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Illegal migrant confesses he **FILMED** himself raping girl, 13, in Queens park

Christian Geovanny Inga-Landi, 25, an illegal immigrant from Ecuador, admitted to police that he bound and raped a teen girl in Kissena Park. "I was nervous at first, then I got comfortable and recorded it," he said in a shocking confession.

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UNDER THE DOME: If you've got weekend plans like this in the Big Apple, beware of "real-feel" heat-dome temps in the triple digits.

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Blazy days of summer

By NATALIE O'NEILL

New Yorkers flocked to park fountains and city pools to cool off Wednesday, as an oppressive "heat dome" baked the Big Apple before the official first day of summer Thursday.

Kids beat the heat by splashing in the Washington Square Park fountain while a street musician played the saxophone shirtless and one sun-lover used a reflective windshield pad to get a tan — as temps soared to a muggy 89 degrees.

The year's first stretch of scorching weather is expected to hit a sticky high of 95 Thursday — the sum-

mer solstice — with "feels like" digits in the high 90s, meteorologists said.

The lengthy patch of oppressive weather is caused by a "heat dome," or a hot-air mass trapped under a high-pressure system that locks it in place.

And it's going to get worse before it gets better, said Fox Weather Meteorologist Samantha Thomas.

"It's a good time to remind yourself to wear light-colored clothing, spend time in the shade, wear sunscreen and drink lots of water," she said.

Friday is expected to hit a sweltering high of 97, followed by 89 on Saturday and 93 on Sunday.

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SATURDAY		89°
	T-storms around	
SUNDAY		93°
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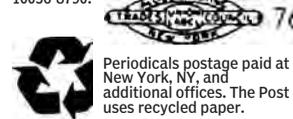
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Volcano is just rumblin'

Is it getting ready to rock? Mount St. Helens in Washington, which notoriously and cataclysmically erupted in 1980 and had its ash reach Montana, has been showing major signs of activity recently, according to the US Geological Survey.

The volcano, which rises 8,363 feet in the air, has experienced about 350 earthquakes since the start of February, with a peak amount of 38 in the first week of June.

Most were not noticeable, but one on May 31 clocked in at a 2.0 on the Richter scale — under half the magnitude of New York's less-than-devastating 4.8 April quake.

Still, its past two periods of heightened seismic activity from 2023 and on "represent the largest short-term increase in earthquake rates since the last eruption ended in 2008," the USGS' Cascades Volcano Observatory in Vancouver, Wash., wrote.

Relax, though.

The experts are bringing people back to Earth, saying this is perfectly natural and not a high risk for another eruption.

"No significant changes have been observed in other monitoring parameters and there is no change in alert levels at this time. Mount St. Helens remains at normal, background levels of activity." *Alex Mitchell*

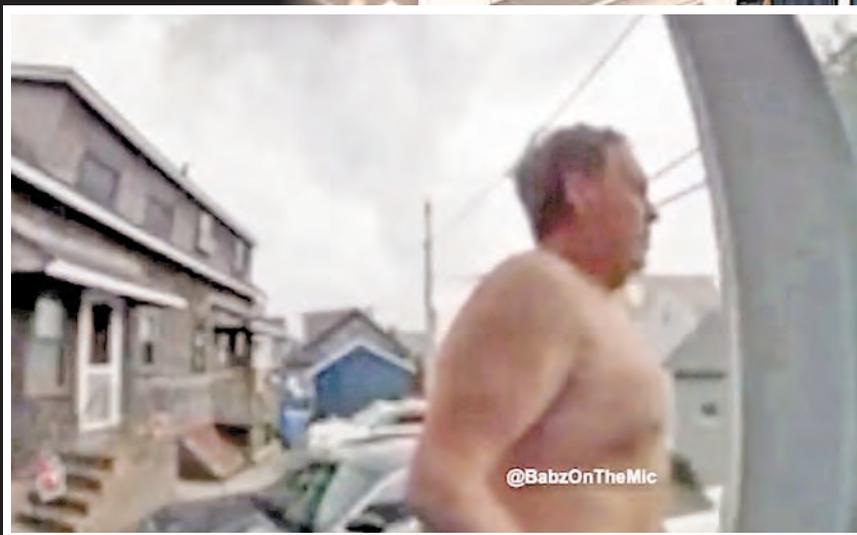
Great fright shark tale

The swimmer recovering from multiple shark bites off the coast of San Diego earlier this month remembered the surreal moment he had to swim through his own blood.

"I knew I had been hit by a shark. I tussled with the animal for what was seconds," Caleb Adams, 46, told NBC News of the moment he felt "a strong hit on the side" of his body while swimming with 18 others some 100 yards offshore in Del Mar on June 2.

"The second time I struck the animal, I felt soft tissue. I am going to speculate that that was inside the shark's mouth," he said. *Olivia Land*

NEW BELICHICK TEAM: DA BARES



@BabzOnTheMic

By JACLYN HENDRICKS

You're never too old for a walk of shame.

Ring doorbell-camera video of a shirtless Bill Belichick has resurfaced now that it's been revealed that the former NFL coach, 72, was likely leaving the Massachusetts residence of 24-year-old Jordon Hudson.

The video was originally leaked online in November, before it became public that Belichick was dating the former cheerleader.

But it was apparently common knowledge among Belichick's former colleagues, as Tom Brady joked about it during his raunchy

Netflix roast last month.

"Everybody asks me which ring is my favorite, I used to say 'the next one.' But now that I am retired, my favorite Ring is the camera that caught Coach Belichick slinking out of that poor girl's house a few months ago. Hey, you still got it. Respect, baby," Brady, a seven-time Super Bowl champ, quipped.

Belichick met Hudson on a plane in 2021 and was said to be enthralled with the then-student-athlete's philosophy project. He even signed his autograph in her "Deductive Logic" textbook.

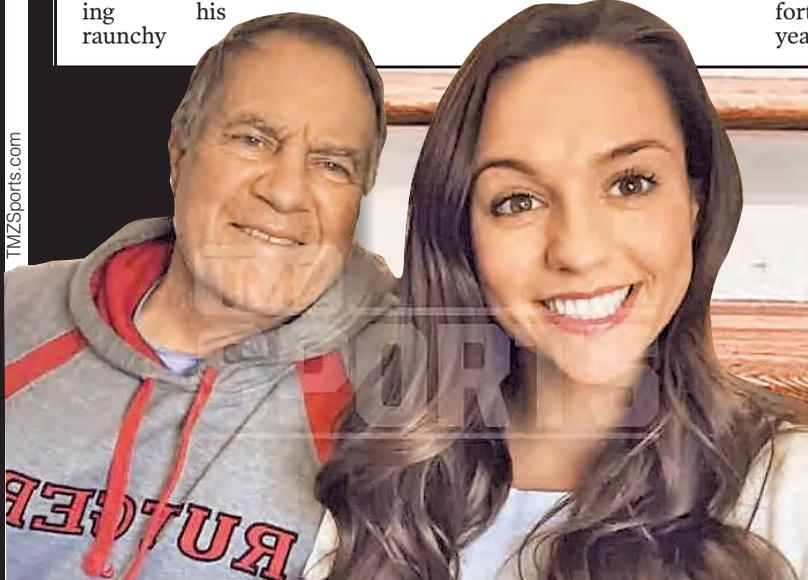
"Jordon, Thanks for giving me a course on logic! Safe travels!" Belichick wrote before signing his name.

His relationship with Hudson turned romantic following his split from longtime girlfriend Linda Holliday, now 61.

Page Six reported last September that Belichick and Holliday — who had been together since 2007 — were "involved in a drawn-out, back-and-forth breakup for nearly a year."

RUN PLAY: A shirtless Bill Belichick clip is making the rounds after the coach, 72, was doing a "walk of shame" from the home of ex-cheerleader gal pal Jordon Hudson, whom he met on a 2021 flight (left).

Slinking out of his 24-yr.-old gal's pad



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Kamala's the err apparent Shares 'Madam prez'

By RYAN KING

They're learning from the boss.

Vice President Kamala Harris got an inadvertent promotion this week when she was dubbed "Madam President" by a caption on a video of her meeting with



the cast members addressed her as "Madam Vice President," but the caption read "Madam President" instead (inset). It was not immediately clear whether the closed-captioning was done manually or if it was a software-generated error. However, the video with the botched caption was posted uncorrected by Harris, 59.

"Thank you for a meaningful conversation, for giving my office your stamp of approval, and for being fabulous," the veep wrote in a

message accompanying the video.

President Biden, 81, has referred to his No. 2 as "president" at least eight times during his term in office.

Biden most recently made the error last month during a joint news conference with Kenyan President William Ruto.

Since taking office, Harris has long defended Biden and downplayed any notion from his critics that she may need to step in and place him during a hypothetical second term.

"Joe Biden is going to be fine. So that is not going to come to fruition," Harris told The Associated Press last year. "But let us also understand that every vice president — every vice president — understands that when they take the oath, that they must be very clear about the responsibility they may have to take over the job."

Yellowstone's white bison

A rare white bison calf was born in Yellowstone National Park — a very good omen, according to some local tribal leaders.

Photographer Erin Braaten found the calf shortly after it was born on June 4 in the Lamar Valley, with snaps showing the animal taking her first steps beside her dark-brown family.

bison calf. And I was just totally, totally floored," Braaten told AP.

Chief Arvol Looking Horse, the spiritual leader of the Lakota, Dakota and Nakota Oyate tribes in South Dakota, hailed the birth as fulfilling a prophecy of a white calf signaling an end to hard times, akin to the second coming of Jesus. Ronny Reyes, Wires

BORDER CRISIS

Admits Qns. park attack

By GEORGETT ROBERTS, ZOE HUSSAIN and MATT TROUTMAN



Femme fatale sent message 'A woman did this to you'

By ISABEL KEANE

One of the good Samaritans who nabbed the 25-year-old Ecuadorian migrant wanted for the brutal sexual assault of a 13-year-old at a Queens park recalled how she bravely placed him in a headlock during the citizen's arrest to send the message to not "mess with the next woman."

Angela Sauretti (pictured), 23, immediately recognized the man police named as the prime suspect in the broad-daylight attack inside Kissena Park in which a boy and girl, both 13, were held at knifepoint with a "machete-style" blade and had their hands tied with shoelaces before the girl was raped.

Sauretti asked her friend if the man in front of them at the 108th Street Grocery in Corona at around 1 a.m. Tuesday was the same man they had just seen on an NYPD wanted poster.

"I pointed him out," Sauretti told The Daily Beast. "I'm like, 'Yo, that's him?' [The friend] said, 'Yes, that's him.' That's what confirmed it. And everything just spiraled from there."

Sauretti then grabbed the man and as he tried to run away, she put him in a headlock, she told the outlet.

"He got something that his mother should have done to him," she said. "I'll put it that way."

She added, "As a woman, I had to really set the tone and remind him, 'It wasn't a man that did this to you.

It was a woman.'"

The man, later identified by police as Christian Geovanny Inga-Landi, continued to resist, prompting Sauretti to lay into him.

"You did that to a woman, and a woman got back and did this to you," she recalled saying. "So it had him contemplating, 'Maybe I won't mess with the next woman.' Because you never know. There's nice ones and there's ones that will really defend themselves and go all out."

Tattoo sealed it

A group of good Samaritans joined the chaotic citizen's arrest, captured in dramatic video and photos obtained by The Post, showing Inga-Landi cowering on the sidewalk as an angry mob pounds him and calls him a "rapist."

Among the group was 67-year-old Isabel Caizado, who kicked the man before taking off one of her shoes to beat him with, and Daniel Ramos, who overheard Inga-Landi say he was going to fly to Ecuador in the morning.

