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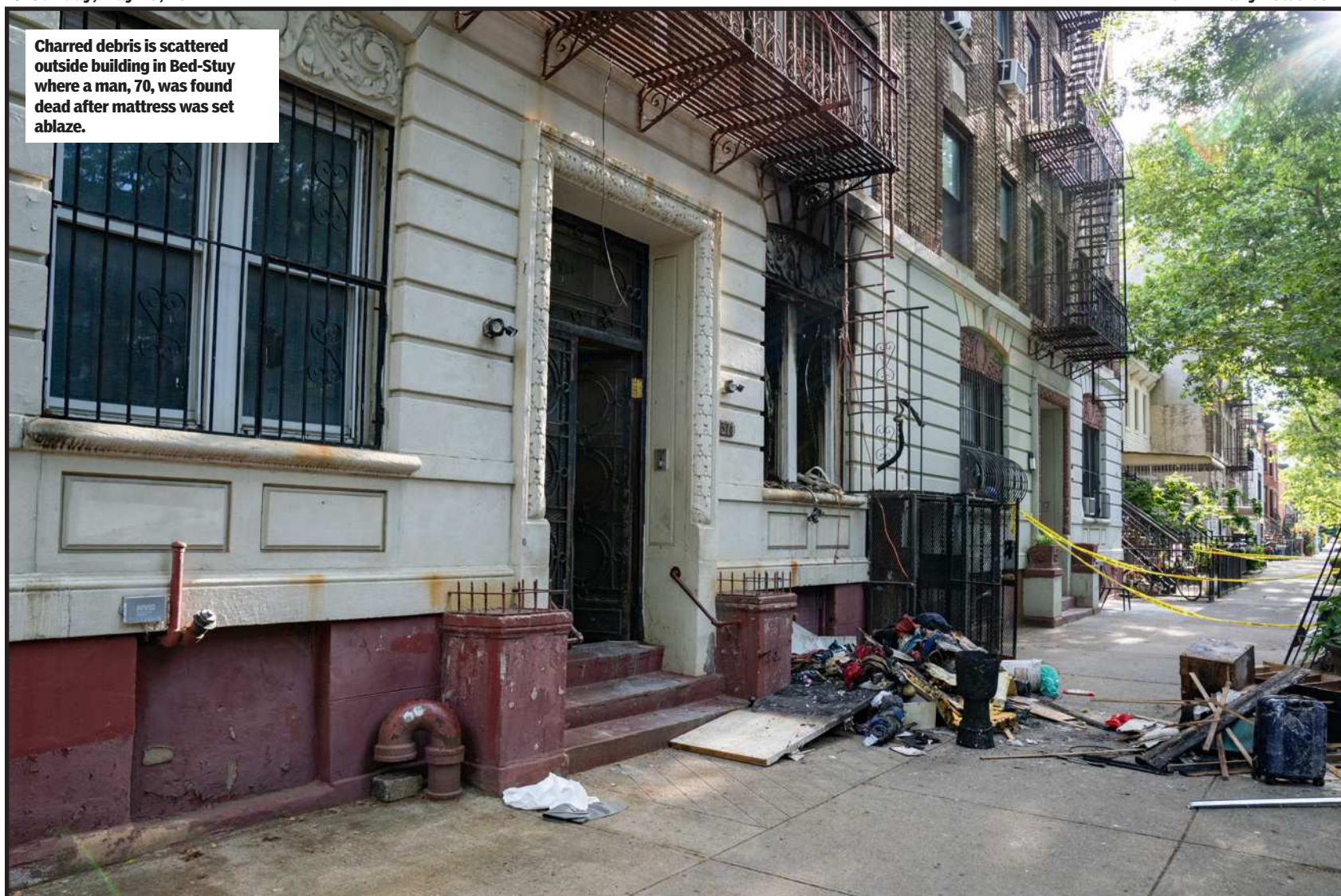
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Charred debris is scattered outside building in Bed-Stuy where a man, 70, was found dead after mattress was set ablaze.



Arson kills grandpa, 70

FDNY says gas, candle started B'klyn blaze; cops quiz girlfriend

BY REBECCA WHITE
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NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

A 70-year-old grandfather was killed after his mattress was intentionally set ablaze inside his Brooklyn apartment, police said Saturday.

Cops took a 65-year-old woman, the victim's live-in girlfriend, into custody on suspicion that she started the fire, a police source said.

"My dad was hardworking and loved, and he shouldn't have died that way," said victim Vetus Roberts' distraught daughter Genaira Roberts as she fought back tears. "What was done to him was wrong.... They're going to pay for it. That's it."

The fire broke out inside the first-floor apartment on Monroe St. near Throop Ave. in Bedford-Stuyvesant about 11:15 p.m. Friday.

When the fire was extinguished, firefighters found Roberts dead in the bedroom.

His girlfriend was found outside the apartment suffering from smoke inhalation. She was taken to Woodhull Hospital for treatment and was later questioned by police.

FDNY fire marshals called to the scene determined someone used gasoline and a candle to set fire to Roberts' mattress.

The victim's girlfriend was caught on a neighbor's ring camera leaving the building moments after the fire started without alerting anyone, a witness said.

On the third floor, Justin Coward said he was playing video games in his apartment when his grandmother called out that she smelled smoke.

"She tell me she smells smoke," said Coward, 24.

Coward stepped into the living room and found the floor covered in a smoky haze. He then began alerting his neighbors to the fire.

"I just had to get everybody out," he said.

He ran down to the second floor to alert the oldest tenant in the four-story

apartment building, a woman in her 80s.

"I made sure she was good," he said. "I knocked on doors. Boom! Boom! Boom! 'Get out! It's smoking!'"

Another neighbor called 911 as Coward went to Roberts' apartment. The overheated doorknob nearly scalded his hand, he said.

Coward said he could not see any flames until firefighters arrived and cut down the metal security gates covering the apartment windows.

"When they bust down the gates, that's when you see the flames shoot up to the sky," he said. "The flames were engulfing. There was heavy thick smoke."

As he escaped the smoke-filled building, Coward said he saw Roberts' girlfriend outside looking dazed.

"She was in another world," he said.

Coward said he also saw Roberts' body under a sheet.

"It's still got me in shock," he said. "I used to see him all the time in the summer sitting here."

No criminal charges were immediately filed against the woman.

Roberts, a retired carpenter who helped build sets for the New York City Ballet according to his Facebook page, had three children and three grandchildren, his daughter said. He had lived in the apartment for more than a decade, neighbors said.

"He put his family first," she said. "He would have sacrificed his last for his family."

His daughter said she and her siblings didn't have a good relationship with her father's girlfriend, who was also his caregiver. As he got older Roberts had trouble seeing and walking, neighbors said.

Genaira Roberts said she last spoke to her father on the phone on Wednesday.

"We're trying to take one step at a time," she said. "We're still having to process."

Coward said he couldn't believe that the fire could have been intentionally set.

"There's love in here," he said, describing the building's tenants. "That's crazy to me. That one is catching me off guard."

Cookies killed dancer: kin

Family files wrongful death suit vs. grocery chain & manufacturer

BY JESSICA SCHLADEBECK
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

The family of Orla Baxendale, the 25-year-old dancer who died after eating a Stew Leonard's cookie from a mislabeled package, has filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the grocery chain as well as the makers of the cookies.

Baxendale was staying in Connecticut with her dance troupe on Jan. 10 when she suddenly went into anaphylactic shock, triggered by a severe allergic reaction to the peanuts in a Vanilla Florentine cookie she'd just eaten. She used an EpiPen and was transported to an area hospital, where she died a short time later.

A native of East Lancashire, England, Baxendale had moved to New York to pursue her career. She was an accomplished dancer who "was in the prime of her life" before she ate the "deadly cookie," according to court documents.

Her death was a direct result of Stew Leonard's "gross negligence and reckless indifference,"



Orla Baxendale, 25, a native of England, had moved to New York to pursue her career. Staying in Connecticut with her dance troupe on Jan. 10, Baxendale died after eating a Stew Leonard's cookie from a mislabeled package.

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according to the suit filed last week in Waterbury, Conn., Superior Court, which notes the packaging for the treat did not have peanuts listed among the ingredients. Cookies United,

the company that produces the cookies for Stew Leonard's, previously said it notified the grocery store chain in July 2023 via email about the addition of peanuts to Florentine Cookies and provided

the updated packaging.

According to the lawsuit, at least 11 employees saw the email, but they still failed to update the cookie's label to include the allergy risk. It also

alleged Cookies United did not do enough to notify the store, despite knowing the dangers it could pose to consumers.

Following Baxendale's death — the only one linked to the cookies — the grocery store recalled the seasonal product because it contained undeclared peanuts as well as eggs. The recall should serve as proof of the "broken, unreliable, inherently dangerous, undependable, untrustworthy, erratic, and deplorable systems in place" at Stew Leonard's, according to the lawsuit.

"They had all those emails all that time in advance and did nothing about it," said Howard Hershenhorn, a senior partner at the law firm Gair, Gair, Conason, Rubinowitz, Bloom, Hershenhorn, Steigman & Mackauf, the Manhattan law firm that filed the lawsuit.

The lawsuit is seeking a "substantial amount" of compensatory and punitive damages to be determined at trial over Baxendale's death.

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'Reel' good movie choices for

BY EVAN ROSEN
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

This summer promises an exciting array of films that cater to all tastes, from Marvel's first R-rated superhero movie to a quiet family drama between a mother and daughter.

There's a refreshing mix of dark psychological thrillers, family films and big studio action movies like George Miller's "Furiosa," a prequel to Mad Max: Fury Road," which hits theaters Friday.

June brings family-friendly Pixar sequel "Inside Out 2," while July brings "Twisters" and the space race comedy "Fly Me to the Moon." Here's our list of the Top 15 most anticipated movies of the summer:

1. "Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga"

George Miller's "Furiosa," which opened Friday, is a prequel that dives into the origins of Charlize Theron's "Mad Max: Fury Road" character, now played by Anya Taylor-Joy.

"Furiosa" (photo) appears to showcase the same aesthetic and crazy action as "Fury Road" with a story that spans years, detailing how the heroine came to work for the tyrannical Immortan Joe (Lachy Hulme).

2. "Kinds of Kindness"

Director Yorgos Lanthimos, the darkly comedic mind behind "Poor Things" has collaborated again with Emma Stone and Willem Dafoe for another film about various forms of cruelty, told through three distinct and loosely connected stories.

After debuting at the Cannes Film Festival earlier this month, critics have called the new project "disturbing," "weird," and "Pure Sicko Yorgos Lanthimos," but the star-power of the cast and momentum of the director will surely pack theaters. "Kinds of Kindness" is set for release on June 21.

3. "Blink Twice"

Zoë Kravitz makes her directorial debut with the suspense thriller "Blink Twice," hitting theaters globally on Aug. 23, courtesy of Amazon MGM Studios.

The film, co-written by Kravitz and E.T. Feigenbaum, stars Kravitz' fiancé Channing Tatum as tech billionaire Slater King, and Naomi Ackie as a cocktail waitress named Frida.

When Slater invites Frida to his private island for a dream vacation, the idyllic setting soon takes a dark turn as strange occurrences make Frida question her reality.

4. "Inside Out 2"

"Inside Out 2," the long-awaited sequel to Pixar's acclaimed 2015 film, hits theaters June 14. This time, Riley (Kaitlyn Dias) is a teenager, and her emotions, including new ones like Anxiety (Maya Hawke), face the challenges of adolescence.

Directed by Kelsey Mann, the film features returning voices like Amy Poehler as Joy and Lewis Black as Anger, and tracks Riley's journey through puberty.

5. "Horizon: An American Saga – Chapters 1 & 2"

Kevin Costner's epic western, "Horizon:

An American Saga," will release its first two chapters this summer, with Chapter 1 debuting on June 28, and Chapter 2 following on Aug. 16.

This ambitious project spans 15 years during the American Civil War. The ensemble cast includes Costner, Sienna Miller and Sam Worthington. The film received mixed reviews when it premiered at the Cannes Film Festival, with critics noting its slow pace and "washed-out performances." Nonetheless, its epic scale warrants some hype.

6. "The Bikeriders"

"The Bikeriders," directed by Jeff Nichols, is set for a theatrical release on June 21. Inspired by Danny Lyon's iconic 1968 photo book, the film follows the rise of a fictional 1960s Midwestern biker club.

The film boasts a star-studded cast, including Austin Butler, Jodie Comer, Mike Faist and Tom Hardy, with a story that centers around a woman whose relationship with her reckless biker husband Benny (Butler) is complicated by his complex loyalty to the club's leader Johnny (Hardy).

7. "Fly Me to the Moon"

Set during the height of NASA's Apollo

11 mission, "Fly Me to the Moon" offers a comedic and dramatic glimpse into the 1960s space race.

Directed by Greg Berlanti, the film stars Scarlett Johansson as Kelly Jones, a savvy marketing expert, and Channing Tatum as Cole Davis, the mission's launch director.

With comedic actors like Anna Garcia, Ray Romano, and Woody Harrelson, the film brings a great deal of humor to the moon mission. The Apple Original Film premieres in theaters on July 12.

8. "Twisters"

"Twisters," the upcoming sequel to the 1996 classic "Twister," is slated for release July 19. Directed by Lee Isaac Chung, it boasts a stacked cast with Daisy Edgar-Jones, Glen Powell, Anthony Ramos, and Maura Tierney, as well as an estimated budget of \$200 million.

9. "Deadpool and Wolverine"

If there's anything that can cure the public's superhero fatigue, it just might be the combination of these iconic characters in Marvel Studio's first ever R-rated superhero movie, which already set ticket pre-sale records.

"Deadpool & Wolverine" will hit

theaters on July 26. Directed by Shawn Levy, this film stars Ryan Reynolds as Deadpool and Hugh Jackman as Wolverine, with a timeline-bending plot that involves an organization called the Time Variance Authority.

10. "Janet Planet"

"Janet Planet," directed by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Annie Baker, follows a daughter and mother in rural Western Massachusetts during the summer of 1991.

The heartfelt tale is told from the perspective of 11-year-old Lacy (Zoe Ziegler), who is captivated by her own imagination and the attention of her mother, Janet (Julianne Nicholson). The film comes to theaters on June 21.

11. "Despicable Me 4"

The fourth installment of the beloved animated franchise, coming July 3, follows Gru (still voiced by Steve Carell), Lucy (Kristen Wiig), and their daughters as they welcome a new family member, Gru Jr., who is fixed on causing problems for his father.

Directed by Chris Renaud, with a screenplay from "White Lotus" creator



the summer



Mike White and Ken Daurio, and music from Pharrell Williams, "Despicable Me 4" aims to deliver its signature humor and charm that fans have come to love.

12. "Alien: Romulus"

"Alien: Romulus," directed by Fede Álvarez, is set to release on August 16. This latest twist on the iconic sci-fi horror franchise is positioned between the events of "Alien" (1979) and "Aliens" (1986).

The plot follows a group of young space travelers who encounter creatures called 'Xenomorphs' while scavenging an old space station.

13. "Trap" & "The Watchers" from the Shyamalans

Writer/director M. Night Shyamalan and his daughter, Ishana Night Shyamalan, both have spooky films slated for release this summer.

"The Watchers," Ishana's feature directorial debut, will be released on June 7, and follows a young artist who becomes lost in a forest and finds herself trapped with three strangers, who are stalked by mysterious creatures.

Then "Trap," M.'s latest project, is set to premiere on August 9. This psychological

thriller focuses on a father who takes his teenage daughter to a pop concert, only to find themselves entangled in some kind of sinister plot.

14. Hit Man

"Hit Man," directed by Richard Linklater, stars Glen Powell as Gary Johnson, a professor who moonlights as a fake hitman for the New Orleans Police Department.

The action rom-com is reportedly inspired by a true story, and is expected to have a limited theatrical release on May 24, before streaming on Netflix starting June 7.

15. "A Quiet Place: Day One"

"A Quiet Place: Day One" is a prequel to the original "A Quiet Place" films. The story takes place on the very first day of the alien invasion, offering a look at the chaos that ensued when the creatures first arrived on Earth.

Lupita Nyong'o stars as the lead character, stuck in a crumbling New York City. Joining her are Joseph Quinn, Alex Wolff, and Djimon Hounsou, who reprises his role from "A Quiet Place Part II." The film is set to release on June 28.

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Biebers relieved baby news has quieted

Justin Bieber's pals say he's relieved that news of his wife **Hailey Bieber's** pregnancy has cut back on the false divorce rumors that have plagued the couple over the past year.

Hailey has turned to her pal, **Kim Kardashian's** sister **Kendall Jenner**, for support during the ups and downs of being in the spotlight. They are the very best of friends and speak regularly about the stork's arrival, expected in August.

The two pals have bonded over their love of astrology, meditation, exercise and their beauty routines. Jenner, 28, the only Kardashian sibling not to have children yet, is closely monitoring Hailey's pregnancy. The somewhat reluctant reality show star has also been the world's highest paid model, surpassing **Gisele Bündchen**, for the past six years.

Kendall, who first appeared on "Keeping Up With the Kardashians" when she was 11, tells pals she'd like to have children one day, but for now she is enjoying her freedom.

Ben Stiller caused quite a stir when he turned up with pals at Paul's Dolls, the gay and trans night at Paul's Casablanca, the hotspot owned by **Chloe Sevigny's** brother **Paul Sevigny** in SoHo.

Trans star **Linux** posted a photo of herself with the comedian saying, "My man @benstiller came to visit me !!!!!"

Stiller (right) and a crew of pals dropped into the club after attending the opening of a friend's show nearby.

Drag celebrity **Amanda Lepore** was also in the house with an entourage of exuberantly dressed club kids.

Men are crying more than ever, and that's good, says **Ryan Kopyar**, author of "Big Boys Do Cry."

Justin Bieber, **Floyd Mayweather** and **King Charles** are a few tearful men. **Jon Stewart** gave a weepy tribute to his dog.

"Life gets better when we get in touch with our emotions, and have permission to cry," Kopyar told me.

"That vulnerability facilitates a deeper compassion with loved ones."

When his brother **Jason Kelce** announced his retirement after 13 years on the Philadelphia Eagles, **Travis Kelce** broke down in tears.

"It causes men to say, 'If he can cry, I can cry.' It snowballs from there. The stigma is being broken," Kopyar said.

Best-selling rock 'n' roll biographer **Mark Bego** now has a book on politics, "Campaigning for President."

"Political campaigns are 90% show business, and the act of finding an audience and playing to it — it's just like the music business," Bego said.

Bego's last two books were "Band of Gold" with **Freda Payne**, and "Joe Cocker: With a LOT of Help From His



Friends."

But then he was asked to update the 2008 book by the late **Jordan M. Wright**, the biggest collector of presidential campaign memorabilia.

Bego was approached by Wright's widow, **Pamala Wright**, about writing five new chapters, and reimagining the original coffee table book.

"It intrigued me, and I was up for the challenge," proclaims Bego.

"The best part of this assignment is the fact that the book does not take political sides. It is all about the memorabilia that is created for a presidential campaign, not the politics of it."

This is Bego's 69th published book.

The Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue is skewing older.

After putting **Martha Stewart** on the cover last year, this year it's CBS star **Gayle King**, plus **Chrissy Teigen**, **Hunter McGrady** and **Kate Upton**.

SI flew the models to the Guitar Hotel in Hollywood, Fla., along with **Lily Aldridge** and **Christie Brinkley**.

The ladies were treated to

a weekend of beauty courtesy of Attain Medspa, whose owner, **Lauren Ben-Meir**, said, "I am petite — it was crazy to spend the whole weekend surrounded by Amazons."

Big standouts in her professional eyes are **Brooks Nader** and **Jillian Hayes**, who plays basketball for the Cincinnati Bearcats.

Cardi B (left) popped bottles at Slate on W. 21st St. with **Megan Thee Stallion** and **GloRilla** to celebrate their soldout concert at Madison Square Garden.

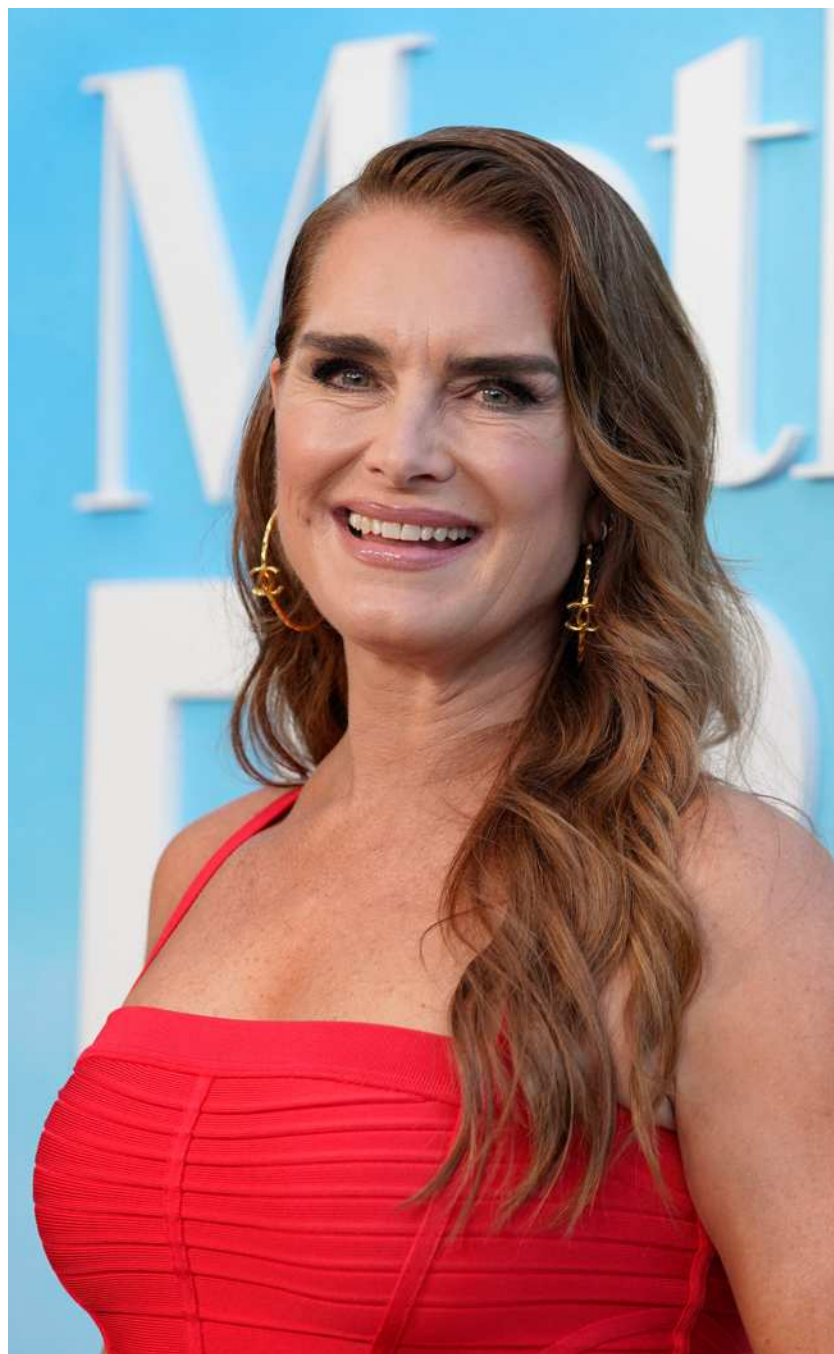
Megan was spotted playing an oversized Pac-Man machine in the club's game room.

The trio danced the night away in between taking shots at the bar while having the ultimate girls' night out.

Brooke Shields brought her terrier Tuzi to **Audrey Gruss' Hope for Depression Research Foundation's** (HDRF) Teen Race of Hope at Pier 76.



rumors of divorce



Brooke's 18-year-old daughter, **Grier Henchy**, served as the benefit's grand marshal along with **Hayden Lucas** and **Noelle Saldana**.

Brooke (above), a past honoree of HDRF for speaking openly about her experience with depression, said, "If I had been diagnosed with any other disease, I would have run to get help. I would have worn it like a badge. ... I didn't at first — but finally I did fight. I survived."

More than three hundred people and several dozen dogs participated in the 5K in Chelsea.

• **Ariana DeBose**, who won an Academy Award for her performance in "West

Side Story," and **Kimora Lee Simmons'** children — **Ming Lee Simmons** and **Aoki Lee Simmons** — are among the scenemakers who have supported the Southampton Arts Center.

This summer, New York philanthropists **Peter** and **Jamee Gregory** will receive the Champion of Arts Award at the center's SummerFest Gala on Aug. 17. The event co-chairs include **Hilary Geary Ross** and former Secretary of Commerce **Wilbur Ross**; composer **Karen LeFrak** and her husband, billionaire developer **Richard LeFrak**; **Audrey** and **Martin Gruss**, and **David Levinson** and his wife, **Simone Levinson**, who co-founded the arts organization with **J. Whitney Stevens** in 2010.

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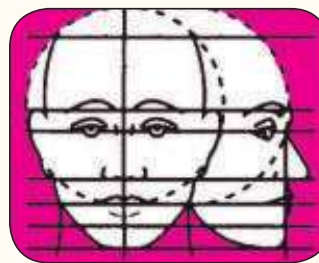
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HE'S 'STREAMING,' TO BEAT THE HEAT:
A Pakistani man cools himself off the natural way, in a gushing stream, as temperatures exceeded 102 degrees in Islamabad on Friday. Temps soared to as high as 122 in some parts of country. AP





PLAY & PRAY: A boy swings in the air at the Afro-Brazilian Bembe do Mercado festival, commemorating the end of slavery, as a believer presents gifts to spirits on Itapema beach, Santo Amaro, Bahia, Brazil. ,AFP/ GETTY



WHAT HATH NATURE WROUGHT? A tornado-damaged car sits in a pile of debris last week in Greenfield, Iowa. As tornadoes tore through the Midwest, Greenfield was particularly hard hit. AP



FLIGHT OF BEAUTY: A blue tit arrives in its Portslade, southern England, nest last week. According to one source across the pond: "Some 98% of British gardens report resident blue tits," with the number increasing. AFP/GETTY

SUNDAY

OPINION

THE DANGER OF

They are a leading cause of NYC fire deaths

BE OUR GUEST

BY LAURA KAVANAGH
AND VILDA VERA MAYUGA

Since 2022, 25 New Yorkers have died — and nearly 350 were injured — due to faulty lithium-ion batteries found in e-bikes, e-scooters and electric mopeds and the explosive fires they cause. In just a few short years, these types of incidents have become a leading cause of fire deaths in New York City, leaving behind a massive toll of human suffering and property damage that is simply unacceptable. It's why, under the Adams administration, the FDNY and the Department of Consumer and Worker Protection (DCWP) have taken enforcement to the next level.

Since last summer, our agencies have partnered to conduct hundreds of joint inspections of local retailers and held dozens of irresponsible businesses accountable for putting our neighbors' safety at risk.

Last month, for the first time, FDNY fire marshals arrested a Brooklyn business owner, charging him with reckless endangerment. The FDNY E-Safety Task Force had visited this e-bike shop three times prior. Each time, he was written up for a series of violations including selling e-bikes without the proper safety certification, storage of loose lithium-ion battery cells and propane cylinders, and other serious infractions.

A few weeks later, FDNY fire marshals and the Bureau of Fire Prevention arrested another e-bike shop owner, charging him with reckless endangerment, and a second charge of reckless endangerment of property.

In both cases, the shops had been visited multiple times by the FDNY and DCWP and issued violations and summonses. These owners chose to disregard the law and continued to operate despite the dangerous conditions. We strive to build a culture of compliance with our city's laws, and neither of us want to penalize small business owners and shopkeepers, but we cannot stand by idly while lives are at risk.

For more than three years, the FDNY has tirelessly warned New Yorkers about the dangers of uncertified lithium-ion batteries. We have worked with city leaders to enact stricter penalties and district attorneys to enforce them. Our agencies have testified to the City Council to strengthen the law that mandates safety certification for any of these devices that are sold or rented in New York City. And we have worked

with local community groups to spread the word about why, when it comes to e-bikes, safety is a top priority alongside economic mobility, especially for our immigrant communities.

Our city has always been a leader in shaping policy across the country. We have moved the needle on the marketplace: multiple bike retailers have started creating certified batteries to comply with our laws, and national testing labs report increases in brands seeking safety testing certification.

We've also worked with federal leaders to craft legislation that will make it harder for uncertified batteries to make their way to our city. Currently, there is a bill that would require the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission to create a national safety standard for rechargeable lithium-ion batteries used in micromobility devices. We have traveled to Washington numerous times to advocate for this bill and to press for its passage — and our efforts worked. The bill passed in the House of Representatives this month, and now heads to the United States Senate.

While DCWP enforces the ban on the sale of uncertified batteries and devices online and at local brick-and-mortar retailers here in New York City, a national ban is needed to make sure these devices stay out of our city.

The safety of New Yorkers and our FDNY members is our top priority. FDNY fire marshals, our Bureau of Fire Prevention and DCWP will continue to crack down on the sellers of these uncertified batteries and dangerous devices, and yes, there will be more arrests for those who choose to break the law. We will continue to educate the public about the dangers these illegal batteries pose and work with local businesses to ensure safe retail practices are followed.

If you are looking to purchase a battery-powered micromobility device, please make sure you ask for proof of certification and look for the logo of the lab that certified it. If the retailer does not produce certification, call 311 and report it and take your shopping elsewhere. If you own a device — we beg you — follow FDNY's safety tips, found at www.FDNYSmart.org. Most importantly, where possible, please store and charge them outside.

Lives depend on these changes and New York City will always continue to prioritize public safety.

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A LI-ION BATTERY

Finding a safer means for power storage

BE OUR GUEST

BYJON M. WILLIAMS

Lithium ion (LI) batteries power everything from e-bikes and scooters to electric cars and buses. They have revolutionized personal transportation and could be key to decarbonizing the electric grid.

But the more they catch on, the more they are catching on fire. As if to underscore the point, when fire marshals arrested a Queens e-bike retailer recently for making uncertified “Frankenstein” batteries, one of them exploded.

Last year alone, there were 445 LI battery fires reported nationwide, with 214 injuries and 38 deaths. New York City is ground zero, with 268 battery fires causing 150 injuries and 18 deaths last year. There have already been dozens more such incidents this year, including an e-bike battery setting off a fire in a six-story Harlem building which killed one person and injured 17 others.

Meanwhile global demand for LI batteries is surging, expected to grow 570% by 2030, including an estimated \$560 billion worth of new battery installations in the U.S. These batteries have unparalleled energy density and efficiency, which is why they’re also used in “behind-the-meter” (BTM) battery storage systems for commercial and industrial customers running on-site solar, and by utility-scale Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS), where an array of many batteries store energy from a power plant or the grid for later use.

These systems smooth out the peaks and troughs of generation and demand, and are increasingly essential for grid stability and making renewables work. But there have also been high-profile BESS explosions and fires, and a recent study found fire safety problems in more than a quarter of BESS installations.

Unless that changes, it’s predictable that as LI batteries scale up, battery fires will too. That would cause public confidence in them to tank, which could bog down on-site solar and renewables ramp-up. So we need to solve the battery fire problem both to protect public health and safety and also to fight climate change.

This is both a dilemma and an opportunity: to transition away from fossil fuels, we need to scale up battery storage systems, but to scale them, we need to solve LI batteries’ inherent problem of thermal runaway that can and does cascade into uncontrollable fires.

We can meet both challenges, but it will require regulation to set safety guardrails as well

as certification standards, so that compliance requirements and the need to gain consumer trust incentivize quality assurance and continuing technological advancement. That will lead to certified battery pack systems and help build confidence in battery storage as a safe, sustainable and economically feasible path away from fossil fuels.

Failsafe LI battery technologies already exist today. We need to start leveraging them to identify and certify products that will make BESS installations safer. Certification bodies should test them rigorously, which will cut through regulatory redundancy and help manufacturers meet and exceed regulatory standards. Those that pass the tests and get certified could be granted expedited permitting, paving the way for a faster, safer transition to renewable energy.

New York and California have taken the first steps down this road by passing local laws and safety regulations for charging, storing, and disposing of LI batteries in e-bikes and other powered mobility devices (PMDs). The New York City Council adopted new rules for e-bikes to further reduce battery fire risks, and New York State has enacted a bill banning resale of e-bike batteries. A new bill pending in Congress would mandate standards e-bike batteries and other consumer batteries would have to meet, aimed at cheap, risky Chinese imports.

These policies are a start, but e-bikes are only the tip of the iceberg. Instead of a patchwork of regulations in different cities and states, we need a comprehensive regulatory regime that covers all LI battery applications nationwide, from consumer devices and home energy storage to electric vehicles and commercial uses.

Until that regime is in place, we’re running the risk of more fires, erosion of public confidence, and even outlawing LI battery use. In fact, some New York landlords have already begun banning e-bikes from their properties, even when their batteries meet safety standards. That kind of backlash could delay or ultimately derail the effort to decarbonize the transport and energy sectors, making it harder to avert the worst impacts of climate change.

Battery fires are the clean energy elephant in the room. The problem is solvable, but it won’t go away by itself; it needs an intervention. The sooner we confront it and establish effective regulation and certification, the sooner battery storage technology can scale up and help usher in the clean energy future.

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DAILY NEWS EDITORIAL

Getting help to the mentally ill

For 60 years Washington has been wrong in prohibiting Medicaid payment for care provided in “institutions for mental disease,” defined as psychiatric hospitals or other treatment facilities with more than 16 beds. That terrible rule, the IMD exclusion, has been in place since Medicaid’s enactment in 1965, and it prevents the feds from covering the cost of medically necessary care simply because of the type of care and where it happens to be delivered.

The result has left untold New Yorkers languishing without care, compounding the risk on the streets.

In 2022, Rep. Carolyn Maloney wrote in these pages that the rule “was created as part of a noble effort at de-institutionalization, one that has saved countless people experiencing mental illness from suffering in hospitals that were ill-equipped to handle their needs. However, an unintended consequence of the IMD exclusion is that people who need long-term treatment often cannot receive it because they have no way to pay for it.”

Maloney authored the Michelle Go Act removing the arbitrary cap. Michelle Go was pushed to her death on the Times Square subway tracks in January 2022 by a destitute homeless man battling schizophrenia who may never have spiraled downward had someone been able to put him in a psychiatric hospital on the government dime.

The bill didn’t pass then — but now it’s back in amended form, reintroduced by Reps. Dan Goldman of Manhattan and Nicole Malliotakis of Staten Island. He’s a Democrat, she’s a Republican, but both see the self-destructiveness of prohibiting the federal government’s health-care program serving

the poor from covering the inpatient care that seriously mentally ill people need most.

Importantly, the new version of the bill doesn’t end the IMD exclusion entirely. It instead increases the cap from 16 to 36 beds, consistent with a proposal from mental health advocate Cheryl Roberts, who wrote in these pages that such a compromise might strike the right balance by alleviating fears that, should broader reforms pass, America might slide back into an era of large-scale asylums.

We’d rather see the exclusion done away with entirely; a 50- or 100-person mental health facility could well be best suited to serve many people in crying need. But if a legislative increase from 16 to 36 beds is the best way to break a logjam and substantially increase the number of psychiatric beds, we’ll take it.

New York badly needs more places to treat people who are struggling with serious mental illness. As is, they languish on the subways and in the streets, never getting or sticking to treatment. The vast majority are no danger to themselves or others, but a fraction are — and it’s almost impossible to know when a psychotic break may come.

With a push on the subway tracks, Kendra Webdale was killed by such a man in 1999; a law in her name gave courts the power, still underutilized, to require that unwell people enter outpatient treatment. Michelle Go’s 2022 murder should prompt a new law, this time in Go’s name, to close another aching gap. Seriously mentally ill New Yorkers cut off from society need treatment, and the rest of us deserve assurances that government is doing everything reasonable in its power to protect society from the possibility that they may hurt others.

Show and tell at the White House

James Comer, the Kentucky Republican who chairs the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability and who is leading the specious charge on impeaching President Biden, has little in common with California Democratic Congresswoman Katie Porter, who just lost a Senate primary and was one of Elizabeth Warren’s presidential campaign chairs.

But the political odd couple has now come together to jointly sponsor a new bill, the Presidential Ethics Reform Act, with each side seeking something partisan and the public winning in the end.

Comer (and others in the GOP) claim that Biden and his family, (son Hunter, brother Jim) have used Joe’s high government positions to enrich themselves. We’ve only seen allegations. Porter (and many Democrats) say that Donald Trump and his children got richer from iffy foreign business interests while he was president. Lawsuits against Trump accepting such emoluments were mooted by the Supreme Court when he left office. Comer wants to see what the Biden family is up to and Porter wants to do the same for the Trump clan.

The Comer/Porter bill would make all presidents and vice presidents disclose payments and receipts from foreign sources to themselves and immediate family members for the two years before taking office, while in office, and for two years following. Also president and VPs would have to disclose gifts or loans of more than \$10,000 involving themselves and family during the same time period. Furthermore, family trips on Air Force One and Air Force Two would have to be disclosed.

But what we like the best in this — and are thrilled that Comer is onboard — is that the proposed law

would mandate that the IRS publish the personal tax returns for president and VPs for the same time period, meaning the two years before taking the oath, all four or eight years while in office and for two years after the end of a term. We wish it also applied to White House candidates as well.

Trump broke with the bipartisan tradition going back a half century for Oval Office candidates and White House occupants to release their 1040s. In 2016, someone anonymously mailed us and the New York Times a few pages from Trump’s 1995 state returns, giving the public a peak of his finances. After Trump won, an IRS contractor, Charles Littlejohn, stole Trump’s federal returns and sent them to the Times. The Times was right to print them in 2020, but Littlejohn still committed a felony and began his deserved five-year prison sentence on May 1.

On a legal track, starting in 2019, House Democrats on the House Ways and Means Committee tried to get Trump’s federal returns, as is the committee’s right to get anyone’s returns. They finally succeeded and published them in December 2022, right before the Republicans took over the House.

As for Littlejohn, he’s now in the Marion federal prison in Illinois. Marion used to be America’s most notorious lockup, replacing Alcatraz in 1963 and John Gotti was sent there. But when a new supermax for the worst offenders opened in Colorado, Marion became a place for minimum and medium security prisoners. Littlejohn, Prisoner #96530-510, won’t be out until Aug. 2, 2028 (85% of his five years), in time to vote in that year’s presidential election.

NYC needs a new world-class college

BE OUR GUEST

BY JONATHAN BOWLES
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There’s a lot going right for New York City’s economy. Jobs are at an all-time high, housing demand is strong, and tourism is nearly back to 2019 levels. But as resilient as New York has been, the city faces several new economic challenges in today’s post-pandemic world — from hybrid work and e-commerce to a sluggish recovery in several key industries — that could threaten our future competitiveness. New York’s leaders should respond as they have so many times in the past: with big ideas to reshape the city’s economy for a new era.

One idea worth considering is to establish a prestigious new undergraduate university here.

Creating a new university — or helping an existing university to significantly expand into a world-class institution — would help the city achieve two critical objectives. It would enable the city to continue attracting the highly educated, creative, and entrepreneurial young people who drive success in today’s economy. And it will help New York cultivate an engine of job growth, helping to offset employment declines in industries like retail, the arts, and manufacturing.