As Inga-Landi wrestled with the group, his hoodie and T-shirt came off, revealing a tattoo of either a boar or a bull with red eyes on his upper chest — just as the NYPD described in its wanted poster.

"That's what made us go even harder," Sauretti said.

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The Ecuadorian migrant charged with raping a 13-year-old girl he bound and gagged in a Queens park told cops during a sickening taped confession he recorded the attack, prosecutors alleged Wednesday.

The chilling admission by Christian Geovanny Inga-Landi, 25, broke the silence in an otherwise-hushed court hearing in which he was arraigned on charges of rape, predatory sexual assault, kidnapping and a raft of other felonies from the shocking June 13 attack in Kissena Park.

"I was nervous at first, then got comfortable and recorded it," Inga-Landi admitted in the videotaped statement, prosecutors said in Queens Criminal Court, drawing sighs from the audience.

Inga-Landi, who had scratches visible on his face, scowled and kept his head down throughout the arraignment, including as Judge Joanne B. Watters ordered him held without bail until his next court appearance July 1.

'Brazen & brutal'

Watters agreed with Assistant District Attorney Kasey Esposito that Inga-Landi — who faces an immigration arrest from Texas for being an inadmissible alien after he crossed the border in 2021 — posed a flight risk given his "tenuous" ties to the US. The Post first reported that an immigration judge in 2022 ordered Inga-Landi to leave the country.

"The brazen and brutal nature of this defendant's actions are indicative of someone who does not follow the law, and who has no regard for anybody else but himself, and he will not return to court," Esposito said.

The shocking videotaped statement, a transcript of which Esposito read in court, revealed new details about the broad-daylight attack in which the girl and a boy, both 13, were held at knifepoint with a "machete-style" blade.

Inga-Landi, who contended he had a drug problem, told cops he stumbled across the two kids having "sexual relations," Esposito read. He then threatened the kids with a knife he found in the park, Inga-Landi told authorities.

The migrant tied the children together with a shoelace, stuffed a bandana in the girl's mouth and cut off her shorts and underwear, Inga-Landi allegedly said in the video.

After the rape, he told the kids to wait 20 minutes while he ran

Stephen Yang for the New York Post

on 13-yr.-old girl in taped confession

MIGRANT 'FILMED' KID RAPE

Slain vic kin rips Mayorkas

Rachel Morin's mother blasted Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas for referring to her daughter, murdered allegedly by an illegal migrant, only as an "individual."

"It's a completely political statement because they're not even willing to acknowledge that she was a mother, a daughter," Patty Morin told Fox News' Laura Ingraham Wednesday night.

"It totally depersonalizes her and makes her an object," said Patty, who also revealed no one from the Biden administration has reached out to her grieving family since her daughter's alleged killer was arrested.

Alleged Salvadoran gang member Victor Antonio Martinez-Hernandez, 23, was busted Friday for allegedly killing the 37-year-old mom of five on a hiking trail in August in Harford County, Md.

On Tuesday, Mayorkas appeared on CNN and was asked about Rachel's murder and his response to critics blaming the administration's policies for violent crimes.

He referred to Rachel as "the individual" in his reply.

"First and foremost, of course our hearts break for the children, the loved ones and the friends of the individual who was murdered — the woman, the mother," Mayorkas told Jim Acosta. *Patrick Reilly*



SCUM: Christian Geovanny Inga-Landi is walked Tuesday from the NYPD's 112th Precinct station house in Queens after being rounded up and detained by a group of civilians at a bodega (inset right).



Stephen Yang

off with their phones and threw them away, Esposito read.

"I went to buy drugs, afterwards," he said, according to prosecutors.

DNA collected from a water bottle at the rape scene matched a sample from Inga-Landi that he gave to immigration authorities in 2021, Esposito said.

Inga-Landi also had a distinctive boar tattoo on his chest and dental braces that matched a description of the rapist from the teens.

The assault prompted a five-day manhunt that drew a torrent of tips and ended Tuesday in a dramatic caught-on-video takedown by neighborhood good Samaritans who said they recognized Inga-Landi as the wanted rapist, swarmed him and tied him up.

"Once we noticed it was him, everyone just was going crazy on him," said Angela Sauretti, who called 911 while her brother pounded on the suspect.

No one has yet come forward to

collect a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the suspect's arrest, sources told The Post.

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz praised the children for their bravery and for their aid in tracking the suspect.

'Remarkable' children

"It is amazing that after what they'd been through, their memory of the tattoo, braces, all of that was right on point," she said.

"Which is a remarkable thing for two 13-year-olds to remember.

"I do want to thank all of the individuals who made phone calls to make tips to make sure that we found Christian Inga in a timely fashion."

Inga-Landi's assertion that he recorded the rape is still under investigation, Katz said.

His public defense attorney, Lisa Saltzman of Queens Defenders, did not make a bail application during the hearing and asked

for medical attention for her client, which the judge granted.

Inga-Landi faces a maximum sentence of 25 years to life if convicted on the main charge.

He's charged with predatory sexual assault, first-degree rape, two counts of second-degree kidnapping, two counts of first-degree robbery, second-degree rape, first-degree sexual abuse, obstructing governmental administration and two counts of endangering the welfare of a child.

Mondaire 'pay' dirt

Eyebrows raised as he taps \$25K in campaign funds

By JOSH CHRISTENSON
and CARL CAMPANILE

Former Westchester Rep. Mondaire Jones has received almost \$25,000 in salary payments from two of his congressional campaigns, according to financial disclosures, raising questions about whether he is improperly taking advantage of federal election rules.

The Democrat's principal campaign committee paid Jones (right) \$2,629.31 approximately every two weeks between April 4 and June 4 of this year — adding up to \$13,146.55, Fed-



eral Election Commission (FEC) records show.

The payments are marked as "salary" and give Jones' address as an apartment in Nyack, Rockland County, whereas earlier records filed with the Westchester County Board of Elections list an apartment across the Hudson River in Sleepy Hollow, Westchester.

It's unclear whether Jones is renting two apartments, at least one of which could be covered entirely by the campaign stipend.

Lawrence Mandelker, a veteran campaign-finance and election lawyer, told The Post that Jones' donor-funded salary was "not a great look."

"At best, it opens you up

to a political attack. At worst, it opens you up to a legal attack," Mandelker explained.

"Campaign money is supposed to be for campaign purposes," Mandelker said. "You're not allowed to convert campaign money for personal use. It would not be proper. He'd have to justify it."

Reps for the FEC did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The 37-year-old Democrat is running against freshman GOP Rep. Mike Lawler in the Hudson Valley-based 17th Congressional District this November — as key progressive groups that boosted Jones into office in 2020 for one term rejected him for endorsing Westchester County Executive George Latimer over "Squad" Rep. Jamaal Bowman in the June 25 Democratic primary in the neighboring 16th District.

"Mondaire's salary is transparent and disclosed, while Mike Lawler continues to route campaign cash to his own company for the second consecutive campaign cycle, and took a taxpayer funded salary to support his run for Congress," Jones campaign spokeswoman Shannon Geison told The Post.



Square-ly against AOC



A conservative small-business advocacy group is getting behind far-left Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's Democratic primary opponent, spending \$100,000 in promotional media attacking the far-left "Squad" member — including billboards in Times Square.

In backing former Wall Street investor Marty Dolan (left), the Texas-based Job Creators Network is endorsing a Democrat for the first time to call out the Bronx and Queens representative's "threat to American small businesses."

Wednesday morning, billboards in Times Square were blaring messages funded by the nonprofit, accusing Ocasio-Cortez of ignoring "rising crime," "illegal-immigration chaos," "sky-high grocery pri-

ces," "out of control energy costs" and embracing "defunding police."

"Hey AOC!" the billboard read (above). "Better start packing cuz Democrat Martin Dolan is comin' a knockin'."

"P.S. Too bad you pushed out 25,000 Amazon jobs 'cuz you're about to need one!" another billboard snarked.

The three-term congresswoman will be defending her 14th Congressional District seat in the June 25 primary, the winner of which is expected to easily win the Nov. 5 general election.

"AOC is a threat to American small businesses and America's way of life," Job Creators Network CEO Alfredo Ortiz told The Post.

Josh Christenson

\$23M in ads for Bowman-Latimer race

New Yorkers can't catch a ball game, a TV show or browse social media without seeing ads in the hotly contested Democratic primary race for the 16th Congressional District in

Westchester and north Bronx.

A record-shattering \$23 million in advertising has been spent between incumbent Jamaal Bowman and Westchester County

Executive George Latimer.

Pro-Israel super PAC United Democracy Project has spent a staggering \$14 million in ads — 61% of the total — mostly pounding Bowman, a critic of the

Jewish state. Pro-Latimer forces together have outspent those backing Bowman by more than 5 to 1.

Latimer's campaign has spent \$2.54 million in ads, and pro-Latimer group

Fair Shake bankrolled another \$2.14 million.

That means the pro-Latimer forces have spent nearly \$19 million in a bid to topple Bowman.

By comparison, the Bow-

man campaign has spent \$2 million on ads, pro-Bowman leftist group Justice Democrats paid for \$1 million and the Working Families Party, \$538,000.

Carl Campanile

Israel to Hez: We'll destroy you in war

Israel warned about the prospects of an "all-out war" in Lebanon after Hezbollah militants released drone footage threatening the Jewish state, as Hamas' representative in Lebanon claimed that terrorist group would carry out the Oct. 7 massacre all over again if given the chance.

As tensions boil along the Israel-Lebanon border, the Iran-backed Hezbollah terrorist group published a roughly 10-minute video Tuesday, allegedly taken by drone, depicting several Israeli military sites and residential cities that were tagged "highly populated."

Israeli officials slammed the propaganda video as a threat against the Jewish state, warning the Hamas allies and Iran-backed group that they would lose should a two-front war break out.

"We are getting very close to the moment of deciding to change the rules of the game against Hezbollah and Lebanon," Israeli Foreign Minister Israel Katz said.

"In an all-out war, Hezbollah will be destroyed," he added.

Drone footage

The footage focused on the city of Haifa, where the terrorists pinged a military base and port, as well as Israel's Iron Dome defense system, the Times of Israel reported.

The video also showed the residential neighborhood in Kiryat Yam.

Hezbollah published the video just days after Hamas' representative in Lebanon, Ahmad Abd Al-Hadi, appeared in an interview with a Lebanese newspaper gloating about the Oct. 7 massacre that left more than 1,200 people dead and ignited the war in Gaza.

"We would do it again!" Al-Hadi said as he laughed,

"The Palestinian cause was about to be eliminated. In line with the American enterprise in the region, the occupation was being assimilated into the region," he claimed

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EYES TRAINED



NYPD hunts 'Zionists raise hands' menace

By MATT TROUTMAN and JOE MARINO

The NYPD is hunting for the anti-Israel protester who took over a New York subway car and demanded that "Zionists" raise their hands — then said, "This is your chance to get out."

A wanted poster released Wednesday asks New Yorkers for help identifying the man so police can arrest him on a coercion rap.

Law-enforcement sources told The Post cops are considering elevating the coercion charge to a hate crime, a legal move allowed under state law.

"The subject chanted 'Raise your hands if you're a Zionist,'

the poster states. "Repeat after me, this is your chance to get out!"

A photo showing the protester was also tweeted by NYPD Chief of Transit Michael Kemper.

Sources added cops are working to definitively ID the man and chasing down potential leads while asking the public to weigh in.

The incident unfolded the same night a mob of anti-Israel protesters ghoulishly swarmed a downtown Manhattan exhibit memorializing the victims of the Nova music festival who were slaughtered and kidnapped on Oct. 7.

Protesters also rallied in Union Square Park that evening and held up a banner that read "Long live October 7." One hateful hooligan

at that event yelled that he wished "Hitler was still here" to "wipe out" the Jews.

After the rash of antisemitic incidents across the city, Jewish leaders told The Post that New

York should bring back a ban on protesters wearing masks. Gov. Hochul is reportedly considering reinstating the law, which was repealed in 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic.

SUBWAY THREATS:

The man pictured at left making threats against "Zionists" and below in a wanted poster is being sought by NYPD detectives to face possible hate-crime charges.

Bibi arms-block vid stirs WH anger

The White House canceled a high-level meeting with Israel that was scheduled for Thursday after Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu released a video claiming the US was withholding military aid, according to a report.

Top advisers to President

Biden were shocked and outraged by Netanyahu's claims that the US has withheld weapons and ammunition from Israel, with a senior Israeli official telling Axios, "The Americans are fuming. Bibi's video made a lot of damage."

Hours after the explosive video (left) was published, US envoy

Amos Hochstein personally delivered a message telling Netanyahu his accusations were incorrect and out of line.

Soon after, the White House canceled a Thursday meeting with Israel on Iran, two US and Israeli sources told Axios.

Isabel Keane





Last straw for Ave. A juice shop

Michael Nagle

PRESSED: Owner René Henricks, center, and general manager Dawn Haberman at Juicy Lucy, where a window was smashed in.

By JACK MORPHEIT
and ALEX OLIVEIRA

A longtime East Village juice bar wants to close shop and relocate over neighborhood crime concerns — and after frightening harassment from homeless addicts that The Post witnessed firsthand this week.

Juicy Lucy has thrived in a small storefront on Avenue A near East Sixth Street since 1999, but owner René Henricks said lately she's been "chaperoning" her frightened female workers to and from the store and the last straw came when a wacko smashed her front window.

"There's more homeless, more drug use, more robberies and some violent crimes around here," Henricks told The Post of the growing "chaos" in the neighborhood.

"There's human waste along the whole avenue. There was a fatal overdose in the alcove next to our store about a month ago."

In June, a crazed homeless man walked up to the shop with a shovel in his hands and bashed the front window open, then menaced the young employee inside before lunging off.

"We're an all-female business. Our youngest is 18 and most are in their early 20s. I am con-

cerned for their safety. Their safety is 100% my responsibility," Henricks said.

"We don't need this constant chaos."

Dawn Haberman, who's been the general manager of Juicy Lucy for over two decades, regrets the idea of leaving the neighborhood but agrees they've been left without much of a choice.

"We love this neighborhood, we want to stay in this neighborhood, but it's a difficult thing," she said.

As The Post interviewed Haberman outside the store on Monday, a homeless man accosted her outside of Juicy Lucy, demanding that she give him a free soda — which the juice bar doesn't sell.

"Get the f--k out of here," the man screamed when she asked him to leave, also calling her a "f--king a--hole" and a "f--king racist."

"See? This happens all day," Haberman said.

Juicy Lucy hasn't settled on a new storefront yet, but is looking at locations off the avenue, perhaps around the corner on East Seventh Street.

"I feel sad about the neighborhood, but the move will be good for us, it's time for us to grow," Haberman said.

It's going to be good."

By LARRY CELONA,
AMANDA WOODS,
CRAIG MCCARTHY
and JORGE FITZ-GIBBON

It's looking like a long, hot summer already.

Shootings spiked in the Big Apple last week by a whopping 50% compared with the same period last year — and the number of gunshot victims spiked by an even higher margin, NYPD stats show.

The data show that 30 people were struck in two dozen shootings across the five boroughs in the week ending Sunday, a jump from the 18 gunshot victims in 16 incidents over the same span in 2023.

And that's just part of a month-long pattern that has seen an uptick in gun violence.

"The summer hasn't even officially started yet it's already getting out of hand," one Brooklyn cop told The Post. "Everyone has a gun and the shooters are getting younger. That's a bad formula for fighting crime."

Over the past month, the NYPD has recorded 117 victims in 98 shootings, up from 81 people shot in 74 incidents over the same month in 2023 — a 44% rise in victims and 32% bump in shootings.

"It's that time of year," Christopher Herrmann, a former NYPD crime analyst and an assistant professor at John Jay College of Criminal Justice specializing in gun violence, said Wednesday.

"The weather is getting hotter, kids are getting out of school, more people are taking vacation — all of these things are part of it," Herrmann said. "It's just what tends to happen. My guess is you'll see a couple more shootings today or tomorrow."

City Hall spokesperson Kayla Mamelak responded to the data by saying Mayor Adams "has

been clear that public safety is the prerequisite to prosperity."

An NYPD spokesperson noted summerlike conditions could be a contributing factor while emphasizing crime is down overall.

"While one shooting or one homicide will always be one too many, crime in New York City clearly continues to trend in the right direction," the spokesperson said. "Historically, certain crimes such as shootings tend to increase as the warmer summer weather approaches."

On Sunday three people were killed and four others wounded in five separate Father's Day shootings.

Police said a 44-year-old man



was shot in the face, a 40-year-old man in the chest and a 37-year-old man in the leg in a single shooting in Inwood on Sunday night — with the older two dying.

That came about a half-hour after Tyreek Ogarro, 32, was shot multiple times at the Brevoort Houses public housing complex in Bedford-Stuyvesant and later died at Kings County Hospital, cops said.

On Saturday night, two people were shot inside Livonia Park in Brooklyn's Brownsville neighborhood — a 53-year-old woman hit in the leg and torso and a man, 70, hit in the left leg, according to police.

It was one of five shootings during the course of the day.

On June 11, an armed bystander shot a 39-year-old man who was menacing street food vendors

with a knife in Midtown Manhattan, pulling the gun and firing as the scuffle escalated.

The victim was hit in the leg and survived.

The day before, an 84-year-old woman sitting in her walker in East Flatbush was hit by a stray bullet and in her left arm and rushed to the hospital — where she was treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

"It's a miracle," victim Althea Lawson told The Post from her hospital bed. "I don't have enough tongue to tell God thanks I'm still here today. Thank God it never hit me in the head!"

Despite the recent spike in gunplay, most major crimes have dipped in the Big Apple over last year, including a nearly 15% dip in murders so far this year compared with 2023.

Police stats show that there were 157 murders reported through Sunday, down from 184 over the same period last year, while burglaries were down nearly 10% and car thefts dropped by 10.5%.

Year-to-date

shootings were also down slightly, with 465 victims wounded in 392 incidents through Sunday compared with 494 people hit in 423 shootings over the same period last year.

However, other crimes have crept upward in the past year, including rapes, which are up to 734 from 583 this time last year and robberies, which have risen to 7,505 this year compared with 7,120 at the same time last year — jumps of 7.5% and 5.4%, respectively.

Felony assaults are also up, with 12,950 so far in 2024 and 12,252 at this time in 2023.

The NYPD spokesperson said overall crime is down 2% in 2024 year-to-date, and the dip in homicides means 29 fewer people injured by gunfire and 27 fewer murder victims so far. Homicides are also down.

Tears for slain pizza worker

A teenager was arrested in a Manhattan triple shooting that left two men dead — including a beloved pizzeria worker remembered as a "very, very good person."

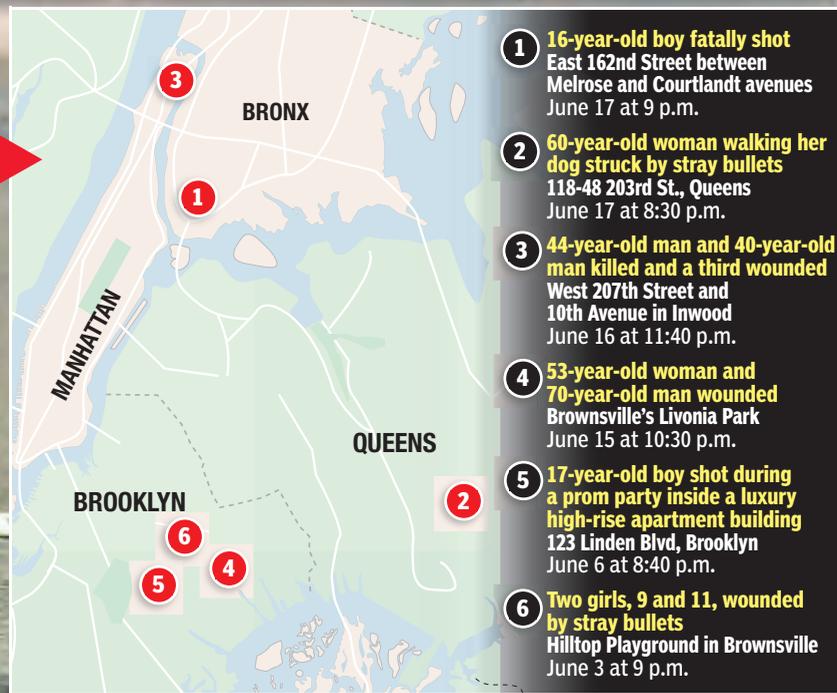
The US Marshals Service arrested the 16-year-old alleged gunman — who law-enforcement sources said had no criminal history — at an apartment complex on Mosholu Parkway in The Bronx at about 7:15 p.m. Tuesday,

SHOOTINGS PUT HEAT ON NYPD

Up 50% last week vs. 2023

TOUGH NUMBERS

Shooting scenes like this one in early June at the East River Houses on East 102nd Street are alarmingly more common this year, and gunshot victims have spiked by an even higher margin, NYPD stats show. Thirty people were struck in two dozen shootings across the five boroughs in the week ending Sunday. The shootings include:



according to police and law-enforcement sources.

Authorities hit him with two counts of second-degree murder and two weapons possession charges, police said.

It's still not clear what led to the shooting, or if the alleged shooter knew his victims, according to the NYPD.

The two deceased men — Alejandro Ramirez, 40, and James

Michael, 44, both of The Bronx — were shot at about 11:45 p.m. on Sunday near West 207th Street and 10th Avenue in Inwood in Manhattan.

Community members lamented Ramirez's death on Wednesday, and remembered him fondly as the smiling counter-man at Johnny's Pizza on Dyckman Street who always gave food to anyone who was

hungry.

"Me and my daughter cried for him — he was a very, very good person," neighbor Dielka Sanchez told The Post. "Whether you had money or not, he always gave you the pizza. He used to say, 'Friend, don't worry!'"

"It's very sad," she continued. "I told my daughter things are getting too bad, I might move."

Several teens told the same

story, calling Ramirez a "good man" as they gazed at a impromptu, candlelit street memorial created in his honor.

"He provided us pizza, even when we didn't have money," one of the kids said.

A man named Diego, who owns a liquor store on Dyckman, added that Ramirez would come in and buy drinks for the pizzeria workers — even though he didn't

drink alcohol himself.

"The neighborhood is very sad, because he was loved," Diego said.

A GoFundMe set up to help Ramirez's family referenced him as a "loved father, friend and well-known figure in the Inwood community" who had worked at Johnny's for more than 15 years.

Amanda Woods, Joe Marino, Christian Nazario, Steve Janoski

Deficits going sky-high

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WHILE Congress and the presidential campaigns continue with business as usual — pledging more government giveaways and deep tax cuts — the government's own accountants have once again revealed that the era of free-lunch economics is over.

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) released new budget estimates showing that this year's budget deficit will come in just under \$2 trillion — nearly double the level from just two years ago, adjusted for the canceled student-loan bailout.