Adding another top-tier university would create hundreds — if not thousands — of new jobs, from administrators and professors to building maintenance staff and food service workers. Private colleges and universities may be the city’s most underappreciated jobs engine, employing 178,000 people and accounting for 3.5% of all jobs, nearly double the share from 30 years ago.

Critically, it would also bring talented young people to New York, many of whom would stay after graduation. New York’s ability to attract highly educated young people from elsewhere has been vital to the city’s economic resurgence. Employers choose to come here so they can access our talent pool, even though it means paying higher rents, taxes, and labor costs.

But we can’t take the presence of these young people for granted. New York faces increasing competition for college graduates from other cities, and affordability challenges are making the city less attractive to young people. Between 2020 and 2021, New York lost 130,000 residents in their late 20s and 30s — the largest net loss of any age group. A new university would create a powerful new magnet for talented young people from around the world.

To be sure, New York already boasts many excellent colleges and universities, including the vital City University (CUNY). But perhaps surprisingly, New York is home to fewer top-tier universities than several of its global competitors. New York has just two colleges among the world’s 100 leading universities

— NYU and Columbia. In contrast, Los Angeles and London both have four, while Boston and Hong Kong each have three.

There is untapped demand from young people who would like to study in New York. In 2023, NYU and Columbia received nearly 120,000 and 57,000 applications respectively — up from 46,000 and 26,000 in 2013 — admitting just 12.5% and 3.9% of applicants.

Universities are also clamoring to be here. In 2010, when the Bloomberg administration solicited bids for building a new applied sciences campus, 18 institutions expressed interest, and more recently, more than 30 institutions expressed interest in developing a new climate research center on Governors Island.

Both projects have involved hundreds of millions of dollars in investment from the universities, with the city mainly providing the land. The Adams administration should follow a similar blueprint to establish a new undergraduate university.

The city’s Economic Development Corp. should identify potential development sites for a new university campus — perhaps including the abandoned Naval Hospital Campus in Brooklyn, Sunnyside Yards, or even a cluster of mostly vacant office buildings.

City officials should then gauge interest from existing universities and philanthropists interested in creating — and financially supporting — a major new institution on one of these sites.

In return for city land and support, the new university should commit to ensuring a major public benefit, including a minimum campus size, financial investment benchmarks, and scholarships for city residents from low-income backgrounds. The city could give preference to institutions that promise free tuition to low-income city students, or that offer majors in career tracks that are ripe for growth, including artificial intelligence, data science and personalized medicine.

New York has impressively bounced back from the depths of the pandemic. Now is the time to take bold, creative steps to strengthen the foundations of the economy for what’s shaping up to be a vastly different economic landscape. Establishing a new top-tier university here would help do this, sparking new job growth and strengthening the city’s talent pipeline for years to come.

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BRAMHALL'S WORLD

PRINCIPLED REPUBLICAN MAKES HER STAND



Can Eric Adams 2025 reprise the Adams of 2021?

A few early thoughts on what's shaping up to be New York City's first truly competitive race for City Hall against an incumbent since 1993, not just coincidentally the last and only other time New York City had a Black mayor:

It's wild that there are already two Democratic challengers to Eric Adams in former controller and 2021 mayoral candidate Scott Stringer and state Sen. Zellnor Myrie, who won his seat by upsetting an incumbent and Adams protégé.

Other party members are likely to jump in soon, with the general election once again looking like an afterthought — which says a lot about how many New Yorkers are effectively disenfranchised in the city and state's increasingly complex and incoherent electoral systems, but that's a topic for another week.

The city's primary may seem like a long way off as this summer begins and the presidential election grinds on but time is already tight for prospective rivals who need to raise cash and assemble a coalition for a credible run against a well-funded incumbent, albeit one facing two separate federal investigations related to his fundraising.

The feds will have to either proceed or cut bait in the cases they're trying to make against Adams soon to avoid even



HARRY SIEGEL

the appearance of interfering in the city's election.

The prosecutors who begrudgingly let then-Mayor Bill de Blasio off the legal hook while publicly scolding him for violating the spirit of campaign laws announced that in March of his 2017 reelection year but the city's primary was in September then.

The primary is in June now, which means prosecutors only have until about the end of the year even as the courts keep raising the bar on public corruption charges.

Amid headline after headline about sleaze and self-dealing inside the Adams administration, the question is if the Justice Department brings a criminal case against him based on any of that, and how strong that case appears if they do — and also whether Justice will be answering to President Biden or President Trump in 2025.

(In the event that Adams is charged, that would upend the mayoral race, let alone if he's unable to complete his term in which

case Public Advocate Jumaane Williams would act as mayor.)

Those answers will do a lot to shape the race here as it comes into public focus next year.

In the meantime, Adams has a record-low approval rating that's steadily declined over his 2½ years in office.

Many of the same primary voters who effectively made him mayor not even three years ago don't think he's been up to the job.

That would be less of a political concern for an incumbent who's a tough, talented and battle-tested campaigner if not for the city's new ranked-choice primary system — which Adams has expressed skepticism about for years — that means multiple challengers don't really cancel each other out the way they previously did.

A poll of likely voters last month had 61% of Democrats saying they'd vote for someone else against just 20% who'd vote for Adams. He's down 38-47 among Black voters.

Overall, just 15% of likely voters said "things in New York City are headed in the right direction," while 68% said "they are on the wrong track."

It can't help those numbers, or Adams' feeble "jobs up, crime down" messaging — which may be the best he can do given

his lack of a clear vision or tangible accomplishments — to have one of his police chiefs who wouldn't even show up to testify before the City Council do a TV segment with Dr. Phil: "Migrant Crime Wave is Bringing New York to Its Knees."

It's not normal for a mayor's team to make the media rounds on shows about how bad things supposedly are here, never mind the numbers.

The tragedy of Eric Adams may be that his talents and network that got him into City Hall haven't served him or the city well since he's been there.

Leaning on his own biography while talking about how bad things here supposedly are helped to get him elected but it hasn't helped him govern or manage with clarity and purpose.

The candidates hoping to replace him need to do better. There's no training for a job this big and complex, but one of the people running against Adams well might end up being the mayor in 18 months.

If they want to succeed where he's struggled, now's the time to work on defining and articulating a vision and plans for managing and running this vast city and tangibly improving the lives of its people.

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Islam has played a vital role in human history

Briarwood: In view of the present American, Jewish and Christian Islamophobia, we must reflect on some of the contributions of Islam to Western scholarship.

Al-Khwarizmi of the Baghdad, Iraq, Caliph Al-Ma'mun (813-833 A.D.) in "Al-Jabr" (or "The Compendious Book on Calculation by Completion and Balancing") developed a system for solutions of quadratic equations. Algebrae in Latin is a transliteration of Al-Jabr. Also see the works of Abu-Kamil and al-Karaji. Abu Ali al-Hussain in Abdallah ibn Sina (Avicenna), the Prince of Physicians (medicorum principes, according to Catholic Latin scholars) in "Kitab al-Shifa" (Book of Healing) formulated the principle of St. Thomas Aquinas of the immateriality of human abstract ideas and the spirituality of the human soul. Avicenna's medical works were standard textbooks in European medical schools.

Further, Islam adheres to the Christian doctrine of the ascension of Jesus Christ into Heaven: "Remember what God said, 'O Jesus! I will take you and raise you up to Myself. I will deliver you from those who disbelieve and elevate your followers above the disbelievers until the Day of Judgment.'" (al-Quran 3:55).

The state of Israel is a Western-financed and militarily armed settler-colonialist apartheid government occupying Palestine, displacing 2 million and murdering Arab Palestinian Christians and Muslims. Jesus, in absolute submission to the will of God, was a Muslim by definition of Islam. All American military aid to Israel must be terminated and Palestine must be a free and sovereign state. *Joseph N. Manago*



Muslim worshippers walk past the Dome of the Rock Mosque in the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in Jerusalem. AP

Ancient history

Manhattan: A short history lesson. Jesus was born Jewish and lived in Israel. The Jews have been in Israel for 3,000 years. They only left when the Romans came in and stole the land from the Jews and renamed the land Palestine. It was called Canaan and the Jews lived there for centuries before there was a group called the Palestinians. *Edward Drossman*

Legitimate mission

Atlanta: Voicer Steven Davies is correct. Hamas wouldn't have been able to inflict the Oct. 7 atrocities on Israeli men, women and children if Israeli military officials hadn't ignored the warnings coming from Israel's border watchers. I hope those responsible have learned their lesson. But there is no way to guarantee that such attacks will never occur again, especially considering that Gazans who had been granted permission to work in Israel helped Hamas carry out its attacks, which were celebrated by many Palestinians living under Hamas administration. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's call for the demilitarization of Gaza and the deradicalization of the Palestinians is the best way to protect Israelis and Gazans. It is definitely not a call for the extermination of the people or even all members of Hamas. *Toby F. Block*

Party shift

Cincinnati: Re "Protest and the pursuit of happiness" (op-ed,

May 24): It is difficult for Jews to be happy while antisemitism boomerangs across these fruited plains. Just as minority voters are reassessing allegiance to the Democratic Party, perhaps Jews should as well. American Jews vote overwhelmingly for Democrats. My mishpocha is a classic example; my parents and all close relatives hewing to the party line even when it hurt their own interests, as if other Democrats would grant them extra credit for voting for those who disdain them. Burgeoning antisemitism and threats to extinguish Jewish life in Israel offer a new perspective, especially as the party we have called home for a lifetime has now formed a small but vocal group of officeholders and followers antithetical to our interests. As Hillel the Elder said: If I am not for myself, who is for me? And if I am only for myself, what am I? And if not now, when? *Paul Bloustein*

The Black vote

Bronx: Some Black Americans are dissatisfied with President Biden and say they may not vote in the presidential election. What a paradox! Historically, Blacks have fought and died for the right to vote. Not voting is a vote for Donald Trump, who thinks that Black nations are s-hole countries and has only contempt and disrespect for Black women. Biden's legislative accomplishments are unprecedented. Millions of Black

Americans suffer from diabetes, and Biden was able to get insulin prices at an affordable level. His use of executive power helped reduce student debt and he is using his power as president to cap credit card interest rate at 8%. Republicans would never dream of these initiatives. Democrats, if you don't support 100%, Trump will be reelected and you will have to accept blame for this divisive stupidity. *Gilbert M. Lane*

Alienated

Port Jefferson, L.I.: I am outraged, not shocked, at Gov. Hochul calling Bronx Trump supporters a bunch of clowns. Well, she just showed her true colors. She is now in the category of Hillary Clinton, who called Trump supporters a basket of deplorables. She described herself to a T — and it's the reason she will never hold office again. We must remember those evil, degraded comments when election time comes around. The only way we take back our country and N.Y. is to remove these elected liberal trash and put them to the curb where they belong. *Grace Fornatora*

Perjury swerve

Orange, Conn.: There should be no wondering why Trump's attorneys did not want Mr. Pants On Fire to testify at his criminal trial. In researching his history of lies and half-lies during just his four years as president, the numbers showed a totally out-of-control pathological liar. The cottage industry he helped

create fact-checked 30,573 lies and half-truths he uttered at that time alone. Add in the blatant lies and gross misrepresentations he has uttered since then, and the numbers would likely double. In putting Mr. T on the stand to defend the charges against him, the jury would have front-row seats to a spectacle one could never have imagined. Lying under oath would have put him away for eons. His attorneys saved his butt. Wishful thinking? We can only imagine. *Fred Portoff*

All in the family

Brooklyn: To Voicer Steve Chaddock: Are you still drinking the red Kool-Aid? Demon-spawn Donny had never attended a wake or funeral for any first responder, or anyone else, for that matter. This was purely politically motivated, nothing more. President Biden's fundraiser was planned months in advance, and you have to know the time, effort and planning for the president to be anywhere! Donny was invited by the family to the funeral (only God knows why), and he spent his entire time there shucking his false promises and lies. Any sane New Yorker knows his family is nothing but lying, scamming grifters and always has been. It goes back to grandpa Frederick (possibly further back) who was kicked out of Germany for not being in the military. Dad Fred didn't fall far from the family tree, and it continues with current generations. *Susan Cassano*

Unconnected deaths

Malverne, L.I.: To Voicer Adam Reich: No Capitol Police officers died on or after Jan. 6 as a result of any enforcement actions taken on that day. This can be fact-checked if you like! The reports that police officers died during the riots on Jan. 6 have been misinformation peddled by the news media in the early reporting of the riots that was never corrected! When making points from either side of the aisle, it is important to be truthful and state facts. *Dave Kalin*

Hung out to dry

Bellerose: Thank you Mayor Adams, DC37's Henry Garrido, UFT's Michael Mulgrew, the MLC and all the greedy city officials on it that are trying to prioritize for-profit Aetna management plans over city retirees. As people who are elected to help citizens, not throw them into the for-profit health plans — which are so bad that most doctors and hospitals don't want to deal with them. You have lost three court cases with rulings in favor of the retirees, and still continue to contest the results using taxpayer dollars in the name of saving money. Guess you need more money to supply illegals with cell phones, iPads, moped etc. on the backs of retirees who've worked 57 years and were promised Medicare. We didn't work those years to reward people who have not given a dime to help run this city. Prioritize the ones that are in their senior years and need more help, not less. It's disgraceful! *Kathleen Lucas*

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How to negotiate with a bully

Use self-control: You can train yourself to approach the conversation calmly

BY STEPHANIE VOZZA
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Negotiations can be stressful enough, but when the person on the other side of the table or phone is a bully, you might feel like you're already on the losing side of the equation.

However, negotiating with a bully doesn't have to be harder. It also doesn't have to be a me-versus-you battle, says S. Lucia Kanter St. Amour, author of "For the Forces of Good: The Superpower of Everyday Negotiation."

"We're so polarized today – you're wrong, I'm right – because it's easier," she says. "It is more confusing to the brain to understand the nuance. When the brain is confused, it lights up the amygdala, the fear center, like a Christmas tree."

To negotiate with a bully, you must train your brain to approach the conversation calmly. Here's what to do.

START SMALL

Negotiating doesn't have to be only for high-stakes situations. Whether it's settling on a theme for a presentation or struggling with a toddler, it's a skill you can use and practice every day, says St. Amour, who taught negotiation at University of California Berkeley and UC San Francisco law schools.

"Everyday negotiations help set the stage for bigger deals," she says. "When you start to internalize your voice as a competent and confident everyday negotiator, you are going to be much better equipped down the line when those higher-stakes contexts for negotiation arise."

Skilful negotiation takes rapport, which you can practice everywhere, like with neighbors or people at the gym. St. Amour likens it to getting fit. "If you want washboard abs, you do not get them by sitting on the sofa and scarfing Haagen-Dazs while watching an exercise video," she says. "Actually get on the floor and do the plank exercises for six minutes a day. You can also practice negotiation for six minutes a day. Instill it as a habit, so when the salary negotiation comes up, you're ahead of the curve."

LISTEN FIRST

When you enter a negotiation with anyone, remember that you have two



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ears and one mouth, and use them in that proportion, St. Amour says. "Listening is the Number One most stealth and powerful negotiation tool. Listen more than you talk."

Resist the urge to fire back right away. Instead of taking the bait in the heat of the moment, stay in the refractory state. This is where you are feeling kind of worked up, someone's pushing your buttons, and you're getting triggered, St. Amour says, and it lasts an average of 20 minutes.

"During this time, you cannot take in any disconfirming information, any information that disagrees with your emotions, even an apology," she says. "If you're feeling triggered, pause, recognize it, and wait for the refractory state to pass when possible."

Demonstrating listening also helps defuse a bully. "That person who's being a tyrant needs you to give them some pushback so that they have something to push against," St. Amour says. "Don't need to supply it."

WATCH FOR TACTICS

A bully may also say things that don't make sense. "This is a classic, toxic move," St. Amour says. "It's when you can be criticized no matter what you do. If you find yourself confused, it's because something is confusing. And that other person might be intentionally trying to make it (confusing), so get clarity."

If the person uses this tactic, ask questions. For example, "What do you mean by that? How would that play out? Who

would you need to make that happen?"

"It's a little counterintuitive, but keep them talking," St. Amour says. "Listen for content and emotions. Not just what the speaker is saying, but what makes it important to them. It's the meta message under the superficial message, treating emotions as another category of facts."

LET THEM GET IT ALL OUT

Wait to speak until the other person has exhausted their side. Keep your focus on them, genuine listening with curiosity.

"Set aside your own story," St. Amour says. "Your story will still be there. Waiting and listening is different from waiting patiently and quietly for your turn to talk. Curiosity is different from being quiet and nodding your head and then saying something with superficial empathy, like 'Wow, that sounds frustrating.' That is not listening."

Once the person exhausts themselves and you've learned everything you can, ask "Is there anything else?" "Usually that gets you the most important information," St. Amour says. "Only then, when you finally get a 'no' to the 'Is there anything else' question, is it your turn."

The great thing about being the first one to listen – and listen meaningfully for as long as it takes that person to get it all out – is that they are more likely to hear your story.

"They probably de-escalated," St. Amour says. They feel seen in the way they want to be seen – seen the way they see themselves.

That triggers reciprocity, so they now listen to you."

DEMONSTRATE EMPATHY

You demonstrate genuine empathy when you listen to the other person and make it about them first.

"Empathy is not a nice-to-have in everyday negotiation, it's an imperative," St. Amour says. "What makes it so powerful when done well is that, in expressing genuine understanding, it does not require concessions or agreeing with the other person. ... The other side is not expecting a response of empathy. So it flips the script, keeps you from taking the bait and helps you manage the one thing you actually can control with practice: yourself."

Empathy for the other person will likely affect your story. "The truth is, we are not fully in charge of our own stories," St. Amour says. Our stories are all interwoven with one another. Their story is going to inform your story. When they spoke, what did you learn? People like to say there are two sides to every story. There are actually two different stories. How are they woven together?"

During negotiation, the best you can hope for is to build rapport that opens the other person to your side. Instead of being focused on winning or being right, share your story.

"You're unlikely to take someone else's mind, but by sharing your story, they might change their own mind," St. Amour says. "And that's the best end to a negotiation."



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Navigating finances of divorce late in life

BY ELLA VINCENT
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"Till death do us part" no longer applies to a growing number of older couples. A Bowling Green State University study found that between 1990 and 2021, the divorce rate more than doubled for those ages 55 to 64, and the rate tripled for those 65 and older.

"People are living longer, they are healthier, and divorce doesn't have the stigma it used to have," says Lili Vasileff, a certified financial planner. But a late-in-life divorce can come with plenty of challenges.

How your assets will be divided in a divorce depends on where you live, Vasileff says. If you're in one of the nine community property states — Arizona, California, Idaho, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, Washington and Wisconsin — assets acquired during your marriage will be divided equally.

All the other states are equitable distribution, in which assets acquired during marriage are split based on the spouses' individual incomes, Vasileff says. In that case, lower-earning spouses may be entitled to a larger share of assets to maintain their standard of living after the divorce.

The rules for splitting assets in retirement accounts depend on the type of accounts you own. Plans covered by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), which include 401(k) plans and private pensions, must be divided through a qualified domestic relations order. A QDRO is issued by a court or state agency and recognizes a divorcing spouse's right to receive all or a portion of the account owner's defined-contribution plan or pension. Once both parties agree to the terms, the account owner gives the document to the plan administrator, and the QDRO must be certified by the court.

A QDRO isn't required to divide IRAs that you accumulated during your marriage, but you will need a divorce decree. If one of you agrees to transfer IRA funds to the other, Vasileff recommends using a trustee-to-trustee transfer. That way, you'll avoid incurring early-withdrawal penalties and income taxes on the withdrawals.

Once you've finalized your divorce, make sure to remove your ex-spouse as a beneficiary for your retirement, bank and brokerage accounts, along with your insurance policies.

Even older couples may still need to negotiate alimony and child support — and those obligations don't necessarily end when the children are no longer minors. Vasileff recommends including details on how to divide the cost of tuition and other college expenses in your divorce agreement.

When calculating how divorce will affect your retirement income, don't overlook Social Security benefits.

You (or your ex, if you were the higher earner) are eligible for up to 50% of your ex-spouse's benefit, although the amount will be reduced if you file before you reach full retirement age (66 or 67 depending on when you were born).

For more information about your eligibility to claim your former spouse's benefits, contact your local Social Security office or visit www.ssa.gov.



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Forget time management. Try managing your energy

BY KRISTIN BROWNSTONE
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I was talking with a friend recently who is feeling crushed by her workload and can't seem to get off the treadmill of 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. days chained to her desk, seemingly in perpetuity.

She asked me what tips I might have for her around time management. I'll admit, the question surprised me. I've never thought of myself as someone with great time-management skills, mostly because I tend to eschew rigid productivity systems, believing (erroneously or not) that they cramp creativity.

So I wondered why this friend thought I might have something to offer her. She cited the work I produce and the variety of lanes I swim in, including storytelling and communications strategy, leadership coaching, Enneagram prison work, and theater.

It wasn't until after we parted that it hit me. I don't focus on time management, I focus on energy management. Somewhere along the way, I learned that the time something takes is secondary to energy. I would argue that you could work six hours on a task that gives you energy and feel fresh, revitalized and ready for what's next. Or you could spend three hours on a draining and unfulfilling task and need to check out for the rest of the day.

From a productivity standpoint, I'm a fan of lists and getting things crossed off the list. But maturity has taught me that satisfaction comes not from crossing things off the list, but intentionality about what goes on the list. If everything on the list is an energy drain, how will it feel to get

those things done?

Enneagram teacher Russ Hudson said something recently that blew the doors open for me on this concept. He spoke about the energy of frustration, but it could be applied to any default negative emotion. He said that frustration is an addictive emotion because it causes us to be adrenalized and stressed. I don't like being frustrated, but if I'm honest, I can default to it if I'm not aware of what is going on. Seeing this as an addictive response is enlightening. More importantly, Hudson said, "Life force gets trapped in frustration." So that extensive energy I spend being frustrated is trapping life force energy that might be funneled toward more useful, productive, creative pursuits.

Thinking back to my friend's plight, as well as that of many clients who live on an endless treadmill, there's an interesting confluence of addictive hormones like adrenaline that are exacerbated, if not promoted, by hustle culture. And time management is often touted as the antidote to burnout and an enabler of surviving in hustle culture. I purport that over-indexing on time management sustains and perpetuates hustle culture.

I'd like to see a world where we're less focused on squeezing every drop from the hours in our days and more focus on the energy we're creating, using and keeping within our days. How do we do that? It begins with awareness, discernment and choices.

AWARENESS

Energy is not all equal. There are different types of energy. One type is frenetic and driven, while another is open, free and vital. The latter is sustainable and can come from any

activity that sits squarely in one's sweet spot, leaving us feeling powerful and more expansive after an activity. Coaching does this for me.

DISCERNMENT

Know which of your activities create which type of energy and opt for the ones that expand you. Know also which activities are a simple drain of energy. Organizing a closet or putting together a budget renders me cross-eyed, but others find those activities deeply satisfying and rejuvenating. It may not be possible to eliminate all of them, but time management is not the remedy for a calendar of energy-draining activities.

CHOICES AND SACRIFICES

Choices are inevitable. We can't do everything. But if we're aware and discerning about what we say yes to and what we say no to based on the energy creation or depletion result, we at least have the chance of creating more energy and satisfaction.

And what do we do if we've tipped the scales into those negative energy-draining emotions? Hudson advises "presencing" them (making presence an active verb). Presencing means noticing the emotional hijack and breathing into it, seeing it, acknowledging it and continuing to breathe into it.

If I become frustrated, my goal is to notice it, name it and breathe into it. If I don't do this, I'm on the path to an energy drain. Hudson likens presence to rocket fuel that fills one's limbs with energy and light, getting you out of the story of what's going on and into the energy of it. That harnessing of energy brings the creativity to do the next right thing.

What's new on EV tax credits, how buyers can still claim one

BY KELLEY R. TAYLOR

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Q: What's the latest on tax credits for electric vehicle purchases? Can buyers still get one?

A: The U.S. Department of the Treasury and the IRS recently unveiled the final rules for the federal electric vehicle tax credit, a key step in the Biden administration's plan to accelerate the adoption of electric vehicles, or EVs. The regulations are seen by some as a balance between incentivizing EV adoption and safeguarding against perceived threats from Chinese imports.

Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen highlighted the administration's commitment to fostering domestic manufacturing and energy



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security in a statement regarding the final rules. Since President Joe Biden's election, over \$173 billion in private-sector investment has been announced across the U.S. clean vehicle and battery supply chain.

"The Inflation Reduction Act's clean vehicle credits save consumers up to \$7,500 on a

new vehicle, and hundreds of dollars per year on gas, while creating good-paying jobs and strengthening our energy security," Yellen noted in a release.

The final federal EV tax credit rules maintain strict requirements, meaning only about 20% of electric models qualify for the federal EV tax credit.

Vehicles with a majority of their battery minerals sourced from abroad or linked to the Chinese government remain ineligible. This provision is designed to address concerns about dependency on foreign supply chains.

The Biden administration argues that efforts to regulate foreign suppliers have been successful, yielding investments in U.S. manufacturing. However, critics, including Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.

Va., have voiced concerns about perceived loopholes that could benefit China. Other lawmakers have similar criticisms.

Meanwhile, some automakers welcome the flexibility provided by the rules, including a grace period for sourcing graphite from China, a critical mineral in EV batteries. The two-year temporary exemption is seen as a gradual transition toward domestic sourcing.

The final rules generally don't depart from the proposed regulations released last year. So many electric vehicle consumers are already familiar with the small number of vehicles that qualify for a full or partial federal tax credit.

As Kiplinger has reported, several stricter requirements kicked in as of Jan. 1, 2024, along

with a new option for buyers to take the federal EV credit at the point of sale.

Since the point-of-sale tax credit option became available, demand has been high. According to the Treasury Department, more than 100,000 eligible buyers (about 90%) have claimed the credit on new electric vehicles at registered dealerships. About 75% of buyers purchasing used EVs have opted for the up to \$4,000 credit at the time of purchase.

However, the final regulations come at a time when sales of EVs are slowing. Data show that the EV share of total new vehicles sold in 2024 is 7.3%, a decrease from last year. Tesla sales have also declined this year, reportedly down more than 13% compared to the first quarter of last year.

Traveling abroad? Things to do to keep phone bill under control

BY KATHRYN POMROY

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Not long ago, an American returned home from a trip to Europe to a \$143,000 T-Mobile bill, apparently because the phone had not been set up for international roaming, according to The Guardian.

Using your smartphone has become a necessary part of international travel, but roaming fees alone can be exorbitant and, depending on your carrier, using data outside the U.S. is also at a premium.

Here are some tips for reducing your phone bill while abroad.

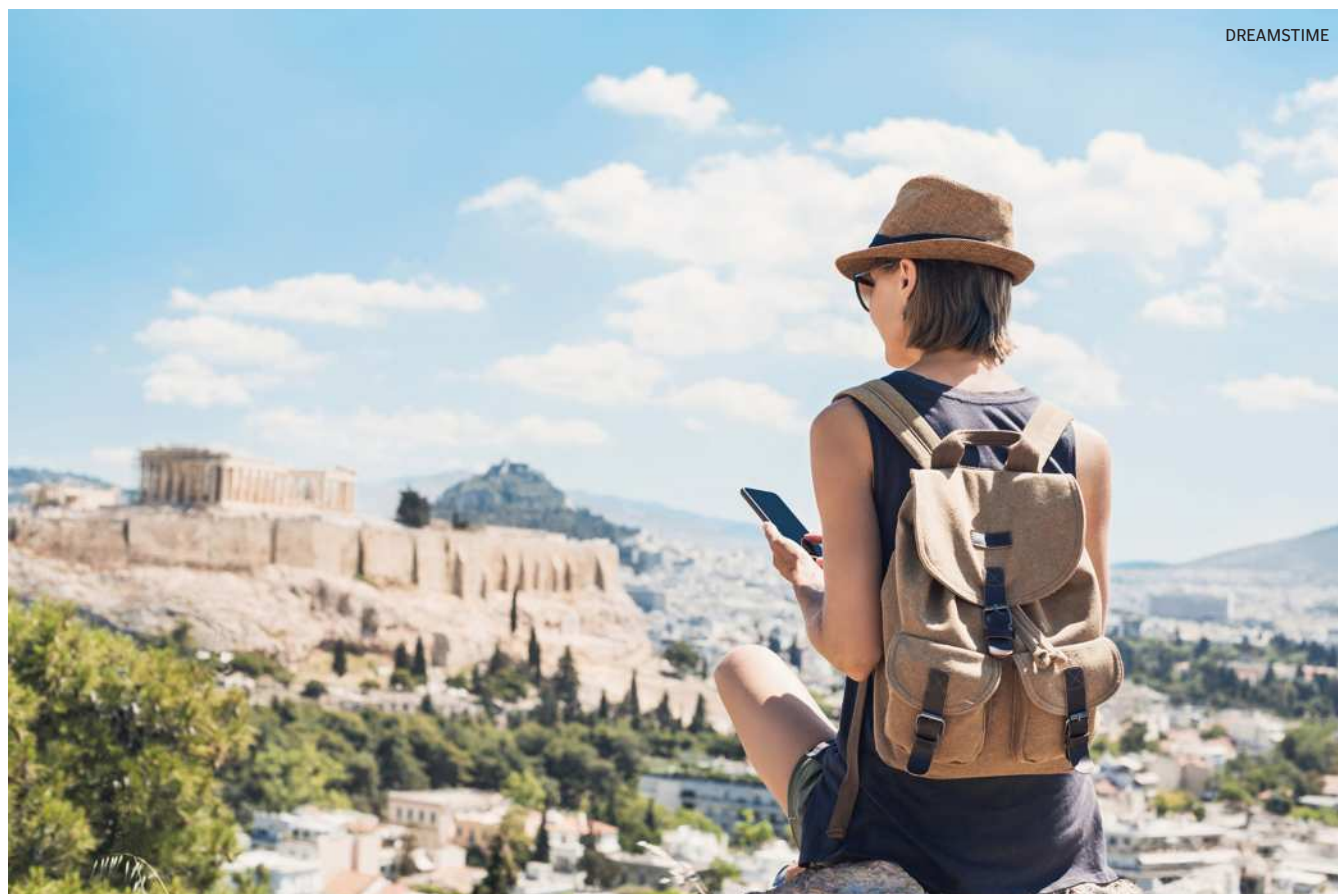
Check your service provider's policy on international cellphone use before traveling:

Although you may want to reach out a few months before traveling, check back often because policies can change. You may also want to see what your current contract does and doesn't allow.

In the past, global roaming was an extra feature you could opt into for an additional fee. However, many service providers now activate international texting, calling and data features automatically as soon as you use your phone in a foreign country. Just understand that this feature can be pricey, so if you plan on traveling for a long time, find out ahead of time if it's worth the price.

Use temporary data passes:

When traveling abroad, you may find you need extra data because you want a higher data speed, the ability to stream HD video or you've reached your



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data allotment. Providers like T-Mobile, Verizon and AT&T all provide temporary data passes, although they have different names – Sprint's \$5 to \$10 International High-Speed Data Roaming Pass, T-Mobile's \$5 International Pass, Verizon's \$10 TravelPass and AT&T's \$10 International Day Pass.

They each provide a set amount of roaming data that you can use for a certain amount of time for one price. Unfortunately, these temporary data passes are

expensive. But if you can't unlock your phone, they might be your only good option.

Swap your SIM card: Renting a SIM card allows you to make calls or text and use data by swapping out your SIM card for one compatible with the country you're visiting. When you rent a new SIM card, you'll get a new number, so you won't be able to receive calls or texts on your regular phone number. Before you go, make sure to notify family

and friends so they can contact you via Facebook Messenger or a chat app instead. Even so, renting a card is generally a much cheaper option than paying for an international roaming service.

Specialized stores in major airports and cellphone companies often offer SIM card rental. In fact, Amazon sells SIM cards for Europe ranging from around \$20 to \$50, typically for 30 days of use.

Mix and match other options: These include the following.

- Turning off data roaming in your phone's settings when you don't need it.
- Downloading maps when you have Wi-Fi or using apps like Apple or Google Maps in offline mode.
- Shutting off all nonvital apps. When apps automatically update, you are charged if they are still active.
- Deactivating texting. This stops texts from being billed as data when you're traveling abroad.



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Productivity expert: Start your day this way

BY STEPHANIE VOZZA
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Whether breakfast is the most important meal of the day is up for debate. What's not, however, is the importance of mornings. Laura Mae Martin, author of "Uptime: A Practical Guide to Personal Productivity and Well-being," says those first couple of hours deserve and require more attention than other parts of your day.

"Your main point of control for every day is the morning," she says. "We tend to naturally use mornings as a place to be productive. You don't hear a lot of people setting their alarm for 6 a.m. to play video games or binge-watch TV. So that hour in the morning is worth a lot more than an hour in the evening, and I suggest using it to set up the rest of your day."

Here's what Martin, Google's executive productivity adviser, suggests.

START THE NIGHT BEFORE

Productive mornings start the night before. Martin likens it to meetings. "You wouldn't start a meeting by thinking for the first time how you want to spend the meeting," she says. "You've already lost a huge opportunity to make it effective."

The same is true for starting your day. At the end of each day, Martin recommends

making a daily plan for the next day.

"It's an hour-by-hour contract with yourself to say, 'What do I plan to do tomorrow, and when?'" she says. "A lot of productivity gets lost in the morning because you don't have actual slots on the calendar to get tasks done."

You will have already cleared a mental block if you've said, "At 10 a.m., I'm going to work on this project." When 10 a.m. rolls around, you won't be at risk of decision fatigue, trying to decide what to do.

COMPLETE A TASK FOR FUTURE YOU

Martin also does something the night before that she calls a "delightfully done."

"When you plan your life for future you, you get a lot more satisfaction than current you," she says. "When it's 8 p.m., think 'What can I do for morning me? What's something I can set up for myself that will delight me the next morning?'"

For example, you can clean the kitchen, set your coffee machine on a timer, pack a lunch or lay out your clothes.

"Having something that makes you say, 'Oh, that's already done,' will put you in that good mood right away," Martin says.

BUILD IN A BUFFER

Once you wake up, make sure you've built in time before you start your first commitment to ease into your day. Martin

recommends giving yourself at least 30 minutes. Her routine is to wake before the rest of her family, and she calls this time the "Laura 30."

"I let myself be and do whatever I'm in the mood to do during that time, but the time is consistent," she explains. "Some mornings I wake up and silently drink coffee and do nothing else. Some mornings I'm reading a really good book. Some mornings I have a lot of energy and want to work out during that time. And most of the time I meditate and maybe journal."

The idea is to have a consistent time buffer that you control and that gives you a moment of clarity. That way you can be present and mindful for the rest of your day.

GO DEVICE-FREE

This tip may be hard to hear, let alone do, but Martin recommends not touching your phone during the first 30 minutes you're awake.

"It's like waking up and inviting work into your bed with you at 6 a.m.," she says. "Wake up to yourself and not your email. When your brain is in that mode of waking up and thinking 'What do I have to do?' versus 'What do I want to do?', you don't get a chance to reflect or fill the energy bank, especially if the first thing you do is start answering emails."

In fact, she says you should leave your phone across the room, which is part of setting yourself up for a good morning.

"Devices play an important part in our life, but they've started to play too much of a part in our mornings," Martin says. "You should think of your work like your in-laws. You may have them to your house, but you're not going to invite them into your bedroom at 6 a.m. Treat your phone like a guest. And create boundaries."

MUSIC AND LIGHTING

To ease into your day, Martin recommends listening to music that puts you in a good mood. "If you start that mood high, you're most likely to have a better day than if you let yourself get in your own thoughts," she says.

Pay attention to the lighting, as well. Martin suggests using dim lights when you wake up, slowing raising the brightness and opening the curtains.

"As I feel myself waking up, my brain is saying, I need more light. That's when I hit overhead light. This allows your brain to ease into the day in a natural way."

By taking the steps to create a productive morning routine, you'll start your day with intention. No matter what the rest of the day brings, you'll have filled your energy bank to be better equipped to handle it.

Straphanger set afire by stranger on 1 train

An unhinged man lit a cup of flammable liquid and threw it at a stranger, setting his shirt aflame and burning him on a downtown subway train in Manhattan on Saturday, cops said.

The 49-year-old firebug threw the flaming liquid on the 23-year-old stranger as the 1 train pulled into the Houston St. station about 2:45 p.m.,

cops said.

The straphanger's shirt caught fire, and his upper torso was burned.

Medics took the man to the burn unit at New-York Presbyterian Hospital Weill Cornell, where he was in stable condition, cops said.

Meanwhile, the fire starter fled the train, before stealing a woman's cell phone that she had dropped near

the turnstile and then running to the street, cops said.

Cops tracked the woman's cell phone to hunt down the suspect at Canal and Renwick Sts., where they took him into custody.

Charges for the suspect were still pending.

**Emma Seiwell
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Bronx woman, 60, is charged with fatally stabbing neighbor

**BY EMMA SEIWELL
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A 60-year-old woman stabbed a man to death in the Bronx apartment building where they both lived, cops said Saturday.

Responding officers found 32-year-old John Welgoss lying in the hallway unconscious and unresponsive, with numerous stab wounds on his chest, in his Mount Hope building on Walton Ave. near E. 175th St. about 10:10 a.m., police said.

Resident Jacqueline Ratliff was arrested and charged with murder, manslaughter and criminal possession of a weapon for the slaying.

Cops said Welgoss had gotten into an argument with Ratliff in an apartment before their dispute spilled into the hallway and turned fatal.

Medics pronounced the victim dead at the scene.

The pair did not live in the same apartment, and the nature of their relationship was not immediately clear, cops said.



Body of John Welgoss, 32, is wheeled out of building on Walton Ave. near E. 175th St. in Mount Hope. THEODORE PARISIENNE FOR NYDN

History in the air: Record 3 million travelers pass through security at American airports

**BY MURI ASSUNÇÃO
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS**

Nearly 3 million airline travelers passed through security checkpoints at airports across the United States on Friday, setting a new record for the highest number of passengers screened in a single day, the Transportation Security Administration said.

The history-making day, part of Memorial Day weekend travel plans, surpassed by nearly 50,000 people the number of individuals who passed through security on the Sunday after Thanksgiving last year, when the TSA reported just over 2.9 million travelers.

The third busiest travel day in the nation was also recorded last week, with just under 2.9 million people passing through airport security Thursday.

Earlier this week, the federal security director for Kennedy Airport, one of the nation's busiest, said TSA officers were expecting to screen approximately 12,000 more travelers per day for Memorial Day



Long lines are the order of the day across the U.S.A. at Transportation Security Administration checkpoints over the Memorial Day weekend. ANADOLU VIA GETTY

weekend — or an 11.5% increase when compared with last year.

At LaGuardia Airport, officials said they were expecting 10% more travelers to pass through security this holiday weekend when compared with an average weekend.

TSA officials for both airports said the agency is prepared to handle the dramatic increase in the number of

travelers.

The American Automobile Association also projected a historic number of people expected to travel at least 50 miles, by road, air or other means, over Memorial Day weekend: 43.8 million travelers.

That's a 4% increase over last year and nearly matches 2005's record of 44 million travelers.

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DeBlasie, Nellie



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I love and miss you so much.

Kiss Dad for me.

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Ralph Jr.