As a share of the economy, this year's deficit will nearly match last year's record for the largest deficit in American history outside of wars and recessions.

Running \$2 trillion budget deficits in a growing economy is virtually unheard of.

More bad news

And it's going to get worse. Congressional rules require that CBO's projections assume all 2017 tax cuts expire on schedule, and that Congress will drastically cut discretionary spending (yeah, right!).

The more realistic budget projections assume a continuation of current policies and show budget deficits surging to a staggering \$3.8 trillion a decade from now.

The debt held by the public would reach \$50 trillion by 2034, double what it is today. That's a record 136% of the economy, dwarfing even World War II debt levels.

Tax revenues are not the main problem. Compared to typical levels, they are projected to be just 0.2% of GDP lower this year, and 0.6% of GDP below average a decade from now if the 2017 tax cuts are extended.

Federal spending, on the other hand, is already 3.5% of GDP above its typical level, and expected to jump further to 5.6% of GDP above its average within a decade under current policies.

The combination of below-average

\$2T? You ain't seen nothin' yet!

tax revenues of 0.6% of GDP and above-average spending of 5.6% of GDP mean that, compared to typical levels, 90% of the budget-deficit rise over the next decade will be driven by runaway spending growth.

The primary spending and deficit driver is the retirement of 74 million Baby Boomers into Social Security and Medicare. Despite the common myth that these programs cannot run deficits, they will run a \$630 billion shortfall this year that is expected to leap to \$1.6 trillion annually a decade from now.

Ticking time bomb

These deepening shortfalls and budget deficits have made interest costs a ticking time bomb.

The combination of rising debt and interest rates has pushed up interest costs from \$352 billion in 2021 to \$892 billion this year — on their way to nearly \$2 trillion annually a decade from now.

By next year, interest will surpass Medicare as the second most expensive federal expenditure after Social Security.

A decade from now, interest costs will consume 27% of all federal taxes — everything you pay to Washington through April 9. What a waste.

And even those figures are based on CBO's rosy assumption that interest rates on the federal debt will not exceed 3.5%.

However, one-third of the existing federal debt must be refinanced within the next year. If the federal debt continues to roll over into the 4.5% interest rate seen at recent Treasury debt auctions, then the projected annual budget deficit leaps to \$4.5 trillion within a decade.

At that point, 37% of all federal tax revenues would go toward interest on the debt — a debt that would approach 150% of GDP and then continue soaring toward 300%.

These are the ingredients of a debt crisis.

Such a dire outlook requires Washington's attention. Instead, we get

pandering and messaging. President Biden absurdly claims to have reduced budget deficits, even as the projected deficit over the 2021-2031 period has jumped from \$14.5 trillion to \$21.3 trillion since he took office.

Back then, CBO projected a 2024 deficit of \$905 billion. Now it projects \$1.915 trillion.

Painful tax hikes

The president's latest budget proposed \$5 trillion in painful tax increases over the decade — nearly all of which would be plowed into new proposals instead of deficit reduction. This would force future deficit-reduction initiatives to begin from these higher tax levels.

The president has also pledged to oppose all spending reforms to the Social Security and Medicare shortfalls driving deficits, even as Social Security's trust fund sits a decade away from insolvency and a mandatory 21% benefit cut.

Nor have Republicans taken deficits seriously, instead offering empty rhetoric about "waste, fraud, and abuse" while proposing substantially more defense spending, more tax cuts, and also opposing significant reforms to keep Social Security and Medicare costs

affordable.

Ultimately, these escalating deficits are unsustainable, as the laws of economics and mathematics always eventually win.

If Washington refuses to make the difficult decisions to rein in this galloping red ink, then the bond market will eventually stop financing this debt at plausible interest rates.

The era of free-lunch economics is over, even if politicians will be the last ones to learn this.

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**\$50
TRILLION**



Up, up and away

The Congressional Budget Office revealed this week that, left unchecked, public debt will climb to an astonishing \$50 trillion by 2034 — roughly twice what it is today, as government spending continues to climb.

**\$26
TRILLION**

2023

2024

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2034

JUSTIN RIDES IT OUT

Chauffeur after Hamptons 'DWI'

By MARA SIEGLER

Justin has let someone else Timberlake the wheel.

The pop star, who was arrested for alleged DWI in the Hamptons early Tuesday morning, has headed back to the city, where wife Jessica Biel is currently filming, a source tells Page Six.

Instead of driving himself, we hear Timberlake had his driver bring him back after meeting with his lawyer following his release from custody.

Penalties for DWI offenses include both monetary fines and license suspensions in New York, so the pop idol may need to get comfortable sitting in the sexy back.

The "Mirrors" singer was photographed leaving the Sag Harbor Village Police Department on Tuesday morning. A source tells us he got on the road after meeting with his lawyer.

Boozy night out

Per Page Six, Timberlake was with friends at the American Hotel on Main Street before he drove off around 12:30 a.m.

Officers performed a field sobriety test on him, but he refused their request to take a Breathalyzer test.

We were also told that the cop who pulled Timberlake over "was so young that he didn't even know" who the 10-time Grammy winner was.

"He didn't recognize him or his name," our insider says.

A second source adds, "Justin said under his breath, 'This is going to ruin the tour.' The cop replied, 'What tour?' Justin said, 'The world tour.'"



MUG SHOT: Justin Timberlake is glassy-eyed Tuesday after his Hamptons bust for alleged DWI.

Timberlake was charged with one count of driving while intoxicated and two other traffic violations: not stopping at a stop sign and failure to stay in a proper lane of travel.

A criminal complaint obtained by Page Six states that the "Friends with Benefits" actor claimed to have consumed only "one martini" at the posh Long Island hotel before following friends home.

However, police noticed he had "bloodshot and glassy eyes," which could be seen in his mug shot, in addition to "a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage" on his breath during the investigation, according to the documents.

The office of his lawyer, Edward Burke Jr., released a statement to Page Six on Wednesday saying: "Mr. Burke looks forward to vigorously defending Mr. Timberlake against these allegations."

Biel is currently in the city filming Prime Video's upcoming thriller series "The Better Sister."

QUIET ON SET: Jessica Biel returns to filming a new show in NYC Tuesday after her hubby's arrest.



Steely Biel is back to work

Jose Perez/Bauer-Griffin/Getty Images

A stone-faced Jessica Biel was spotted returning to work in the Big Apple Tuesday — just hours after her husband, Justin Timberlake, was busted allegedly driving drunk in the Hamptons.

The 42-year-old actress was snapped between takes as she filmed her upcoming Prime Video thriller series "The Better Sister" in Manhattan.

Donning a striped maxi dress and styling her hair in a bob cut, the mom of two appeared downcast at times after stepping out on the set.

At one point, Biel — who has been married to the "SexyBack" singer since 2012 — could be seen mustering up a brief smile as onlookers watched.

Her return to the set unfolded soon after her 43-year-old hubby was pulled over and cuffed for allegedly blowing a stop sign and swerving out of his lane after leaving the posh American Hotel in Sag Harbor, LI, just after midnight in his gray BMW.

Timberlake told arresting officers he'd had just "one martini" while refusing three times to take a Breathalyzer test.

A witness at the bar told The Post the star, who is in the middle of a world tour, was "wasted — and even picked up someone else's drink from the table and downed it when its owner went to the bathroom."

Timberlake, who has acknowledged past issues with "excessive drinking," was released without bail after his Tuesday arraignment. *Emily Crane*

Joel: 'Judge not'

Only the good get pulled over? Songwriting legend Billy Joel cautioned against casting aspersions about Justin Timberlake's bust for alleged DWI.

"Judge not lest ye be judged," Joel, 75, told PIX11 on Tuesday.

The Hamptons mainstay, who has attended rehab for alcohol abuse, crashed his car into a tree in Sag Harbor in 2003.

Olivia Land



CHEERS: Britney raises a floral glass on Instagram.

@britneyspears/Instagram

Is this a Britney mock-tini?

Britney Spears has apparently broken her silence on ex-boyfriend Justin Timberlake's alleged drunken-driving bust with a cryptic snap of her fruity cocktail on Instagram.

The "Toxic" singer, 42, toasted late Tuesday to the "little things" hours after her ex's bleary-eyed mug shot emerged online.

"It's the little things you know," she wrote.

Spears, who dated Timberlake from 1999 to 2002, didn't elaborate further.

The exes had a tumultuous relationship, with accusations of cheating on both sides. *Emily Crane*

Abandoned Hell's Kitchen kitty rescue

By NATALIE O'NEILL,
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They pulled off the purr-fect rescue.

A group of Hell's Kitchen neighbors weren't feline fine about a bodega cat they discovered abandoned for more than five weeks in a shuttered deli — so they joined forces to save her.

"It's rags to riches. She went from a cold basement to a comfortable apartment curled up on bed," said Tiff Winton, who helped come to the cat's aid.

Residents last week spotted the forlorn feline, Leila, meowing in distress from behind a window pane at the Citra Gourmet Deli on 10th Avenue near West 45th Street, they told The Post Wednesday.

Ben Lagman, who lives nearby, tried to feed the cat through a broken door to no avail — then called 311 to report a case of alleged animal neglect.

"We thought this cat might die, we didn't know if there was A/C in there, and there was broken glass on the floor," Lagman said. "It was deplorable.

"The poor thing was in horrible shape. She was dirty and hungry."

Surviving off scraps

Winton said the imperiled pet — left without even a chopped cheese to munch on — only survived because the owner stopped by occasionally to feed her.

"She was meowing incessantly. She was starving," Winton said. "There were empty cat food cans all over the store, a bed in a cold weird basement, she was totally dehydrated. She survived because they were feeding her, but they were coming by randomly."

Neighbors teamed up through a Facebook group Sunday and made it their mission to get in touch with the shop owner, Winton said.

Eventually a man with keys met them there and agreed to turn over the cat to Winton on Monday.

"She's such a good kitty, she didn't fight. She seemed to know she was being rescued," he said.

The bodega owner — who could



FAIRY-TAIL ENDING: Poor Leila the tabby was left to meow from the window (right) of this shuttered 10th Avenue deli for weeks before the owner was contacted by concerned locals, with one of them adopting the lucky girl (below).



CAT'S OUTTA THE BODEGA!

not be reached for comment — told neighbors that although he'd been feeding the cat, he didn't want to take her with him to his new shop because she "likes to scratch," according to an Instagram post by Mirjana Vicari, another neighbor who helped.

Lagman has now adopted the cat. "Now the cat is lying on Ben's bed watching television," Winton said. "Within an hour of being there she was relaxed and purring."

Lagman said Leila was skittish after a trip to the vet, but she soon calmed down. The veterinarian told Lagman the cat is likely in its teens. He said that he was also considering changing her name to Deli.

She "went from very afraid to extraordinarily affectionate," he said. "I'm blessed to have her."



Md. gov.: Replace Joe? No!

Maryland Democratic Gov. Wes Moore tried to stamp out speculation Wednesday that he could take over for President Biden as the party's presidential nominee if the incumbent is unable to continue his campaign.

"I am full-throated in my support of President Biden," Moore told "Fox and Friends" co-host Brian Kilmeade, who had said that "people are floating your name as a possible President Biden replacement should the wheels come off [at the] August convention."

Moore, 45, stressed that he was "excited" at the prospect of another four years with the 81-year-old Biden in the White House.

Kilmeade pressed, "What about if your name was offered as a possible replacement should something happen at the convention? How would you feel about that? Do you think you're ready?"

The state leader replied, "I think that President Biden is not just the nominee, President Biden is the best candidate for the presidency."