McNulty, John

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Savings Update

To dig out of debt, create a plan with a debt payoff calculator

Whether you're carrying one big credit card balance or have multiple cards and loans dragging down your finances, reducing your debt is one of the smartest money moves you can make.

But where to start? If you have just one debt, it may seem obvious how to pay it down. But how long will it take? Or put another way, how much faster could you pay it off if you made extra payments?

When you have multiple debts, it gets even trickier to figure out the best path forward. Which debts should you pay down first? How much extra should you commit each month? When can you expect to retire each debt?

Fortunately, you don't need to rack your brain with complicated math or spreadsheets to create a personalized plan. All you need is a debt payoff calculator.

These free tools exist in abundance on the internet, and they all work essentially the same: By crunching the numbers of your debt details, plus how much money you can commit to debt reduction each month, the calculator will create a personalized plan of how much to pay, to whom, and in what order.

Even more gratifying is the calculator's ability to tell you the date each debt will be paid off if you follow the plan. Alternatively, some calculators let you start with a pay-off goal date and then calculate how much you'll need to pay down every month to reach that goal.

To get started, simply gather your details on debt balances, minimum payments, and interest rates. After entering these into the calculator, you can play around with different monthly payment amounts and goal dates, as well as choose a debt reduction method (debt snowball vs. debt avalanche) to identify your best path forward to a stronger financial future.

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To create a vegetarian taco bowl, swap the ground beef for nutty, protein-packed quinoa.

SHELLY WESTERHAUSEN
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LET'S TALK ABOUT TOPPINGS

Smoky quinoa taco bowls are packed with veggies and protein

BY GRACE ELKUS | THEKITCHN.COM

With the exception of pizza (I prefer plain cheese), I'm all about the toppings. Give me all the candy at the frozen yogurt shop, load up my bagel with every veggie in the store and top my pancakes with every berry in sight, please.

Of course, my favorite way to eat all the toppings is in a big chopped salad or a hearty grain bowl. Lately I've been all about taco bowls, which boast crunch and creaminess with every bite and can be filled to the brim with as many mix-ins as possible.

To create a vegetarian version, I swapped the ground beef for nutty, protein-packed quinoa, which is cooked with aromatics and chipotle in adobo sauce to give it a rich and smoky flavor. When it's done cooking, you'll stir in black beans and a few handfuls of spinach, which will begin to wilt in the residual heat.

Once you've made the base, the rest is completely customizable. In fact, you could lay out all the toppings and create build-your-own-dinner bowls, or cook the quinoa on Sunday and add new toppings each day for lunch.

I like to bulk up the protein by topping mine with a fried egg, complete with crispy, lacy edges and a runny yolk that dresses the quinoa. But if you're taking lunch to go, you could prep hard- or soft-boiled eggs in advance.

Some type of salsa is a must (I prefer fresh pico de gallo, which gives you diced tomato, onion, cilantro and jalapeño without having to do to all the work), as is creamy avocado.

For an extra cooling effect, I drizzle on a lime yogurt sauce, which is an impossibly easy mixture of yogurt, lime zest, lime juice and salt.

Crumbled tortilla chips would be welcomed, as would hot sauce. If you're looking for more of a salad vibe, go ahead and add crunchy chopped romaine. And did I mention cheese? Feta or queso fresco would be divine.

SMOKY QUINOA TACO BOWLS WITH FRIED EGGS

Makes: 4 to 6 servings

1 medium shallot
4 cloves garlic
1 to 2 canned chipotle chiles in adobo sauce, plus 1 teaspoon sauce
1 cup quinoa
3 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon olive oil, divided
1 ¼ teaspoons kosher salt, divided, plus more for seasoning
1 tablespoon tomato paste
1 ½ teaspoons ground cumin
1 ¾ cups low-sodium vegetable broth
1 (about 15-ounce) can black beans
1 ripe avocado
½ cup plain 2% or full-fat Greek yogurt, or sour cream
2 medium limes
2 ounces baby spinach (about 2 packed cups)
4 large eggs
Freshly ground black pepper
Refrigerated pico de gallo, for serving

1. Finely chop 1 medium shallot. Mince 4 garlic cloves. Mince 1 or 2 canned chipotle chiles in adobo sauce until you have 1 tablespoon.
2. Place 1 cup quinoa in a fine-

mesh strainer. Rinse thoroughly under cool, running water, using your hand to swish the quinoa as you rinse. Drain.

3. Heat 1 teaspoon of the olive oil in a medium saucepan over medium heat until shimmering. Add the quinoa and cook, stirring constantly, until any excess water has evaporated and the quinoa is very fragrant and begins to make a popping sound, 3 to 4 minutes. Transfer to a small bowl.

4. Heat 1 tablespoon of the olive oil in the now-empty saucepan over medium-low heat. Add the shallot, garlic and 1 teaspoon of the kosher salt and cook, stirring frequently, until softened slightly and lightly browned, 2 to 3 minutes.

5. Add the chopped chipotle pepper, 1 teaspoon chipotle sauce, 1 tablespoon tomato paste and 1 ½ teaspoons ground cumin. Stir to coat the aromatics and cook until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Stir in the toasted quinoa (reserve the bowl) and 1 ¾ cups low-sodium vegetable broth. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat, then reduce the heat to low. Cover and cook until the quinoa is tender and the liquid has been absorbed, 25 to 30 minutes.

6. While the quinoa is cooking, rinse and drain 1 can black beans.

Dice 1 ripe avocado. Finely grate the zest of 1 medium lime (about 1 tablespoon) and add to the reserved bowl. Squeeze the juice from 2 medium limes into the bowl (about ¼ cup). Add ½ cup yogurt and the remaining ¼ teaspoon kosher salt, and stir to combine. (If too thick to drizzle, add 1 tablespoon water.)

7. When the quinoa is ready, remove it from the heat and let stand, covered, for 5 minutes. Uncover and fluff with a fork. Add the drained black beans and 2 packed cups baby spinach and stir until the spinach begins to wilt. Cover to keep warm.

8. Heat 1 tablespoon of the olive oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat until shimmering. Crack 2 large eggs into the skillet, season with salt and pepper, and let cook undisturbed until the whites are crispy and golden-brown on the edges and set, and the yolks are runny, 2 to 4 minutes. Repeat with the remaining 1 tablespoon of olive oil and 2 eggs.

9. Divide the quinoa between 4 shallow bowls. Top each one with a fried egg, avocado, pico de gallo and a drizzle of yogurt sauce.

Note: The quinoa can be made and refrigerated in an airtight container up to five days in advance.

This strawberry shortcake will never disappoint

Let fresh strawberries shine with this simple and delicious shortcake and homemade whipped cream. JOE LINGEMAN/TNS



BY GRACE ELKUS
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Homemade strawberry shortcakes are the best way to showcase freshly picked spring berries. Plus, this simple shortcake recipe is quick to whip together and lets the naturally sweet strawberries shine.

The lemon-scented drop biscuits are tender on the inside (thanks to the heavy cream), and crisp and golden on the outside (thanks to the small pieces of cold butter in the dough). They're a far cry from the dry, bland shortcakes you might be used to — and they pair perfectly with the super-juicy strawberries and fluffy, barely sweet whipped cream.

WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT

The drop biscuits used in this recipe let you skip the kneading, cutting and re-rolling often found in shortcake recipes. Instead, you'll stir together the dough with a fork and your fingers, then scoop mounds onto a baking sheet — taking all of five minutes.

It makes smart use of ingredients. Lemon zest flavors the biscuits, while the juice is used to macerate the strawberries and balances their natural sweetness. Heavy cream is used for whipped cream and stirred

into the biscuit dough to make them ultra-tender. Granulated sugar draws the juices out of the berries, and sweetens the biscuits and cream.

WHAT'S THE BEST SHORTCAKE?

“Short” is an English word meaning to make crisp with fat (such as butter or lard). While shortcakes these days take on many forms — from those yellow sponge-y store-bought rounds to fluffy cake-like layers — I prefer crisp and buttery biscuit-like shortcakes (which, it seems, may be the most traditional, too).

MAKE-AHEAD TIPS

Macerated strawberries can be covered and refrigerated up to 24 hours before serving. The longer they sit, the more their flavors will concentrate and intensify.

They'll also get softer and release more juices, so you may want to use a slotted spoon to scoop the berries onto the biscuits to avoid a soggy shortcake.

You can make the dough a day in advance and store it in an airtight container in the fridge until ready to bake.

You can also make whipped cream a day in advance — you may want to briefly re-whisk it before assembling.

STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE

Makes: 8 servings

For the strawberries:

2 pounds strawberries, rinsed, stems removed and quartered
¼ cup granulated sugar
Juice of 1 medium lemon (2 to 3 tablespoons) — zest the lemon first and reserve the zest for the biscuits

For the biscuits:

Finely grated zest of 1 lemon (about 1 tablespoon)
¼ cup plus 1 teaspoon granulated sugar, divided
2 cups all-purpose flour, spooned and leveled
1 tablespoon baking powder
1 teaspoon kosher salt
8 tablespoons (1 stick) cold unsalted butter, cut into pieces
1 ¼ cups cold heavy cream

For the whipped cream:

1 ½ cups cold heavy cream
2 tablespoons granulated sugar

1. Combine 2 pounds quartered strawberries, ¼ cup granulated sugar and 2 to 3 tablespoons lemon juice in a large bowl and toss to combine. Set aside to macerate while you make the biscuits.

2. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and heat oven to 400 degrees. Place 1 tablespoon lemon zest and ¼ cup of the sugar in a large bowl. Rub between your fingertips until the sugar is aromatic.

3. Add 2 cups all-purpose flour, 1 tablespoon baking powder and 1 teaspoon kosher salt and stir with a fork.

4. Add 8 tablespoons cold unsalted butter (cut into pieces) and use your fingers to rub the butter into the flour mixture until it forms pea-sized pieces.

5. Drizzle in 1 ¼ cups cold heavy cream and mix with a fork until combined. (Dough will be sticky.)

6. Form the dough into 8 large, tall mounds using a large spoon or ice cream scoop and space 2 inches apart on the prepared baking sheet (the taller the mounds of dough, the easier they will be to slice in half). Sprinkle the top of the biscuits with remaining 1 teaspoon sugar.

7. Bake until the bottoms of the biscuits are deeply golden and the tops are lightly brown, 15 to 20 minutes.

8. Combine 1 ½ cups cold heavy cream and 2 tablespoons granulated sugar in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the whisk attachment and beat on medium-high speed just until stiff peaks form (do not overwhip), about 90 seconds. (Alternatively, use a large bowl and an electric hand mixer.)

9. Split the biscuits in half crosswise. Spoon strawberries over the bottom half and top with a dollop of whipped cream. Finish with the top biscuit.

Enjoy this richer alternative to classic Spanish gazpacho

BY DIANE ROSSEN
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Gazpacho usually refers to a tomato-based soup with bread and cucumbers. In Spain, there is an offshoot of the tomato-garlic soup called salmorejo, which uses plenty of olive oil to emulsify the concoction.

Just as tasty, but much richer than the red version, salmorejo can be found in Cordoba in the south of Spain, where the summers are unbearably hot. The locals keep this refrigerated soup at the ready for a satisfying and cooling meal.

In the same way that Spanish white gazpacho features cucumbers and grapes, this version of white gazpacho reinterprets that classic soup with the addition of yogurt, Marcona

almonds and fresh green herbs, which lends textural interest. Make sure to look for Spanish sherry vinegar, and Marcona almonds over regular ones for their distinctive buttery flavor.

The slightly sweet green grapes and the vibrant green European cucumber lend a pale creamy green color to the soup.

If you are making this ahead of time, wait to add the almonds until just before serving so they don't soften in the soup. Season to taste after it is refrigerated.

Guests will be happily surprised with this take on gazpacho for its refreshing flavor as the days get hotter. I might serve it with a charcuterie platter of sliced meats and cheeses and a variety of breads for a small lunchtime gathering, or as a prelude to dinner. It is the perfect beginning for paella or any grilled fish or poultry.

WHITE GAZPACHO

Makes: 6 servings

2 medium garlic cloves, ends discarded

1 European cucumber, halved lengthwise and seeded

1 ¼ cup green grapes

2 slices white bread, crusts removed and cut into 2

inch-pieces

1 ½ cups low-fat plain Greek yogurt

1 ½ cups chicken or vegetable stock

¼ cup olive oil

2 tablespoons sherry vinegar

2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh chives

½ cup plus 2 tablespoons

roasted and salted Spanish Marcona almonds, coarsely chopped

Pinch of cayenne pepper

Salt and freshly ground white pepper

1. In a food processor,

mince the garlic. Cut the

cucumber in half, then chop

one half into chunks and add

them to the food processor,

along with 1 cup of grapes.

Process for about 20 seconds,

or until pureed. Add the bread

and puree again.

2. Combine the yogurt and

broth in a medium bowl. Add

the pureed cucumber mixture,

olive oil, vinegar, 1 tablespoon

each parsley and chives, and

½ cup of the almonds. Mix

until well combined.

3. Dice the remaining half cucumber and add to the soup mixture. Add the cayenne, and salt and pepper to taste. Refrigerate until chilled, at least 4 hours.

4. To garnish, cut the remaining ¼ cup of grapes in half and transfer to a small bowl. Add

the remaining 2 tablespoons

of chopped almonds and toss.

5. Pour the gazpacho into

individual small soup bowls

and garnish with the grape

and almond mixture and

a sprinkling of remaining

parsley. Serve immediately.

Advance preparation:

This may be made ahead

through Step 3, covered and

refrigerated one day ahead of

serving.



PEACH RIPPLE ICE CREAM

Makes: 8 servings (about 1 quart)

1 ½ pounds ripe peaches, peeled, halved, pitted and cut into ½-inch pieces (about 3 cups)

1 ⅔ cups sugar, divided

½ teaspoon plus 2 tablespoons lemon juice, divided

Pinch table salt

1 ½ cups half-and-half

¾ cup sour cream

½ cup light corn syrup

2 tablespoons vodka

1. Combine peaches, ½ cup sugar, ½ teaspoon lemon juice and salt in a bowl; let sit until about ½ cup liquid accumulates in the bowl and peaches soften slightly, 1 to 1 ½ hours. Drain peaches in a fine-mesh strainer set over a second bowl; reserve liquid.

2. Process drained peaches in a blender until smooth, about 1 minute. Transfer ½ cup peach puree to a small saucepan; reserve remaining puree. Add ½ cup sugar and remaining 2 tablespoons lemon juice to a saucepan and bring mixture to boil over medium heat. Cook, stirring and scraping bottom of saucepan constantly with rubber spatula, until mixture turns deep orange color, becomes translucent and registers 220 degrees, 6 to 8 minutes. Transfer cooked peach mixture to bowl; let cool slightly, then refrigerate until needed.

3. Bring reserved drained peach liquid to simmer in the now-empty saucepan over medium heat and cook, stirring often, until liquid is thick and syrupy, about 10 minutes. Transfer syrup to a large bowl. Add half-and-half, sour cream, corn syrup, vodka, remaining ⅔ cup sugar and remaining reserved uncooked peach puree and whisk until smooth, about 30 seconds. Refrigerate ice cream base until temperature registers 40 degrees, about 4 hours. (Chilled mixture can be refrigerated for up to 24 hours.)

4. Transfer ice cream base to ice cream maker and churn until mixture resembles thick soft-serve ice cream, 25 to 30 minutes.

5. Spread one-third of ice cream in an even layer in 8.5-by-4.5-inch loaf pan. Drizzle one-third of reserved cooked peach mixture evenly over ice cream. Repeat 2 more times with remaining ice cream and peach mixture. Drag skewer through ice cream (in rough zigzag and circular patterns all the way to bottom of pan) to create swirls. Freeze ice cream until firm, at least 2 hours. Serve.

Ribbons of peach add color and flavor to the ice cream. STEVE KLISE/TNS

BY FAYE YANG | AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN

For ice cream that screams peach, a no-custard base is essential to let the delicate fruit flavor come through. A combination of fresh and cooked peaches yields juicy peach aroma and flavor that permeates each spoonful. Using half-and-half gives the base a creamy consistency while tangy sour cream complements the natural piquancy of peaches.

To keep the ice cream base largely free from ice crystals, light corn syrup does just the trick.

Jammy ribbons of peach ripple layered through the ice cream are the perfect accent to highlight the zingy peach flavor without disrupting the smooth texture of the ice cream.



Peter Boyle, from left, Brad Garrett, Madylin Sweeten, Patricia Heaton and Ray Romano were among the stars of "Everybody Loves Raymond." REED SAXON/AP 2003

'Everybody loves Raymond,' Romano loves Boyle

Comedian credits his on-screen father for sitcom's success

BY JOHN CARUCCI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

"Baffling" is how Ray Romano calls the continued success of "Everybody Loves Raymond," nearly 20 years after the CBS sitcom ended its nine-season run. "It goes so fast."

That success comes as a surprise to the New York City-born comedian, who admits he's always filled with doubt. So when he started working on the series based on his comedy, he wasn't confident in his acting chops, especially during the first season.

He didn't think the show would have survived if not for an unlikely mentor: Peter Boyle, who played Raymond's curmudgeonly father, Frank. "He's one of the main reasons it worked for me, because he made me feel accepted and comfortable. He was that kind of guy," Romano says of Boyle, who died in 2006.

This interview with Romano has been edited for clarity and length.

Q: You took a big chance cast-

ing Peter Boyle in a sitcom, didn't you?

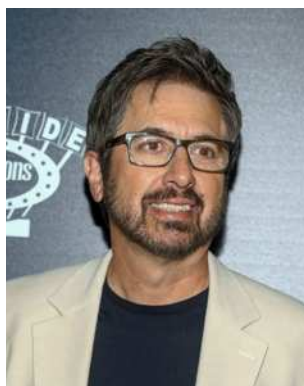
A: He wasn't supposed to read. We were just supposed to have a meeting with him. But he offered to read. And in his defense, it was a rough day for him. We really couldn't gauge whether he was getting the comedy of it, and we still said, "It's Peter Boyle, let's just go with the best actor in the room."

Q: Outside of "Young Frankenstein," his work was more serious. Why the leap of faith?

A: He was hands down the best actor. And we rolled the dice, and it paid off because he was hysterical. When you're creating a sitcom, you've got to get lucky. And we got lucky that we found Peter.

Q: You recently honored Peter at the International Myeloma Foundation gala.

A: Peter Boyle unfortunately passed away from myeloma, and his wife, Lorraine, started this charity to raise money for the International Myeloma Foundation. I love Peter, and he



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meant a lot to me, and I agreed to be part of it, and I've been hosting it almost every year. It's a night of comedy, and it's a little bit of music and raises money for a good cause.

Q: You mentioned that Peter led an interesting life.

A: He was a monk sworn to silence for two years. I don't know if you knew that he lived in a monastery. That was his pre-Hollywood days and, I don't know, I guess that didn't work out for him. (Laughs.)

Q: Who would think that the man who played Frank Bar-

none had such an interesting life?

A: His wife was a reporter for Rolling Stone. And she interviewed him, and that's how they met. She was friends with Yoko Ono. They all started hanging out. And when they got married, John Lennon was the best man at Peter's wedding. So he's just a fascinating guy and totally different from the character that he played on my show.

Q: How big a find was Brad Garrett?

A: Listen, when you're creating a sitcom, you've got to get lucky. And we got lucky that we found Peter, we found Doris Roberts and even Brad Garrett. You know, we didn't write that role. Brad brought this persona that was nowhere in our minds when we were creating the show. So we got lucky there. All those things had to fall in place for it to be successful.

Q: But that wasn't the case for the first season?

A: If I'm being brutally honest, I was filled with doubt all the time. I don't know if I'm acting well, and I know I'm not in the first season. I can look back and see I'm stiff. We're trying to kind of nail down the tone. And so it's a little bumpy in the beginning.

Q: When did the show find its way?

A: We were in 110th place in the Nielsens, and they decided to put us on after "Cosby" for the last four episodes, and "Cosby" was their No. 1 show. And if we held the audience, we were going to make it. If we didn't, they were going to cancel us. That's what we knew. And we not only held his audience, I think we went up a tick for those last four episodes. That's when it starts to sink in.

Q: How much do you get out to the clubs these days?

A: I still do it. I don't get to do it as much. When I go to New York, I always go to my club, the Comedy Cellar, downtown. It's ironic that I'm in LA for 27 years now, and I have all these comedy clubs here, and yet I don't go.

Q: Do you try your comedy on the family?

A: To be honest, it usually comes from the family. A lot of stuff comes from what my wife says without trying to be funny. I have this bit now in my act, and it's an exact quote from my wife. She said, to me, "You don't talk a lot, but when you do, it's too much." After she said that I wrote it down: "That's going in the act."

Costner unveils self-financed passion project

Director has been trying to make saga for over 30 years

BY JAKE COYLE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

A month before Kevin Costner puts the first installment of his multiple-chapter Western “Horizon: An American Saga” into theaters, the actor-director came to the Cannes Film Festival to unveil his self-financed passion project.

“Two of my boys are out fishing right now,” Costner said with a grin during a recent interview in France. “And the three girls found their way onto a boat. So Dad’s in here, stumping for his movie.”

The movie is actually two, or if Costner has his way, four. “Horizon: Chapter One,” which runs three hours, will be released by Warner Bros. in theaters June 28. “Chapter Two” follows Aug. 16. Costner has scripts ready for parts three and four.

It’s only the fourth time Costner, 69, has directed, following 1990’s “Dances With Wolves,” 1997’s “The Postman” and 2003’s “Open Range.” But when he has, Costner has usually done it with a clear-eyed passion for storytelling and character. That’s on display in the wide-ranging epic “Horizon,” with a cast including Sienna Miller, Abbey Lee, Sam Worthington and Costner.

It’s also Costner’s biggest gamble, ever. To raise the money for the \$100 million-plus production, he mortgaged his seaside Santa Barbara, California, estate. He has been trying to make “Horizon” for more than 30 years.

“I thank God for Cannes. I’m an independent filmmaker, essentially, and I’m here by myself,” said Costner, whose film premieres there. “So this is a high moment for me because it’s helping me create awareness for a movie. I don’t have all the money in the world to expose this movie. But I have my time and a platform here.”

This interview with Costner has been edited for clarity and length.

Q: What was your calculus in deciding to put your money into “Horizon”? What made it worth it?

A: You can spend your life just trying to make your pile grow bigger and bigger. And I’ve not been really terribly great at that. I’m like anyone else, I’d like it to be big. But not at the expense of not doing what I feel like I love to do. If no one will help me do it and I believe strongly in its entertainment value — there’s commerce on my mind. But



Kevin Costner, seen May 19 at the Cannes festival, directs and stars in “Horizon: An American Saga.” SCOTT A GARFITT/INVISION

I don’t let it overshadow the entertainment value and essence of what I’m trying to portray. I don’t try to let the fear of that control my instincts on any level. I don’t want to live that way. If I was watching a movie about me and I thought, “Ooh, don’t risk your money and make something like that,” what a (expletive).

Q: Was it an easy decision? You didn’t look around your seaside Santa Barbara estate and question mortgaging it?

A: No, it wasn’t an easy decision, but it was the decision I needed to make. It’s like, wow, why am I having to do this? I think I’m making mainstream entertainment. I don’t know what you felt about the movie, but I felt like it’s really mainstream. I don’t feel that I’m an avant-garde type of a person. But yet I think my things are a little off. I’m willing to (in a wagon trail scene in the film) see a woman bathe because her desire to be clean was so pronounced. If you’re a woman, who wouldn’t want to be? But then in the next moment, you realize it’s against the rule, man. You could cost yourself your life. So that scene

became important to make the next scene important. To me, a scene like that is just as important as a gunfight. And if that kind of scene doesn’t want to exist in a mainstream movie ...

Q: Could this have been a series?

A: I guess. It will be. They’re going to break this up into a hundred pieces, you know what I mean? After four of these, they’re going to have 13, 14 hours of film and they’re going to turn into 25 hours of TV, and they’re going to do whatever they’re going to do. That’s just the way we live in our life, but they’ll also exist in this form. And that was important for me, to make sure that happened. And I was the one who paid for it.

Q: It’s an audacious release plan, with the second film opening two months after the first. What appealed to you about that?

A: The studio wanted to try that. I knew this was going to come out fairly quickly, like every four or five months. That may have been easier. But this is something they feel like people can remember the

first one, and it can tie into the second one. I built into all of them a montage of what’s coming.

Q: Since directing “Dances With Wolves,” you’ve directed “Open Range” and starred in “Wyatt Earp” and “Yellowstone.” What keeps bringing you back to the West?

A: I like seeing behavior in men that makes sense. I make movies for men. I just make sure there’s great women characters because that’s really important to me. The backbone of our movie is actually women. I don’t like boys behaving stupid. I like the little boy who (fleeing an attack) takes the two horses and effectively saves his life. I like seeing people behave honestly in desperate situations. The heroism of a little boy saying “I’ll stay with you, Dad” is a really powerful moment. That’s my son (Hayes Costner), and it was very hard to watch.

Q: In dramatizing the drive West of settlers, what was the Native American perspective you wanted to consider?

A: Confusion about it. The colonel says, “If we salt the

earth with enough of their dead, the wagons won’t come anymore.” When you’re that far out there, you can’t go. When people said goodbye in the East Coast, they didn’t come back. So the confusion for the Native American was they couldn’t make sense of that. Normally if you kill enough people they won’t bother you. But these Americans, these people were getting flyers saying you could have this land. There are salesmen in every century, every decade selling something they don’t really know what it is. It’s just America. It’s just this giant experiment of hope.

Q: Have you started shooting the third installment?

A: I’ve shot three days, and I continue to have to press for money to finish this. I have to figure out what else I can do to make this. But I’m not waiting to see how people feel. I know what this is, and I think if people love the movie experience, they have a really good chance of wanting to see the next one. That’s all I can believe. The prudent thing would be to wait, but I guess I’m not built for that wait.

'The ER is a different beast'

Follow one day in the frantic life of a children's emergency nurse

BY JEREMY OLSON
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It's not exactly a superpower, but nurse Joe Schwartz can tell with his nose what is causing his patient in the Children's hospital emergency department in St. Paul, Minnesota, to look so weak, so bony thin.

When 10-year-old Juliana Jones said hello, Schwartz detected a sharp odor, like fruit gone bad, on her breath. It suggested acid buildup in her body, which likely meant a dangerous complication from undiagnosed diabetes.

"My sniffer is pretty good," he said. "It's where I think we are headed."

Work in the emergency department is like that — drawing on basic senses beyond medical skills as nurses confront infections, trauma, mental illnesses and chronic diseases. The jack-of-all-trades nature of the job, combined with the stress and occasional conflicts with distraught parents or delirious patients, makes it one of the hardest to fill in health care.

Children's launched a campaign to hire 176 more nurses by fall, because parents are bringing more and more children to its hospitals, but it fell behind on recruiting for its emergency departments in St. Paul and Minneapolis. The pediatric provider offered a behind-the-scenes look at Schwartz, a particularly versatile nurse, this spring to spark interest in this branch of nursing.

"They have to be really experts in all areas because they see everything," said Yinka Ajose, a Children's clinical director leading the hiring campaign.

Schwartz, 27, was destined for pediatrics as the son of a Children's Minneapolis emergency nurse. He worked in child care and children's programming at a fitness club before joining Children's as a clinical assistant and finishing nursing school on the side.

"Kids have always been a passion of mine," he said.

It's 11 a.m. when Schwartz wheels Juliana to Room 4.

It's been a manageable morning since he started his 12-hour shift at 7 a.m.

First comes the pale 20-year-old in Room 18 who threw up all night after eating seven potstickers at the San Francisco airport. Then comes the 5-year-old sporting leopard-print pajamas and clutching a stuffed hedgehog in Room 22. She is suffering the double insults of strep and influenza.

Then comes the rambunctious 6-year-old with strep who can't lie still. Schwartz guesses he is still infected because he skipped antibiotic doses and is simply restless after being stuck in bed for days. His mother worries that he might have pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorder associated with streptococcal infection, or PANDAS, because she read how the mysterious condition causes



Registered nurse Joe Schwartz, from right, finds a vein to start an IV with help from nurse Shanna Jorgenson for patient Juliana Jones, 10, as her mother, Kelly Jones, sits nearby March 27 in the emergency department at Children's Minnesota hospital in St. Paul. LEILA NAVIDI/ MINNEAPOLIS STAR TRIBUNE PHOTOS



Schwartz, 27, assists Jorgenson with entering data into hospital records while she shadows him in March.

bizarre behavior after infections.

PANDAS is rare, but listening and ruling out possibilities is part of Schwartz's job. He gets down on one knee to look at his patient.

"He's been screened for ADHD," his mother insists, "but nothing like this. This is different."

The challenge by lunchtime is plain for the St. Paul emergency department. Eleven nursing shifts on a staffing sheet are highlighted with yellow marker, meaning they were open at the start of the day. Six remain unfilled. The number of patients in the department has increased from three to 18 and will soon reach 23 — with five more waiting.

Staffing gaps usually get covered last-minute by nurses willing to work overtime, administrators who are still licensed or expensive contract nurses. Clinical assistants can cover mundane

tasks so nurses can take more patients. But those stopgaps might not last, Ajose said. Children's projected last fall that it would need to increase nurse staffing by 10% in one year to keep pace with demand.

Pediatric hospitals were so underused during the pandemic that Children's put workers on extended furloughs. Some retired. Now it's under pressure, partly because general hospitals are cutting back. Mercy Hospital in nearby Coon Rapids is one example, converting its pediatric beds for adult use.

"During COVID times, there was nobody that waited in our waiting room," Schwartz said. Now, four- to six-hour delays are common.

Juliana's arrival has created a buzz. A charge nurse takes on the restless boy so Schwartz can focus on the girl.

Blood tests are needed urgently, Schwartz tells the mother. Juliana lost weight amid school stress, but the whole family is thin and her mother didn't suspect problems until her daughter threw up.

"We are worried about her," Schwartz said, "and we want to get this stuff started quicker than later."

This is the third IV line Schwartz has threaded in patients' wrists today so they can receive fluids and medicine, but none more challenging. The acidic odor suggests that Juliana's blood is flooded with ketones, which convert fat into energy when people haven't eaten. A lack of insulin in people with diabetes tricks the liver into overwhelming the bloodstream with these acids, sometimes fatally.

Juliana's veins have receded from dehydration and illness. Schwartz struggles to find one to draw blood.

"What's your favorite thing to do with your kitties?" he asks, as a distraction.

"Cuddle them," the girl replies.

"Oh, puppy and kitty cuddles are the best!"

Schwartz works in the emergency department some days, but on others, he is a charge nurse or trains new hires.

On this day, he is shadowed by Shanna Jorgenson, who left an administrative job at a competing hospital to return to hands-on nursing.

Schwartz hustles to a trauma bay to find a scanner that will analyze the acidity of his hard-won blood sample. The first scanner is out of power, so he searches for a second.

"Do you have it?" Juliana's doctor asks about the result. "Still cooking?"

"Another 100 seconds," Schwartz replies. They are concerned. This didn't happen overnight.

"She had to be losing weight for a lot longer," Schwartz says.

Nursing can mean celebrating small successes without closure. The readout confirms the suspicion, and Juliana is prescribed insulin to undo the harmful chemical reaction in her body.

Diabetes specialists at Children's Minneapolis are ready to take over the case, so medics whisk the girl back through the door she entered hours earlier.

Schwartz may not see Juliana again, but then there's the next patient — a newborn needing X-rays to check for a bowel obstruction.

"I tell anybody who is on the outside looking in, the ER is a different beast," Schwartz said. "Ultimately you'll know that you're cut out for it by the end of your first week. Usually."

The 2024 Genesis G90 bears signature twin headlights. HENRY PAYNE/DETROIT NEWS



AUTO REVIEW

Sitting in '24 Genesis G90 as cool as taking it out on road

BY HENRY PAYNE
THE DETROIT NEWS

Luxury cars are becoming Brookstone gadget stores on wheels. Who needs to drive them? They're just fun to play with.

Take the 2024 Genesis G90 sitting in my driveway.

With the key in my pocket, I walked up to the Genesis and it rolled out the red carpet. I slid into the posh seats, pushed the brake pedal and the door softly closed next to me. Push the door button and it swings back open (sensing the distance to the car next to you, of course). Step out, lightly tap the door handle button and the door swings closed. Show it off to your friends; you'll be the envy of the neighborhood.

The G90 shows off its cutting-edge tech inside a stunning sedan. Remember those? The G90 debuted in 2017 as an Audi knock-off and has since matured into its own style. My tester doesn't come

2024 GENESIS G90

Vehicle type: Gas-powered, all-wheel drive, five-passenger luxury sedan

Price: \$90,450, including \$1,195 destination charge (\$100,695 e-Supercharged model as tested)

Powerplant: 3.5-liter, twin-turbocharged V-6

Transmission: Eight-speed automatic

Horsepower/Torque: 375/391 pound-feet (base); 409/405 pound-feet (e-Supercharged)

Performance: Zero to 60 mph, 5.1 seconds (Car and Driver); top speed, 132 mph

Fuel economy (EPA est. city/highway/combined): 17/24/20 (as tested)

cheap at \$100K, but that's 5 grand south of the comparable BMW 7-series I tested last summer.

Fall into the palatial backseat (just press the door button, and it silently closes behind you) and slip

your shoes off. Press a button on the door and your chair turns into a Barcalounger.

The front passenger seat rolls forward to open up (even more) legroom while the backseat reclines. Out pops a thigh support so your legs can stretch out straight.

The front thrones are not only beautifully designed, but the cockpit can be customized to your liking. Choose your graphic themes, font size, screen color, head-up display content.

While Genesis has come into its own on interior/exterior design, the brand seems determined to give you feature options you might find on other premium brands.

You'll eventually want to drive the Genesis after ogling its blizzard of features. The experience doesn't disappoint.

Mash the pedal and the 409-horsepower, twin-turbo V-6 responds with a mighty roar — thrusting you into traffic with impressive velocity (a 48-volt battery

provides extra oomph) despite the yacht's 5,156-pound curb weight. A sport mode is on offer — tightening the seat bolsters around you — but this is no sports car.

I especially appreciated that Genesis had located the rotary shifter to the left of the rotary infotainment controller in the center console. Other Genesis models stack them, which can bring confusion — I've been caught out shifting the sister GV80 SUV into neutral, for example, when I thought I was rotating between radio stations. Ugh.

Other ergonomics still need tidying, however. For all its technical wizardry, G90 still requires a cable to operate Apple CarPlay and Android auto — cluttering the console. The dreaded stop-start switch is in the nether regions of the left dash rather than right next to the ignition button as in BMW and Mercedes.

It's hard to be mad, though, when you have so many goodies at your fingertips.

Your HOROSCOPE

BY TAROT.COM

For Sunday, May 26

Crafting clever plans is possible at this time. While the grounded Capricorn Moon trines logical Mercury, we'll be attuned to our practical needs yet flexible enough to meet them in innovative ways. Luna also sextiles serious Saturn, reminding us to strategize for the long haul. That said, feeling too hemmed in isn't good — as the Moon squares individualistic Mars, we might lash out. We must remember that our structures exist to serve us, not the other way around.

ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 19

Thinking critically about your finances can show you an ideal way to achieve your goals now. The first idea that comes to mind might be a little rough. You're not obligated to carry it out just because you thought of it. Still, you must start somewhere. Putting in the time should pay off.



LIBRA

SEPT. 23-OCT. 22

You might finally feel comfortable enough with someone to tell them a secret. This may be what the relationship needs to advance to the next level. However, don't open up about a wound of yours merely to claim power over the other person. You'd be better off trying to keep things on an even playing field.



TAURUS

APRIL 20-MAY 20

Presenting an articulate case for your beliefs is now possible. You can put your views into words that people will find relatable. Others who are committed to the same cause are likely to be impressed. You might have to sacrifice some of your privacy, but the resulting strength in numbers should make up for it.



SCORPIO

OCT. 23-NOV. 21

Getting to know someone better is presently an option. You're equipped to maintain a flowing conversation that will encourage the other person to reveal interesting facts about their life. That said, there's more to building a relationship than simply gathering as much information as possible.



GEMINI

MAY 21-JUNE 20

Dealing with a private or confidential matter may be necessary today. Perhaps the people around you have an idea that something's going on and want you to give them more information. Saying whatever it takes to shut them up might be helpful. You're allowed to set authoritative limits.



SAGITTARIUS

NOV. 22-DEC. 21

Blowing your money on something fun could currently be a tempting prospect. Unfortunately, this potential impulse buy is probably competing with other plausible demands for your funds. You can at least see how prioritizing your practical concerns should make your daily life more comfortable.



CANCER

JUNE 21-JULY 22

You may currently enjoy an opportunity to meet a lot of people and socialize widely. Perhaps you'll discover an exciting individual you'd like to get to know better one on one. If you're not on your home turf though, you might need to follow someone else's agenda for the gathering.



CAPRICORN

DEC. 22-JAN. 19

Making the people around you laugh is almost easy today. You've got the mental tools to notice the absurdity in your situation and sum it up accurately. You don't have to say a lot. That being said, there's no need to hit below the belt. Avoid mocking anyone too harshly.



LEO

JULY 23-AUG. 22

Your responsibilities may currently stand in the way of an adventure you crave. Understandably, you could find this frustrating. Anyone depending on your efforts will likely be grateful for your commitment, so consider the benefits of their praise and appreciation as well.



AQUARIUS

JAN. 20-FEB. 18

Embracing a quiet moment can be rewarding today. You might take the opportunity to reflect on some incident from your past. Unlocking a modern perspective on it is possible. You need to figure out what you think before you get other people involved.



VIRGO

AUG. 23-SEPT. 22

Doing something fun that's just for you might be necessary now. You may want to go on an adventure that answers a big question you've always had. Even so, a loved one potentially isn't interested in this topic in the same way you are. Instead of trying to drag them along with you, honor their boundary.



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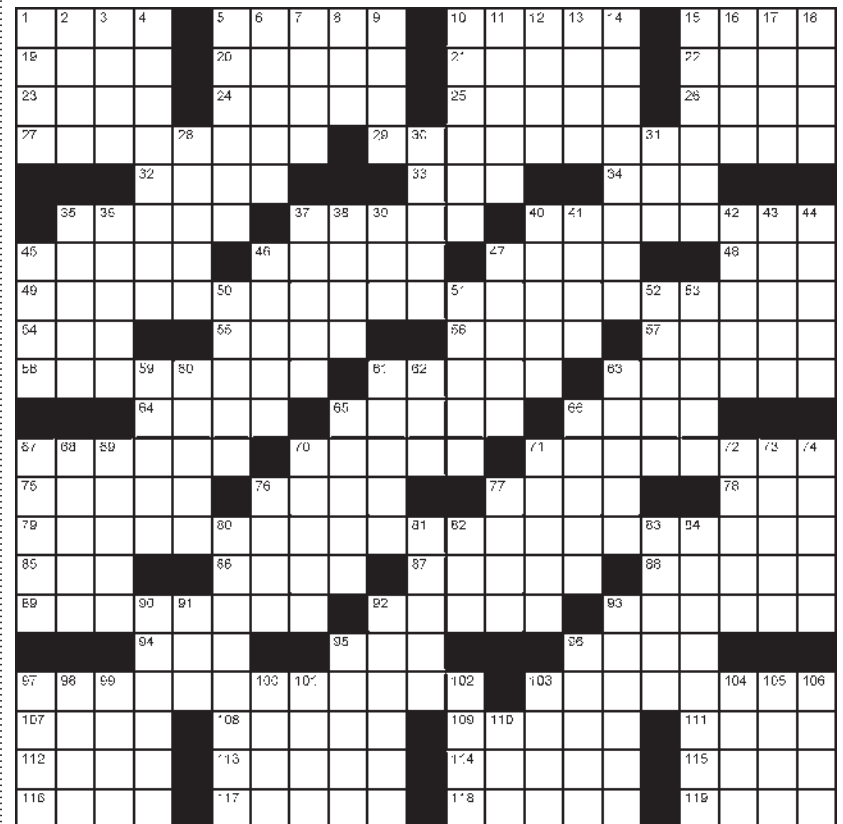
FEB. 19-MARCH 20

A business transaction has the risk of getting in the way of a good conversation today. You're probably up for a chat with whoever you meet. Meanwhile, either you or the other person might be trying to close a sale. Even if the financial side doesn't work out for whatever reason, you don't have to count the interaction as a loss — at least you had fun!



THE BIG X-WORD

According To Plan by James Barrick



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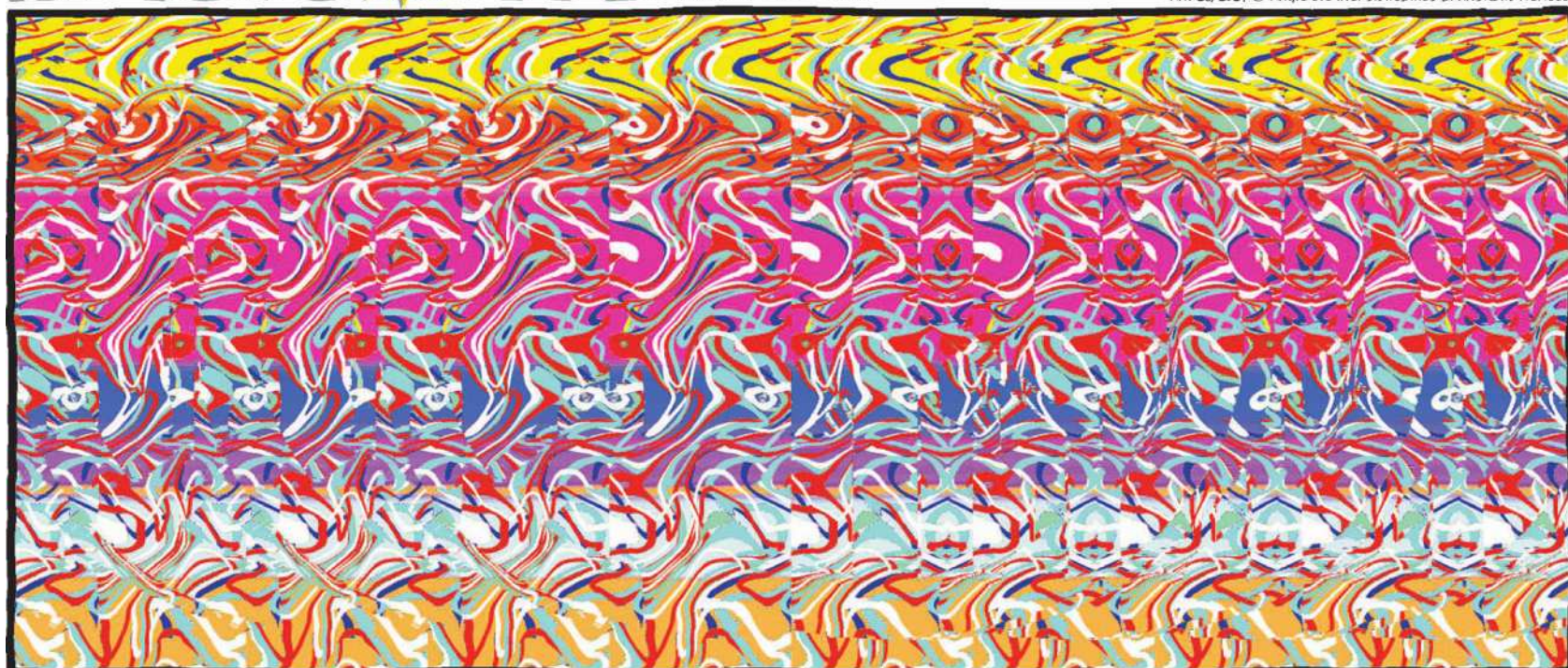
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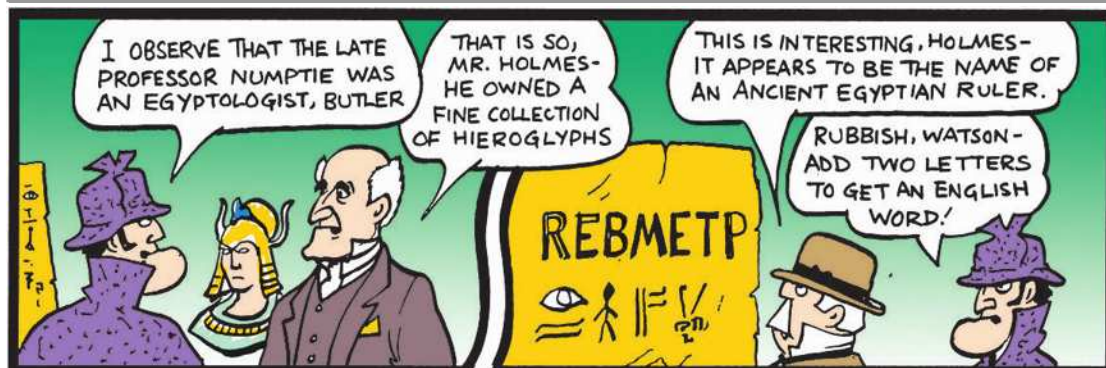
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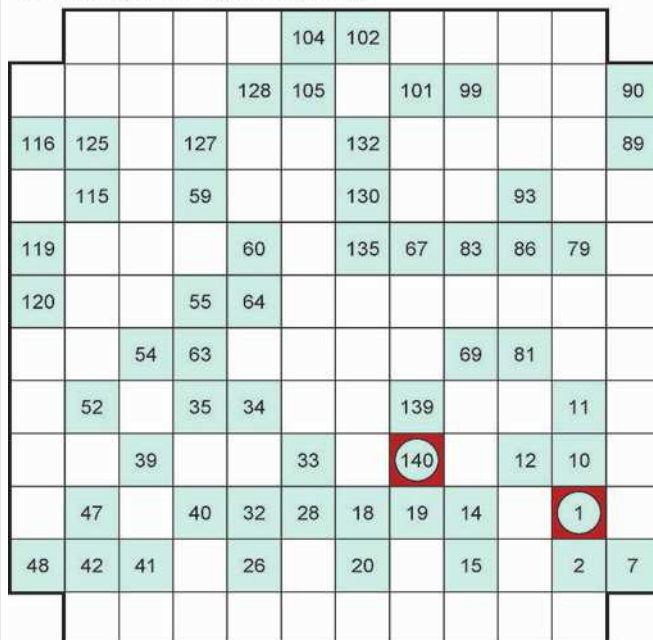
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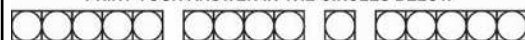
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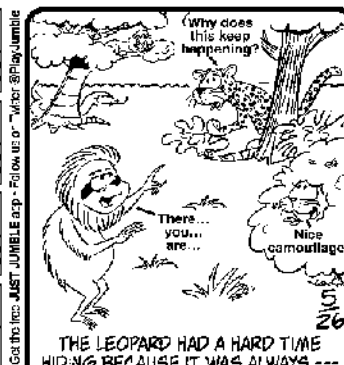
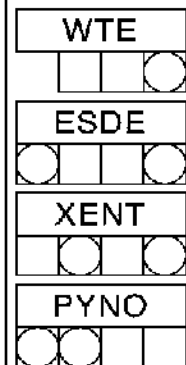
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The letters of these crazy words are all mixed up. To play the game, put them back into the right order so that they make real words you can find in your dictionary. Write the letters of each real word under each crazy word, but only one letter to a square.



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SUNDAY EVENING TV													LIVE SPORTS	MOVIES	REALITY					
	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM								
2 WCBS	CBS 2 News at 6:30PM (N)	60 Minutes (N)		60 Minutes (N)		Elsbeth - A socialite's perfect new husband goes missing.		Elsbeth - The world's top tennis champion drops dead on the court.		CBS 2 News at 11PM (N)	(11:35) CBS 2 News (N)	Joel Osteen								
3 WJLP	Collector (N)	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	All in the Family	All in the Family	All in the Family	All in the Family	Ed Sullivan	Carol Burnett	Dick Van Dyke	Dick Van Dyke	Honeymoon.								
4 WNBC	NBC Nightly News (N)	Weakest Link		JURASSIC WORLD: FALLEN KINGDOM ('18) ★★ Bryce Dallas Howard, Jeff Goldblum, Chris Pratt. - Owen and Claire return to Isla Nublar to save the remaining dinosaurs from an erupting volcano. (P)					News 4 NY at 11 (N)		News 4 NY at 11:30 (N)	Sports Final (N)								
5 WNYW	(6:00) ★ NASCAR Cup Series - Coca-Cola 600 - From Charlotte Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C. (N)								The 10 O'Clock News (N)		Fox 5 Sports Extra (N)	Raw Travel	TMZ							
7 WABC	ABC World News (N)	America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		Eyewitness News at 11 (N)		The Rookie								
9 WWOR	(6:00) ★ Chicago	Chicago P.D.		Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Whacked								
10/55 WLNY	(6:00) ★ Climate	Inside Ed. (N)	The Point	CBS News Sunday Morning (N)			Paid Prog.		Judge Judy	Paid Prog.	WOW - Women (N)		Family Guy							
11 WPIX	Mercy Ships	THE BLIND SIDE ('09) ★★★ Tim McGraw, Quinton Aaron, Sandra Bullock.		PIX11 News at Ten (N)					Sports (N)		Yankees (N)		Two Half Men							
13 WNET	Our Eyes	WE SAID NO! NO! A STORY OF C...		National Memorial Day Concert 2024 (N)			National Memorial Day Concert 2024			Nina		Austin								
21 WLII	Weekend (N)	Great Performances			Love Train: The Sound of Philadelphia			Culture Club: Live at Wembley			Raising Mentally									
25 WNYE	(6:00) ★ Aktina TV	Buzz	Profiles	On Story	A Day's Work	Her Big Idea	Neighborh	Nightmare Theatre				Final Landing								
31 WPXN	(6:00) ★ NCIS	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS								
41 WFUT2	★ Detectives	Dateline		Dateline		Dateline		Most Shocking				Shocking								
47 WNJU	Noticias T (N)	Top Chef VIP (N)			La casa de los famosos (N)			Noticias Telemundo (N)		Noticiero 47	Noticias T	Zona mixta (N)								
A&E	(5:30) ★ KONG: SKULL ISLAND ('17) ★★★	Biography - Eddie Guerrero's destiny was already written. (N)			Secrets of the Hells Angels (N)			(11:05) Secrets-Hells		Biography										
AMC	(5:30) ★ GLADIATOR ★★★	Joaquin Phoenix, Connie Nielsen, Russell Crowe.			Interview With the Vampire (N)			(10:15) Interview With the Vampire		Interview With the Vampire										
ANPL	(6:00) ★ Wardens	Wardens of the North		Wardens of the North		Wardens of the North (N)		Wardens of the North		Wardens of the North		Wardens								
BBCA	(5:00) ★ BLACK HAWK DOWN ('01) ★★★	ZERO DARK THIRTY ('12) ★★★ Jason Clarke, Joel Edgerton, Jessica Chastain.			BLACK HAWK DOWN ★★★															
BET	(5:00) ★ ACRIMONY ('18) ★	Taraji P. Henson.		TYLER PERRY'S MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION ('06) ★★ Blair Underwood, Lynn Whitfield, Tyler Perry.					Martin	Martin	Martin									
BRV	★ Housewives	Housewives of NJ		Housewives of NJ (N)		Summer House (N)		Housewives of NJ		The Real Housewives of Dubai		Vanderpump								
CBSSN	★ Weightlift	Basketball - Military Basketball Association: Championship (N)				Poker Night	Poker Night	PBR Bull Riding - PBR World Finals: UTB, Round 1				PBR								
CNBC	★ SharkTank	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank								
CNN	★ Newsroom	CNN Newsroom (N)		The Eighties - VCRs; remote controls; family sitcoms; adult dramas.				The Nineties - A wide range of shows, from sitcoms to dramas.				See It Loud								
COM	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	(11:35) Office	SouthPark								
DISN	Hailey's on It!	Big City Greens	Big City Greens	ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN ('06) ★★ Ray Romano.			(9:40) Hamster &	(10:05) Hamster&	Big City Greens	Big City Greens	Phineas	Ladybug								
DSC	(6:00) ★ Naked and Afraid XL (N)	Naked and Afraid XL (N)			(10:05) Expedition From Hell (N)			(11:10) Naked and Afraid		Afraid XL										
E!	(5:00) ★ COUPLES RETREAT	COUPLES RETREAT ('09) ★★ Jason Bateman, Jon Favreau, Vince Vaughn.					KNOCKED UP ('07) ★★★ Katherine Heigl, Paul Rudd, Seth Rogen.													
ESPN	★ Countdown	MLB Baseball - Chicago Cubs at St. Louis Cardinals - From Busch Stadium in St. Louis. (N)						SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)										
ESPN2	(6:00) ★ UFC 302	Featured	Softball - NCAA Tournament, Super Regional: Teams TBA (N)			Softball - NCAA Tournament, Super Regional: Teams TBA (N)			F1 Racing - Monaco Grand Prix											
FAM	(4:45) ★ THE LION KING ★★	(7:25) FINDING NEMO ('03) ★★★★★ Voices of Ellen DeGeneres, Albert Brooks.			(9:55) FINDING DORY ('16) ★★★ Ellen DeGeneres.			ARISTOCATS												
FBN	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Joel Osteen								
FNC	(6:00) ★ FoxReport	The Big Weekend Show (N)		Life, Liberty & Levin (N)		Sunday Night (N)		The Big Weekend Show		Life, Liberty & Levin		Sunday Night								
FOOD	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Ciao House (N)			Alex vs America			Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Ciao House								
FX	★ PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: AT WORLD'S END			PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: ON STRANGER TIDES ('11) ★★ Penélope Cruz, Johnny Depp.						PEARL HARBOR ('01) ★★ Ben Affleck.										
HALL	★ OCTOBER KISS	BLIND DATE BOOK CLUB ('24) Robert Buckley, Erin Krakow.			When Calls the Heart (N)			WINTER CASTLE ('19) Kevin McGarry, Emilie Ullerup.			HEARTS DOW...									
HBO	(6:20) ★ BATMAN V SUPERMAN: DAWN OF JUSTICE ('16) ★★	Ben Affleck.			The Sympathizer (N) (SF)			The Jinx: Part Two (N) (SF)			The Sympathizer			Sympathi						
HGTV	Beach	Home Town		Home Town (N)		Home Town (N)		House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	Home Town								
HIST	(6:00) ★ Brands	Mega-Brands		Mega-Brands		Mega-Brands		(10:05) Mega-Brands	(11:05) Mega-Brands		(12:05) Brands									
HLN	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files								
ID	★ Psychopath	Psychopath		Evil Lives Here		People Magazine (N)		48 Hours on ID (N)		48 Hours on ID		People								
IFC	★ TRADING PL...	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond								
LIFE	(6:00) ★ CRUISE SHIP MURDER ('24) Skye Coyne.	PRETTY WOMAN ('90) ★★★ Julia Roberts, Ralph Bellamy, Richard Gere.						(11:05) YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE HERE												
LIFEMOV	(6:00) ★ BABY MONITOR MURDERS ('20)	FAMILY PICTURES ('19) Elisabeth Rohm, Justina Machado.			MY NANNY STOLE MY LIFE ('24) Jonathan Stoddard.			FAMILY PICT...												
LOGO	Mama's Family	Mama's Family	Mama's Family	Mama's Family	Mama's Family	Mama's Family	Mama's Family	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny								
MAX	(6:20) ★ INSIDIOUS: CHAPTER 3 ('15) ★★	YOU'RE NEXT ('11) ★★ Sharni Vinson.			(9:35) THE OTHER SIDE OF THE DOOR ('16) ★★			(11:10) FREEDOMLAND ('06) ★★												
MSG	Rangers Playoff Postgame		Rangers Playoff Postgame		The Bettor		Rangers Playoff Postgame		Rangers Playoff Postgame		The Juice Bar	The Juice Bar	Postgame							
MSGSN	(6:00) ★ PWHL - Walter Cup Final: Boston at Minnesota (N)	The Bettor			United Fight Alliance		World Poker Tour: Season 20		World Poker Tour: Season 20		Tennis-RG									
MSNBC	(6:00) ★ Sunday	The ReidOut		The Rachel Maddow Show (N)				Turning Point		To End All War: Oppenheimer & the Atomic Bomb										
MTV	Ridiculousness	Ridiculousness	Ridiculousness	Ridiculous (N)	Ridiculous (N)	Ridiculous (N)	Ridiculous (N)	Ridiculousness	Ridiculousness	Ridiculousness	Ridiculousness	Ridiculousness								
NGEO	(6:00) ★ W. Tuna	Wicked Tuna		Wicked Tuna (N)		Wicked Tuna (N)		Drain the Oceans (N)		Wicked Tuna		Wicked Tuna								
NICK	★ BOSS BABY 2...	Fairly Odd	Fairly Odd	Patrick Star	Patrick Star	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	(11:35) Friends	(12:10) Friends								
OWN	★ 20/ 20, OWN	20/20 on OWN			20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN									
OXY	(6:00) ★ Snapped	Sins of the South (N)		Sins of the South		Florida Man Murders		Florida Man Murders		Snapped		Snapped								
PARMT	(5:55) ★ Yellowst.	(7:10) Yellowstone		(8:20) Yellowstone			(9:25) Yellowstone		(10:35) Yellowstone		(11:40) Yellowstone									
PARSHO	13 HOURS: THE SECRET SOLDIERS OF BENGHAZI ('16) ★★ James Badge Dale.			The Chi (N)			SAVING PRIVATE RYAN ('98) ★★★★★ Edward Burns, Tom Sizemore, Tom Hanks.													
SMITH	★ Unearthed	Angkor Revealed		On the Fly: Adventures at Altitude		How Did They Fix That?		How Did They Build That?		On the Fly: Adventures at Altitude		How Did They								
SNY	(5:00) ★ Classics	Oh Yeah ...	Oh Yeah ...	Broadway Boxing			Klecko 73		SportsNite (N)		SportsNite (N)	SportsNite (N)								
STARZ	(6:20) ★ THE HUNGER GAMES: THE BALLAD OF SONGBIRDS & SNAKES ('23) ★★	JURASSIC WORLD DOMINION ('22) ★★ Bryce Dallas Howard, Chris Pratt.			HALLOWEEN ENDS ('22) ★★															
STZNC	(4:55) ★ JAWS	BAIT ('12) Phoebe Tonkin, Xavier Samuel.			(8:35) 47 METERS DOWN ('17) ★★ Claire Holt.		(10:10) OPEN WATER ('03) ★★ ★★ Blanchard Ryan.		OPEN WATER 2: ADRIFT ('06)											
SUND	(5:45) ★ COMMANDO ('85) ★★	(7:45) THE RUNNING MAN ('87) ★★ Maria Conchita Alonso, Arnold Schwarzenegger.			PREDATOR ('87) ★★ ★★ Carl Weathers, Jesse Ventura, Arnold Schwarzenegger.															
SYFY	★ MUMMY RET...	THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW ('04) ★★ Jake Gyllenhaal, Ian Holm, Dennis Quaid.					NO TIME TO DIE ('21) ★★ ★★ Rami Malek, Léa Seydoux, Daniel Craig.													
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	PITCH PERFECT ('12) ★★ ★★ Anna Kendrick.										
TCM	(5:00) ★ THE GREAT ESCAPE ('63) ★★ ★★	MEMPHIS BELLE: A STORY OF A ...			THE COLD BLUE ('18) (P)		The Cold B		(11:15) THE BEST YEARS OF OUR LIVES											
TLC	(6:00) ★ 90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After?	90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? (N)			MILF Manor (N)		90 Day Fiancé (N)		90 Day Fiancé											
TMC	(6:35) SCRAPPER ('23) Lola Campbell.	DADDY'S HOME ('15) ★★ Will Ferrell. (P)			(9:40) THIS IS WHERE I LEAVE YOU ('14) ★★ Jason Bateman.		DIO: DREAMERS NEVER DIE													
TNT	(4:30) ★ AQUAMAN ('18) ★★	Tip-Off (N)		NBA Basketball - Minnesota Timberwolves at Dallas Mavericks - Western Conference Final, Game 3. (N)					Inside the NBA (N)		Rich (N)									
TOON	★ BUFFY THE V...	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	American Dad!	American Dad!	American Dad!	American Dad!	Rick and Morty	Rick and Morty	Smiling/ Smiling								
TRUTV	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes		Tip-Off (N)		NBA Basketball - AltCast: Minnesota Timberwolves at Dallas Mavericks (N)				Inside the NBA (N)		#Handles (N)								
TRVL	★ Paranormal	Paranormal Caught on Camera			Paranormal Caught on Camera (N)			Paranormal Caught on Camera		Paranormal Caught on Camera		Paranormal								
TVLND	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Two Half Men	Two Half Men	Two Half Men	Two Half Men	Two Half Men	Two Half Men	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld								
USA	(6:00) ★ Law-SVU	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law-SVU								
VH1	(6:00) ★ MEN IN BLACK II ('02) ★★	DADDY'S HOME ('15) ★★ Mark Wahlberg, Linda Cardellini, Will Ferrell. (P)			THE COOKOUT ('04) ★ Tim Meadows, Jenifer Lewis, Ja Rule.															
WE	(6:00) ★ Law	Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order								
YES	(4:00) ★ Baseball	Yankees Postgame (N)		SportsMoney	Yankeeography - Dave Winfield		Yanks Mag.	MLB Baseball - New York Yankees at San Diego Padres												

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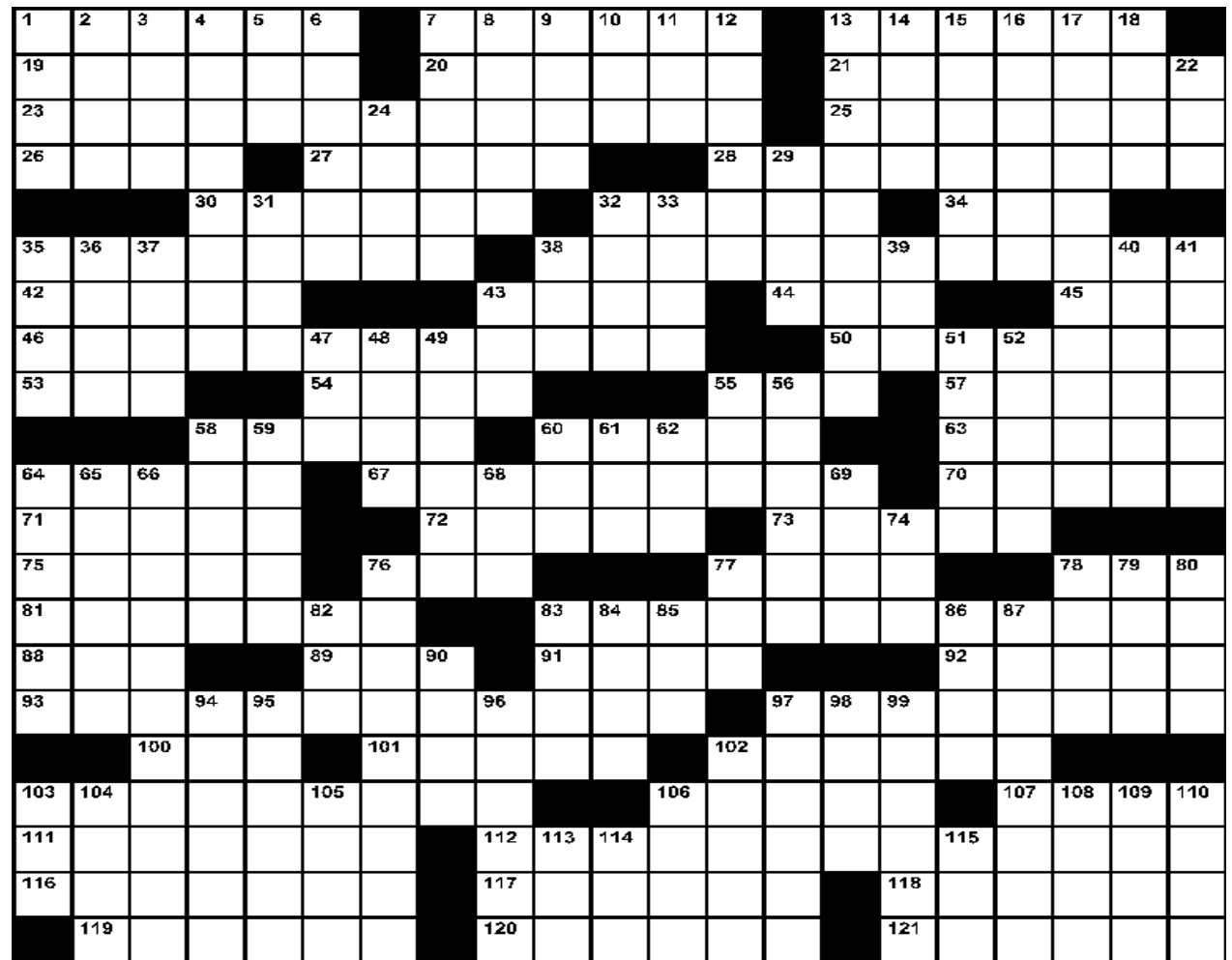
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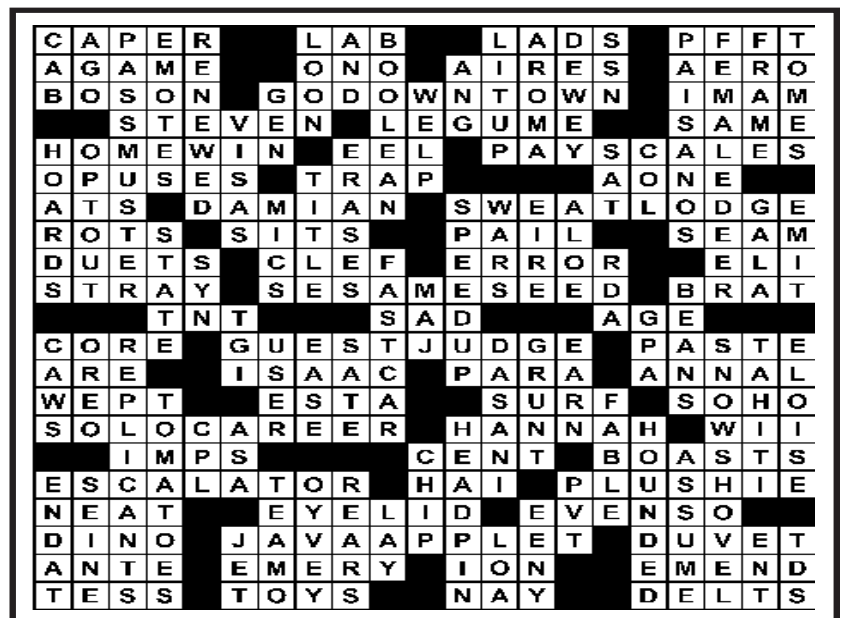
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Juan Soto seems to be fitting in nicely with the Yankees. Will Hal Steinbrenner open his checkbook to keep him?

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SEEN THIS BEFORE

Severino flirts with no-hitter, but bullpen collapses as Mets fall to Giants for fifth straight loss

BY ABBEY MASTRACCO
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

For the second time this season, Luis Severino flirted with a no-hitter. And for the second time this season, the Mets would spoil his outing.

Closer Edwin Diaz allowed the San Francisco Giants to score the tying run in the top of the ninth, blowing his fourth save of the year, and right-hander Sean Reid-Foley was charged with five runs (none earned) in the 10th inning of the Mets' 7-2 loss on Saturday afternoon at Citi Field.

"Right now, we're not finishing games," said manager Carlos Mendoza. "And they're tough losses. At the end of the day, we've got to find a way."

In the top of the 10th, Reid-Foley (1-2) gave up an RBI single to Brett Wisley and things continued to devolve from there.

Luis Matos singled and Thairo Estrada reached on an error to load the bases with no outs. He issued a bases-loaded walk to Patrick Bailey.

Trailing 4-2, Reid-Foley got two more outs before the Mets replaced him with left-hander Josh Walker, who gave up a bases-clearing triple to Mike Yastrzemski.

It was the fifth straight loss for the Mets (21-30). They continue to sink even lower in May, having won only six games in the month (6-16).

The leaders of the team, while disappointed in this disastrous month, are still trying to remain optimistic. Mendoza continues to emphasize maintaining a positive outlook, a narrative the fans are not taking kindly to. But there is no easy fix or any one thing that can change the trajectory of a season overnight.

"It's not all a team meeting, it's not all rah rah," said shortstop Francisco Lindor. "It's about getting it done."

Diaz had blown three straight saves coming into the game, but pitched well the night prior in a low-leverage inning. The closer lost his confidence and lost some of the life on his fastball as of late and the Mets didn't use him for six days. When they finally did, he pitched with a three-run lead in the seventh inning of Friday's series-opener.

Reed Garrett would eventually blow that lead, but Diaz said he came away from his Friday outing feeling more like the closer from 2022 than the one in 2024 who has already blown three saves and given up five home runs.

It was enough to convince Mendoza that his closer was back.

"My job is to continue to find lanes for him," Mendoza said. "He's got to fight through it. He's got to pitch. He's too good of a pitcher. I'm pretty confident that he'll turn

it around."

Despite the end result, Diaz thinks he's turning it around.

"I feel pretty good today," Diaz said. "I feel I was making better pitchers and commanded my fastball, really good, both glove-side and away. I didn't throw many sliders today because I feel like my fastball had good life. Just repeat the last two outings, [I'll] get better results."

Former Mets infielder Wilmer Flores jumped on the first pitch from Diaz in the ninth, singling to left. A stolen base by pinch-runner Ryan McKenna put a runner in scoring position with two outs in and pinch-hitter LaMonte Wade Jr. got two fastballs, including one over the plate, and lined it to right field to score McKenna.

Starling Marte gunned down Wade at second base to prevent further damage.

Brett Baty then made a tough throw across the diamond and Pete Alonso made a tough pick at first base to get Curt Casali for the third out.

Marte put the Mets on the board in the second with his sixth homer of the season off right-hander Jordan Hicks. The Mets held a 1-0 lead until the top of the sixth when the Giants (27-26) pushed one across the board.

Severino carried a no-hitter into the sixth inning, and he turned in an ace-like performance with seven strong innings before turning the ball over to set-up man Adam Ottavino. Wisely broke up his no-hit bid with a single to left field with one out in the sixth. Matos then walked and Estrada reached on a force-out, putting runners on the corners with only one out.

Bailey lined one to left to score Wisley and tie the game at 1-1. The catcher/DH has driven in six runs in two games against the Mets this weekend.

The right-hander held the Giants to one earned run on two hits, walked three and struck out six.

"He was really, really good," Mendoza said. "His fastball had life, the sinker to righties, the sweeper — I mean, everything seemed like everything was working today ... He was in complete control of the game today."

At least, until the end.

Baty and Marte each hit home runs, with Baty slugging the go-ahead shot off right-hander Sean Hjelle in the bottom of the seventh to break a 1-1 tie. The third baseman was elated rounding the bases and the Mets' dugout looked just as excited.

The elation lasted as long as the lead did.

"I mean, we're not winning. That's that's the issue," Severino said. "As a team, that's what we want to do — win games, to go out there and give 100 percent. And we've been really close, but it's been really tough to just get to that at the end."

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Edwin Díaz walks off the mound in the ninth inning in Saturday's loss to the Giants. GETTY



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Alvarez takes BP for 1st time since thumb surgery

Francisco Alvarez was seen walking around Citi Field with a smile as wide as Broadway on Saturday morning. Finally, the Mets catcher was cleared to take batting practice with the team for the first time since undergoing UCL thumb surgery in Los Angeles in April.

It's a benchmark he had yet to clear in his rehab, and while other steps still need to be taken before he can return to action, it's a big step nonetheless.

"I'm very happy with how I'm feeling and very happy with how everything is going," Alvarez said Saturday at Citi Field before the Mets fell 7-2 to the San Francisco Giants in 10 innings.

Alvarez drew a crowd as he took bunts and full swings, hitting one 115 mph off the bat. No restrictions were placed on him and he swung the bat as he would any other day.

"He was really letting it eat out there," hitting coach Jeremy Barnes said. "He looked great."

It's a good sign for a beleaguered Mets squad that is missing a key cog in their lineup and a catcher who is popular with the pitching staff. The next step will be to take pitches from the machine, take live batting practice and catch 1-2 bullpens before the Mets send him out on a rehab assignment with a minor league affiliate.

He's hoping to return in a few weeks, but the timeline is still fluid.

"Whether it's a few more weeks or days, I don't know," Alvarez said. "It's how everything is going. If I keep feeling good, keep doing good, I don't feel nothing in my thumb, my body keeps feeling good, maybe a couple weeks."

Alvarez is able to do baseball activities while wearing a splint. It's not restrictive and it doesn't affect how he catches the baseball. If the ball hits the splint while in the mitt, he can feel it, but otherwise, he has no residual pain or soreness.

Alvarez has been getting advice from Kansas City Royals catcher Salvador Perez, who had the same injury on his catching hand in 2022. The Venezuelan backstops are familiar with one another from training in Miami and Alvarez has found Perez's experiences with the



injury helpful.

"He told me how it's gone, and asked how it's going for me," Alvarez said. "He said to use the splint and be careful after hitting. And he tells me to take my time."

LINDOR'S STRANGE K

With the Mets up 2-0 in the bottom of the seventh and facing right-hander Randy Rodriguez, short-stop Francisco Lindor bizarrely struck out without even taking the bat off of his shoulder. Rodriguez replaced Sean Hjelle with one out and a runner on second. Lindor was the guy the Mets wanted up in that situation, having recorded multi-hit games in each of his last three and four of his last five.

Batting from the left side, the switch-hitter worked the count full. But on the sixth pitch, Lindor didn't so much as even flinch. He stood straight up as if not ready to receive a pitch, despite giving the OK to Rodriguez. Lindor looked at a called third strike on the outside corner of the plate with the bat still resting firmly on his shoulder.

The broadcasters were in disbelief. Longtime radio play-by-play man Howie Rose wondered if home plate umpire CB Bucknor hadn't heard Lindor call for time. SNY's Gary Cohen said it looked like Lindor had been intending to take the pitch all along.

Cohen was correct.

Lindor was hoping Rodriguez would throw it out of the zone. He threw the first pitch of the at-bat out of the zone and Lindor took the second one — both sliders. Rodriguez then threw two four-seamers for balls to fall behind 3-1.

Lindor swung through a slider for strike two and decided he would lay off the next pitch, anticipating another fastball outside of the zone.

"I wasn't picking up the spin on that pitch," he said. "I just felt like, I'm not picking it up, so I've got a better chance right now of seeing something. Since the other pitches weren't strikes, I just took that pitch. I've got to live with it."

BY GARY PHILLIPS
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

SAN DIEGO — Back when Omar Minaya held the title of assistant general manager with the Mets, a young Phillies intern named A.J. Preller introduced himself.

A recent Cornell grad, Preller's passion for scouting and New York City roots gave him and Minaya a few things in common. A strong connection formed over the years, and Minaya eventually found himself working for Preller when the Padres named the latter their general manager in August 2014.

"We've always had a great relationship," Minaya, now a senior adviser with the Yankees, told the Daily News. "I have a lot of respect for him as an evaluator. He's a good evaluator, and he's a scout. The thing I like about him is he's a scout."

Prior to the Yankees starting a three-game series in San Diego on Friday, Minaya explained how that relationship played a key role when the Bombers sought to acquire Juan Soto from Preller's Padres over the offseason. They ultimately did after Minaya worked as a self-described "middleman" between Preller and his pinstriped counterpart, Brian Cashman.

A former general manager with the Mets and Expos, Minaya said Cashman designated him to "start the conversation" with Preller. With trades coming down to relationships more often than the public might realize, Minaya's rapport with Preller made him the obvious choice for such a task as the outfield-needy Yankees pursued the generational Soto.

That pursuit began in earnest this past November at the GM Meetings in Arizona, where Minaya, Cashman and Preller began discussing the parameters for a seven-player trade that saw the Yankees surrender pitchers Michael King, Drew Thorpe, Jhony Brito and Randy Vásquez, as well as catcher Kyle Higashioka.

In addition to Soto, the Yanks imported backup outfielder Trent Grisham.

"Right out of the gate, it started, Omar Minaya — who used to work with A.J. Preller — and I met with A.J. out in Scottsdale to make sure that A.J. knew how serious we were," Cashman, who declined to be interviewed for this story, said after the Yankees completed trades for Soto and Alex Verdugo. "We were very vocal in public that we were looking for not just one left-handed outfield bat, but two, especially with the Jasson Domínguez [UCL] injury."

Minaya said that his job was to make it clear from the get-go that the Yankees would not part with certain players. Domínguez and Spencer Jones, another top outfield prospect and San Diego native, were among them.

"If we're not going to clean it up, we're not going to waste our time on this," Minaya said.

Once the off-limits player pool was understood, Preller, who was not available to comment for this



story, began whittling his choices down. Minaya, meanwhile, sympathized with Preller's need for quality and quantity, as the Padres had sacrificed a large, talented package to acquire Soto from the Nationals in 2022.

Minaya said the Yankees knew they would have to give up five players or so, depending on who Preller wanted. With the Padres desperate for starting pitching, Minaya said "there's no doubt King had to be in it" following the righty's successful transition to the rotation at the end of last season.

"Then it was about the other guys," he continued.

Minaya said the Yankees did not entertain a combination that included King and Clarke Schmidt, who has taken off in his second full season as a starter.

Instead, Preller settled on

Thorpe, a highly-touted prospect, and Brito and Vásquez, two controllable arms who gained big league experience in 2023. San Diego also needed a catcher, and Higashioka had already been pegged as an odd man out on the Yankees' depth chart.

"It was really clean," Minaya said. "It wasn't complicated."

That said, the Yankees and Padres didn't come to terms over that one meeting in Arizona. Instead, Minaya maintained contact with Preller for the next few weeks, and the two met for a second time at a restaurant in New York during Thanksgiving weekend.

Over a pasta dinner, the executives made sure that they were on the same page before heading to the Winter Meetings in early December.

"It was old school," Minaya said.

"This thing was not done via text. It was done verbally [in-person] or by phone. A lot of times now, trades are done by text or by email. This was not done like that."

Minaya added that the Yankees expected the trade to happen by the time the baseball world converged on Nashville's Gaylord Opryland Resort for the Winter Meetings.

"Pretty much 80% of the structure of the deal was in place already," Minaya said.

The two teams announced the trade late on Dec. 6, hours after the Yankees' delegation had left Tennessee. Preller, still at the hotel, noted how "aggressive" the Yankees had been when he addressed reporters after midnight.