Moore is one of a handful of Democratic governors, including Gavin Newsom of California and Gretchen Whitmer of Michigan, who have been floated as possible Biden replacements.

Ryan King

House big in squeaker

House Freedom Caucus Chairman Bob Good was adamant Wednesday that he could still eke out a win in his bruising Virginia Republican primary contest against state Sen. John McGuire, despite trailing by more than 300 votes.

After the bulk of the ballots were tallied Tuesday night, McGuire, who scored the coveted endorsement of former President Donald Trump last month, declared victory. But Good, 58, declined to concede.

As of 2 p.m. Wednesday, McGuire led Good by 0.6 percentage points with an estimated 98% of the vote tallied.

Ryan King

'Lured' US sgt. gets 3+ yrs. in gulag

A US soldier was sentenced Wednesday to three years and nine months in a Russian penal colony on charges of stealing \$113 from his girlfriend and threatening to kill her, in a turbulent affair in which he was "lured" to the country.

Staff Sgt. Gordon Black,

34, who has been detained in the far east of Russia since May 2, learned his fate as he stood inside a glass cage in the District Court of Vladivostok.

Black pleaded not guilty to the charges of threatening to kill Alexandra Vashchuk, but had admitted he

was "partially" guilty of stealing from her.

Prosecutors asked Judge Yelena Stepankova to sentence Black to four years and eight months in prison and impose a fine of \$456, according to TASS.

Black's defense had asked for him to be acquitted of

the charges, and will appeal the verdict.

He and Vashchuk met in South Korea, where he was stationed.

Black, who has a wife and child, had signed out on a permanent change of station to return to Fort Cavazos, Texas, after he finished

his tour as an Army trainer April 10.

Instead of flying back to the US, Black jumped on a plane to China before jetting off to Russia to meet with Vashchuk.

When he landed in Vladivostok, he was arrested.

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Instagram / Tiff's Walks

Matthew McDermott (2)



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Joe's cynical border politics put US in peril

YOU knew the minute the words came out of Joe Biden's mouth that his mass-amnesty announcement for illegal aliens was pure politics.

"Folks, I'm not interested in playing politics with the border or with immigration, he said. "I'm interested in fixing it."

As usual from this president, that's the opposite of the truth. All he has done from Day One is play politics with immigration, ever since he walked into the Oval Office and rescinded Donald Trump's border-protection measures with the stroke of a pen: 94 executive actions in the first 100 days.

He killed Trump's border wall and "Remain in Mexico" policy, stopped deportations and started secretly flying illegal aliens all over the country on charter flights in the middle of the night. The Post reported at length on Biden's secret flights into Westchester and the whited-out charter buses waiting at the airport to sprinkle illegal aliens around the tri-state area, night after night.

Democrats tried to blame Texas Gov. Greg Abbott for the influx of illegals breaking the New York City budget, but it was their own president who did it.

Now polls show that voter anger about unchecked illegal migration is killing Biden's re-election prospects, and only after he has successfully installed upwards of 8 million illegal aliens, he's trying to paper over his betrayal of the American people.

But instead of reinstating those successful Trump policies to belatedly "fix" the border, he offered up a half-baked faux crackdown a few weeks ago, and then promptly sweetened the deal with his DACA 2.0 policy to attract even more of the Third World to illegally cross the border and become a net burden on taxpayers.

New Dem voters

He's now giving green cards and a three-year path to citizenship to at least half a million illegals who happen to be married to US citizens, just in time to vote Democrat in 2028.

It's a sign of how desperate Biden's campaign is that it would throw a match on his most incendiary political problem in order to appease Democrats' increasingly fractious base. The grand strategy of throwing indictments at Trump and branding him a convicted felon hasn't worked out. Interim Plan B is a schizophrenic border policy.

The mystery has always been why any president would want to destroy his country — and his electoral appeal — by throwing open the border to millions of unvetted people from around the world. If Republicans dared suggest it was to create a new captive voting bloc for the Democratic Party, they were accused of peddling racist conspiracy theories.

This is how The New York Times framed the idea in 2022: "Experts in extremism describe [it] as a sanitized version of the 'great replacement,' a once-fringe, racist conspiracy theory that claims that Western elites, sometimes manipulated by Jews, want to replace white Americans with immigrants to weaken the influence of white culture. The idea has been linked to the massacre at a Buffalo supermarket in May, the El Paso Walmart shooting in 2019 and the killings at a Pittsburgh synagogue in 2018."

In other words, shut up or we'll label you

a domestic terrorist, and you know what happens next.

Now Biden has proved the theory was true. Presumably his

minders think DACA 2.0 will make an empathetic talking point in next week's presidential debate, in which Biden can project empathy and pretend to have cracked down on the border while accusing cruel Trump of tearing families apart. It serves the same purpose as the bogus Gaza pier did in the State of the Union.

On the very same day that Biden announced the mass-amnesty policy, an illegal alien slimeball from Ecuador was arrested for allegedly tying up and raping a little 13-year-old girl in broad daylight in a Flushing, Queens, park last week. He also tied up her 13-year-old male schoolfriend, who presumably is also scarred for life by what he was forced to witness.

Christian Geovanny Inga-Landi, 25, who entered the US through Eagle Pass, Texas, in June 2021, reportedly told police Wednesday he cut off the

girl's clothes with a knife and recorded the rape midway through.

The heinous crime occurred only days after another illegal migrant, Victor Antonio Martinez-Hernandez, 23, was busted in Oklahoma for allegedly raping and murdering Maryland mom-of-five Rachel Morin.

When Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas was asked about Morin's death, he refused to accept any blame and wouldn't even utter her name, callously calling her "the individual who was murdered, the woman, the mother."

He told CNN: "A criminal is responsible for the criminal act."

That criminal sexual predator would never have been near Morin if it hadn't been for Mayorkas and his boss letting him into the country.

Then there is the terrorism threat from all the unvetted illegals who have flooded over the border the past three years.

Eight with ISIS ties

Eight suspected terrorists with ties to ISIS were arrested by the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force last week in a coordinated bust in Los Angeles, New York and Philadelphia. The eight men, Russian nationals from Tajikistan, had illegally crossed the southern border and were released into the US reportedly when their criminal background checks came back clean.

In April, an Uzbek man with alleged ISIS ties was arrested in Baltimore after illegally crossing the border in February 2022. Another illegal migrant from Afghanistan who is suspected of being a terrorist crossed the border in March 2023 and spent nearly a year roaming the country before he was arrested in Texas, according to NBC News.

Last August came reports that the FBI was trying to track down more than a dozen illegal migrants who crossed the southern border with the assistance of a smuggler with ties to ISIS.

In another frightening case, an illegal migrant from Somalia with ties to terrorist group al-Shabaab crossed the southern border in March 2023 and roamed the country for almost a year before being arrested in Minnesota in January.

Last year alone, Border Patrol agents reported they had apprehended 172 terror suspects attempting to cross the border illegally.

Those are just the ones who didn't sneak in undetected.

Biden's Border Bloodbath is a catastrophe that has made all of us poorer and less safe.



OUR CITIZENS COME LAST: President Biden's latest amnesty moves smack of pure politics and endanger law-abiding citizens.

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Up-staged on B'way



A literal lift for the iconic Palace Theatre



Courtesy of Palace Theatre; Christopher Sadowski

ON THE RISE: After years of renovations, including being jacked 30 feet above 47th Street to put in a hotel below, the Palace Theatre shines.

By JOHNNY OLEKSINSKI

Putting up a Broadway show is hard enough. But try lifting a 111-year-old, 7,000-ton Broadway theater 30 feet in the air.

That's just what a group of intrepid engineers and designers have done to the Palace Theatre, the iconic 47th Street venue that has played host to such luminaries as Judy Garland, her daughter Liza Minnelli, Bette Midler and classic musicals like "Sweet Charity" and "La Cage aux Folles."

During a painstaking process that took nearly nine years from signing the contracts to the May 2024 opening night of Ben Platt's concert residency, the massive building — which has also acted as a vaudeville house and an RKO movie theater — was dramatically jacked up two stories to make room for a new 669-room hotel and retail spaces below.

The Palace itself also got a much-

needed spruce-up. The lobbies, backstage areas and, most vitally, the bathrooms, are totally new.

"We might argue, and some may agree, that it's the most famous theater in the city of New York," Nick Scandalios, executive vice president of the Nederlander Organization, told The Post. "And we're really proud that at the end of this, it's still the pinnacle of that."

A long process

After the Palace shuttered in 2018 with the closing of "SpongeBob SquarePants," the long process of prepping the theater for the move began. That step took several years.

While the site is landmarked by the city, a designation that can lead to permissions hurdles, the team got lucky with a quirk.

"The Palace is very unique because it was an enclosed brick box with no facade," Scandalios said of

the venue that previously had only a tiny marquee that was far newer than the house.

At the same time that the attached Double Tree hotel was demolished above, 116 cement-cased hydraulic lifts were placed beneath the foundation of the building.

The actual lift, however, didn't begin until February 2022.

Jim Seger of PBDW Architects said that over the course of two weeks, the Palace moved up at a slower-than-a-snail's pace of "about an inch an hour."

Added preservation architect Brigitte Cook: "The pigeons on the roof couldn't feel it moving."

"It was like surgery," Seger added. "There were teams on call at all times."

The entrance is now prominently visible on 47th Street, there are sparkling lobbies and modernized backstage facilities.

And behold — the Palace now has the largest women's bathroom

of any Broadway theater. For matinee ladies, it's practically the ninth wonder of the world.

One historic feature beloved by Broadway buffs that had to stay was the iconic Judy Garland Staircase.

"Judy Garland had very famously appeared from the back of the auditorium at times," Scandalios said. "And there is a staircase she used that could connect you from the backstage to the back of the auditorium."

So the team ensured that future divas could still walk in Dorothy Gale's footsteps.

For James L. Nederlander, president of the Nederlander Organization, the Palace project was a deeply personal one.

"My father bought it 1964," he said of his dad James M. Nederlander, who died in 2016. "I grew up there. A lot of memories. That's another reason I'm glad it's back online. I hope he's up there saying, 'Boy, I'm proud of you guys.'"

Robbed of Calif. dream

A Florida family was robbed of all their belongings, including \$3,000 and their passports, in California when thieves broke into their rental car while they were dropping their son off at college, with the mother now vowing to bring her son back to the Sunshine State.

Rhomel Crossman of Coconut Creek and his family had just flown into the San Francisco Bay on Saturday to register for classes at Lincoln University in Oakland, KTVU reported.

Crossman was committed to play football at the private school, according to an X post from February.

The family parked their rented SUV a block from Lincoln at around 6:15 p.m. and headed to a nearby Jamaican restaurant to pick up food, leaving their five suitcases inside the vehicle.

They returned 15 minutes later and discovered the SUV's windows were smashed and all of their belongings gone. After a long couple of days, with little to no reassurance, the family has decided Lincoln University isn't right for them.

"I have to bring back my son to Florida because it's not safe here," said Crossman's mother, Nerissa Murray Watson.

Nicholas McEntyre

China ship 'ram' call

Secretary of State Antony Blinken on Wednesday held a call with Philippine Foreign Secretary Enrique Manalo to discuss China's actions in the South China Sea.

"Their discussion followed [China's] dangerous and irresponsible actions to deny the Philippines from executing a lawful maritime operation in the South China Sea on June 17," the State Department said.

A Philippine sailor suffered serious injury after what its military described as "intentional-high speed ramming" by a Chinese Coast Guard ship that day.