"They were pretty clear, and everybody understood they had a need," Preller said. "Juan is an incredible player and fit the need

really well. So when you have two teams that line up and you have a team that's calling you consistently, you usually get a feel that this is something that has a chance to happen."

While Minaya's relationship with Preller certainly helped foster a match, he emphasized that landing Soto took a group effort.

The Yankees had a large contingent at the Winter Meetings, including Aaron Boone, Matt Blake, assistant GM Michael Fishman, director of baseball operations Matt Ferry, director of pro scouting Matt Daley, vice president of player development Kevin Reese and vice president of baseball operations Tim Lincecum. With so many moving pieces — and Soto projected to make over \$30 million in arbitration a year before possibly fetching a \$500 million contract in



Former Mets GM Omar Minaya, now a senior adviser with the Yankees, played a big role in helping the Bombers land Juan Soto from the Padres. GETTY

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free agency — Cashman wanted to hear multiple perspectives before pulling the trigger.

“These deals take a while because Cash believes in collaboration,” Minaya said. “So this trade was done because we as a group collaborated. Everybody had an opinion. You had some veteran scouts, you had the data department, and then this is a financial deal, too. So there’s a lot of components in this that have to have a say on it. And Cash does a great job bringing all of us together.”

Fast forward six months, and Soto has had a transformational impact on the first-place Yankees after they missed the playoffs last year. With 13 homers, 41 RBI and a .312/.409/.563 slash line, the 25-year-old has heard MVP chants from a fanbase that has quickly come to adore him.

The feeling has been mutual.

“I just gotta turn around and they go crazy,” Soto said Wednesday. “I know it’s a lot of Dominicans. They all want me to say hi. I try to say hi to everybody, but I gotta be focused on the game, too. But it’s really cool to see all that stuff out there and see how crazy they go.”

Still, it’s too soon to know if Soto will stay in the Bronx long-term. He and the Yankees have said they’re open to in-season negotiations, but Scott Boras clients typically test free agency.

As for the Padres, King has mostly been solid for the second-place club, although a few rough outings have inflated his ERA to 4.28 after 11 games (10 starts). He most recently allowed three runs over 6.2 innings in a win over the Reds on Wednesday. He won’t face the

Yankees, whom he pitched for from 2019-2023, in San Diego.

Brito has been serviceable out of the bullpen, recording a 3.96 ERA over his first 16 games. Meanwhile, the Padres flipped Thorpe in a deal for ex-White Sox ace Dylan Cease, who will take a 3.05 ERA into his scheduled Saturday start.

Vásquez, who has been optioned a few times, Higashioka and Grisham have all struggled in their new surroundings, but the Yankees and Padres have both benefitted from their offseason blockbuster. The Yankees have reaped greater rewards thus far after acquiring the only superstar involved, but Minaya believes it’s safe to say both sides remain pleased with the agreement they made.

“I think so,” he said. “I know I can speak for us. We’re happy with the trade.”

With Jon Berti’s health in doubt, Yankees won’t activate DJ LeMahieu early

BY GARY PHILLIPS
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

SAN DIEGO — Innings after the Yankees had put the hurt on Padres pitcher Yu Darvish, Jon Berti left Friday’s 8-0 win in actual pain.

After hitting a grounder to the right side in the finale frame, Berti took two steps out of the batter’s box before tumbling to the ground. The infielder remained there for several minutes before trainers helped him off the field.

Berti could not put any weight on his left side as he hobbled to the Yankees’ clubhouse at Petco Park.

“It looks like a calf injury,” Aaron Boone said Friday. “Just grabbed on him out of the box. So we’ll see what we have. I’m sure we’ll get imaging and all that. But obviously the way he walked off looked like he got it pretty good.”

On Saturday, the Yankees placed Berti on the 10-day injured list with a calf strain. Boone later said that the team initially feared an Achilles injury.

“All the tests they were able to do after the game kind of ruled that out,” the manager said as Berti underwent an MRI to determine the severity of his strain. “That said, I’ve had a calf strain, probably more minor than the one he’s got, and I know it takes some time. So we’ll see what we have and see what the timeframe is.”

Acquired from the Marlins hours before Opening Day, Berti had already spent time on the IL this season. A left groin strain put him on the shelf from April 13 to May 4.

A speedster with some contact skills, Berti has hit .273 with one homer, six RBI and four stolen bases over 17 games. The Yankees were hoping he would be a serious boost to their bench, as he’s capable of playing all over the diamond despite only manning third base with the team thus far.

Berti is arbitration-eligible this offseason, so the Yankees traded for him with the idea of using him next season as well.

“He’s a really good complement to our team,” Boone said. “The speed he brings, the defense he

brings. We haven’t seen the defensive versatility that he has just because third base has been the spot. He gives you that quality at-bat at the bottom of the order. He’s a good player, and hopefully this is something that doesn’t knock him down too long because he does become a very important part of our bench moving forward, too.”

Berti has only played third, a position he’s shared with Oswaldo Cabrera, because DJ LeMahieu has been recovering from a non-displaced fracture in his right foot.

For the past week, the Yankees have said that the plan is for LeMahieu to make his 2024 debut on Tuesday when the team is in Anaheim.

That plan isn’t changing.

“No,” Boone said when asked if LeMahieu would be activated early. “Assuming it’s an IL [for Berti], we’ll bring somebody else for a couple of days. We want DJ to at least get his next two [rehab games] on Saturday and Sunday in Scranton.”

That somebody ended up being Kevin Smith. The Yankees cleared a 40-man roster spot for the light-hitting infielder by placing LeMahieu on the 60-day IL. A procedural move, LeMahieu can still be activated in Anaheim.

BURDI BACK ON IL

On Friday, the Yankees placed Nick Burdi on the 15-day IL with right hip inflammation for the second time this season.

Boone said the injury “flared up” again. The Yankees will let the inflammation “calm down” for a few days before assessing next steps.

“I don’t know how long it’s going to be,” Boone said.

Burdi has been sharp when healthy, recording a 1.86 ERA over 9.2 innings. However, the right-hander has a long injury history.

The Yankees promoted Yoendrys Gómez in Burdi’s place. The young righty struck out the side in the ninth inning on Friday, but he’s likely just a stopgap with Ian Hamilton expected to return from the COVID-19 IL on Sunday.



Yankees’ Jon Berti stays down after an injury while batting during Friday’s game against the Padres. AP



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SHOOTING FROM THE LIP

Soto is the story of the Yankees, but is his success 'sustainable?'

Just like that, Jalen Brunson is last season and Juan Soto and Aaron Judge aren't just very much in season, they're the ones who are the biggest sports stars in town. It's different with the Rangers, who are very much still going after Friday night. Somehow with them, as they're having this moment of their own, still alive for their first Stanley Cup in 30 years that feel like more to their fans, it's as if the whole team is the star.

But right now in New York, there really is the kind of vibe we used to get around here at this time of year in the middle and late '90s, when you could almost see the big, big-city spotlight suddenly turning from 33rd St. and the Garden, to 161st St. in the Bronx, focusing squarely on the old Stadium in those days, and on the Yankees. As if the baseball season were starting all over again.

In those days, once they'd become Joe Torre's Yankees, all they did was win, even as the heart-break Knicks kept falling short. But now the Yankees haven't won the World Series or played in one since '09, which is why there is as much wanting with Yankee fans for their team to be truly big again as we just saw with Knicks fans.

The difference is this:

The Knicks weren't going to win it all this year, as much fun as they were and as flinty as they were playing through their injuries, the ride they gave everybody until last Sunday afternoon. The Yankees, however, can win it all. Across this first third of the season, even without Gerrit Cole, they have looked like the best team in baseball, even if the Phillies have a better record. Somehow this season that did begin without their ace — really the ace of the whole sport a year ago — has turned into a dream season for a team that barely finished above .500 last year.

Normally you would say, just off what we've seen so far, is that it all starts with the way their starters have performed absent Cole. But Yankee fans know



Juan Soto has proven himself to be the superstar the Yankees thought they were getting when they traded for him over the offseason. Now, it's up to GM Brian Cashman (opposite) and the front office to keep him in pinstripes for a long time. AP

better. All baseball fans know better. The story of this season is that Juan Soto has been every bit the game-changer — or drink-stirrer — that the Yankees could ever have hoped he would be.

That doesn't mean the Yankees are his team now. We've all seen, just over the past few weeks, and even with Soto hearing "MVP" chants at the Stadium, what a massive presence Aaron Judge still is with this team in all ways; how he is still the face of the Yankees; how his at-bats, even with him hitting behind Soto, are still the ones you don't want to miss. Suddenly he has turned his season around more quickly than balls off his bat are leaving ballparks. Remember: He was still under .200 on May 2. Look

where he is now, as exciting a home-run guy over this month as he was across the summer and into the fall when he was hitting .62 two years ago.

For now, and maybe for a long time, he and Soto really do look like the most formidable back-to-back presence the Yankees have had in a batting order since Roger Maris and Mickey Mantle back in '61. Soto, in so many ways, has been as important an acquisition for the Yankees as Shohei Ohtani has been for the Dodgers on the Other Coast. He has been that good. He has shown up here as advertised, getting a big hit on his first day in a Yankee uniform and really not stopping after that.

Certainly it is not just the two of them. It is the starting pitching,

too, and in lights. It is the way Clay Holmes, with one notable exception the other night against the Mariners, has been the best closer the Yankees have had since Mariano Rivera. HE has been that good. And Giancarlo Stanton — healthy so far, fingers crossed that it might last this time — isn't giving pitchers much of a chance to breathe even if they do manage to navigate their way past Juan and Judge, the J&J guys up there ahead of him in Aaron Boone's order. He and Judge and Soto all hit homers on Friday night as the Yankees pounded the Padres. It's not even June yet and Stanton, Judge, Soto have 43 home runs among them.

But you know that Soto's circumstances, with free agency

pending, add so much more drama to what is turning into a pretty dramatic Yankee season, especially now that the possibility of him perhaps working out a deal to remain a Yankee before he becomes a free agent at season's end has been gently put into play. Brian Cashman certainly didn't run from the conversation the other day, and then Hal Steinbrenner was talking about how much money the Yankees have coming off the books when this season was over.

"We didn't have a considerable amount of money coming off last offseason," Steinbrenner said, "which is why we're at where we're at."

In the interest of translation, what Hal means by "where

we're at" is a payroll that he once again said this week was not "sustainable."

From the time the Yankees traded for Soto, one of the numbers you have seen thrown around for him is a long-term deal in the neighborhood of \$500 million, just because he turned down nearly that much from the Nationals not too terribly long ago. I happen to think that number will turn out to be low, even in a world where Judge just signed a contract worth \$360 million what feels like twenty minutes ago.

Soto is represented by Scott Boras, you may have heard. Boras is the guy who once got the Rangers to pay Alex Rodriguez \$252 million because that just happened to be exactly twice the value of Kevin Garnett's basketball contract, the biggest in NBA history at the time. Yeah, I know. Boys with their toys.

Now Boras and Soto see the Dodgers pay \$700 million to Ohtani, no matter how much of that money is deferred. Of course, Ohtani is a star as a starting pitcher when his arm is healthy. That makes him, in his own unique way, beyond a generational talent, which is what we keep calling Soto. It makes Ohtani a talent out of another time, out of the early part of the last century, which means Babe Ruth when he was with the Red Sox.

Juan Soto doesn't pitch. But he is also nearly five years younger than Ohtani (who turns 30 on July 5), plays every day, and is one of the most complete hitters in the sport. He would be a perfect fit on anybody's team. But you already saw the kind of fit he was for the Yankees even while they were waiting for Judge to start hitting like Judge again.

So what if the Yankees do win it all this season? How does this play out with Soto if he elects to play out his contract? What if he's placing an even bigger bet on himself than Judge did two years ago?

You know what we might find out then?

Exactly what Hal's definition of "sustainable" is.



RANGERS NEEDED THAT ONE, METS RIGHT ON THE EDGE & FINALLY A WIDE-OPEN FIELD AT FRENCH OPEN ...

Who knows where the Rangers go from here, because we're seeing just how good the Florida Panthers are, and now much of a fair fight this is.

But now they've had Chris Kreider's third-period, close-out hat trick against Carolina in this run of theirs.

Then came an overtime win on Friday that they only needed about as much as they needed skates.

- It's Luka's world right now. The rest of us are just living in it.

- The more video we see from the Louisville police

about what happened with Scottie Scheffler last weekend at the PGA, the more it's looking as if maybe Scheffler didn't commit the Crime of the Century.

- By the fourth quarter of Game 7 between the Knicks and Pacers last Sunday, I wanted to do a wellness check on Celebrity Row.

- The Mets have to make very sure that the bottom doesn't fall out of their season on this homestand.

Or this could be the beginning of a rough summer for Mr. Cohen and for his ballclub at Citi Field.

- There is no funnier notion in town, because of the way the Knicks finished and because of the way the Rangers are still going that Jimmy Dolan is some kind of changed guy.

Spoiler alert? He's not, behind the scenes he's still the petty grudge holder he's always been.

- I keep wondering what vibe we're giving off to sports broadcasters that makes them think we care this much about who their favorite team is.

- Somebody should explain to Nuggets coach Michael Malone that after your defending champion basketball team

gets blown out by 45 points in a potential close-out game on the road and then loses Game 7 at home, it's kind of a bad look to be talking about "stupid" questions from the media when Game 7 is over.

But then this is the same guy who acted like an over-served frat boy at the Nuggets victory parade a year ago.

- If you love tennis, and I do, you know that the sketchy way Novak Djokovic has looked since he lost at the Australian Open to Jannik Sinner, this upcoming French Open has a chance to be the most wide-open major in

men's tennis in what feels like about 100 years.

By the way?

How in the world did Rafa Nadal, the greatest player in the history of Roland Garros, end up drawing Alexander Zverev in the first round?

Rafa lose a bet?

- Is Deion still reinventing college football?

Asking for college football.

- This offseason, Aaron Rodgers flirted with the idea of running as vice president with his friend "Bobby."

Maybe next year he'll be floating the idea of becoming an astronaut.

POOR START DOOMS LIBERTY

Big 2nd quarter not
enough in loss to Lynx



Jonquel Jones was held to just four points and six rebounds in Saturday's loss at Minnesota. AP



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At various points during Saturday's matinee, Jonquel Jones threw her hands to the sky in frustration.

She did it after being called for back-to-back personal fouls in the second quarter while the Minnesota Lynx were on their way to an early 21-point lead. It happened again after she disagreed with a questionable offensive foul called on her in the fourth while her team attempted a late comeback.

That same frustration was also on display in Thursday's home loss to the Chicago Sky. Jones' lack of rhythm due to foul trouble coincided with her team's slow start for a second consecutive game. She mustered just four points, six boards and three assists while shooting 1-for-5 in Saturday's 84-67 loss to the Lynx at Target Center.

"We need JJ. She's a key piece to what we're trying to do," Liberty head coach Sandy Brondello said postgame. The coach acknowledged Minnesota's physical defense on the former MVP, but noted "we need to work out how do we get her more open looks and get her into the game because she's important. If we get her scoring, it'll help the rest of us."

The Liberty showcased the same bad habits to start Saturday: poor communication on defense, stagnant offense, too many turnovers and an inability to score from deep.

Brondello's squad flipped a switch in the second half, but the lackadaisical start was too much to come back from.

After shortening a 21-point deficit and entering the fourth down eight, the Liberty managed to score just one field goal in the first six minutes of the period.

Lynx star Napheesa Collier essentially ended the game with a jumper that extended the lead to 18 with 2:55 remaining in regulation. Brondello then waved the white flag and directed her reserves to the scorers table.

It was a disappointing end to what seemed like a strong response to avoid the team's first losing streak of the season. The Libs failed to knock down momentum-shifting treys throughout the game. The Lynx shot 50% (14-28) from deep, which was way better than the Liberty's 24% (7-29).

"I think that defensively, we obviously weren't great — our rotations and scramble out," said Breanna Stewart. "They have shooters all across the floor... We have to rotate to them no matter what, no matter what the scramble is and some moments we didn't."

The Liberty's defense finally arrived minutes into the second quarter, getting the Lynx to commit 10 turnovers after trailing in the category, 7-1. The Liberty eventually went on a 24-6 run to end the second.

Poor second quarters have been the theme for the Liberty in the previous two games before Saturday's loss. The Libs

scored nine and 11 points, respectively, in that quarter against the Storm on Monday and Sky on Thursday. They were well on their way to another sluggish period, with the Lynx beginning the quarter on a 7-0 run, before Stewart and Courtney Vandersloot put the team on their backs.

Down 21 midway through the second, Stewart, who finished with a team-high 20 points and 11 rebounds, scored six straight. And the run became eight unanswered after Vandersloot picked Courtney Williams' pocket and finished with a layup on the other end. The run forced Lynx head coach Cheryl Reeve to call a timeout.

"I think Sloat and I were trying to light a spark and get things going," said Stewart.

The 2023 MVP added that the run eventually went for naught after the Lynx responded.

"We cut it and then we didn't," she added.

Leonie Fiebich came off the bench to hit two treys before halftime. Without Fiebich's

made threes, the team shot 2-for-14 from deep in the first half. And Vandersloot poured it on, contributing to 16 total team points in the period with assists and aggressive shot making. She recorded

seven points and four assists in the period, which helped the Liberty trail by just four at the half. Vandersloot eventually finished with 12 points on 5-of-12 shooting and six assists.

Fiebich logged 11 points in 19 minutes in the loss, both season-highs for the German who is looking to bolster the team's bench unit. The 24-year-old also shot 3-for-5 from deep.

"For me, it's always fun to be on the floor, to be around my teammates," she said. "I love to cut, I love to shoot the ball. And they put me in a good spot today and it certainly helps that the shots go in."

The Liberty eventually tied the game in the third, but failed to take the lead. With 1:45 remaining in the third, the Libs' deficit stretched to eight. Lynx guard Kayla McBride hit two treys that contributed to eight unanswered points within a minute. She hit two more threes overall (4-for-6) and finished with 14 points, five rebounds, five assists and two steals. The quick spurt showcased how the Lynx entered Saturday's matchup leading the WNBA in points per game (89.0).

The home team kept a comfortable lead throughout the fourth while the Liberty failed to get a spurt like they did in the second. Sabrina Ionescu carried her team to a win against the Storm on Monday after starting slow, but wasn't able to replicate that Saturday. She missed nine of 14 attempts for 13 points and one assist.

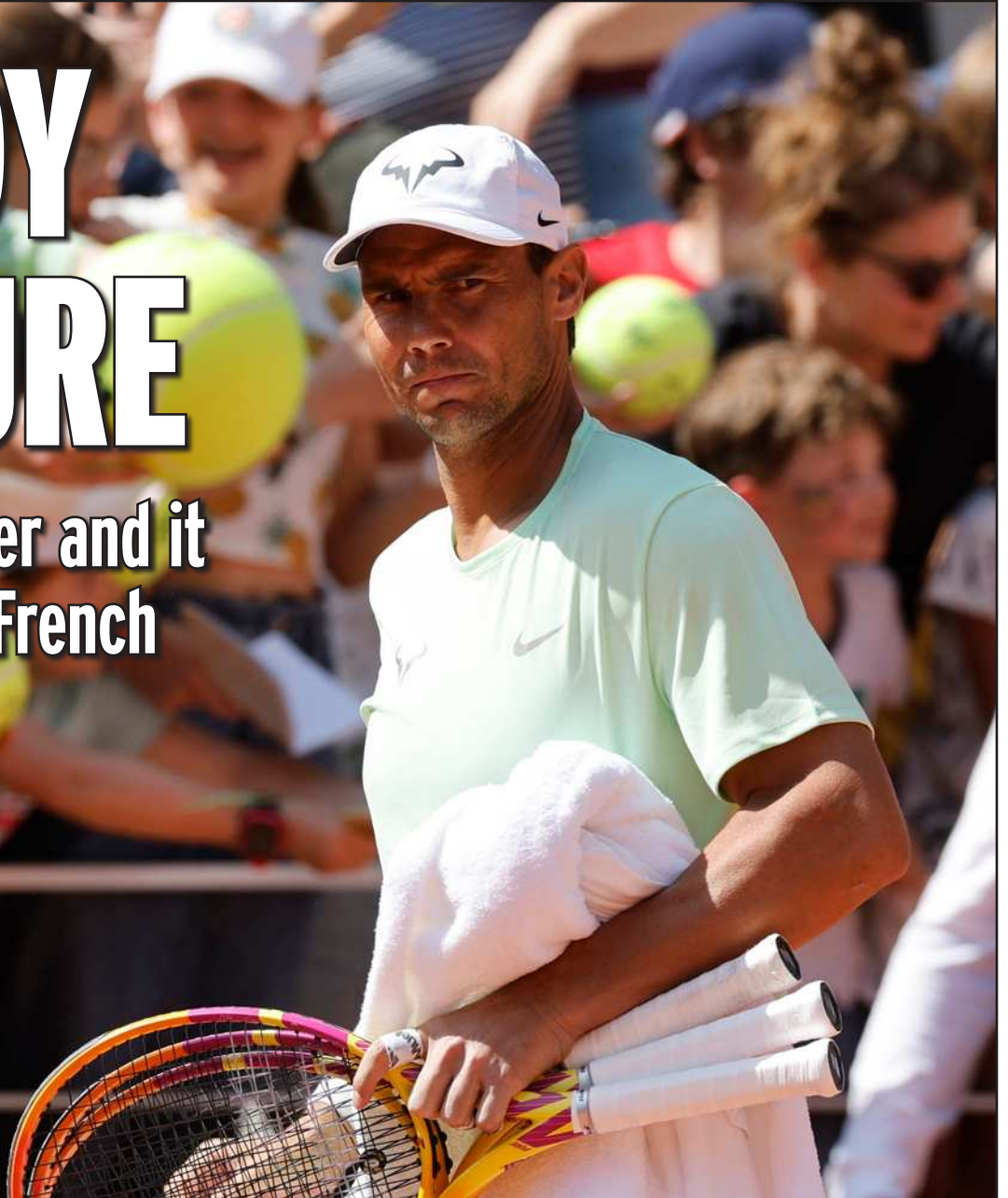
Collier and Alanna Smith were tied for a team-high 15 points in the victory. Forward Bridget Carleton got the start in place of injured guard Diamond Miller and contributed 14 points in 30 minutes. The Lynx are without last season's All-Rookie Team selection Miller indefinitely as she deals with a right knee injury.

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RAFA COY ON FUTURE

Says he's feeling better and it might not be his last French

Rafael Nadal wouldn't rule out playing in the French Open beyond this year despite past statements from the 14-time champion at Roland Garros that 2024 would be his last year on tour. AP



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PARIS — Rafael Nadal smiled. He joked. He sounded upbeat. He's been playing well and feeling better in practice. He is eager to get going at Roland Garros after dealing for so long with hip and abdominal problems.

Oh, and then there's this little tidbit he dropped during a pre-tournament news conference Saturday: This French Open might not turn out to be the 14-time champion's last appearance, after all, at his favorite event, one he called "magical."

Because of his age — he turns 38 on June 3 — and his injuries, not to mention past statements about figuring 2024 would be his last year on tour, everyone from other players to fans to the media has been assuming it will be his farewell appearance at the French Open.

Asked whether that's accurate, Nadal grinned and replied: "Don't assume that."

"It's a big, big chance that it's going to be my last Roland Garros," Nadal said. "But if I have to tell you it's 100% my last Roland Garros? Sorry, but I will not. Because I cannot predict what's going on."

The Spaniard missed much of the last two seasons because of health problems, including hip surgery that forced him to sit out the French Open a year ago, his first absence there since he made his debut as a teenager. He is just 7-4 in 2024, and he expressed a bit of doubt after a lopsided loss at the Italian Open two weeks ago — he called it

a "disaster" on Saturday — as to whether he would even enter the clay-court tournament in Paris at all.

But he did show up and has been training in front of loud, supportive crowds this week. Because his ranking is so low after such little activity — once No. 1, he is No. 276 currently — Nadal did not get the benefit of a seeding and was drawn to face No. 4 seed Alexander Zverev in a showdown that will be the focus on Monday, Day 2 of the tournament.

"Ideally, I would have liked to play him in the later stage of the tournament, but it is how it is now. He is unseeded this year; I am seeded," Zverev said. "You know, it's a tough draw, but it's a tough draw for both of us. We'll see how it goes."

Nadal said he can move more confidently than he has been and gets the sense he can play with anyone now, a sensation that has been fleeting for a while.

"I probably will say is the first week since I come back playing tennis that I am able to run the proper way without having a lot of limitations," he said. "That encourages me."

Zverev is coming off a title in Rome and might be a popular pick as the most talented player yet to win a Grand Slam trophy. He was the runner-up at the 2020 U.S. Open and was at the top of his game two years ago at Roland Garros, when he took on Nadal in the semifinals but had to stop after tearing ligaments in his right ankle and was taken out of Court Philippe Chatrier with a

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RAFAEL NADAL

wheelchair.

When Zverev's brother, former player Mischa, informed him of the draw's outcome on Thursday, Zverev said he figured it was a joke.

And Zverev — whose ongoing court case related to accusations of domestic abuse by a former girlfriend will resume with a hearing in his native Germany next week — said he can't go into Monday's match thinking about facing a diminished Nadal.

"For me, in my mind, I'm going to play peak Rafa Nadal. That's what I expect him

to be. I expect him to be at his absolute best," Zverev said. "I expect him to play the best tennis he's played in a long time on this court."

Nadal wound up winning his 22nd major championship at the 2022 French Open while playing on a left foot that hurt so much he needed nerve-numbing injections. So competing at something less than perfect health is nothing new.

He hurt his hip during a second-round loss at the Australian Open in January 2023, and later had an operation. A comeback this January was stalled by a tear in a hip muscle near that original injury. A recurrence of an abdominal issue hampered Nadal later this season.

And while Nadal has often intimated retirement is beckoning, he said Saturday that he doesn't "want to close, 100%, the door," because he is enjoying playing tennis, he likes traveling with his wife and young son and, he added, "I was not able to explore yet the proper way how I will be able to play, being in, again, more or less healthy conditions, playing without limitation."

He asked Saturday for a halt to questions about his future while he figures things out. About a possible return to the French Open. About how much longer he will be on tour.

"Give me some time," Nadal said. "Maybe in one month and a half, I'll say, 'OK, it's enough. I can't keep going.' But today, in some way, I cannot guarantee that that's going to be the last one."



Through the first two games of the NHL's Eastern Conference Finals there's been little difference between goaltenders Igor Shesterkin of the Rangers (left) and Sergei Bobrovsky of the Panthers (inset). AP

PLAYOFF GOALIE BATTLE

Bobrovsky, Shesterkin matching each other save-for-save

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SUNRISE, Fla. — The Eastern Conference Finals have been a goaltender duel, and nobody should have expected otherwise.

Seems fitting that the Florida Panthers and Rangers are knotted at one game apiece heading into Game 3 on Sunday afternoon, given that a pair of Russian netminders and past Vezina Trophy winners as the league's top goalie — Sergei Bobrovsky for the Panthers, Igor Shesterkin for the Rangers — have basically matched each other save-for-save, stat-for-stat.

Bobrovsky has allowed the Rangers to score two goals. Shesterkin has allowed the Panthers to score two goals, not counting an own goal deflected in by a teammate and an empty-netter that New York yielded in Game 1. And the similarities hardly end there.

"It's definitely fun," Bobrovsky said.

Fun is one way to describe it. Hair-raising, gut-churning, and nail-biting would also apply.

The Rangers evened the series on Friday with a 2-1 overtime win at Madison Square Garden, Barclay Goodrow the hero 14:01 into the extra session by beating Bobrovsky and giving New York — which finished with the NHL's best regular season record — a needed split of the first two games before heading on the road for Games 3 and 4.

There's been almost no breathing room over the first two games: Through 134 minutes and 1 second of hockey so far in the East finals, 130:13 of it has come with the margin on the scoreboard being one goal or less. The goalies have just been that hard to beat.

"He's been terrific, he's been terrific this year and he's certainly been terrific in the playoffs," Rangers coach Peter Laviolette said of Shesterkin. "I thought there was good goaltending at both ends. ... Both of these guys are good goaltenders."

Take away the own goal from Game 1 — Florida's Carter Verhaeghe got credited with a score that made it 2-0 late in the third



when Alexis Lafrenière tipped the puck past Shesterkin — and the goaltender numbers are almost perfectly matched. Bobrovsky has stopped 52 of 54 shots he's seen, a .963 save percentage. Shesterkin has stopped 50 of the 52 Florida shots that have gotten to him, a .962 mark.

And it's not a new thing that Bobrovsky and Shesterkin are mirroring one another. Consider these stats, which include

both this regular season and the playoffs:

- Shesterkin's record is 45-20-2, Bobrovsky's is 45-21-4. They both had 36 regular-season wins, they both have nine wins so far in the playoffs.

- Shesterkin's save percentage is .915, Bobrovsky's is .914.

- Bobrovsky's goals-against-average is 2.33, Shesterkin's is 2.51.

- Bobrovsky's even-strength save percentage is .922,

Shesterkin's is .920.

- Bobrovsky's save percentage when facing a power play is .877, Shesterkin's is .871.

"Two really good goaltenders at each end," Panthers coach Paul Maurice said. "It's an exciting series, exciting hockey. Lots of hits, lots of action."

Just not a lot of goals.

"Obviously, two of the best goalies in the world and it's a showdown out there," Verhaeghe said. "We're looking to get chances and they both are playing unreal. That's all I can say."

Going back to his time in Columbus, Bobrovsky had won 12 consecutive overtime playoff games — tying the longest such streak in NHL history with Patrick Roy.

And the Panthers had won 11 OT playoff contests in a row, which ends up as the second-longest run in Stanley Cup playoff history behind a 14-game stretch of OT wins by Montreal from 1993 through 1998 (with Roy in the net for much of that).

Florida fell to 13-9 all-time in playoff overtime games.

BILL MADDEN



BASEBALL

A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Can Hal and Yankees make payroll math work to sign Soto?

Hal Steinbrenner got everyone's attention at the baseball owners meeting last week when he declared a \$300 million payroll — which the Yankees are at this year with all the competitive balance taxes added in — is “not sustainable.” It is something Hal has said numerous times in the past but what made it particularly newsworthy this time was that it came barely 24 hours after he had confirmed interest in engaging in-season contract negotiations with Juan Soto.

On the surface, Hal's determination to get out from under the competitive balance taxes while at the same time adding an estimated (minimum) \$45 million for Soto to next year's payroll would seem to be a pipe dream, but maybe he knows something we don't. The holdover contracts of **Aaron Judge** (\$40 million), **Gerrit Cole** (\$36M), **Giancarlo Stanton** (\$32M), **Carlos Rodon** (\$27M), **Marcus Stroman** (\$18.5M) and **DJ LeMahieu** (\$15) come to \$168.5 million for next year. Add in an estimated \$45 million for Soto and that comes to \$213.5 million for seven players alone.

Hal pointed out there's a lot of money coming off the payroll after this year and he's right. In **Anthony Rizzo** (\$17M), **Gleyber Torres** (\$14), **Alex Verdugo** (\$8.7M), **Clayton Kershaw** (\$6M), **Tommy Kahnle** (\$5.7) and **Trenton Grisham** (\$5.5M), that's \$57 million right there plus another \$8.4 million for relievers **Jonathan Loaisiga**, **Caleb Ferguson**, **Jose Trevino** and **Luke Weaver**, who are also free agents.

But they still all have to be replaced, especially **Holmes** you would think, and with the CBT threshold for 2024 set at \$237 million, that leaves \$24 million left for Hal to stay out from under additional luxury tax. He might want to consider a GoFundMe to become “sustainable,” at least next year. Then again, after next year, **Stroman** and **LeMahieu** come off the books, and Hal is correct in pointing out that for the first time since the mid '90s, the Yankee farm system is supplying top-quality, minimum-salary players to offset the heavy free agent contracts at the top.

The development of **Clarke Schmidt** and the emergence of **Luis Gil** into bona fide, frontline starters is costing the Yankees barely \$2.5 million this year and not much more the next two years. **Torres** looks to be easily replaced at second base next year by 5-foot-6 **Caleb Durbin**, the **Jose Altuve** clone who GM **Brian Cashman** acquired from the Braves in December 2022 for **Lucas Luetge** (remember him?) and has developed into a hitting machine at Triple-A who almost never strikes out.

And then of course there's **Jasson Dominguez**, who will soon be back and hopefully by next year an everyday, minimum-salary center fielder that will allow Judge to go back to right field. When it comes to **Holmes**, and the bullpen as a whole, you get the feeling the Yankees aren't too concerned. Much like the Tampa Bay Rays approach, they believe relievers are all interchangeable from year to year and that, above all, they're not going to pay upwards of \$10 million for a closer like they did for **Aroldis Chapman**. They might be right.

There are no super closers in baseball. **Josh Hader**, whom the Astros made the second highest-paid closer in the game last winter at \$19

million a year, had a 4.09 ERA and three losses in his first 20 outings as of Friday. And you have to believe the Mets are plenty nervous about **Edwin Diaz**, to whom they're paying \$19.7 million. An American League exec said to me last week: “Closers you can find and they're also fickle from year to year. In my opinion, considering that, the Hader deal was a bad investment.”

Meanwhile, Hal Steinbrenner's remark about \$300 million payrolls being unsustainable sounded an awful lot like a cry for help from the industry. With so much revenue uncertainty from their regional sports networks in the wake of the Diamond bankruptcy, clubs have been scaling back and there has been much speculation that this coming winter will be just as conservative, if not more so, than last offseason in terms of expensive long-term contracts being doled out.

Which brings us to Soto, whose agent, **Scott Boras**, will play around with the Yankees this summer, but will never agree to a deal before taking his client into free agency. No doubt, Soto's going to get his money, but in this environment in baseball, what teams are going to be willing to play in the \$500 million market? The Dodgers are seemingly tapped out. The Blue Jays? Giants? Maybe. They both have the money, but there's no way Soto, who's really adapted well to New York, would want to go to either of those teams. A possible dark horse is the Phillies, only because their owner, **John Middleton**, has shown a willingness to spend what it takes to win. But do they really need Soto?

No, it's most likely going to come down to the Yankees and the Mets and **Steve Cohen** is looking at a real dilemma here. Though he's said he's not concerned about having the highest payroll in baseball, surpassing all the luxury tax thresholds, even he has his limits and he can't afford to sign both Soto and **Pete Alonso**. His analytics people all hate Alonso as a long-term investment, but his Mets fan base love him. At the same time, Cohen is said to be having buyer's remorse about **Francisco Lindor**'s \$34 million per year contract through 2031, giving him pause about splurging on another far bigger one for Soto.

For now, the Yankee legions should forget about anything happening with Soto's contract this summer — and just sit back and enjoy watching him do his thing in a very possible MVP season that will only enhance his value and give Steinbrenner some extra \$300 million agita.

IT'S A MADD, MADD WORLD

Not too many people saw this coming, but if the American League Cy Young Award voting was held today, the winner would likely be ... **Seth Lugo**! And the National League Cy Young voting would be a toss-up between **Ranger Suarez** and the Cubs amazing rookie **Shota Imanaga**. ... Imagine the surprise of the Washington Nationals' bullpen cart driver last week after he drove Twins reliever **Steven Okert** in from the bullpen and was handed a \$5 tip!



Keeping Juan Soto with the Yankees after this season might require a little payroll magic from owner Hal Steinbrenner and the Bombers' front office. AP

Aaron could have a fantasy season

BY BILL REINHARD
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Predictions about the future can be fraught with mistakes. In 1912, the Titanic was heralded as “unsinkable.” In 1962, the Decca Recording Company wouldn’t sign the Beatles, saying, “People don’t like guitar music anymore.” In 1976, Atari owner Nolan Bushnell refused to buy a third of Apple’s stock for \$50,000. Oops. What do the Fantasy Football futures hold for the 2024 Jets and Giants? We must tread lightly. The NFL suits predict a competitive season for Gang Green, giving them six primetime games. The G-Men have three. I guess the NFL thinks little of the Giants. Here’s an early Fantasy Billboard take on our favorite metropolitan players.

JETS

QBs Aaron Rodgers, Tyrod Taylor, Jordan Travis — Can Rodgers stay upright the entire season? That’s the \$38 million question (Rodgers’ 2024 salary). His WRs are excellent, and his O-line looks improved. The sky’s the limit. The brittle Taylor is with his seventh club since 2011. Travis finished fifth in Heisman voting after a fine 2023 season at FSU. He’s a clone of Baker Mayfield in size and skill set.

Fantasy Billboard says: It’s safe to draft Rodgers as your starter but get a decent backup. If Aaron gets injured, he could be the Achilles heel for your entire season.

RBs Breece Hall, Braelon Allen, Izzy Abanikanda, Isaiah Davis, Nick Bawden — Hall had a stellar year, finishing as the seventh-best Fantasy RB. He’ll just get better. 2024 fourth-rounder Allen is a converted linebacker, and he runs hard like one. Abanikanda had a forgettable 70 yards in 2023, but his resume at Pitt was spectacular. Davis and Bawden are special team material.

Fantasy Billboard says: Take Hall in Round 1. The rest are waiver wire additions should disaster strike.

WRs Garrett Wilson, Mike Williams, Malachi Corley, Allen Lazard, Xavier

Gipson, Jason Brownlee — With a healthy Rodgers, Wilson could approach 1,500 yards and over ten TDs. He’s that good. Williams will be the big-play, big-body wideout the Jets thought they were getting in Lazard. A \$10 million price tag in 2024 might force Lazard out of NYC, opening the door for third-rounder Corley. Special teams await Gipson and Brownlee.

Fantasy Billboard says: Wilson is a first-rounder and Williams is a solid WR3 in Rounds 10-11. Lazard should not be drafted, and Corley is a wait-and-see.

TEs Tyler Conklin, Jeremy Ruckert, Zack Kuntz, Kenny Yeboah — Conklin had a quietly efficient 2023, convincing the Jets not to draft top rookie TE Brock Bowers in Round

1. Former third-rounder Ruckert has just 17 receptions in two years. Kuntz and Yeboah will fight for room on the practice squad.

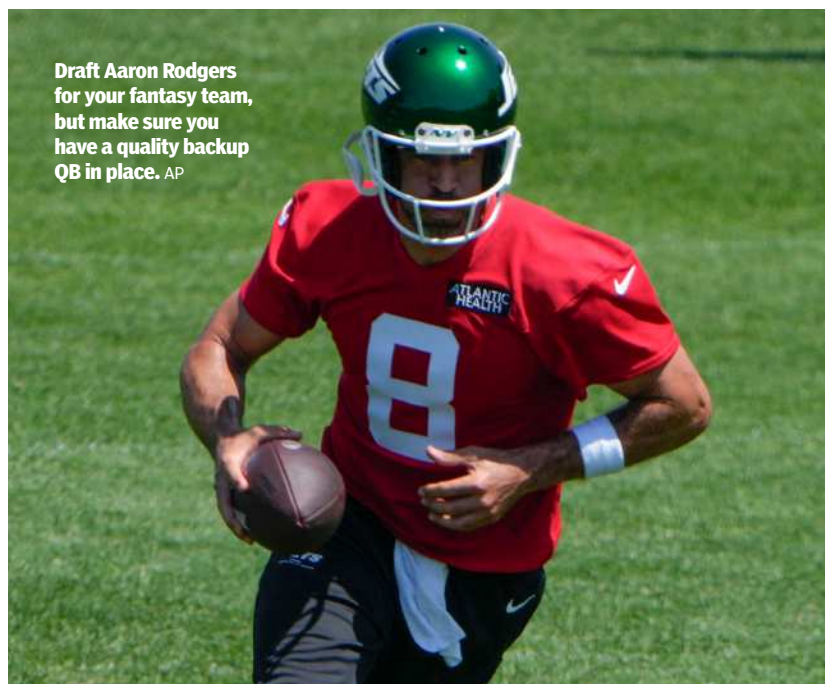
Fantasy Billboard says: Rodgers loves throwing to TEs. Conklin is a late-round flyer your competition might overlook. He could finish in the top 15.

GIANTS

QBs Daniel Jones, Drew Lock, Tommy “Cutlets” DeVito — Jones and his rebuilt ACL participated in 7-on-7 drills last Monday, a good sign for his rehab schedule. But Jones will be looking over his shoulder all season long. Free agent signee Drew Lock, a second-round pick for Denver in 2019, looms large. In four brief appearances last season for Seattle, Lock had more TDs (three) and fewer interceptions (three) than Jones’ dismal two TD, six INT performances in six games. The fly in the tomato sauce is DeVito, who cured every Giant fan’s agita with his zesty play after Jones went down.

Fantasy Billboard says: Should you draft any of these guys? Fuhgeddaboutit.

RBs Devin Singletary, Tyrone Tracy Jr., Eric Gray — Singletary had his best season in 2021 (1,098 total yards, eight TDs) when Brian Daboll was his offensive coordinator in Buffalo. Never utilized as a true No. 1 back in his five-year career, the 5-7 Singletary is a hard-nosed, reliable player. Fifth-rounder Tracy out of Purdue has a similar skillset to



Draft Aaron Rodgers for your fantasy team, but make sure you have a quality backup QB in place. AP

Singletary. Both backs are great pass catchers. 2023 fifth-rounder Gray was a 1,000-yard rusher at Oklahoma but saw minimal work as a rookie.

Fantasy Billboard says: It will be a true running back by committee. Singletary is the only choice, but after round 12.

WRs Malik Nabers, Wan'Dale Robinson, Darius Slayton, Jalin Hyatt, Isaiah Hodgins, Isaiah McKenzie, Allen Robinson II — “When the ball’s in the quarterback’s hands, Malik’s gonna be open,” said Nabers at his first press conference as a Giant, who haven’t had a 1,000-yard receiver since Odell Beckham Jr. in 2018. Nabers can end that drought. Last season, Wan’Dale led the team in receptions (60), Slayton led in yards (770) and Hyatt led in yards per catch (16.2). None distinguished themselves as a WR1, and now they will compete to see who’s second best. Buffalo transfers Hodgins and McKenzie might be on the outside looking in. Crafty veteran Robinson II is on the wrong side of 30, although his solid career (7,028 yards, 43

TDs) warrants a long look in camp.

Fantasy Billboard says: Nabers has superstar skills. Grab him by Round 6. The rest are dart throws.

TEs Darren Waller, Theo Johnson, Daniel Bellinger — We still don’t know if the dynamic but oft-injured Waller will retire, but here’s hoping he sticks around. The gentle Giant is one of the best TEs in the NFL. Johnson was taken in the fourth round out of Penn State as an insurance policy for Waller. Bellinger returns for his sophomore year after catching 30 balls for 268 yards. He and Johnson would fight for time should Waller walk.

Fantasy Billboard says: If Waller returns, he’s a Top 10 TE. Draft accordingly.

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Two-time PGA Tour winner Murray dies at age 30

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Two-time PGA Tour winner Grayson Murray died Saturday morning at age 30, one day after he withdrew from the Charles Schwab Cup Challenge at Colonial.

There were no immediate details on the circumstances of his death, only shock and grief from the PGA Tour and his management team.

“I am at a loss for words,” PGA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan said. “The PGA Tour is a family, and when you lose a member of your family, you are never the same. We mourn Grayson and pray for comfort for his loved ones.”

His management company, GSE Worldwide, confirmed the death and said it was heartbroken.

“We will hold off on commenting until we learn further details, but our heart aches for his family, his friends and all who loved him during this very difficult time,” GSE said in a statement.

Monahan said he spoke with Murray’s parents to offer condolences, and they asked that the tournament in Fort

Worth, Texas, continue.

He said grief counselors would be on site at the PGA Tour and Korn Ferry Tour event in Knoxville, Tenn. Monahan said he was headed to Texas.

Murray (photo), who had dealt with alcohol and mental health issues in the past, made a massive turnaround this year and won the Sony Open, hitting wedge to 3 feet for birdie on the final hole to get into a playoff and winning it with a 40-foot putt.

He also won the Barbasol Championship in 2017.

Murray was No. 58 in the world rankings coming off a tie for 43rd in the PGA Championship last week at Valhalla. He also made the cut in his Masters debut, finishing 51st, and was in the field for the U.S. Open next month at Pinehurst No. 2.

Murray, who grew up in North Carolina, was among the most talented juniors in the country. He won the prestigious Junior World Championship in San Diego three straight years and earned the Arnold Palmer Scholarship at Wake Forest.



He wound up going to three colleges, lastly at Arizona State, and won as a 22-year-old PGA Tour rookie at the Barbasol Championship.

Murray said when he won the Sony Open in January that he had been sober for eight months, was engaged to be married and felt his best golf was ahead of him. He was appointed to the 16-member Player Advisory Council.

“My story is not finished. I think it’s just beginning,” Murray said in Hawaii. “I hope I can inspire a lot of people going forward that have their own issues.”

Murray said he used to drink during tournament weeks as a rookie because he knew he had talent and felt he was invincible. He also brought attention to himself through social media, openly criticizing other players and getting into one social media spat with Kevin Na over Na’s reputation as a slow player.

But he felt like he turned the corner when he sought help — letting others fight for him, is how he explained it this year.

“It took me a long time to get to this point,” Murray said in January. “That was seven years ago, over seven years ago. I’m a different man now. I would not be in this position right now today if I didn’t put that drink down eight months ago.”

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	36	17	.679	—	—	8-2	W-3	18-8	18-9
Baltimore	32	18	.640	2½	+4½	6-4	W-3	17-10	15-8
Boston	26	26	.500	9½	2½	4-6	L-2	10-15	16-11
Tampa Bay	25	28	.472	11	4	4-6	L-6	14-17	11-11
Toronto	23	28	.451	12	5	4-6	L-2	12-12	11-16
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Cleveland	35	17	.673	—	—	9-1	W-8	18-6	17-11
Kansas City	34	19	.642	1½	+5	9-1	W-8	21-8	13-11
Minnesota	28	23	.549	6½	—	4-6	W-4	13-11	15-12
Detroit	25	27	.481	10	3½	4-6	W-2	12-14	13-13
Chicago	15	38	.283	20½	14	2-8	L-4	10-17	5-21
WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Seattle	27	26	.509	—	—	4-6	L-4	15-10	12-16
Texas	24	29	.453	3	5	2-8	L-6	12-13	12-16
Houston	23	29	.442	3½	5½	6-4	L-1	14-15	9-14
Oakland	22	32	.407	5½	7½	3-7	W-1	13-15	9-17
Los Angeles	20	32	.385	6½	8½	5-5	L-2	6-18	14-14

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Philadelphia	38	15	.717	—	—	8-2	W-1	22-8	16-7
Atlanta	29	20	.592	7	+4	3-7	L-2	16-8	13-12
Washington	23	27	.460	13½	2½	3-7	W-2	10-12	13-15
New York	21	30	.412	16	5	2-8	L-5	10-16	11-14
Miami	18	34	.346	19½	8½	7-3	W-2	10-19	8-15
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Milwaukee	30	21	.588	—	—	6-4	W-2	12-9	18-12
Chicago	27	25	.519	3½	+½	3-7	L-3	15-11	12-14
St. Louis	24	26	.480	5½	1½	8-2	W-4	12-12	12-14
Pittsburgh	25	28	.472	6	2	6-4	W-2	12-14	13-14
Cincinnati	22	30	.423	8½	4½	4-6	W-2	12-15	10-15
WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Los Angeles	33	21	.611	—	—	4-6	L-4	19-11	14-10
San Francisco	27	26	.509	5½	—	8-2	W-4	15-10	12-16
San Diego	27	27	.500	6	½	5-5	L-1	10-17	17-10
Arizona	24	27	.471	7½	2	5-5	L-1	12-14	12-13
Colorado	17	34	.333	14½	9	4-6	L-1	10-13	7-21

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

AMERICAN LEAGUE SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Detroit 2, Toronto 1
Minnesota 5, Texas 3
Baltimore 5, Chicago White Sox 3
Washington 3, Seattle 1
Oakland 3, Houston 1
Milwaukee 6, Boston 3
Kansas City 7, Tampa Bay 4(11)
Cleveland 4, L.A. Angels 3
N.Y. Yankees at San Diego, late

MONDAY'S GAMES
Boston at Baltimore, 1:05p.m.
Kansas City at Minnesota, 2:10p.m.
Toronto at Chicago White Sox, 2:10p.m.
Cleveland at Colorado, 4:10p.m.
Houston at Seattle, 9:40p.m.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
N.Y. Yankees 8, San Diego 0
Washington 6, Seattle 1
Kansas City 8, Tampa Bay 1
Detroit 6, Toronto 2
Minnesota 3, Texas 2
Milwaukee 7, Boston 2
Baltimore 6, Chicago White Sox 4
Houston 6, Oakland 3
Cleveland 10, L.A. Angels 4

AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS

Through Friday's games
BATTING AVERAGE G AB H R AVG
Perez KC 50 182 60 21 .330
Peña Hou 51 197 63 32 .320
Soto NYY 53 203 64 39 .315
Paredes TB 48 176 54 21 .307
Witt KC 52 203 62 47 .305
Altuve Hou 50 208 62 33 .298
Rutschman Bal 48 199 59 27 .296
Guerrero Tor 51 194 56 23 .289
K.Tucker Hou 50 182 52 37 .286
Westburg Bal 48 179 51 26 .285
HOME RUNS: K.Tucker, Houston, 17; Henderson, Baltimore, 17; Judge, New York, 16; J.Ramírez, Cleveland, 14; Soto, New York, 14; Stanton, New York, 13; J.Naylor, Cleveland, 13.
RBI: J.Ramírez, Cleveland, 49; Soto, New York, 43; Perez, Kansas City, 39; Judge, New York, 37; A.García, Texas, 37; Henderson, Baltimore, 37; K.Tucker, Houston, 36; J.Naylor, Cleveland, 35.
PITCHING: Lugo, Kansas City, 8-1; Skubal, Detroit, 6-1; Gil, New York, 6-1; Rodón, New York, 6-2; L.Allen, Cleveland, 6-2; Rodríguez, Baltimore, 5-1.

NATIONAL LEAGUE SATURDAY'S RESULTS
San Francisco 7, N.Y. Mets 2(10)
Washington 3, Seattle 1
Milwaukee 6, Boston 3
Pittsburgh 4, Atlanta 1
Cincinnati 3, L.A. Dodgers 1
St. Louis 7, Chicago Cubs 6
Philadelphia at Colorado, late
N.Y. Yankees at San Diego, late
Miami at Arizona, late

MONDAY'S GAMES
Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee, 4:10p.m.
Cleveland at Colorado, 4:10p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at N.Y. Mets, 4:10p.m.
St. Louis at Cincinnati, 4:10p.m.
Washington at Atlanta, 4:10p.m.
Philadelphia at San Francisco, 5:05p.m.
Miami at San Diego, 6:40p.m.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
San Francisco 8, N.Y. Mets 7
N.Y. Yankees 8, San Diego 0
Washington 6, Seattle 1
Pittsburgh 11, Atlanta 5
Milwaukee 7, Boston 2
Cincinnati 9, L.A. Dodgers 6
Colorado 3, Philadelphia 2(11)
Miami 3, Arizona 0
Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, ppd

NATIONAL LEAGUE LEADERS

Through Friday's games
BATTING AVERAGE G AB H R AVG
Ohtani LAD 51 203 69 39 .340
Betts LAD 52 204 69 41 .338
Willi.Contreras Mil50199 67 43 .337
Arraez SD 51 215 72 31 .335
Profar SD 54 181 60 32 .331
Ozuna Atl 48 176 56 29 .318
Bohm Phi 51 194 61 24 .314
El.Díaz Col 42 151 47 17 .311
Turang Mil 46 159 48 20 .302
McMahon Col 50 188 56 25 .298
HOME RUNS: Ozuna, Atlanta, 15; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 13; Harper, Philadelphia, 12; T.Hernández, Los Angeles, 12; Alonso, New York, 12; C.Walker, Arizona, 10; K.Marte, Arizona, 10; 7 tied at 9.
RBI: Ozuna, Atlanta, 47; Bohm, Philadelphia, 46; Willi.Contreras, Milwaukee, 42; T.Hernández, Los Angeles, 38; Harper, Philadelphia, 37; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 35.
PITCHING: R.Suárez, Philadelphia, 9-0; Sale, Atlanta, 7-1; Nola, Philadelphia, 6-2; S.Gray, St. Louis, 6-2; Wheeler, Philadelphia, 6-3; Glasnow, Los Angeles, 6-3.

TODAY'S PITCHING COMPARISON

INTERLEAGUE		2024				2023 VS OPP			LAST 3 STARTS		
TEAM	PITCHERS	TIME	W-L	ERA	REC	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
Mil	Myers (R)		1-2	5.00	1-3	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-1	12.0	6.75
Bos	Houck (R)	1:35p	4-5	1.94	5-5	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-2	19.2	1.83
Sea	Woo (R)		2-0	0.57	3-0	0-0	5.0	1.80	2-0	15.2	0.57
Was	Parker (L)	1:35p	3-2	3.32	4-3	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	16.2	4.32
NYY	Schmidt (R)		5-2	2.59	8-2	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-1	19.2	0.92
SD	Musgrove (R)	4:10p	3-4	6.14	5-4	1-0	6.1	1.42	0-2	12.2	7.11

AMERICAN LEAGUE		2024				2023 VS OPP			LAST 3 STARTS		
TEAM	PITCHERS	TIME	W-L	ERA	REC	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
Tor	Kikuchi (L)		2-4	2.64	3-7	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-2	18.1	2.45
Det	Mize (R)	11:35a	1-3	4.57	5-4	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-2	13.2	5.93
KC	Wacha (R)		4-4	4.45	5-5	0-0	0.0	0.00	3-0	19.0	2.37
TB	Bradley (R)	1:40p	1-2	4.00	1-2	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-2	18.0	4.00
Bal	Bradish (R)		0-0	2.41	3-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	14.0	2.57
ChW	Crochet (L)	2:10p	5-4	3.75	5-6	0-0	0.0	0.00	3-0	17.0	0.00
Tex	TBD		0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00
Min	Lopez (R)	2:10p	4-4	4.72	5-5	0-0	5.0	9.00	1-2	17.2	5.60
Cle	Lively (R)		3-2	2.84	4-3	1-0	6.0	1.50	2-1	16.1	3.86
LAA	Detmers (L)	4:07p	3-4	5.80	5-5	0-1	5.2	11.12	0-1	14.0	10.29
Hou	Blanco (R)		4-0	2.09	7-1	0-0	3.0	0.00	1-0	14.2	3.07
Oak	Brooks (R)	4:07p	0-1	4.15	1-1	0-1	7.0	3.86	0-1	13.0	4.15

NATIONAL LEAGUE		2024				2023 VS OPP			LAST 3 STARTS		
TEAM	PITCHERS	TIME	W-L	ERA	REC	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
LAD	Yamamoto (R)		5-1	3.17	6-4	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-0	20.0	3.60
Cin	TBD	12:10p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00
Atl	Sale (L)		7-1	2.22	7-2	0-0	0.0	0.00	3-0	20.0	0.00
Pit	Perez (L)	1:35p	1-3	4.80	4-6	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-1	14.1	9.42
SF	Webb (R)		4-4	3.03	5-6	1-0	8.0	0.00	1-1	19.0	1.89
NYM	Manaea (L)	1:40p	3-1	3.11	6-3	0-0	4.2	0.00	2-0	17.0	3.18
Phi	Suarez (L)		9-0	1.36	10-0	1-0	9.0	0.00	3-0	19.0	0.47
Col	Quattrill (R)	3:10p	3-3	3.59	4-6	0-0	6.0	1.50	2-0	18.0	2.00
Mia	Weathers (L)		2-4	3.49	4-6	0-0	6.0	3.00	0-1	21.0	1.71
Ari	Pfaadt (R)	4:10p	2-3	4.05	4-6	0-1	5.0	10.80	1-1	19.0	2.84
ChC	TBD		0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00
StL	Gray (R)	7:10p	6-2	2.87	6-2	0-0	5.1	1.69	2-1	16.2	6.48

TEAM REC: Team's Record in games started by today's pitcher.
VS OPP: Pitcher's record versus this opponent.

San Francisco 7, Mets 2 (10)							N.Y. Yankees 8, San Diego 0						
SATURDAY'S RESULT							FRIDAY'S RESULT						
San Francisco	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG	New York	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Matos cf	4	1	1	0	1	.278	Volpe ss	3	2	1	0	0	.279
Estrada 2b	4	1	0	0	1	.239	Soto rf	4	1	2	2	1	.315
Bailey dh	4	1	1	2	0	.299	Judge cf	4	1	1	2	1	.275
Chapman 3b	4	0	0	0	2	.240	Grisham cf	0	0	0	0	0	.056
Flores 1b	4	0	1	0	0	.216	Verdugo lf	4	1	1	0	1	.256
2-McKenna pr-lf	1	0	0	0	1	.000	Stanton dh	4	1	1	2	0	.246
Yastrzemski rf	5	0	1	3	2	.224	Rizzo 1b	4	0	0	0	0	.249
Ramos lf	2	0	0	0	1	.271	Torres 2b	4	1	1	1	1	.221
b-Wade ph	1	0	1	1	0	.333	Wells c	4	1	2	0	1	.209
Luciano ss	1	0	0	0	0	.391	Berti 3b	4	0	1	0	2	.273
Casali c	4	1	0	0	1	.294	Cabrera 3b	0	0	0	0	0	.252
Wisely ss-1b	4	2	3	1	0	.385	TOTALS	35	8	10	7	7	
TOTALS	38	7	8	7	9								
San Francisco							San Diego						
New York	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG	New York	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Lindor ss	4	0	1	0	1	.209	Arraez 1b	4	0	0	0	0	.397
Alonso 1b	5	0	0	0	1	.234	Tatis rf	2	0	0	0	1	.244
Nimmo cf-lf	5	0	1	0	4	.216	a-Azocar ph	1	0	0	0	1	.259
Martinez dh	4	0	0	0	3	.277	Profar lf	3	0	0	0	1	.331
Stewart lf	1	0	0	0	1	.217	b-Wade ph	1	0	0	0	1	.257
a-Bader ph-cf	3	0	0	0	0	.273	Machado dh	2	0	1	0	0	.233
Marte rf	4	1	1	1	2	.259	c-D.Peralta ph	1	0	0	0	1	.429
McNeil 2b	3	0	0	0	0	.236	Cronenworth 2b2	0	1	0	0	0	.266
Baty 3b	3	1	1	1	2	.229	Solano 3b	3	0	0	0	0	.308
Narvaez c	2	0	0	0	0	.150	Camposano c	3	0	0	0	0	.252
1-Taylor pr	0	0	0	0	0	.248	Merrill cf	3	0	1	0	0	.283
Nido c	1	0	0	0	0	.234	Kim ss	3	0	0	0	1	.212
TOTALS	35	2	4	2	14		TOTALS	28	0	3	0	6	
San Francisco							San Diego						
New York	000	001	001	5	7	8	1	New York	105	100	000	810	0
San Diego	000	000	000	0	3	0	0	San Diego	000	000	000	0	0

Baltimore 5, Chi. White Sox 3									
SATURDAY'S RESULT									
Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG			
Henderson ss	3	0	0	0	0	.268			
Rutschman c	4	1	0	0	0	.296			
O'Hearn rf	4	1	1	2	1	.276			
Hays rf-lf	1	0	1	0	0	.179			
Mountcastle 1b 5	1	1	1	0	0	.271			
Santander dh	3	1	1	2	2	.205			
Cowser cf	3	0	0	0	2	.248			
Westburg 2b-3b 4	1	3	1	1	1	.285			
Stowers lf-rf	4	0	1	0	1	.250			
Urias 3b	2	0	0	0	1	.180			
a-Mullins ph	1	0	0	0	1	.193			
Mateo 2b	1	0	0	0	0	.245			
TOTALS	35	5	8	5	9				

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG			
Pham cf	3	1	1	0	1	.327			
Vaughn dh	4	0	0	0	2	.198			
Sheets 1b	4	0	1	3	1	.242			
Julks rf	4	0	0	0	2	.333			
DeJong ss	3	0	1	0	1	.240			
Ramos 3b	4	0	0	0	1	.250			
Benintendi lf	2	1	0	0	0	.181			
Lopez 2b	2	1	2	0	0	.234			
b-Mendick ph	1	0	0	0	0	.203			
Maldonado c	2	0	0	0	1	.086			
c-Lee ph	1	0	0	0	1	.276			
TOTALS	30	3	5	3	10				

Baltimore	000	000	050	5	8	0
Chicago	000	030	000	3	5	0

a-struck out for Urias in the 7th. b-grounded out for Lopez in the 9th. c-struck out for Maldonado in the 9th. **LOB:** Baltimore 8, Chicago 6. **3B:** Sheets (1). **HR:** O'Hearn (7), off Leasure; Santander (9), off Kopecch; Westburg (8), off Kopecch. **RBIs:** O'Hearn 2 (18), Santander 2 (29), Westburg (31), Sheets 3 (17). **S:** Maldonado. **Runners left in scoring position:** Baltimore 3 (Stowers, Mountcastle, Mullins); Chicago 2 (Maldonado, Julks). **RISP:** Baltimore 0 for 4; Chicago 1 for 5. **GIDP:** Vaughn. **DP:** Baltimore 1 (Westburg, Mountcastle).

BALTIMORE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Suarez	4	2	0	0	2	3	1.53
Akin	1½	3	3	3	3	2	3.70
Tate, W, 2-0	2½	0	0	0	0	4	2.40
Perez, S, 1-1	1	0	0	0	0	1	5.06

CHICAGO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Fedde	6½	3	0	0	3	6	2.80
Leasure, H, 8	1	1	2	2	1	2	2.91
Kopecch, L, 1-4, BS, 5-7	1½	3	3	3	0	1	4.18
Hill	1	1	0	0	1	0	2.84

Inherited runners-scored: Tate 2-0, Leasure 2-0. **Umpires:** Home, Adrian Johnson; First, Junior Valentine; Second, Jeremy Riggs; Third, Ramon De Jesus. **T:** 2:51. **A:** 22,283(40,241).

Milwaukee 6, Boston 3									
SATURDAY'S RESULT									
Milwaukee	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG			
Turang 2b	4	1	1	1	2	.301			
Contreras c	5	0	1	0	2	.333			
Yelich lf	4	1	1	0	0	.323			
Adames ss	4	1	1	0	1	.244			
Bauers 1b	5	1	2	1	0	.231			
Sanchez dh	3	1	1	1	2	.228			
Frelick rf	4	1	2	1	1	.248			
Ortiz 3b	4	0	2	2	0	.285			
Perkins cf	4	0	0	0	0	.231			
TOTALS	37	6	11	6	8				

Boston	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG			
Duran cf	4	0	0	0	1	.272			
Wong c	4	0	0	0	0	.333			
O'Neill lf	3	0	0	0	2	.236			
Refsnyder lf	1	0	0	0	0	.333			
Devers 3b	4	2	2	0	1	.276			
Gonzalez dh	4	0	0	0	1	.276			
Abreu rf	3	1	1	1	0	.271			
a-Cooper ph	1	0	0	0	1	.205			
Smith 1b	1	0	0	0	0	.210			
Rafaela ss	4	0	2	2	0	.200			
Hamilton 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.250			
TOTALS	32	3	5	3	7				

Milwaukee	005	000	010	6	11	0
Boston	000	000	201	3	5	0

a-struck out for Abreu in the 9th. **LOB:** Milwaukee 8, Boston 6. **2B:** Adames (16), Yelich (4), Ortiz (8), Contreras (15), Devers (11), Abreu (13). **HR:** Turang (3), off Kelly. **RBIs:** Bauers (23), Sanchez (14), Frelick (11), Ortiz 2(18), Turang (19), Abreu (21), Rafaela 2(28). **SB:** Yelich (7), Turang (19). **Runners left in scoring position:** Milwaukee 6(Adames 2, Perkins 4); Boston 2 (Hamilton, Wong). **RISP:** Milwaukee 5 for 14; Boston 3for 8. **Runners moved up:** Yelich 2, Rafaela, Gonzalez. **GIDP:** Adames. **DP:** Boston 1(Rafaela, Hamilton, Smith).

MILWAUKEE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Koenig	1½	0	0	0	0	3	2.45
Rea, W, 4-2	5½	3	2	2	3	3	3.98
Milner	1½	1	1	1	1	1	2.19
Megill, S, 8-9	½	1	0	0	0	1	1.93

BOSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Pivetta, L, 2-3	3½	7	5	5	3	3	4.20
Booser	1½	2	0	0	0	3	3.38
Kelly	3	2	1	1	0	2	2.16
Weissert	1	0	0	0	1	0	2.11

Inherited runners-scored: Megill 2-1, Booser 1-0. **Umpires:** Home, Chris Guccione; First, Gabe Morales; Second, Ryan Addison; Third, Brian Knight. **T:** 2:41. **A:** 34,822(37,755).

Oakland 3, Houston 1									
SATURDAY'S RESULT									
Houston	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG			
Altuve 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.294			
Tucker rf	3	0	0	1	0	.281			
Alvarez dh	3	0	1	0	0	.270			
Bregman 3b	4	0	0	0	2	.204			
Pena ss	4	0	1	0	1	.318			
Meyers cf	4	0	0	0	2	.289			
Diaz c	3	0	0	0	0	.260			
McCormick lf	2	0	0	0	0	.222			
a-Singleton-ph-1b 1	0	0	0	0	0	.231			
Dubon 1b-lf	3	1	2	0	0	.321			
TOTALS	30	1	4	1	6				

Oakland	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG			
Toro 3b	4	1	1	0	0	.274			
Bleday cf	2	1	0	0	0	.245			
Rooker dh	3	0	1	2	1	.286			
S.Brown rf	4	1	2	0	0	.209			
McCann c	2	0	1	0	1	.346			
b-Langeliers-ph-cl	0	0	0	0	0	.212			
Soderstrom 1b 3	0	0	0	0	2	.211			
Gelof 2b	4	0	0	0	2	.188			
Cameron lf	4	0	1	1	1	.333			
Schuemann ss	3	0	0	0	1	.242			
TOTALS	30	3	6	3	8				

Houston	000	001	000	1	4	0
Oakland	200	001	00x	3	6	1

a-grounded out for McCormick in the 7th. b-lined out for McCann in the 7th. **E:** Schuemann (3). **LOB:** Houston 5, Oakland 9. **2B:** Rooker (10). **RBIs:** Tucker (37), Rooker 2(34), Cameron (2). **SB:** Dubon (2), S.Brown (4). **SF:** Tucker. **Runners left in scoring position:** Houston 3(Altuve, Singleton, Alvarez); Oakland 5(Cameron, Toro 2, Soderstrom, Langeliers). **RISP:** Houston 0for 6; Oakland 2for 12. **Runners moved up:** Altuve, Diaz, Tucker, Gelof. **GIDP:** Tucker. **DP:** Oakland 1(Soderstrom).

HOUSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Arrighetti, L, 2-5	5	5	3	3	3	7	6.93
Scott	1	1	0	0	1	1	1.73
Mushinski	1	0	0	0	1	0	5.00
Martinez	1	0	0	0	1	0	2.15

OAKLAND	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Sears, W, 4-3	6	2	1	0	1	1	3.88
Adams, H, 12	½	1	0	0	0	1	2.60
Erceg, H, 8	1	1	0	0	1	1	2.86
Alexander, H, 1	½	0	0	0	0	0	3.86
Miller, S, 10-10	1	0	0	0	3	1	1.96

Inherited runners-scored: Scott 2-1, Erceg 1-0, Alexander 1-0. **HBP:** Sears (Altuve). **WP:** Mushinski, Erceg. **Umpires:** Home, Jeremie Rehak; First, Clint Vondrak; Second, Mark Wegner; Third, Bruce Dreckman. **T:** 2:24. **A:** 10,617(46,847).

Washington 3, Seattle 1									
SATURDAY'S RESULT									
Seattle	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG			
Crawford ss	4	0	0	0	0	.206			
Moore lf	3	0	1	0	1	.244			
Raley rf	4	0	0	0	2	.271			
Raleigh c	4	0	0	0	4	.215			
Canzone dh	2	0	1	0	1	.216			
a-Garver ph-dh2	0	0	0	0	1	.177			
Rodriguez cf	4	1	1	1	1	.252			
France 1b	3	0	1	0	1	.238			
Polanco 2b	3	0	1	0	0	.191			
Rojas 3b	3	0	0	0	1	.279			
TOTALS	32	1	5	1	12				

Washington	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Abrams ss	4	0	0	0	1	.257
Rosario rf-lf	4	0	0	0	3	.177
Meneses dh	3	0	0	0	1	.230
Garcia 2b	3	1	1	0	0	.280
Winker lf	3	0	2	0	0	.230
1-Robles pr-rf	0	1	0	0	0	.087
Ruiz c	2	1	2	1	0	.186
Senzel 3b	2	0	0	0	0	.196
b-Vargas ph-3b1	0	0	0	1	0	.310
Gallo 1b	3	0	1	1	0	.129
Young cf	3	0	0	0	1	.262
TOTALS	28	3	6	3	6	

NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE FINALS

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

#1 Boston 3, #6 Indiana 0

G1: May 21 at Boston 133-128 (OT)

G2: Thursday at Boston 126-110.

G3: Saturday Boston 114-111.

G4: Monday at Indiana, 8 p.m.

x-G5: Wednesday at Boston, 8 p.m.

x-G6: Fri, May 31 at Indiana, 8 p.m.

x-G7: Sun, June 2 at Boston, 8 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

#5 Dallas 2, #3 Minnesota 0

G1: May 22, Dallas 108-105.

G2: Friday Dallas 109-108.

G3: Sunday at Dallas, 8 p.m.

G4: Tuesday Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

x-G5: May 30 at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.

x-G6: Sat., June 1 at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

x-G7: Mon, June 3 at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.

Boston 114, Indiana 111

Sat, Game 3	FG	FT	REB						
BOSTON	Min	M-A	M-A	O-T	A	PF	PTS		
J.Brown	38:02	10-18	3-4	0-2	3	3	24		
Tatum	43:57	12-23	7-11	1-10	8	3	36		
Horford	34:49	8-14	0-0	3-5	0	2	23		
Holiday	38:07	4-10	5-5	2-9	3	1	14		
White	35:28	3-11	5-6	1-5	7	4	13		
Pritchard	14:28	1-3	0-0	0-2	3	1	2		
Hauser	13:26	0-3	0-0	0-1	0	1	0		
Tillman	12:58	1-1	0-0	0-1	0	1	2		
Brissett	8:44	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	2	0		
Totals	240:00	39-83	20-26	7-36	24	18	114		
Percentages:	FG .470, FT .769								

3-Point Goals: 16-46, .348 (Horford 7-12, Tatum 5-10, White 2-8, J.Brown 1-5, Holiday 1-6, Pritchard 0-2, Hauser 0-3)

Team Rebounds: 10

Team Turnovers: 2

Blocked Shots: 12 (White 4, Horford 3, Tatum 2, Brissett, Holiday, J.Brown)

Turnovers: 7 (Holiday 3, Horford, J.Brown, Pritchard, Tillman)

Steals: 7 (Holiday 3, Horford, J.Brown, Tatum, Tillman)

Technical Fouls: None

INDIANA	Min	M-A	M-A	O-T	A	PF	PTS		
Nesmith	34:08	2-4	0-0	1-5	4	5	4		
Siakam	36:16	9-18	4-4	2-3	6	5	22		
Turner	38:40	9-16	4-4	1-10	1	2	22		
Nembhard	39:24	12-21	4-4	0-4	9	2	32		
Sheppard	25:34	0-4	0-0	1-3	1	4	0		
McConnell	29:22	10-17	2-2	2-9	6	2	23		
Toppin	23:16	2-6	0-0	0-3	3	0	4		
Jackson	9:20	1-4	0-0	1-5	0	0	2		
McDermott	3:56	1-1	0-0	1-1	2	1	2		
Totals	240:00	46-91	14-14	9-43	32	21	111		
Percentages:	FG .505, FT 1.000								

3-Point Goals: 5-22, .227 (Nembhard 4-7, McConnell 1-4, Nesmith 0-2, Sheppard 0-3, Siakam 0-3, Turner 0-3)

Team Rebounds: 6

Team Turnovers: None

Blocked Shots: 1 (Jackson)

Turnovers: 11 (Turner 5, Nembhard 2, McConnell, Nesmith, Siakam, Toppin)

Steals: 4 (McConnell, Nesmith, Sheppard, Siakam)

Technical Fouls: None

Boston	32	25	24	33	—	114
Indiana	31	38	21	21	—	111

A—17,274 (20,000)

NBA INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Through Friday

SCORING AVERAGE	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Embiid, PHI	6	59	67	198	33.0
Brunson, NY	13	151	93	421	32.4
Gilgeous-Alexander, OKC	10	111	64	302	30.2
Maxey, PHI	6	66	25	179	29.8
Mitchell, CLE	10	107	53	296	29.6
Jokic, DEN	12	133	64	344	28.7
Doncic, DAL	14	135	80	392	28.0
Davis, LAL	5	59	21	139	27.8
James, LAL	5	56	17	139	27.8
Booker, PHO	4	32	39	110	27.5
Edwards, MIN	13	124	70	358	27.5
Banchero, ORL	7	68	37	189	27.0
Durant, PHO	4	37	28	107	26.8
Tatum, BOS	12	98	85	302	25.2
Brown, BOS	12	117	40	297	24.8
Middleton, MIL	6	55	27	148	24.7
Adebayo, MIA	5	48	15	113	22.6
Siakam, IND	15	140	32	326	21.7
Irving, DAL	14	113	40	303	21.6
Harden, LAL	6	40	29	127	21.2
Murray, DEN	12	100	24	247	20.6
George, LAL	6	39	21	117	19.5
Wagner, ORL	7	42	39	132	18.9
Haliburton, IND	15	105	17	280	18.7
Williams, OKC	10	75	22	187	18.7
Towns, MIN	13	85	43	238	18.3
White, BOS	12	78	20	220	18.3
DiVincenzo, NY	13	80	26	231	17.8
McCollum, NO	4	31	2	71	17.8
Lopez, MIL	6	44	8	106	17.7
Turner, IND	15	95	32	259	17.3
Herro, MIA	5	30	9	84	16.8
Reaves, LAL	5	30	17	84	16.8

Dallas 109, Minnesota 108

Fri, Game 2	FG	FT	REB						
DALLAS	Min	M-A	M-A	O-T	A	PF	PTS		
Jones Jr.	32:42	1-5	2-2	0-4	1	4	4		
Washington	37:49	4-11	2-2	1-5	0	2	10		
Gafford	21:05	8-10	0-2	1-5	0	2	16		
Doncic	41:27	10-23	7-7	1-10	13	0	32		
Irving	39:10	7-16	2-5	2-4	6	4	20		
Lively II	26:46	6-6	2-2	3-9	2	3	14		
Green	21:08	2-4	0-0	3-6	1	1	5		
Hardy	11:41	3-7	0-0	0-1	1	1	8		
Hardaway Jr.	5:06	0-1	0-2	0-0	0	0	0		
Exum	3:06	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0		
Totals	240:00	41-81	25-22	11-44	24	17	109		
Percentages:	FG .488, FT .682								

3-Point Goals: 12-31, .387 (Doncic 5-11, Irving 4-7, Hardy 2-3, Green 1-1, Exum 0-1, Hardaway Jr. 0-1, Jones Jr. 0-3, Washington 0-4)

Team Rebounds: 9

Team Turnovers: None

Blocked Shots: 7 (Gafford 5, Washington 2)

Turnovers: 10 (Doncic 4, Irving 2, Green, Hardy, Jones Jr., Washington)

Steals: 7 (Green 2, Jones Jr. 2, Hardy, Irving, Washington)

Technical Fouls: None

MINNESOTA	Min	M-A	M-A	O-T	A	PF	PTS		
McDaniels	36:16	1-6	0-0	0-5	2	2	2		
Towns	25:52	4-16	6-7	3-7	3	2	15		
Gobert	37:42	6-10	4-6	5-10	2	5	16		
Conley	33:04	7-14	2-3	2-5	5	3	18		
Edwards	40:08	5-17	9-10	2-5	7	2	21		
Reid	31:44	8-13	0-0	0-2	0	2	23		
Anderson	20:27	2-5	3-4	0-5	5	3	7		
Alexander-Walker	14:23	2-4	2-2	0-1	0	0	6		
Mo.Morris	0:24	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0		
Totals	240:00	35-85	26-32	12-40	26	19	108		
Percentages:	FG .412, FT .813								

3-Point Goals: 12-31, .387 (Reid 7-9, Conley 2-5, Edwards 2-7, Towns 1-5, Alexander-Walker 0-2, McDaniels 0-3)

Team Rebounds: 13

Team Turnovers: None

Blocked Shots: 7 (McDaniels 2, Alexander-Walker, Conley, Edwards, Gobert, Reid)

Turnovers: 9 (Alexander-Walker 2, Conley 2, Edwards 2, McDaniels 2, Reid)

Steals: 7 (Gobert 2, Reid 2, Towns 2, Conley)

Technical Fouls: None

Dallas	26	22	31	30	—	109
Minnesota	32	28	26	22	—	108

A—19,636 (19,356). T—2:29

NBA LEADERS

3-PT FG PERCENTAGE	3FG	3FGA	PCT
Wright, MIA	6	10	.600
Kleber, DAL	10	18	.556
Pritchard, BOS	19	40	.475
Turner, IND	37	78	.474
Nembhard, IND	22	47	.468
Hield, PHI	6	13	.462
Mann, LAC	10	22	.455
Powell, LAC	13	29	.448
Payne, PHI	8	18	.444
Beasley, MIL	11	25	.440
Martin, MIA	11	25	.440

REBOUNDS	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Davis, LAL	5	15	63	78	15.60
Jokic, DEN	12	43	118	161	13.42
Hart, NY	13	37	113	150	11.54
Portis, MIL	6	16	52	68	11.33
Valanciunas, NO	4	18	26	44	11.00
Embiid, PHI	6	19	46	65	10.83
Gobert, MIN	12	35	91	126	10.50
Tatum, BOS	12	9	113	122	10.17
Doncic, DAL	14	13	119	132	9.43
Adebayo, MIA	5	11	36	47	9.40

ASSISTS	G	AST	AVG
Doncic, DAL	14	130	9.3
James, LAL	5	44	8.8
Jokic, DEN	12	104	8.7
Haliburton, IND	15	123	8.2
Harden, LAC	6	48	8.0
Brunson, NY	13	97	7.5
Maxey, PHI	6	41	6.8
Gilgeous-Alexander, OKC	10	64	6.4
Edwards, MIN	13	80	6.2
Conley, MIN	12	73	6.1
Booker, PHO	4	24	6.0

STEALS	G	STL	AVG
James, LAL	5	12	2.40
Oubre, PHI	6	11	1.83
Booker, PHO	4	7	1.75
McCollum, NO	4	7	1.75
Williams, OKC	10	17	1.70
Edwards, MIN	13	21	1.62
Nurkic, PHO	4	6	1.50
Doncic, DAL	14	20	1.43
Caldwell-Pope, DEN	12	17	1.42
Jokic, DEN	12	17	1.42

BLOCKS	G	BLK	AVG
Holmgren, OKC	10	25	2.50
Mobley, CLE	12	26	2.17
Gilgeous-Alexander, OKC	10	17	1.70
Turner, IND	15	25	1.67
Gafford, DAL	14	23	1.64
Davis, LAL	5	8	1.60
Durant, PHO	4	6	1.50
Embiid, PHI	6	9	1.50
Murphy, NO	4	6	1.50
Nurkic, PHO	4	6	1.50

WNBA

EASTERN	W	L	Pct	GB
Connecticut	5	0	1.000	—
New York	4	2	.667	1½
Atlanta	2	1	.667	2
Chicago	2	2	.500	2½
Indiana	1	6	.143	5
Washington	0	6	.000	5½
WESTERN	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	3	1	.750	—
Las Vegas	3	1	.750	—
Phoenix	3	2	.600	½
Seattle	3	3	.500	1
Dallas	2	2	.500	1
Los Angeles	1	3	.250	2

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Minnesota 84, New York 67
Connecticut 86, Chicago 82
Las Vegas 99, Indiana 80
Seattle 101, Washington 69
Dallas 107, Phoenix 92

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Minnesota at Atlanta, 6p.m.
Dallas at Los Angeles, 9p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES

No games scheduled.