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- Monday, July 8 5:00-6:30pm
Senior Afternoon Concert: The Excellents and The Demensions
- Thursday, July 11 7:00-10:00pm
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- Friday, July 12 7:00-9:00pm
Streetfighter – Rolling Stones Tribute
- Saturday, July 13 7:00-9:00pm
Misty Mountain – Led Zeppelin Tribute
- Sunday, July 14 6:00-9:00pm
Harry Chapin Tribute Show & Food Drive with The Harry Chapin Band and Will Sing For Food
- Monday, July 15 7:00-9:00pm
The Nassau Pops Symphony Orchestra
- Thursday, July 18 7:00-9:30pm
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- Friday, July 19 7:00-9:30pm
Creole American Night
- Saturday, July 20 7:00-9:00pm
Neil Berg's 100 Years of Broadway
- Sunday, July 21 6:00-8:30pm
Bangladeshi American Night
- Monday, July 22 7:00-9:00pm
Italian American Night
- Thursday, July 25 7:00-9:00pm
Barometer Soup - A Tribute to Jimmy Buffet
- Friday, July 26 7:00-9:00pm
Doo Wop Show: Johnny Farina of Santo & Johnny, Phil Cracolici and The Mystics, Vito Picone and The Elegants, Jimmy Gallagher of The Passions
- Saturday, July 27 7:00-9:00pm
The Hilarious Hitmen, a Comedy Musical Spectacular
- Sunday, July 28 6:00-8:30pm
Korean American Night
- Monday, July 29 5:00-6:30pm
Senior Afternoon Concert: The Fireflies and The Devotions

AUGUST

- Friday, August 2 7:00-9:00pm
Dancing Dream – ABBA Tribute
- Saturday, August 3 6:30-9:30pm
Salute to Vets Show with Face to Face & American Bombshells
- Sunday, August 4 6:30-8:30pm
The Midtown Men featuring Stars from the Original Cast of Jersey Boys
- Monday, August 5 7:00-9:30pm
Irish American Night
- Thursday, August 8 7:00-9:00pm
Sandy Hackett's Rat Pack
- Friday, August 9 7:00-9:00pm
45 RPM
- Saturday, August 10 7:00-9:00pm
This is Garth featuring JD Leonard
- Sunday, August 11 6:30-8:30pm
Living Colour

- Monday, August 12 5:00-6:30pm
Senior Afternoon Concert: Vinnie Medugno & The Chiclettes
- Thursday, August 15 7:00-9:00pm
UB40 : Red Red Wine Tour
- Friday, August 16 7:00-9:00pm
Zac Brown Tribute Band (ZBTB)
- Saturday, August 17 7:00-9:00pm
Doo Wop Show: Manhattan Skyline, Stan Zizka & The Del Satins, Larry Chance's Earls
- Sunday, August 18 4:00-8:00pm
Pakistani American Night
- Monday, August 19 7:00-9:30pm
Ukrainian American Night
- Thursday, August 22 7:00-9:00pm
Let's Sing Taylor - Taylor Swift Experience
- Saturday, August 24 7:00-9:00pm
Disco Unlimited
- Sunday, August 25 7:00-9:00pm
Don Felder former lead guitarist of The Eagles
- Friday, August 30 7:00-9:00pm
That Motown Band

SEPTEMBER

- Sunday, September 1 7:00-9:00pm
The Purple Experience - Prince Tribute
- Sunday, September 8 5:00-7:30pm
Turkish American Night
- Saturday, September 14 .. 7:30-10:00pm
World Renowned Puerto Rican Salsa Orchestra
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Legendary House DJ TBA with LI's Own DJ Theo opening
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Free 'em, Meek

RAPPER **Meek Mill** joined Gov. **Phil Murphy** at St. James AME Church in Newark yesterday on Juneteenth, when the pol announced a new effort to grant “systemic, category-driven” clemencies. Mill, who co-founded Reform Alliance with **Jay-Z**, was sent to prison in 2017 for a minor probation violation in a 2008 case. He spent five months behind bars, but was later pardoned by then-Pennsylvania Gov. **Tom Wolf**. “I know personally the life-changing impact that clemency can have,” Mill said during the event. “Today’s announcement means that many more people will have an opportunity to reunite with their families, get back on their feet and chase their dreams.”



Gone girl to Italy

JENNIFER Lopez (above) was photographed in Italy on vacation without husband **Ben Affleck** as rumors of a divorce continue to ramp up. According to video and photos, J. Lo was spotted at a hotel in chic Positano on the Amalfi Coast and later seen with pals boarding a boat. The couple, who wed in July 2022, are reportedly selling their \$60 million Beverly Hills mansion because they are allegedly heading for Splitsville. Affleck has been staying at a separate home. A source previously told ET: “At this point, they are just doing their own thing.”

SIR **Ivan Wilzig** — the eccentric owner of a castle in the Hamptons, where real estate millionaires **Oren** and **Alon Alexander** have been accused in a lawsuit of raping a woman — is extremely “unhappy” at being associated in the mess over the twins’ alleged illegal activities.

A source tells us that Wilzig held a BBQ at his medieval Water Mill estate — known for holding wild bacchanals — this past weekend where he bristled when guests brought up the twins.

“Ivan didn’t want to discuss it,” says a source. “He is so unhappy with the situation. The Alexander brothers have been banned from his parties.”

Previously, a source told Page Six that the Alexanders were regulars at Wilzig’s mansion, dubbed “the Playboy Mansion of the East Coast,” and stayed in their own room.

The high-flying twins, who are well-known in certain social circles in NYC, Miami and the Hamptons, have been accused of rape in three lawsuits. Their older brother, **Tal**, was also accused of sexual assault in a lawsuit filed Tuesday. In this latest suit, **Angelica Parker** claimed the twins, along with their older brother, conspired to rape her in 2012.

A spokesman for Tal called Parker’s lawsuit a money-grab. **Isabelle Kirshner**, the lawyer representing Oren and Alon, told the New

York Times, “We have reviewed the allegations contained in the complaint and deny them, as they are pure fiction.”

According to a lawsuit filed earlier by **Kate Whiteman**, she was allegedly dragged by Alon into a black SUV after leaving a club to find Oren waiting in the car. They then allegedly took her to Wilzig’s campy castle.

Ivan did not return a request for comment. Wilzig’s brother **Alan** said in a previous interview of the castle’s crazy parties, “A lot is hype. People will sensationalize. You come over and two girls are tanning topless and, if someone wants to be an idiot about it, they say everyone is running around naked.”



Fashion is serious business for singer **Sabrina Carpenter**, who skipped the pants for **Louis Vuitton’s** spring menswear show in Paris.

Double play day

THE late Joe DiMaggio’s longtime buddy Dr. **Rock Positano** told Page Six that the Yankee Clipper held Willie Mays with the greatest respect. The two met up when DiMaggio spotted the then-60-something Say Hey Kid waiting on line to get a ball signed at the Rawlings Gold Glove Award in 1992. Joltin’ Joe signed the ball and had Mays come sit next to him on the dais. Mays died Tuesday at 93. Positano, a Hospital for Special Surgery expert on foot disorders, befriended DiMaggio in 1990 during treatment for the legend’s painful bone spurs. The doctor is also the author of 2017’s “Dinner With DiMaggio,” penned with his brother **John Positano** with a forward by **Francis Ford Coppola**.

We hear

THAT **Jane L. Rosen** has a new book out, “Seven Summer Weekends” . . . THAT **Kathy Griffin** will play Carnegie Hall in October . . . THAT Tony winners **Cynthia Erivo**, **Ruthie Ann Miles** and **Shuler Hensley** will appear in “A Little Night Music” at Lincoln Center next week . . . THAT performer **Nathy Peluso** has announced the “Grasa” tour including her first-ever US run, with dates across Europe.



It’s curry to go

IT’S the end of the road for Flati-ron Indian hot spot Sona. The restaurant announced it will be closing its doors June 30, three years after its splashy pandemic opening. “We have immense gratitude for everyone who walked through our doors. It’s been our greatest honor to serve you . . . We hope to see you for a final meal or drink. Our doors and arms are open,” the restaurant posted on Instagram. **Priyanka Chopra** (above) opened the restaurant with onetime pal **Maneesh Goyal** and adviser **David Rabin**. Chopra bailed on the restaurant last year, with rumors of a rift between her and Goyal, who told People at the time that working with the actress had been “a dream come true . . . we’re grateful for her partnership and support.”

Building up Carpenter career

If you don’t recognize that star at the left, you should familiarize yourself. No, it’s not a lost Hilton sister. Singer **Sabrina Carpenter** (left) has emerged as a Hollywood It girl, with her hit song “Espresso” percolating into the Top 10 of the Billboard Hot 100 chart — and her caffeinated anthem is widely considered this summer’s potentially biggest anthem. She has also made headlines for dating Irish “Saltburn” actor **Barry Keoghan**, 31. We previously reported that the pair attended the Vanity Fair Oscar party together and were spotted hand-in-hand. Tuesday, she was in the front row of a Paris fashion show, where **Pharrell Williams** showed off his third collection for Louis Vuitton’s men’s line. Also in attendance were Vogue boss **Anna Wintour**, **Maluma**, **Jerrod Carmichael**, **Alicia Vikander** and **Michael Fassbender**, and **Colman Domingo**. Carpenter, 25, reportedly was playing a Nintendo DS while she waited for the show to start. It belonged to another attendee, British rapper **Central Cee**, who sat next to her. The singer also had a dash of recent controversy when she shocked fans by appearing in a campaign for **Kim Kardashian’s** Skims brand, while on a break from touring as an opening act for Kardashian frenemy **Taylor Swift’s** “Eras” tour.

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Vlad gifts Kim a limo – and takes him for test drive



The nukes of hazard

By ALEX OLIVEIRA
and DIANA GLEBOVA

What does one dictator bent on world domination give another? Limos, tea sets and daggers, of course.

On his first visit to North Korea in nearly a quarter-century (above right), Russian President Vladimir Putin came bearing gifts for the despotic Kim Jong-un — with the big unveil being this Russian-made Aurus limousine.

Kim, 40 — reportedly a major car enthusiast and collec-

tor — beamed as he jumped in beside Putin, 71, at the wheel of the limo and they hit the highway side by side.

They appeared to be driving through some sort of manicured motor park and at one point pulled over to switch spots so Kim could take the wheel.

It's just the latest in Kim's collection, which includes numerous Mercedes, a Maybach and a Rolls Royce Phantom, according to the BBC.

Putin on Wednesday also

gifted Kim a Russian Navy dagger and a tea set, which Kremlin aide Yuri Ushakov said was “very beautiful” to Russian state media.

The leaders did not play with the dagger, but they do plan to hold a tea party, although it was unclear if the tea set would be used at the affair.

In return for the gifts, Kim gave Putin some artwork Ushakov described as “very good presents” and “related to [his] image.”



Musk on guard for ‘homicidal maniacs’ out to get him

“Two homicidal maniacs” have threatened to kill Elon Musk in the past seven months, the Tesla CEO claimed at a recent shareholder meeting, while comparing himself to slain Beatle John Lennon.

During the question-and-answer portion of the electric-vehicle company's annual shareholders meeting last week, Musk said his high pro-

file has put a target on his back.

An anonymous shareholder asked Musk what he's doing to make sure he stays healthy and safe, to which Musk acknowledged he should maybe start working out to avoid being “assassinated.”

“I mean, it is getting a little crazy these days,” Musk said. “The probability that a homicidal

maniac will try to kill you is proportionate to how many homicidal maniacs hear your name.

“They hear my name a lot, so I'm like, ‘OK, I'm on the list,’ you know,” he chuckled.

Musk then revealed that Tesla “actually did have two homicidal maniacs in the last roughly seven months come to aspirationally try

to kill me, and a bunch of other people — so it's not just me.”

“And then there wasn't like an actual issue that they articulated, they were just in the homicidal maniac career, so I do need to be kind of careful,” Musk added.

He said he's been forced to “be a bit more standoffish” as a result and has stopped signing things for

fans who come up to him in public.

“I think of like John Lennon, who was singing about like, hey, can't we all just be nice to each other — and then he got shot, by one of his fans. It's like, OK, we'll try to avoid that.”

Tesla shareholders overwhelmingly voted to approve Musk's controversial \$56 billion pay package. *Patrick Reilly*

Thursday Friday

Today: Plenty of sun, hot and humid. High 89 to 95.

Tonight: Partly cloudy and very warm. Low 73 to 79.

Tomorrow: Mostly sunny, hot; a p.m. t-storm. High 91 to 97.

Tomorrow night: Humid; a t-storm around early. Low 71 to 77.

Saturday
A t-storm around. High 83 to 89.
Evening
A t-storm around. Low 70 to 76.

Sunday
A t-storm around. High 87 to 93.
Evening
A stray t-storm. Low 70 to 76.

Almanac

YESTERDAY'S CONDITIONS AT CENTRAL PARK THROUGH 6PM

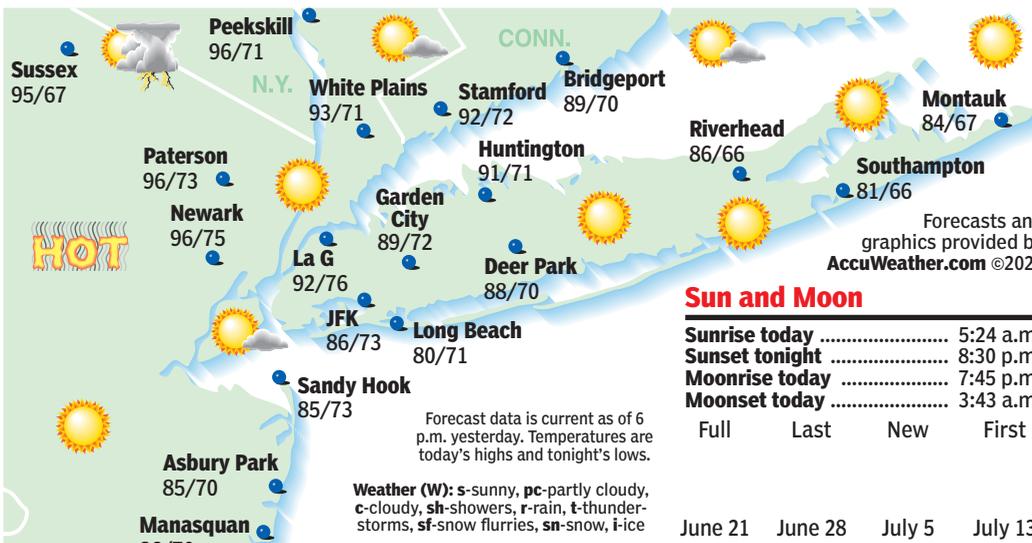
Temperature
High: 89, Low: 72, Mean: 81

Departure from Normal
Yesterday: +7 degrees

Precipitation
Yesterday: 0.00", Month: 1.05", Year: 25.02", Normal year to date: 22.37"

Cooling Degree days yesterday16
Total for the month (normal)155 (117)
Total since Jan. 1 (normal)264 (198)
Last year to date172
Heat Index (at noon yest.) 89
UV index (for Thu.) 11 (Extreme)
Humidity (at noon) 65%

AIR QUALITY
Pollen: Low Predominant pollen: Trees, Weeds
AQI rating: (for Thu.)Moderate

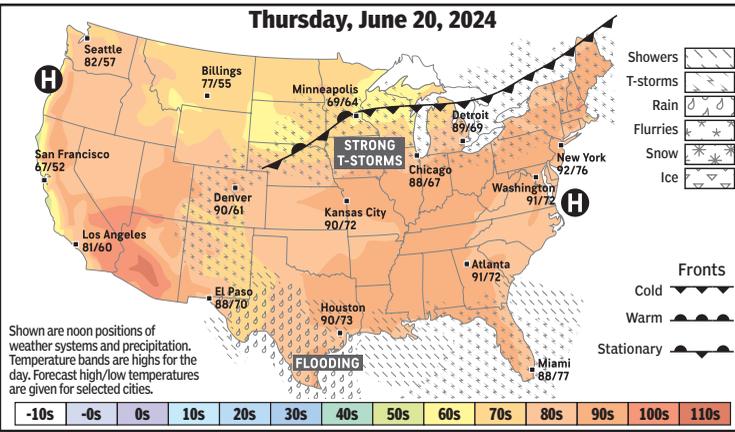


Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 5:24 a.m.
 Sunset tonight 8:30 p.m.
 Moonrise today 7:45 p.m.
 Moonset today 3:43 a.m.

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New York Tides

	TODAY		TOMORROW	
	1st	2nd	1st	2nd
High Tide for	7:11a	7:27p	7:56a	8:08p
Coney Island	7:03a	7:39p	7:50a	8:25p
Fire Island	11:08a	11:02p	11:43a	11:42p
Hempstead	11:03a	11:06p	11:44a	11:49p
Huntington	6:55a	7:11p	7:40a	7:52p
Jones Inlet	8:32a	8:46p	9:15a	9:29p
Montauk Point	11:12a	10:59p	11:43a	11:40p
Port Washington	7:15a	7:31p	8:00a	8:12p
Sandy Hook				

Regional cities

	TODAY	TOMORROW
Albany	96/74/t	88/67/t
Danbury	96/68/t	94/71/t
Glens Falls	93/68/t	82/62/t
Gr Barrington	94/69/t	90/69/t
Kingston	97/72/t	91/70/t
Liberty	92/68/t	88/66/t
Monticello	93/66/t	89/66/t
Newburgh	97/71/t	95/69/t
Poughkeepsie	98/71/t	94/71/t
Saratoga Springs	96/70/t	85/65/t
Stroudsburg	93/66/t	95/70/t
Torrington	96/69/t	92/67/t
Syracuse	93/72/t	86/68/t

World cities

	TODAY	TOMORROW
Athens	96/82/s	95/78/s
Baghdad	119/86/pc	120/87/pc
Beijing	93/72/pc	81/69/c
Berlin	75/60/pc	84/59/t
Cairo	101/78/s	102/78/s
Dublin	66/55/pc	64/49/sh
Geneva	71/61/t	72/54/r
Hong Kong	92/84/t	92/84/t
Jerusalem	94/71/s	92/70/s
Kabul	88/66/s	84/61/c
London	73/53/s	75/56/s
Madrid	72/54/sh	83/57/s
Mexico City	71/60/r	74/58/sh
Montreal	91/69/t	79/63/t
Moscow	70/51/sh	70/55/pc
Paris	72/61/r	73/58/r
Rio de Janeiro	84/69/s	81/69/s
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Gee, whiz! 12-yr.-old off to NYU

Youngest grad of a Long Island HS

By NATALIE O'NEILL

A 12-year-old whiz kid will become the youngest student ever to graduate from a Long Island high school next week — before heading off to New York University in the fall.

Suborno Bari of Lynbrook, who has written two books and taught college classes in India, will take home a diploma from Malverne High School on June 26.

"It's really exciting," Bari told ABC 7.

The child prodigy — who also set a world record for scoring 1500 on the SAT at age 11 — said he plans to study math and physics at NYU, where he received a full scholarship.

"[I want] to help people around the world understand math and science," he said.

"My goal is to be a professor and try to help those in need of a good

resource."

The boy genius said his high school experience was rewarding despite being much younger than other classmates.

"Both the administration and the student body — well, most of the student body — has been really supportive," he told Long Island's News 12.

Wrote 1st book at 7

Bari's academic talents allowed him to skip from fourth grade to eighth grade, and then from ninth to 12th grade, fast-tracking his time at the school.

"He was always one step forward," his mother, Shaheda Bari, told ABC 7. "He's not like other kids."

Bari's teachers hailed him as one of a kind.

The gifted kid wrote his first book, "The Love," about a world

without terrorism, at age 7 and has lectured as a guest professor of physics at Mumbai University.

At age 4, Soborno was hailed by former President Barack Obama for his accomplishments in math and science.

Two years later, he received recognition from Harvard University for his "problem-solving" skills and was accepted into New York City's gifted and talented program. He has also taken classes at Stony Brook University.

"I really love [having] curiosity in every single subject whether it's math or science or it's history," Bari said.

Bari thanked his parents in a Facebook post announcing his

graduation next week.

"It would not have possible without the hard work of my Mom, dad and my brother. For example, my dad worked for me like a cab driver: everyday he drove me from Malverne High School to Stony Brook University (40 miles) and then from Stony Brook University to NYU (60 miles) and then NYU to home (20 miles)," he wrote of his father, Rashidul Bari.

"Even cab drivers don't drive 120 miles everyday. Thank you dad," the boy added.

Bari is expected to earn his bachelor's degree at 14 and a doctorate at age 18.

Over the summer, he plans to work on his vegetable garden.



BRAINIAC: Suborno Bari, a child prodigy who wrote two books and scored 1500 on his SATs, is graduating Malverne HS.

Suborno Bari/Facebook



MATT GAETZ
Ethics review ongoing.

Gals give testimony in Gaetz sex probe

The House Ethics Committee has spoken with a half-dozen women in connection with its probe of Rep. Matt Gaetz over allegations of sexual misconduct and illicit drug use, with one reportedly alleging she was paid by the far-right congressman for sex.

The female witnesses, who were also part of a since-closed Justice Department investigation into the Florida Republican, said they had received money to attend parties with Gaetz and his friend, ex-Seminole County tax commissioner Joel Greenberg — where sex and drug use took place, sources told ABC News.

Several women were shown Venmo records of payments from Gaetz by House ethics investigators, but only one claimed the transaction was for sex, per the report. The others said the money was for attending the parties.

An Ethics Committee spokesman declined to comment. Gaetz, 42, accused the committee on Monday of "opening new frivolous investigations" after previously claiming probers were "trying to recategorize my generosity to ex-girlfriends as something more untoward."

In May 2021, Greenberg pleaded guilty to recruiting women — at least one of whom was underage — and paying them more than \$70,000 for sex acts between 2016 and 2018.

He was sentenced to 11 years for wire fraud, stalking, identity theft, producing a fake ID card, conspiring to defraud the US government and underage sex trafficking. *Josh Christenson*

prompting Tuberville to crack, "What we could do is invite him."

Schumer and Tuberville have clashed in the past, including over Tuberville's blanket hold last year on efforts to fast-track military promotions and nominations while protesting a Pentagon abortion policy.

Ryan King

Tommy rakes Chuck over the coals

Ooh, burn.

Sen. Tommy Tuberville roasted Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer over Schumer's since-deleted Father's Day post of himself grilling a raw burger with a slice of cold cheese on top.

"First of all, he's cooking on a gas grill," Tuberville (R-Ala.) said during an in-

terview Tuesday on "The Benny Show."

"In the South, we call that communism," sniped the college football coach turned conservative politician. "I cook with regular coal — lump coal and applewood chips."

Schumer (D-NY) quickly deleted the much-ridiculed photo, taken at his daugh-

ter's house on Sunday.

"Our family has lived in an apartment building for all our years, but my daughter and her wife just bought a house with a backyard and for the first time we're having a barbecue with hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill!" Schumer, 73, wrote in the since-deleted post on X.

Tuberville continued to rip Schumer's nonexistent chef skills.