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Los Angeles at Indiana, 7p.m.
Phoenix at Connecticut, 7p.m.
Seattle at Chicago, 8p.m.

FRIDAY'S RESULT

Indiana 78, Los Angeles 73

Minnesota 84, New York 67

SATURDAY'S RESULT

NEW YORK	Min	FG		FT		Reb		A	PF	PTS
		M-A	M-A	O-T	O-T					
Lny-Hmltn	35:53	2-8	0-0	1-3	2	0	4			
Stewart	33:22	8-18	3-3	3-11	5	2	20			
Jones	27:40	1-5	2-2	2-6	3	5	4			
Ionescu	26:17	5-14	1-1	1-3	1	1	13			
Vandersloot	27:40	5-12	1-2	1-3	6	0	12			
Fieltich	19:22	4-7	0-0	1-1	0	2	11			
Sabally	13:07	1-2	0-0	0-2	1	0	2			
Thornton	7:15	0-2	0-0	0-1	0	0	0			
Burke	5:46	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0			
Davis	1:49	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0			
Dojdic	1:49	0-0	1-2	0-0	0	0	1			
Totals	200:02	66-138	8-10	9-30	18	11	67			
Percentages: FG 38.2 FT 80.0										

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SPORTS CALENDAR

	SUN MAY26	MON MAY27	TUE MAY28	WED MAY29	THU MAY30	FRI MAY31	SAT JUN1
	SD 4:00 P.M. YES		LAA 9:30 P.M. YES	LAA 9:30 P.M. PRIME	LAA 9:30 P.M. YES	SF 10:15 P.M. YES	SF 10:05 P.M. YES
	SF 1:30 P.M. CH. 11	LAD 4:00 P.M. SNY	LAD 7:00 P.M. SNY	LAD 4:00 P.M. SNY	AZ 7:00 P.M. SNY	AZ 7:00 P.M. CH.11	AZ 4:10 P.M. SNY
	FLA 3:00 P.M. CH. 7		FLA 8:00 P.M. ESPN		FLA 8:00 P.M. ESPN		FLA 8:00 P.M. CH. 7
				CHA 7:30 P.M. APPLE			ORL 7:30 P.M. APPLE
						SJ 7:30 P.M. APPLE	
				PHO 7:00 P.M. CBSSN		WAS 7:30 P.M. ION	

MLB
1:30 p.m.: Mets vs. Giants, CH.11
1:30 p.m.: Regional Coverage, MLBNN
4 p.m.: Yankees at San Diego, YES
7 p.m.: Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, ESPN

COLLEGE BASEBALL
Noon: Atlantic Coast Tournament: TBD, Championship, ESPN2/ACCN
2 p.m.: Conference USA Tournament: TBD, Championship, CBSSN
3 p.m.: Big Ten Tournament: TBD, Championship, BTN
3 p.m.: Southeastern Tournament: TBD, Championship, ESPN2/SECN

NBA
8:30 p.m.: Western Conference Finals: Minnesota at Dallas, Game 3, TNT / TRUTV
AFRICA LEAGUE

8:30 a.m.: TBD, Quarterfinal, Kigali, Rwanda, NBATV
11:30 a.m.: TBD, Quarterfinal, Kigali, Rwanda, NBATV
UFL

2:30 p.m.: Regional Coverage, CH.5
NHL

3 p.m.: Eastern Conference Final: NY Rangers at Florida, Game 3, CH.7
HOCKEY

CANADIAN LEAGUE
7:30 p.m.: Memorial Cup: Saginaw vs. Drummondville, NHLN

IIHF MEN'S
9 a.m.: World Championship: TBD, Bronze Medal Game,NHLN
2 p.m.: World Championship: TBD, Gold Medal Game, NHLN
SOCCER

MEN'S
Noon: Serie A: Lecce at Napoli, CBSSN
AUTO RACING

7:30 a.m.: Formula 1: The Monaco Grand Prix, CH.7
7:30 a.m.: FIM MotoGP: The Catalan Grand Prix, TRUTV
12:30 p.m.: NTT IndyCar Series: The Indianapolis 500, CH.4

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE: Acquired RHPs Thyago Vieira and Aneuris Rodriguez (assigned to

6 p.m.: NASCAR Cup Series: The Coca-Cola 600, CH.5

COLLEGE LACROSSE WOMEN'S
Noon: NCAA Tournament: TBD, Championship, Cary, N.C., ESPN
COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Noon: NCAA Tournament: TBD, Super Regional, ESPN
2 p.m.: NCAA Tournament: TBD, Super Regional, ESPN
4 p.m.: NCAA Tournament: TBD, Super Regional, ESPN
4 p.m.: NCAA Tournament: TBD, Super Regional, ESPN
6 p.m.: NCAA Tournament: TBD, Super Regional, ESPN
7:30 p.m.: NCAA Tournament: TBD, Super Regional, ESPN
9:30 p.m.: NCAA Tournament: TBD, Super Regional, ESPN
GOLF

7 a.m.: DP World Tour: The Soudal Open, Final Round, GOLF
1 p.m.: PGA Tour: The Charles Schwab Challenge, Final Round, GOLF
3 p.m.: PGA Tour: The Charles Schwab Challenge, Final Round, CH.2
3 p.m.: PGA Tour Champions: The KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, Final Round, GOLF
4 p.m.: PGA Tour Champions: The KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, Final Round, CH.4
HORSE RACING

12:30 p.m.: NYRA: America's Day at the Races, FS2
1:30 p.m.: NYRA: America's Day at the Races, FS1
2:30 p.m.: NYRA: America's Day at the Races, FS2
RUGBY MEN'S

6 p.m.: MLR: San Diego at Los Angeles, FS1
TENNIS

6 a.m.: ATP/WTa: The French Open, Early Rounds, TENNIS
2 a.m. (Monday): ATP/WTa: The French Open, Early Rounds, TENNIS
6 a.m. (Monday): ATP/WTa: The French Open, Early Rounds, TENNIS

the Florida Complex League Orioles) from Milwaukee in exchange for RHP Garrett Stallings.
BOSTON: Traded 3B Pablo Reyes to th N.Y. Mets for cash consideration.

TENNIS

ATP GONET GENEVA OPEN
Saturday at Tennis Club de Geneve Eaux-Vives; Geneva; outdoors, Red clay
MEN'S SINGLES, CHAMPIONSHIP
#2 Casper Ruud d.
Tomas Machac, 7-5, 6-3.

MEN'S SINGLES, SEMIFINALS
#2Casper Ruud d.
Flavio Cobolli, 1-6, 6-1, 7-6(4).

ATP WOPEN PARC AUVERGNE-RHONE-ALPES LYON
Saturday at Parc de la Tete d'Or; Lyon, France; outdoors, Red clay
MEN'S SINGLES, CHAMPIONSHIP
Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard d. #6Tomas Martin Etcheverry, 6-4, 1-6, 7-6(7).

WTA GRAND PRIX DE SAR LA PRINCESSE LALLA MERYEM
Saturday at Club des Cheminots; Rabat, Morocco; outdoors, Red clay
WOMEN'S SINGLES, CHAMPIONSHIP
Peyton Stearns d.
Mayar Sherif, 6-2, 6-1.

WTA INTERNATIONAUX DE STRASBOURG
Saturday at Strasbourg Tennis Club; Strasbourg, France; outdoors, Red clay
WOMEN'S SINGLES, CHAMPIONSHIP
#4Madison Keys d.
#13Danielle Collins, 6-1, 6-2.

UFL

USFL	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
x-Birmingham	8	1	0	.889	245	161
x-Michigan	6	2	0	.750	183	147
Memphis	1	7	0	.125	148	242
Houston	1	7	0	.125	124	188

XFL	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
x-San Antonio	7	2	0	.778	180	140
x-St. Louis	6	3	0	.667	247	190
DC	3	5	0	.375	142	198
Arlington	2	7	0	.222	215	218
x-clinched playoff spot						

WEEK 9 SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Arlington 36, St. Louis 22
San Antonio 18, Birmingham 9
SUNDAY'S GAMES
D.C. at Memphis, 2:30p.m.
Michigan at Houston, 2:30p.m.

WEEK 10 SATURDAY, JUNE 1
Michigan at Birmingham , noon
San Antonio at St. Louis, 4p.m.
SUNDAY, JUNE 2
Arlington at D.C., noon
Houston at Memphis, 7p.m.

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS SATURDAY, JUNE 8
Conference Championship, 3 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9
Conf. Championship, TBA (FOX)

UFL CHAMPIONSHIP SUNDAY, JUNE 16
Semifinal winners, 5p.m.

Luis Perez	ARI	1,836	12	2	99.6
A.J. McCarron	STL	1,467	14	3	98.9
Jordan Ta'amu	DC	1,399	11	7	77.9
Adrian Martinez	Bir	1,374	13	2	107.0
Reid Sinnett	Hou	1,063	5	3	82.6
Case Cookus	Mem	989	7	4	83.1
Quinten Dormady	SA	974	5	6	74.7
E.J. Perry	Mich	664	2	3	78.1
Chase Garbers	SA	588	6	1	99.1

RUSHING YARDS	TM	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD
Adrian Martinez	Bir	44	431	9.80	3
John Lovett	SA	103	421	4.09	5
Matt Colburn	Mich	84	387	4.61	4
De'Veon Smith	Arl	80	317	3.96	3
Jacob Saylor	StL	68	307	4.51	5
Ricky Person	Bir	86	298	3.47	6
Wes Hills	Mich	72	277	3.85	5
T.J. Pledger	Hou	76	248	3.26	0
Darius Victor	Mem	82	239	2.91	1
CJ Marable	Bir	68	221	3.25	2
Mark Thompson	Hou	46	182	3.96	4
CamRon Harris	DC	63	179	2.84	3

RECEIVING	YARDSTM	REC	YDS	AVG	TD
Hakeem Butler	StL	41	606	14.78	5
Daewood Davis	Mem	38	443	11.66	5
Marcus Simms	Mich	23	426	18.52	3
Justin Hall	Hou	42	425	10.12	1
Jontre Kirklin	SA	45	421	9.36	2
Deon Cain	Bir	29	400	13.79	3
Tyler Vaughns	Arl	37	383	10.35	1

GOLF

PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS: SENIOR PGA CHAMPIONSHIP
3rd of 4 rounds, The GC at Harbor Shores; Benton Harbor, Mich.; 6,852 yards; Par: 71
Greg Chalmers 69-68-66-203 -10
Ernie Els 70-64-69-203 -10
Richard Bland 64-66-74-204 -9
Chris DiMarco 68-65-71-204 -9
Richard Green 64-71-70-205 -8
Jason Caron 69-70-67-206 -7
Stewart Cink 67-68-71-206 -7
Scott Hend 68-68-70-206 -7
Steve Stricker 66-69-71-206 -7
Shane Bertsch 70-67-70-207 -6
Jeff Schmid 66-71-70-207 -6
David Branshaw 71-68-69-208 -5
Retief Goosen 70-69-69-208 -5
Jerry Kelly 69-70-69-208 -5
Mike Weir 66-69-73-208 -5
Scott Dunlap 66-65-78-209 -4
Joakim Haeggman 69-66-74-209 -4
Cameron Percy 69-72-68-209 -4
Paul Stankowski 69-69-71-209 -4
Marco Dawson 69-72-69-210 -3
Brian Gay 67-67-76-210 -3
Bernhard Langer 74-71-65-210 -3
Justin Leonard 70-69-71-210 -3
Kenny Perry 69-70-71-210 -3
Stuart Appleby 70-69-72-211 -2
Darren Clarke 67-73-71-211 -2
Tim Petrovic 70-71-70-211 -2
Michael Wright 69-67-75-211 -2
Arjun Atwal 69-75-68-212 -1
Steve Flesch 70-71-71-212 -1
Padraig Harrington 74-68-70-212 -1
Miguel Angel Jimenez 70-68-74-212 -1
Katsumasa Miyamoto 67-75-70-212 -1
Timothy O'Neal 71-69-72-212 -1
Tom Pernice 69-73-70-212 -1

PGA TOUR: CHARLES SCHWAB CHALLENGE
3rd of 4 rounds, Colonial CC; Fort Worth, Texas; 7,289 yards; Par: 70
Davis Riley 66-64-66-196-14
Scottie Scheffler 72-65-63-200-10
Hayden Buckley 67-65-69-201 -9
Pierceson Coody 67-65-69-201 -9
Robby Shelton 67-68-67-202 -8
Tony Finau 66-69-68-203 -7
Keegan Bradley 68-66-70-204 -6
Sungjae Im 70-64-70-204 -6
Collin Morikawa 68-69-67-204 -6
Kevin Tway 69-66-69-204 -6
Rickie Fowler 70-69-66-205 -5
Tom Kim 69-68-68-205 -5
Min Woo Lee 69-68-68-205 -5
David Lipsky 70-69-66-205 -5
Keith Mitchell 72-67-66-205 -5
Sepp Straka 68-66-71-205 -5
Alejandro Tosti 69-69-67-205 -5

DP WORLD TOUR: SOUDAL OPEN 3rd of 4 rounds, Rinkven International GC; Antwerp, Belgium; 6,940 yards; Par: 71
Nacho Elvira 64-64-67-195 -18
Joe Dean 68-65-66-199 -14
Ross Fisher 66-63-70-199 -14
Romain Langasque 64-67-68-199 -14
Niklas Norgaard Moller64-68-67-199 -14
Andrew Wilson 64-68-68-200 -13
Sebastian Garcia Rodriguez70-64-67-201 -12
Thomas Pieters 67-66-68-201 -12
Sam Bairstow 74-65-63-202 -11
Laurie Canter 69-67-66-202 -11
Aaron Cockerill 66-66-70-202 -11
Luke Donald 68-69-65-202 -11
Samuel Jones 62-70-70-202 -11
Mike Lorenzo-Vera 69-65-68-202 -11
Richard Mansell 67-68-67-202 -11
Guido Migliozzi 70-66-66-202 -11
Paul Waring 68-66-68-202 -11

ODDS

NBA PLAYOFFS SUNDAY
FAVORITE LINE O/U UNDERDOG
at Dallas 3 (208) Minnesota

NHL PLAYOFFS SUNDAY
FAVORITE LINE UNDERDOG LINE
at Florida -156 NY Rangers +130

MLB SUNDAY
American League
FAVORITE LINE UNDERDOG LINE
Toronto -124 at Detroit +106
Kansas City -118 at Tampa Bay +100
Baltimore -166 at Chi. W. Sox +140
at Minnesota off Texas off
Cleveland -116 at LA Angels -102
Houston -162 at Oakland +136
National League
at Cincinnati off LA Dodgers off
Atlanta -205 at Pittsburgh +172
San Francisco -120 at NY Mets +102
Philadelphia -220 at Colorado +184
at Arizona -188 Miami +158
at St. Louis -136 Chicago Cubs +116
Interleague
at Boston -144 Milwaukee +122
Seattle -164 at Washington +138
NY Yankees -124 at San Diego +106

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AUTO RACING

108TH INDIANAPOLIS 500
Lineup for Sunday's IndyCar race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway; Indianapolis; Lap length: 2.5 miles
ST # DRIVER MK MPH
ROW 1

1 3 Scott McLaughlin D-C 234.22
2 12 Will Power D-C 233.917
3 2 Josef Newgarden D-C 233.808

ROW 2
4 7 Alexander Rossi D-C 233.09
5 17 Kyle Larson D-C 232.846
6 14 Santino Ferrucci D-C 232.692

ROW 3
7 21 Rinus VeeKay D-C 232.61
8 5 Pato O'Ward D-C 232.584
9 60 Felix Rosenqvist D-H 232.305

ROW 4
10 75 Takuma Sato D-H 232.171
11 27 Kyle Kirkwood D-H 230.993
12 23 Ryan Hunter-Reay D-C 230.567

ROW 5
13 26 Colton Herta D-H 232.316
14 10 Alex Palou D-H 232.306
15 6 Callum Ilott D-H 232.23

ROW 6
16 11 Marcus Armstrong D-H 232.183
17 20 Ed Carpenter D-C 232.017
18 4 Kyffin Simpson D-H 231.948

ROW 7
19 98 Marco Andretti D-H 231.89
20 6 Helio Castroneves D-H 231.871
21 9 Scott Dixon D-H 231.851

ROW 8
22 78 Agustin Canapino D-C 231.847
23 41 Sting Ray Robb D-C 231.826
24 20 Christian Rasmussen D-C 231.682

ROW 9
25 66 Tom Blomqvist D-H 231.578
26 77 Romain Grosjean D-C 231.514
27 8 Linus Lundqvist D-H 231.506

ROW 10
28 45 Christian Lundgaard D-H 231.465
29 24 Conor Daly D-C 231.243
30 30 Pietro Fittipaldi D-H 231.100

ROW 11
31 51 Katherine Legge D-H 230.092
32 28 Marcus Ericsson D-H 230.027
33 15 Graham Rahal D-H 229.974

Chassies: D-C—Dallara-Chevrolet; D/H—Dallara-Honda; Firestone tires

NASCAR CUP SERIES 65TH COCA-COLA 600
Lineup after Saturday's qualifying for Sunday's race at Charlotte Motor Speedway; Concord, N.C. Lap length: 1.50 miles
(Car number in parentheses)
1. (54) Ty Gibbs, Toyota, 183.955mph.
2. (24) William Byron, Chevrolet, 183.580.
3. (20) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 183.461.
4. (19) Martin Truex Jr, Toyota, 182.871.
5. (9) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 182.704.
6. (48) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 182.624.
7. (1) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 182.285.
8. (45) Tyler Reddick, Toyota, 182.137.
9. (34) Michael McDowell, Ford, 181.886.
10. (5) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 181.702.
11. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 181.537.
12. (23) Bubba Wallace, Toyota, 180.838.
13. (4) Josh Berry, Ford, 181.519.
14. (99) Daniel Suárez, Chevrolet, 180.771.
15. (8) Kyle Busch, Chevrolet, 181.476.
16. (12) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 180.530.
17. (2) Austin Cindric, Ford, 181.020.
18. (14) Chase Briscoe, Ford, 180.078.
19. (10) Noah Gragson, Ford, 180.741.
20. (77) Carson Hocevar, Chevrolet, 179.856.
21. (7) Corey LaJoie, Chevrolet, 180.693.
22. (51) Justin Haley, Ford, 179.796.
23. (47) Ricky Stenhouse Jr, Chevrolet, 180.590.
24. (31) Daniel Hemric, Chevrolet, 179.748.
25. (71) Zane Smith, Chevrolet, 180.433.
26. (42) John H. Nemechek, Toyota, 179.653.
27. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 180.240.
28. (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 179.396.
29. (84) Jimmie Johnson, Toyota, 179.712.
30. (6) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 179.247.
31. (41) Ryan Preece, Ford, 179.241.
32. (21) Harrison Burton, Ford, 178.956.
33. (15) Kaz Grla, Ford, 178.950.
34. (43) Erik Jones, Toyota, 178.247.
35. (38) Todd Gilliland, Ford, 177.784.
36. (16) Shane Van Gisbergen, Chevrolet, 177.206.
37. (66) BJ McLeod, Ford, 177.142.
38. (50) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 176.332.
39. (17) Chris Buescher, Ford, .000.
40. (44) JJ Yeley, Chevrolet, .000.



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END ZONE

JUST SWIMMINGLY

New York sports hero Ederle gets her due in upcoming Disney film

BY PETER SBLENDORIO
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

Perspective washed over Daisy Ridley as she surfaced from the Black Sea.

The actress had just completed a 500-foot swim, her longest during the production of her new movie "Young Woman and the Sea," in which she portrays Gertrude Ederle, the first woman to successfully swim across the English Channel.

"I swam for as long as I could and popped up, and that was how we ended the shoot," Ridley recalled to the Daily News. "I thought, 'Wow, I feel so proud of myself after a couple minutes of swimming.' This woman did this for hours. It's still unbelievable to me what she did, because even a piece of it was so challenging."

The biopic dives into theaters Friday, nearly a century after the New York City-born Ederle finished the 21-mile swim from France to England on Aug. 6, 1926.

Nicknamed the Queen of the Waves, Ederle overcame both the channel's treacherous conditions and the inequality facing female athletes of her era to immortalize herself as one of New York's great sports heroes.

She needed only 14 hours and 31 minutes to clear the channel. That was faster than any of the five men who completed the swim before her, including the previous record-holder, Enrique Tirabocchi, who took 16 hours and 33 minutes three years earlier.

But as the decades passed, Ederle's triumph largely faded from public consciousness.

"I was baffled by that," Joachim Rønning, who directed the film, told The News. "How come I don't know this story? The more I talked about it with people around me, nobody really knew this story. Nobody knew about Trudy Ederle. For me, it became almost like an obligation to retell this story and put Trudy back on the map."

The daughter of German immigrants, Ederle grew up on the Upper West Side but learned to swim in Highlands, N.J., where her family owned a summer home. It was

in that beachfront borough that Ederle became introduced to the Women's Swimming Association, which trained her and her sisters.

Despite a childhood case of measles that damaged her hearing, Ederle established herself as a world-class swimmer well before she tackled the channel. She set 29 U.S. and world records from 1921-25, including seven in Brighton Beach.

One of Ederle's world records came in the 150-meter event, which she set during the Olympic trials before the 1924 Summer Games in Paris. That performance proved vital, considering the cash-strapped American Olympic Committee favored men's sports and was liable to cut down the women's swimming team, according to Glenn Stout's 2009 book, also titled "Young Woman and the Sea," that inspired the movie.

Ederle went on to win the Olympic gold in the 4x100-meter freestyle relay that year, along with bronze medals in the 100-meter freestyle and the 400-meter freestyle.

The English Channel represented a greater challenge. Known for its frigid, jellyfish-infested waters and its poor visibility, the channel was prone to fast-changing currents that were impossible to predict with 1920s technology.

Ederle was unsuccessful in her first attempt, making it 14 miles on Aug. 18, 1925.

"To swim the channel at any time is a huge challenge," said Siobhan-Marie O'Connor, a silver medalist in the 200-meter individual medley at the 2016 Olympics, who trained Ridley for the movie.

"You have to be so, so fit to be able to take on that amount of distance. It would have required a huge amount of training,"



continued O'Connor, who competed for Great Britain. "Fourteen hours of swimming non-stop. No breaks. You can't touch any sort of vessel or boat. You're constantly battling the elements without rest."

For her second try, Ederle turned to Bill Burgess, who swam the channel in 1911, to train her.

Helping Ederle fund the attempt was a contract from the Daily News and the Chicago Tribune Press Service in exchange for her exclusive story.

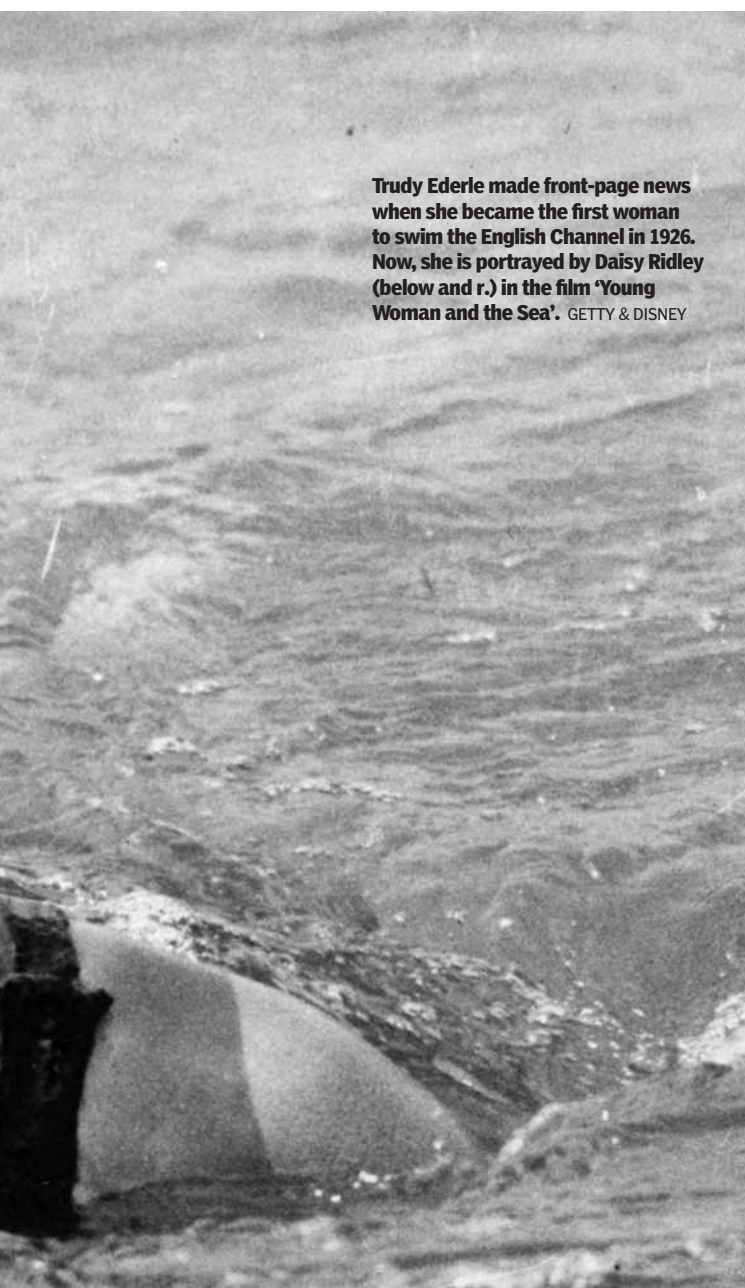
Her historic swim was likely longer than 21 miles in real distance, as brutal conditions that day prevented Ederle from following a straight route. On Aug. 7, 1926, The News dedicated its full front page to Ederle's unprecedented accomplishment.

"Here it is several hours since I have accomplished the ambition

of my life as a swimmer and I am rather at a loss for words to tell what I have been able to do or how I did it," Ederle wrote in the Aug. 8 edition of The News. "I, frankly, am more than a little dazed by my success and by the abuse I took from the roughest sea I have ever encountered for any considerable length of time."

Ederle completed the swim using the American Crawl, a stroke similar to the modern-day front crawl. Ridley's preparation for the film included learning Ederle's

Trudy Ederle made front-page news when she became the first woman to swim the English Channel in 1926. Now, she is portrayed by Daisy Ridley (below and r.) in the film 'Young Woman and the Sea'. GETTY & DISNEY



technique, which required three months of training before production began in April 2022.

The London-born Ridley was no stranger to rigorous preparation, having gone through it for her starring role as Rey in the "Star Wars" sequel trilogy. Mastering swimming was another force entirely.

"I remember [O'Connor] saying to me at the beginning, 'There is no way to supplement swimming without swimming,'" Ridley, 32, said. "We were swimming

during filming and swimming to train in the weekends and the evenings, and then the big swim was at the end of the film. That was, mentally, probably the biggest challenge, because you just don't know what it's going to be until you're there."

Adding to the challenge was Ronning's decision to shoot the film's English Channel sequences in open water. The cast and crew captured those scenes over nine days along the Bulgarian coast.

"It was important for me to be

out on the ocean and do this as real as possible," Ronning said. "When we spoke early on, I said, 'I don't want to be in a tank. I want to be out there in the elements,' and Daisy was so game to do that. ... Never complaining, always going for it, lips blue and channeling Trudy Ederle."

Ederle's time remained the standard for female swimmers until 1950, when Florence Chadwick, also an American, swam the English Channel in under 13 1/2 hours.

"Trudy paved the way for women's swimming, but also women's sport," O'Connor said. "The trailblazers in women's sport were so important to encourage women and young girls to ... know these things are achievable. Just being told that you can't do something, and saying, 'No, actually I can,' it's such a powerful message."

New York City celebrated Ederle's English Channel conquest with a ticker-tape parade attended by an estimated two

million people. President Calvin Coolidge hailed her "America's best girl" and invited her to the White House. The International Swimming Hall of Fame inducted Ederle in 1965, and the National Women's Hall of Fame inducted her in 2003.

Ederle died in Wyckoff, N.J., in 2003 at age 98.

"I believe her legacy is one of someone that did something groundbreaking," Ridley said, "and did it at a time where it seemed impossible."

WILL JUAN STAY WITH YANKEES?

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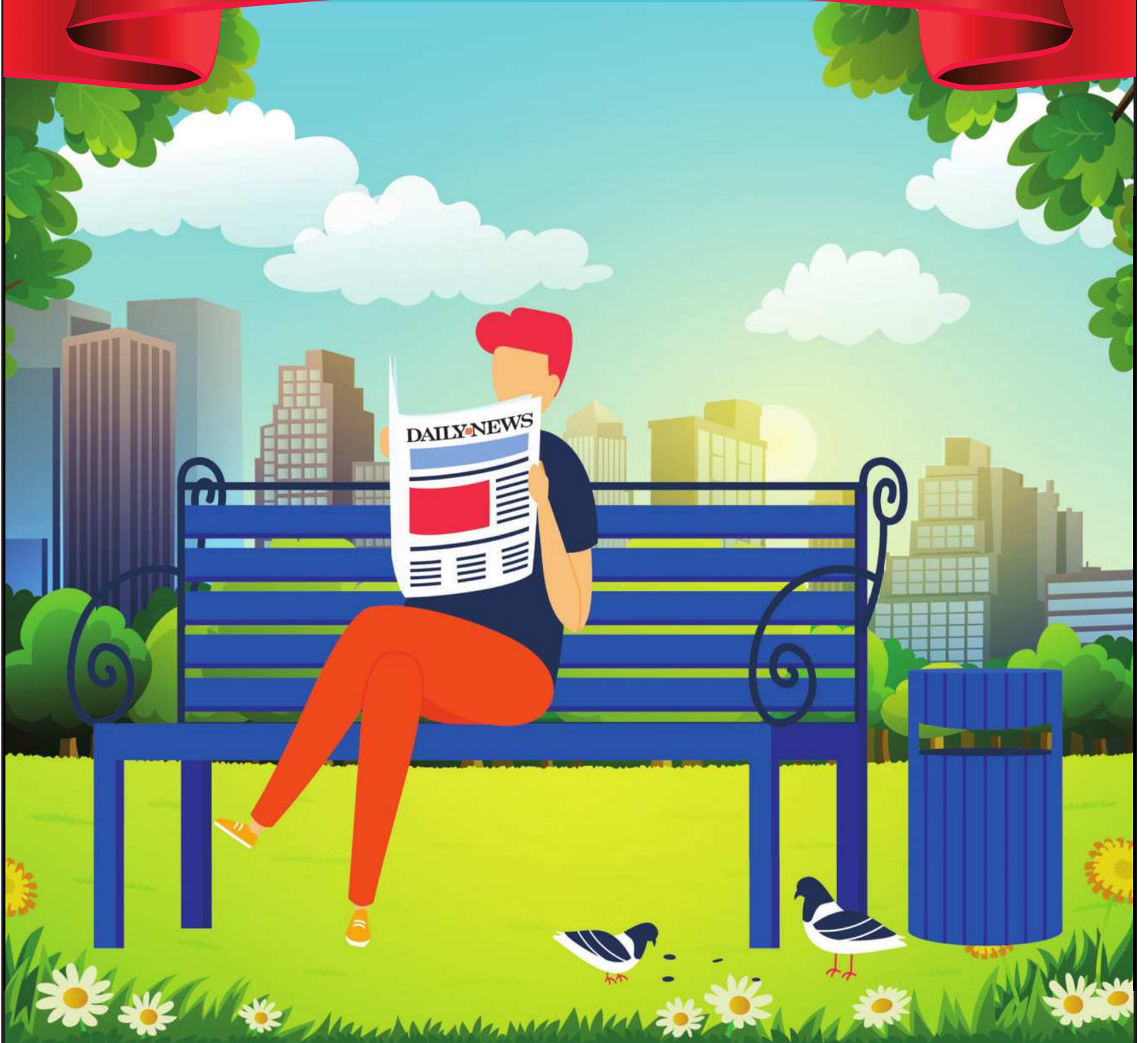
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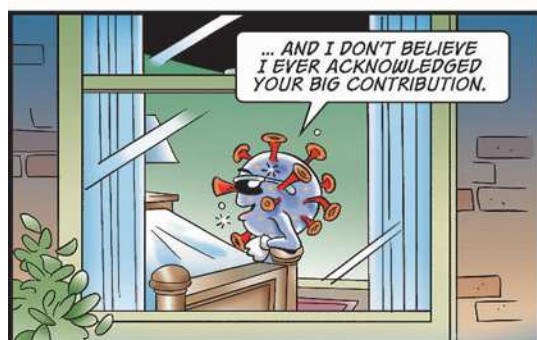
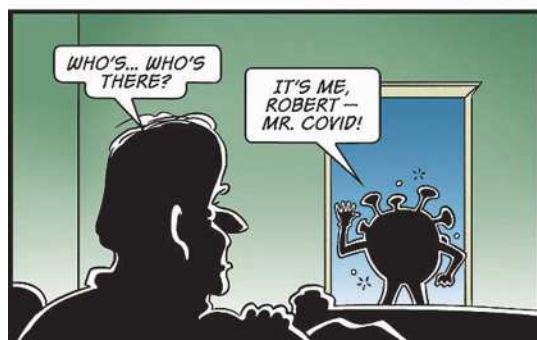
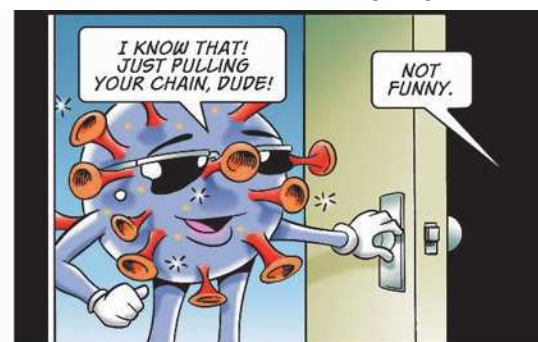
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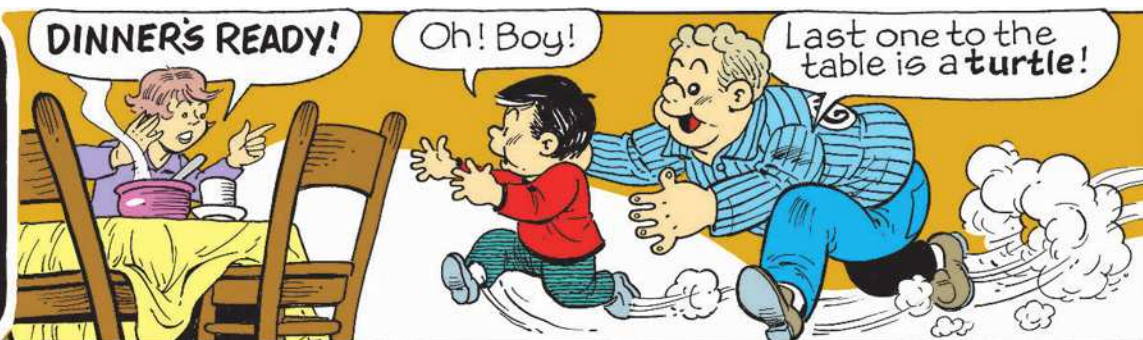
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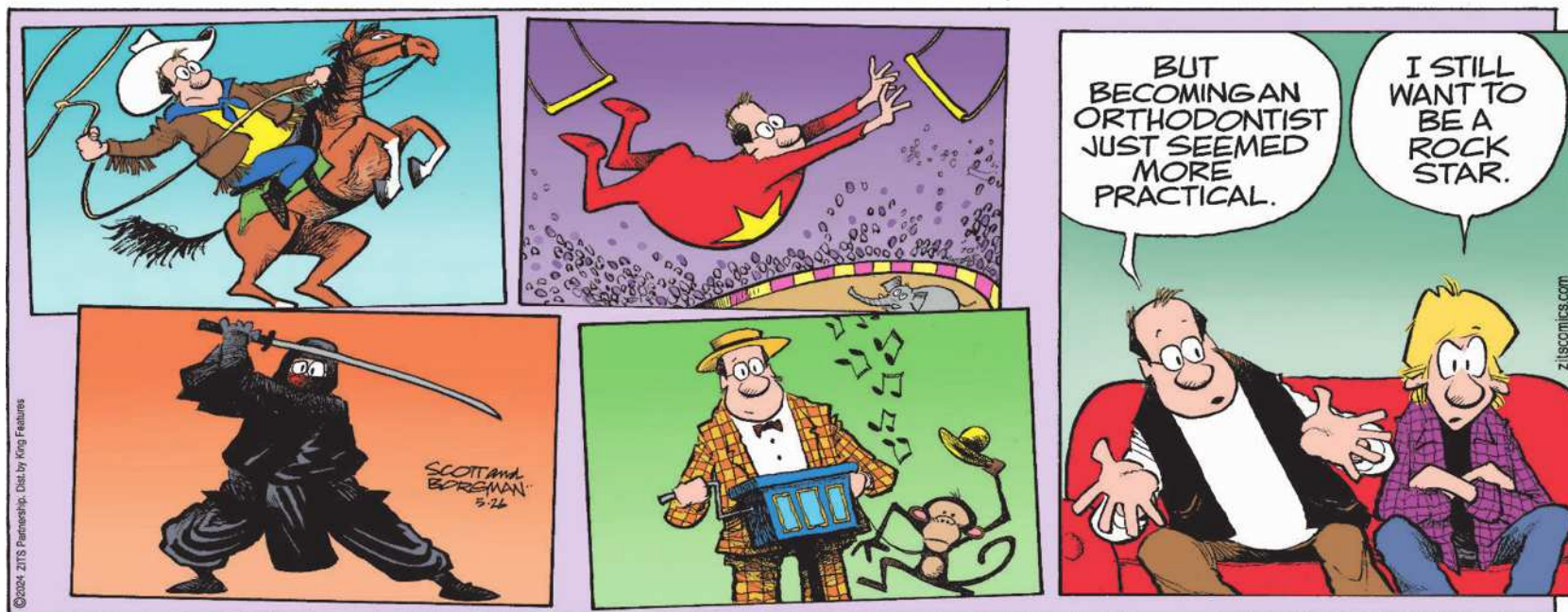
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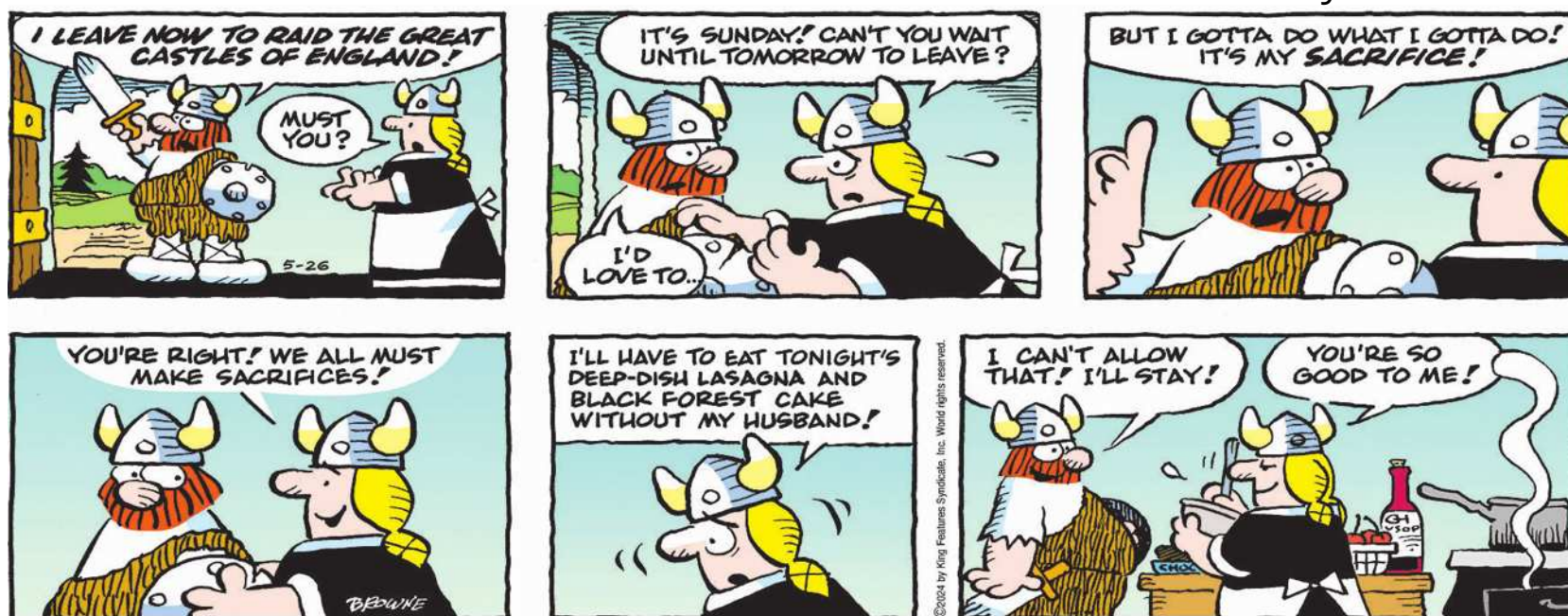
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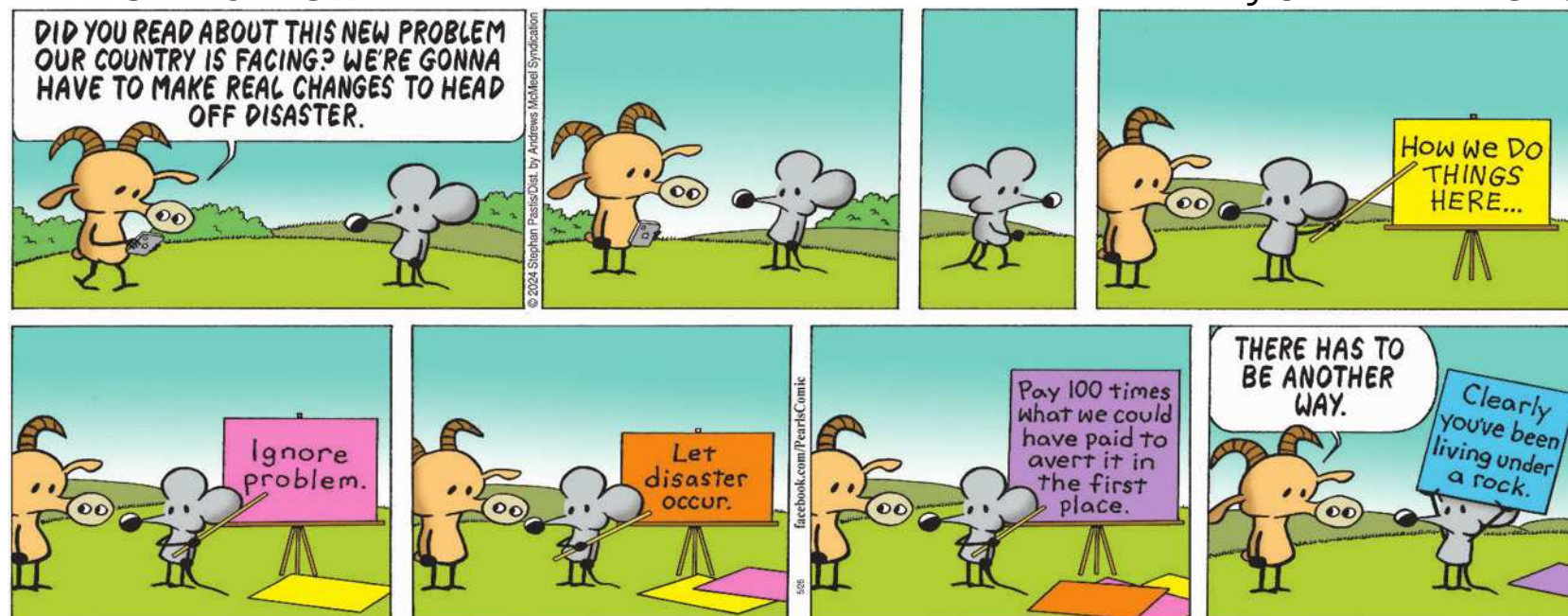
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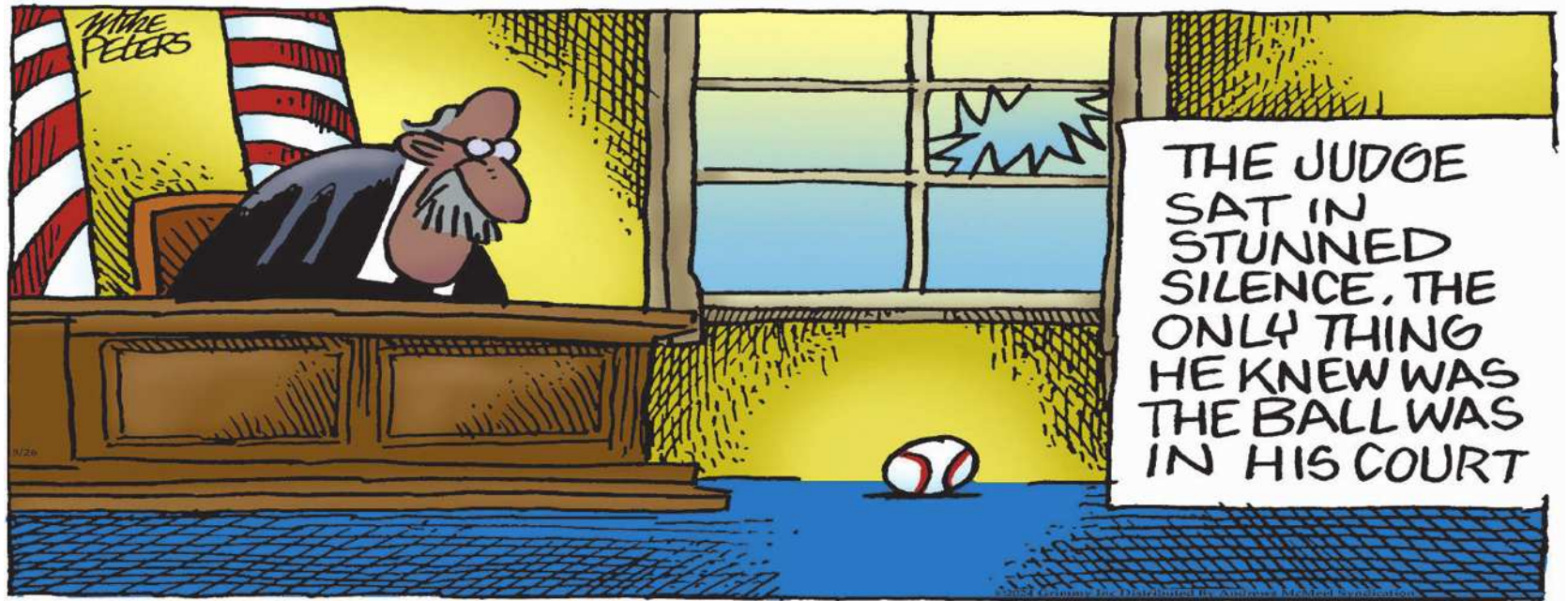
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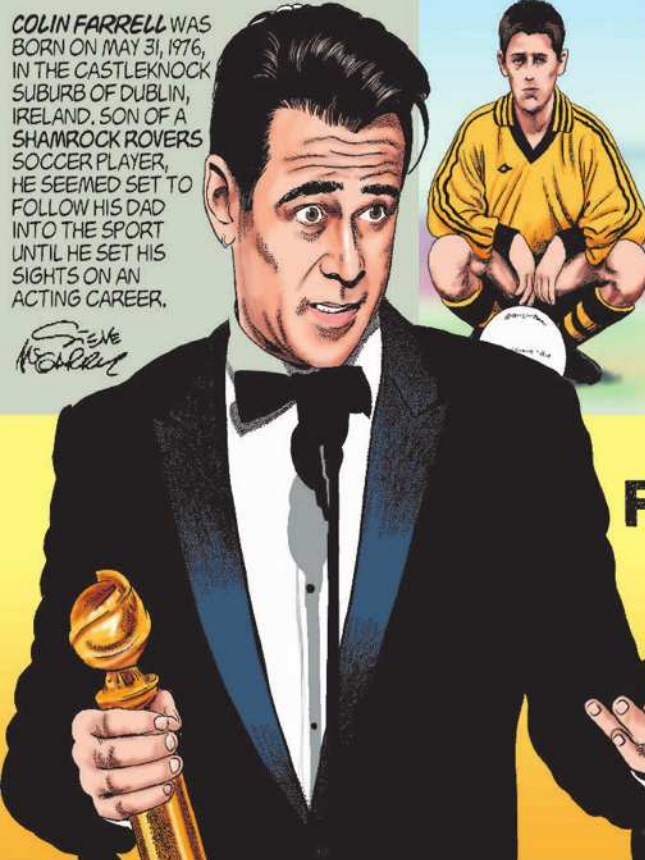
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BIOGRAPHIC

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COLIN FARRELL WAS BORN ON MAY 31, 1976, IN THE CASTLEKNOCK SUBURB OF DUBLIN, IRELAND. SON OF A SHAMROCK ROVERS SOCCER PLAYER, HE SEEMED SET TO FOLLOW HIS DAD INTO THE SPORT UNTIL HE SET HIS SIGHTS ON AN ACTING CAREER.



COLIN DROPPED OUT OF THE *GAITY SCHOOL OF ACTING* IN 1998 WHEN HE WAS CAST IN THE BBC SERIES *"BALLYKISSANGEL,"* AND HE MADE HIS MOVIE DEBUT IN TIM ROTH'S DIRECTORIAL DEBUT, 1999'S *"THE WAR ZONE."*

HOLLYWOOD SOON CAME CALLING, AND HIS STAR QUICKLY ROSE, THROUGH FILMS SUCH AS *"HART'S WAR," "MINORITY REPORT," "PHONE BOOTH," "S.W.A.T.,"* AND *"DAREDEVIL,"* AND ROLES INCLUDING *JESSE JAMES* IN *"AMERICAN OUTLAWS,"* THE LEAD IN THE HISTORICAL EPIC *"ALEXANDER,"* AND *DETECTIVE SONNY CROCKETT* IN THE *"MIAMI VICE"* MOVIE.

THE 2008 COMEDY DRAMA *"IN BRUGES"* EARNED COLIN A GOLDEN GLOBE AWARD, AND HIS SUBSEQUENT PROJECTS INCLUDED *"HORRIBLE BOSSES," "SEVEN PSYCHOPATHS," "SAVING MR. BANKS," "FANTASTIC BEASTS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM," "DUMBO,"* AND REMAKES OF *"TOTAL RECALL"* AND *"THE BEGUILED."* IN 2015, HE STARRED IN SEASON TWO OF THE HIT HBO SERIES *"TRUE DETECTIVE."*

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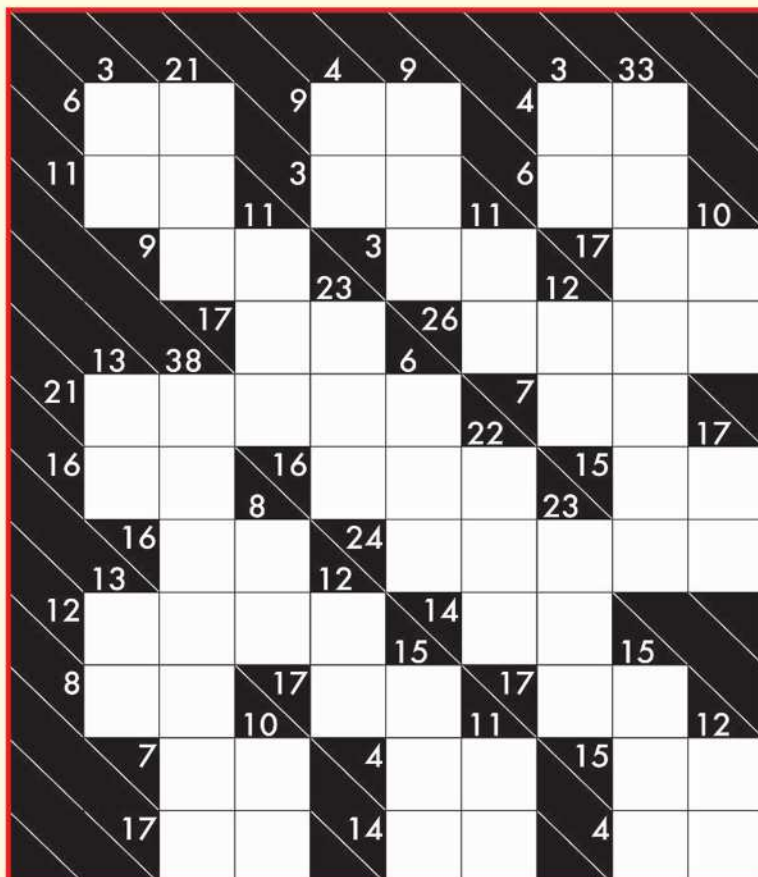
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Sunday, May 26, 2024

INDIANAPOLIS 500

PREVIEWING THE 108TH GREATEST SPECTACLE IN RACING

1 man.
2 cars.
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Why NASCAR star Kyle Larson may have best chance to complete Indy 500 and Coca-Cola 600

By Shane Connuck
The Charlotte Observer

In an hour on Sunday, Kyle Larson will fly to Charlotte Motor Speedway from the Indianapolis 500. Currently atop the standings of stock car racing's highest circuit and a winner all over motorsports, Larson hopes to become the second driver to finish on the lead lap of the Indy 500 and Coca-Cola 600 on the same day. The recent NASCAR champion looks to succeed Tony Stewart, who finished sixth at Indy and third at Charlotte in 2001. "If Tony can do it, I can do it," Larson told reporters with a laugh on a video call from Indianapolis. "I am taking it all — my health, fitness, sleep and all that — definitely a little more seriously than I typically do. Just to be prepared and ready for this, because I could imagine this is going to be more difficult than a normal Sunday for me.

"I feel like I'm pretty healthy and fit. You know, I've never worn out or anything after a race. I think I should be fine." Larson is already a champion across disciplines of motorsports.

Known as the "wheel man," the 31-year-old has already won the Rolex 24 at Daytona, the most prestigious sports car race. A World of Outlaws sprint car racer, he's a multi-time winner at Knoxville (Iowa) Nationals. He's also a champion racing dirt midgets at the Chili Bowl Nationals in Tulsa, Okla., several times.

Larson, who won the 2021 NASCAR Cup Series championship, owns 25 victories over his 12 years in the highest circuit of stock car racing.

And when he starts the Indy 500 from the second row at noon Sunday, that will mark his first career start in the IndyCar Series.

"What I love about Kyle's approach so far — and in the limited time that I've spent with him on pit lane — is that there is absolutely no side show," said Townsend Bell, a retired IndyCar driver who calls races for NBC. "It is 100% a performance-based project, which I think is totally keeping in line with his career today: It's about the result, and their single-minded focus on what it takes to deliver the result.

"There's not a bunch of PR around the sponsor. It's Rick Hendrick who's making this happen. There's not appearances left, right and center. It's Kyle focused totally on preparation, knowledge, technique, execution, refinement, and I think that pure direction is what makes him so compelling."

Stock cars to IndyCars: Like learning violin compared to guitar

Last week, Larson flew into his NASCAR race on a helicopter right after successfully qualifying for the Indy 500.

Following his top-five finish in Sunday's All-Star Race, Larson spoke to reporters on pit road at North Wilkesboro about how there's significantly different grip on both race tracks — but that both his NASCAR and IndyCar teams had him prepared.

Bell, the NBC IndyCar analyst, offered a musical comparison regarding differences competing in the two major American racing series.

"If you just think about how lightweight and high-performance an IndyCar is relative to a stock car, I would think this is learning to play the violin as opposed to the guitar a little bit," Bell explained. "Every little movement is just that much more rewarded in terms of precision.

"Those finite adjustments and sensitivity of the car — and then the speeds. You're talking about speeds that are 60, 80 miles an hour faster than what he's used to. He's built a tolerance to that really quickly, and it never seems like he's been overwhelmed by the speed, which is also remarkable."

All eyes are on Larson, but the 'wheel man' remains calm. Larson is piloting a No. 17 orange-and-blue Hendrick Cars Chevrolet — representing the colors of both his Arrow McLaren IndyCar team and Hendrick Motorsports — and will start the "Greatest Spectacle in Racing" from the second row.

Driving an IndyCar for the first time during last week's practice and qualifying sessions, Larson turned heads. He topped 242 mph and earned the fifth position on the starting grid, behind standout Team Penske drivers Scott McLaughlin, Will Power and Josef Newgarden.

"It just doesn't seem frenzied," Bell said. "It doesn't seem chaotic. Even the way he casually did a few interviews after qualifying on Sunday, and jumped on the golf cart, got in the helicopter, went to his NASCAR race, finished in the top five. This is a guy that is used to racing other things all the time.

Turn to Larson, Page 4

Site: Indianapolis Time: 12:30 p.m. EDT today (NBC) Track: Indianapolis Motor Speedway Race distance: 200 laps, 500 miles

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Kyle Larson is attempting a feat only one other driver has successfully completed.
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Everything you need to know to get primed for the drive.
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INDIANAPOLIS 500 STARTING GRID

ROW 1

1

SCOTT MCLAUGHLIN (3)
Team Penske, Chevrolet



4-lap average
234.220 mph

2

WILL POWER (12)
Team Penske, Chevrolet



4-lap average
233.917 mph

3

JOSEF NEWGARDEN (2)
Team Penske, Chevrolet



4-lap average
233.808 mph

ROW 2

4

ALEXANDER ROSSI (7)
Arrow McLaren, Chevrolet



4-lap average
233.090 mph

5

KYLE LARSON (17)
Arrow McLaren, Chevrolet



4-lap average
232.846 mph

6

SANTINO FERRUCCI (14)
A.J. Foyt Enterprises, Chevrolet



4-lap average
232.692 mph

ROW 3

7

RINUS VEEKAY (21)
Ed Carpenter Racing, Chevrolet



4-lap average
232.610 mph

8

PATO O'WARD (5)
Arrow McLaren, Chevrolet



4-lap average
232.584 mph

9

FELIX ROSENQVIST (60)
Meyer Shank Racing, Honda



4-lap average
232.305 mph

ROW 4

10

TAKUMA SATO (75)
Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing, Honda



4-lap average
232.171 mph

11

KYLE KIRKWOOD (27)
Andretti Global, Honda



4-lap average
230.993 mph

12

RYAN HUNTER-REAY (23)
Dreyer & Reinbold Racing, Chevrolet



4-lap average
230.567 mph

ROW 5

13

COLTON HERTA (26)
Andretti Global, Honda



4-lap average
232.316 mph

14

ALEX PALOU (10)
Chip Ganassi Racing, Honda



4-lap average
232.306 mph

15

CALLUM ILOTT (6)
Arrow McLaren, Chevrolet



4-lap average
232.230 mph

ROW 6

16

MARCUS ARMSTRONG (11)
Chip Ganassi Racing, Honda



4-lap average
232.183 mph

17

ED CARPENTER (20)
Ed Carpenter Racing, Chevrolet



4-lap average
232.017 mph

18

KYFFIN SIMPSON (4)
Chip Ganassi Racing, Honda



4-lap average
231.948 mph

ROW 7

19

MARCO ANDRETTI (98)
Andretti Herta, Honda



4-lap average
231.890 mph

20

HELIO CASTRONEVES (6)
Meyer Shank Racing, Honda



4-lap average
231.871 mph

21

SCOTT DIXON (9)
Chip Ganassi Racing, Honda



4-lap average
231.851 mph

ROW 8

22

AGUSTIN CANAPINO (78)
Juncos Hollinger Racing, Chevrolet



4-lap average
231.847 mph

23

STING RAY ROBB (41)
A.J. Foyt Enterprises, Chevrolet



4-lap average
231.826 mph

24

CHRISTIAN RASMUSSEN (33)
Ed Carpenter Racing, Chevrolet



4-lap average
231.682 mph

ROW 9

25

TOM BLOMQVIST (66)
Meyer Shank Racing, Honda



4-lap average
231.578 mph

26

ROMAIN GROSJEAN (77)
Juncos Hollinger Racing, Chevrolet



4-lap average
231.504 mph

27

LINUS LUNDQVIST (8)
Chip Ganassi Racing, Honda



4-lap average
231.506 mph

ROW 10

28

CHRISTIAN LUNDGAARD (45)
Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing, Honda



4-lap average
231.465 mph

29

CONOR DALY (24)
Dreyer & Reinbold Racing, Chevrolet



4-lap average
231.243 mph

30

PIETRO FITTIPALDI (30)
Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing, Honda



4-lap average
231.100 mph

ROW 11

31

KATHERINE LEGGE (51)
Dale Coyne Racing, Honda



4-lap average
230.092 mph

32

MARCUS ERICSSON (28)
Andretti Globa, Honda



4-lap average
230.027 mph

33

GRAHAM RAHAL (15)
Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing, Honda



4-lap average
229.974 mph

INDIANAPOLIS 500

Double trouble

Kyle Larson will attempt ‘The Double’ on Sunday. He will start 5th in the Indianapolis 500, then fly in a Hendrick Motorsports private jet to Charlotte to race in the Coca-Cola 600. Only Tony Stewart, in 2001, has successfully completed both races.



Provided the weather cooperates — there’s a 60 percent chance of showers Sunday in Indianapolis — Kyle Larson will race in the Indy 500 and then race in the Coca-Cola 600. AP PHOTOS

HOW OTHERS FARED AT THE DOUBLE

John Andretti

1994: Andretti, Mario’s nephew, qualified 10th in the 78th running of the Indy 500. He ran as high as third and finished 10th. He then flew to Charlotte and started last because he missed the drivers meeting. He finished 36th and had to retire from the race with a broken crankshaft a little more than halfway through the race.



Robby Gordon

1997: Gordon qualified 12th at Indy, but the race was rained out. He then flew to Charlotte and finished 41st.
2000: Completed the Indy 500, which was delayed 3 hours because of rain, and finished sixth. His backup driver, P.J. Jones started the race in Charlotte. Gordon took over during a pit stop and finished 35th.
2002: Finished 8th at Indy after starting 11th. Fell 1 lap short of completing the Coca-Cola 600, finished 16th.
2003: Qualified third at Indy, but a gear-box failure ended his day, and he finished 22nd. He finished 17th at Charlotte.
2004: Left Indy after rain delay. His backup driver, Jaques Lazier, completed the race. He finished 20th in Charlotte.



Tony Stewart

1999: In Stewart’s first full season in the Cup Series, he qualified 24th for the Indy 500, and finished 9th, 4 laps down. At Charlotte he led 13 laps and finished 4th.
2001: Stewart drove for Chip Ganassi Racing at Indy and finished 6th, leading 13 laps. Despite a short rain delay, Stewart was able to make to Charlotte on time, but started last because of a missed drivers meeting. His car spun out on the second lap, but he climbed through the field to finish third. He is the only driver to complete all 1,100 miles.
2004: Tony Stewart showed up in the A.J. Foyt Racing garage during Bump Day qualifying at Indy. He put on a racing suit and a car was prepared for him to take some practice laps. Stewart waited for permission from his sponsors to compete, but a deal wasn’t reached.



Kurt Busch

2014: Busch qualified 12th for Andretti Auto-sport at Indy. Despite a crash in practice, which forced him to use a backup car, he climbed to a sixth-place finish. He missed the drivers meeting, and started last in Charlotte, moved up to the top 15, but an engine failure ended his race on Lap 271.

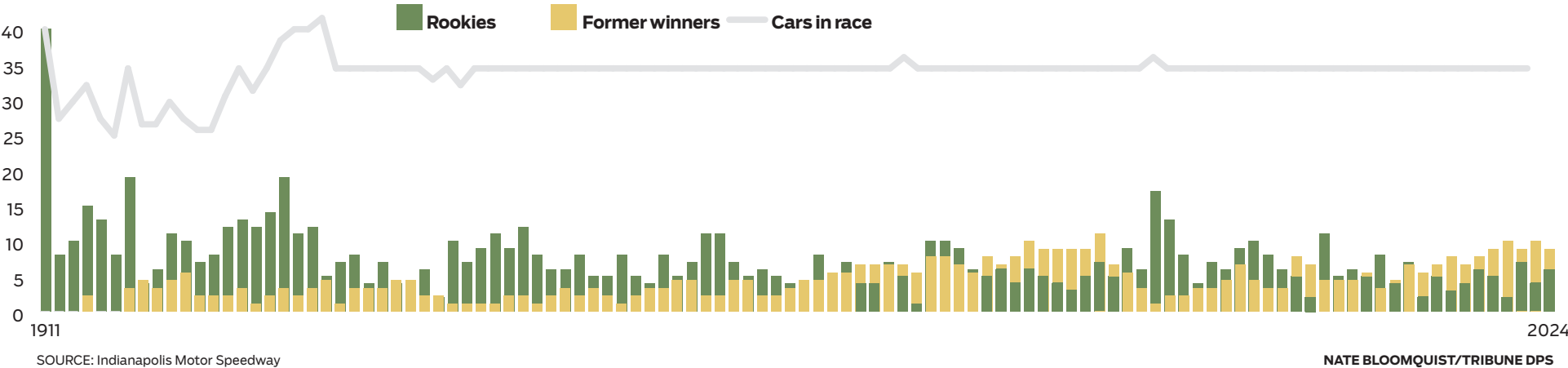


Larson’s likely itinerary

12:45 p.m.: Green flag drops at Indy
3:15 p.m. (roughly): Checkered flag
3:30 p.m.: Larson boards a helicopter en route to a nearby airport
3:53 p.m.: Larson leaves for Concord (N.C.) regional airport on a Hendrick Motorsports private jet. On board he likely would be given IV fluids. Attends NASCAR drivers meeting virtually.
5:20 p.m.: Larson lands at the airport then boards a helicopter to get to Charlotte Motor Speedway
5:30 p.m.: Larson arrives at the track
6 p.m.: Green flag flies in Charlotte.

STRENGTH OF FIELD

Despite Larson’s 12-year NASCAR career, he is an IndyCar rookie. Only five rookies have won the race, and the last to do it was Alexander Rossi in 2016. Rossi, one of 8 former winners in Sunday’s race, starts 4th. Here’s how Sunday’s field stacks up against the rest:



DAYTONA 500 AND INDY 500 WINNERS

No driver has ever won the Indianapolis 500 and the Coca-Cola 600, however two drivers have won the Daytona and Indy 500s — A.J. Foyt and Mario Andretti. Here is a list of how they fared in those races and other notables who competed in both races.

Driver	Indy 500 starts	Best finish	Daytona 500 starts	Best finish
Mario Andretti	29	1st (1969)	3	1st (1967)
A.J. Foyt	35	1st (4 times)	28	1st (1972)
Tony Stewart	5	5th (1997)	17	2nd (2004)
Dario Franchitti	10	1st (3 times)	1	33rd (2008)
Jimmie Johnson	1	28th (2022)	21	1st (2 times)
Al Unser	27	1st (4 times)	1	4th (1968)
Cale Yarborough	4	10th (1972)	26	1st (4 times)

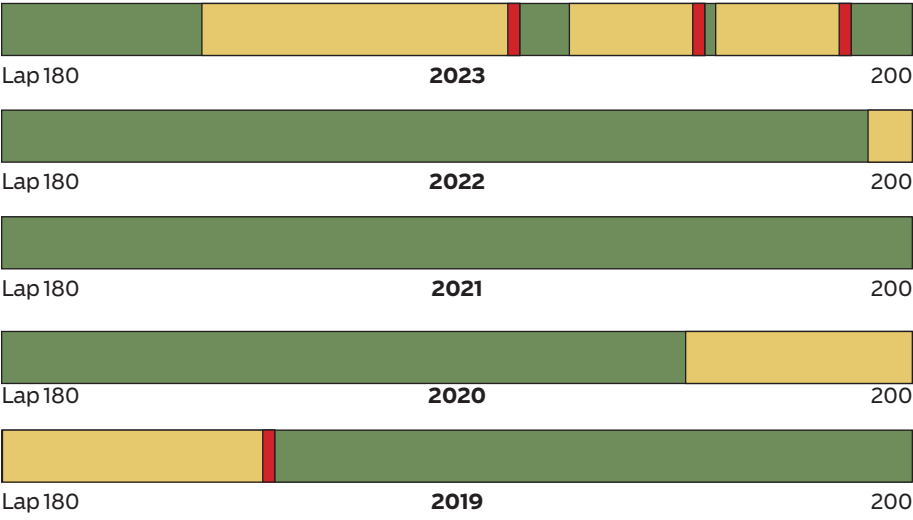
TRIPLE CROWN OF MOTORSPORTS

The so-called Triple Crown of motorsports includes the Indy 500 (started in 1911), 24 Hours of LeMans (1923) and the Monaco Grand Prix (1929). Only one driver, Graham Hill, has won all three races. Seven have won two legs, including Fernando Alonso, who raced at Indy in 2020.

Driver	Indy 500s	Best finish	Monaco	Best	LeMans	Best
A.J. Foyt	35	1st (4x)	0	—	1	1st (1967)
Graham Hill	3	1st (1969)	17	1st (5x)	8	1st (1972)
Fernando Alonso	2	21st	19	1st (2x)	2	1st (2x)
Bruce McLaren	0	—	12	1st (1962)	7	1st (1966)
Juan Montoya	7	1st (2x)	6	1st (2003)	2	7th (2018)
Tazio Nuvolari	0	—	3	1st (1932)	1	1st (1933)
Jochen Rindt	0	—	4	1st (1970)	4	1st (1965)
Maurice Trintignant	0	—	11	1st (2x)	15	1st (1954)

CAUTION: ROUGH FINISH AHEAD

The Indianapolis 500 doesn’t use a green/white/checkered finish to ensure races end with a green flag the way NASCAR races do. But, in recent races Indy 500 race stewards have stopped the race to give track workers time to clean up after caution flags in an effort to finish the race under the green. Here is how the final 20 laps of the last 5 races played out:



Sources: Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Indianapolis Star, NASCAR, Racing-reference.info, travelmath.com

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“Despite the tension, and all eyes being on Kyle, and everybody watching his every move, he’s at peace with it. He’s used to it. And he’s good at it.”

A multiyear partnership? Once Kyle Larson had initially made it clear he wanted to run the prestigious race in Speedway, Ind., Hendrick got a phone call from Zak Brown. Brown, the CEO of Arrow McLaren, made a diligent effort to work with Hendrick Motorsports and get Larson into a McLaren-built IndyCar. Hendrick, along with team vice chairman Jeff Gordon, were intrigued. The partnership has been a success — and Larson has already indicated that there’s a

chance he attempts the Indy 500 again in 2025. “Haven’t had enough time to talk about ‘25 yet, but I know Zak and I have talked about it before, so we’ll see how this goes,” Hendrick said last week. “And then I’ve got to see if Zak wants to do it again.” Brown added: “I already know the answer to that. ... When we got started, the intent was let’s see where this partnership can grow, because I think we all like to be at the race-track as many weekends as possible. I think it’s super cool to have some papaya on the NASCAR, so certainly we’ve got to focus right now on Sunday and then turn our attention to the future. “But we’ve known each other a long time and would certainly love to continue working together.” Tony Stewart completed both races in 2001. Who else has?

The Indianapolis 500 and Coca-Cola 600 have always been near each other on the calendar. While Stewart is the only driver who has successfully run all 1,100 miles in one day, he’s far from the only one who’s tried to pull off the feat. NASCAR legend and South Carolina native Cale Yarborough, who died at 84 in late December, was the first driver to attempt both races — on separate days — back in 1967. Donnie Allison, who completed the double in both 1970 and 1971, won the World 600 and finished fourth at Indy six days later in his first attempt. Six drivers ran both races on different days between 1967 and 1971, but the Indy 500 was permanently moved to Sunday after Memorial Day became a national holiday in 1974. It was Charlotte Motor Speedway’s installment of lights in 1992 that brought back the chance

for drivers to attempt both — and try to pull it off in one day. In 1994, John Andretti became the first driver to run both races on the same day, but he finished the Indy 500 four laps down and wrecked out of the Coke 600. Robby Gordon tried the double a record five times, and Kurt Busch’s 2014 attempt is the most recent. Stewart, who also attempted the double two years before his 2001 triumph, remains the only driver to complete both races on the same day. Larson may have the best shot to become the second. “I’ve been on him for so long,” Stewart said this week. “There’s so much that’s different. There are so many tools in the car that we just didn’t have. He’ll be fine. He’s with a great group there helping him. He’s gonna be in good shape.”

RACE DAY GUIDE

Behold the ‘Spectacle’



Will Power, of Australia, climbs into his car during qualifications for the Indianapolis 500 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway on May 18 in Indianapolis. DARRON CUMMINGS/AP PHOTOS

Associated Press

The countdown is on for the 108th running of the Indianapolis 500, when a field of 33 cars will cross the famed yard of bricks at Indianapolis Motor Speedway on Memorial Day weekend for what is considered “The Greatest Spectacle in Racing.” Josef Newgarden is the defending champion after he made a last-lap pass of Marcus Ericsson during a controversial finish a year ago. The victory gave team owner Roger Penske his record-extending 19th victory in the iconic race. However, Team Penske arrived at Gasoline Alley this year under a shadow. Penske suspended two senior team leaders and two engineers as punishment for a cheating scandal that centered on Newgarden’s illegal use of his car’s push-to-pass system in his March 10 victory. IndyCar stripped Newgarden of the win and teammate Scott McLaughlin of a third-place finish. Team Penske swept the top three spots in qualifying Saturday, leaving them to shoot for the pole with nine others Sunday. Beyond the controversy, storylines abound: Can two-time and defending series

champion Alex Palou finally win the Indy 500 after coming close the past three years? How will NASCAR star Kyle Larson fare in his Indy 500 debut, and can he get to North Carolina in time to race in the Coca-Cola 600 the same night? Can Helio Castroneves win a record fifth Indy 500? WHEN IS THE INDY 500? The green flag falls for the Indianapolis 500 at 12:45 p.m. EDT on May 26, the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend. Full-field qualifying was May 18 and the pole shootout is May 19, followed by practice May 20. The final practice, known as Carb Day, is May 24, along with the pit-stop challenge and other festivities. The annual Indy 500 parade is May 25. WHAT HAPPENED IN QUALIFYING? Will Power had the fastest four-lap average at 233.758 mph on Saturday, putting him ahead of McLaughlin and Newgarden in the all-Penske top three. Larson joined Alexan-

der Rossi and Pato O’Ward in giving Arrow McLaren three cars in the pole shootout. Kyle Kirkwood, Takuma Sato, Santino Ferrucci, Felix Rosenqvist, Rinus VeeKay and Ryan Hunter-Reay also will go for the first spot on the starting grid Sunday. At the other end of the field, the four slowest in qualifying Saturday — Graham Rahal, Katherine Legge, Pietro Fittipaldi and Nolan Siegel — will battle for the last three spots. All are powered by Honda engines. HOW CAN I WATCH THE INDY 500? Indy 500 practices, including Carb Day, will be streamed on Peacock. The pole shootout May 19 will be televised on NBC. Race coverage May 26 begins with pre-race action on NBC, Peacock and Universo at 11 a.m. EDT. WHO SHOULD I WATCH IN THE INDY 500? There will be plenty of eyes on Larson, the 2021 NASCAR Cup Series champion, who is

trying to join Tony Stewart as the only drivers ever to complete “the double,” finishing every lap of the Indy 500 and Coca-Cola 600 on the same day. Several have tried over the years, most recently Kurt Busch in 2014, to complete one of the most grueling tasks in in motorsports. Newgarden and 2018 winner Power will be trying to give team owner Roger Penske his 20th victory at the track he now owns, along with the IndyCar Series itself. Their teammate, McLaughlin, would love to win for the first time. Castroneves can break a tie with A.J. Foyt, Al Unser and Rick Mears for the most wins with his fifth. Palou is chasing his first win. So are Marco Andretti and Rahal, whose fathers both raced in the Indy 500. WHO ARE THE INDY 500 BETTING FAVORITES? Palou, who was second in 2021 and fourth last year, began the week as the 4-1 favorite, according to BetMGM Sportsbook. Larson was the 13-2 second choice and was followed by O’Ward (7-1) and Newgarden (9-1).



Kyle Larson prepares to drive during qualifications for the Indianapolis 500 on May 18 in Indianapolis.



Ed Carpenter, left, talks with Rinus VeeKay, of The Netherlands, during qualifications May 18 in Indianapolis.