"He's trying to show people that hey, he's just an average guy that goes up and cooks and all that — you can tell he's never cooked in his life," he said.

Conservative host Benny Johnson suggested they film a how-to grill video,

Santos seeking OnlyFans

He really has no shame. Disgraced serial liar and ex-lawmaker George Santos is now on OnlyFans.

Santos announced his latest endeavor Wednesday, weeks after he launched a Cameo account to raise funds for his lavish lifestyle and legal defense.

"The moment you've all been waiting for!" Santos posted on X.

"Only on #OnlyFans will you get the full behind the scenes access to everything I'm working on."

Santos, who used to represent a district including sections of Long Island and Queens, has tried to garner attention after he was expelled from Congress last December in light of federal fraud charges.

The Republican, in a follow-up post, made it clear his OnlyFans account does not have adults-only content. *David Propper*



Suri sure is prom queen



They grow up so fast. Suri Cruise (right with date, and above second from left), the 18-year-old daughter of Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes, went to her high school prom Tuesday on the Upper West Side looking like a carbon copy of her famous mom. The 2024 LaGuardia HS grad wore a white and purple floral dress with gold heels.

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WHAT'S MAYAN IS YOURS

Artifact given back

By JORGE FITZ-GIBBON

It was a truly historic bargain.

A Washington, DC, woman was thrilled when she picked up an "old-ish" looking vase at a local thrift shop for just \$3.99 — never realizing the bargain knickknack was actually a genuine piece of history.

The vase turned out to be a 2,000-year-old Mayan artifact that is now headed to a Mexican museum.

"It looked old-ish, but I thought maybe 20, 30 years old and some kind of tourist reproduction thing, so I brought it home," Anna Lee Dozier told WUSA-TV this week.

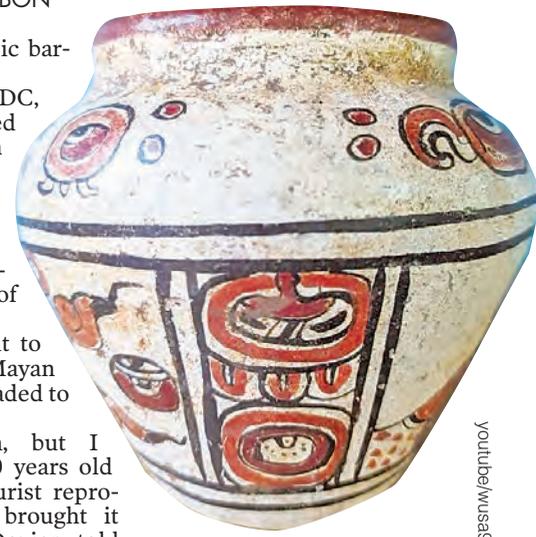
Gift to Mexico

But in January, Dozier was in Mexico on a work trip and spotted hauntingly similar items in an anthropology museum. Curious about her vase, she set about getting a professional assessment.

A month later, she learned that it was a ceremonial Mayan urn dating to 200 to 800 AD — a priceless treasure, WUSA reported.

"I am thrilled to have played a part in its repatriation story," Dozier told the outlet.

"I would like it to go back to its rightful place and to where it belongs. But I also want it out of my home because I have three little



youtube/wusa9

boys and I have been petrified — well it's gone now, but I was petrified — that after two thousand years I would be the one to wreck it!"

This week, she and her boys turned the vase over to Mexican Ambassador Estaban Moctezuma Barragan at the Cultural Institute of Mexico, where it will join other pre-Columbian treasures.

"When you have strong roots, you know them and you honor them," Barragan said at the ceremony. "She recognized that a whole country, a whole culture cares about it, and we are deeply in gratitude with her."

Meanwhile, Dozier told the outlet she's happy she made the right decision.

Watch it! \$100K timepiece 'moped' rob

A pair of gun-toting, moped-riding robbers stole a man's \$100,000 watch outside Manhattan hot spot Carbone Tuesday night, according to police and sources.

The duo walked up to the 39-year-old victim outside the Greenwich Village restaurant at

around 8:45 p.m. and pressed a black firearm to his chest while demanding the Patek Philippe watch off his wrist, police and law-enforcement sources said.

It's unclear if the victim was a Carbone customer. *Joe Marino, Marie Pohl and Allie Griffin*

Parents, stop pimping girls on Insta

RIKKI SCHLOTT



INSTAGRAM is a scary place for young girls — made even worse when their own parents are complicit in putting them in harm's way.

Many teen and tween girls dream of being an influencer. Sadly, some parents seem more than happy to see brand deals and money coming in, even if it means putting their children on the screens of pedophiles.

A new report from The Wall Street Journal tells the story of an anonymous young Instagram influencer who garnered fame and fortune for her dance photos and videos.

By sharing her passion for dance, the high schooler has saved up \$20,000 — from donations, brand deals and subscriber-only content — which she plans to spend on a first car and college tuition.

The only problem: 92% of her followers are men.

Parents turn blind eye

Her mother, who admitted she supported her daughter's influencer ambitions, is not only aware of that statistic, but also has been alerted that photos of her daughter in a bikini are being swapped in creepy Telegram group chats full of anonymous perverts.

"We're all model scouts, agents and brand owners," one Telegram message read. "We're totally NOT jerking off to the pics."

It's a creepy and exploitative dynamic: a teen girl sharing her love for dance — only her influence is on older creeps, not aspiring young dancers.

It's a dynamic made possible thanks to parental supervision.

Meta rightfully doesn't allow anyone under 13 to open an Instagram account, but it does allow for "adult-run minor accounts" which require parental consent and parental monitoring.

"If you want to be an influencer and work with brands and get paid, and it all works with how many people like and engage with your



DIRTY SECRET: Teen and tween girls (like below) are making money online — with parents' backing — by attracting hordes of creepy adult men followers. It's time to stop, says our columnist.

End Xploitive kidfluenceza!

post, you have to accept it," the dancer's mom told The Journal.

She admits to spending as much as two to four hours a day blocking users who were creepy towards her daughter, who was then in middle school.

When is enough enough?

Although it's hard to believe, kid influencers — from teen dancers to toy testers — are a hot commodity on the Instagram market.

Tween dancer Everleigh Rose has nearly 5 million followers on her Instagram account that's run by her mother, and 7-year-old twins Tayout and Oakley Fisher have more than 3 million.

Kidfluencers are a burgeoning commodity for brands who see dollar signs — and parents willing to turn a blind eye to the dark underbelly of the Internet.

In some ways, this is nothing

new. Parents have long been critiqued for foisting their kids into Hollywood child stardom, or caking their little girls in makeup to chase beauty pageant prize money.

But it's time we call it what it is: exploitation.

Pols see peril

Kids need to be protected from the Internet — whether as users scrolling through content, or as influencers producing it.

Finally, moves are being made to protect kids from social media.

Officials like Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis have attempted to enforce minimum age requirements on social media platforms, and the US Surgeon General Vivek Murthy just called on Congress to slap social media platforms with warning labels similar to those on to-

bacco products.

"Legislation from Congress should shield young people from online harassment, abuse, and exploitation and from exposure to extreme violence and sexual content that too often appears in algorithm-driven feeds," Murthy wrote in a Monday op-ed in The New York Times.

He's right. But it won't be enough to protect kid influencers with parents who ignore the warning signs.

Meta needs to step up and close the parent-supervised child influencer loophole, because no kid should be an influencer, full stop. And, more importantly, parents need to step up and put the kibosh on the influencer dream.

It might be a glitzy and lucrative path, but it's also a slippery slope to harassment and abuse.

Slay rap on Remy Ma's son

Rapper Remy Ma's son has been charged in the 2021 fatal shooting of a man in Queens, the NYPD said Wednesday.

Jayson Scott, 23, and Richard Swygert, 22, were nabbed on first-degree murder charges Tuesday night, three years after Darius Guillebeaux, 43, was gunned down in a brazen daytime attack.

The victim was blasted in the head and chest at 148th Street and Rockaway Boulevard in Springfield Gardens on June 7, 2021.

Just eight months before being shot dead, Guillebeaux was among the dozens indicted by New York Attorney General Letitia James in a large-scale drug-trafficking probe dubbed "Operation Heat Wave."

As part of that operation, 54 alleged perps were charged with funneling heroin, fentanyl, and cocaine to upstate Jefferson County.

Scott and Swygert also were slapped with charges of criminal possession of a weapon and reckless endangerment, cops said.

Scott's mother, whose real name is Reminise Smith, is a Grammy-nominated star who got her start with Fat Joe's group, Terror Squad, the 90s.

*Joe Marino,
Amanda Woods
and Emily Crane*

Assault kills caseworker

A Westchester County social worker viciously beaten in a Peekskill apartment building during a home visit last month succumbed to her injuries Wednesday, officials said.

Maria Coto, 56, died more than a month after Hasseem Jenkins, 31, allegedly pummeled her. The assault left her with severe brain swelling and bleeding, authorities said. Coto was checking on a client when the unprovoked attack occurred.

The Westchester County District Attorney's Office said Wednesday it will pursue "all appropriate charges given the change in circumstances." *David Propper*

Bloody ending to LI HS graduation rite

A high school graduate and a father of a student were slashed Wednesday by masked attackers on Long Island after the teen's commencement ceremony, according to officials.

Academy Charter HS had just wrapped up its ceremony at Hofstra University's David S. Mack Sports and Exhibition Complex in Hempstead at around 4:20 p.m., when five people tar-

geted the father, according to police. The man was slashed on the leg and the graduate was slashed on the left ear when he tried to intervene outside of the campus, school officials confirmed.

Both were taken to the hospital. It's unclear if the victims are related.

Five people were arrested, according to police sources.

Academy Charter said they were told by police the

stabbing is related to a domestic dispute.

"This incident took place outside of the graduation venue," the school said.

*Larry Celona
and Patrick Reilly*

FBI'S TRANS 'INTIMIDATE'

Whistleblower-nurse 'threats'

By JENNIE TAER

A whistleblower who accused the nation's largest children's hospital of illegally billing taxpayers for "transgender medicine" for kids claims that FBI agents showed up at her house to intimidate her for speaking out.

Vanessa Sivadge, who is a nurse at Texas Children's Hospital, alleged the feds "promised they would make life difficult" for her and that she was "not safe at work" after she started speaking out about the facility's gender-affirming care practices.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton is investigating her allegations, a spokesperson for his office told The Post.

Sivadge told conservative journalist Chris Rufo that the hospital was billing gender-affirming care to Medicaid.

Texas law prohibits the use of taxpayer funds for such gender-affirming care for children.

"It is evident that the

hospital continues to believe it is above the law — not just by concealing the existence of their transgender-medicine program from the public, but by stealing from the federal government," she said.

Two weeks later, Rufo reported, the men who identified themselves as FBI agents showed up at her door and accused her of breaking federal privacy laws.

"They threatened me," Sivadge told Rufo. "They promised they would make life difficult for me if I was trying to protect the leaker. They said I was 'not safe' at work and claimed that someone at my workplace had given my name to the FBI."

In her conversation with Rufo, she also alleged that one doctor she worked with took an uncritical approach to providing medical intervention for children who said they wanted to transition to another gender.

"Because I am absolutely certain that they are not internally happy." He

is very accommodating. He does whatever they want," she said.

Sivadge declined to comment when reached by The Post.

Previously, in 2023, Dr. Eithan Haim, a surgeon who completed his residency at the Texas Children's Hospital, leaked documents to Rufo that reportedly revealed the hospital was conducting gender-affirming surgeries on kids in secret to skirt state law.

Paxton issued an opinion declaring gender-affirming care on minors is a form of child abuse in 2022, and the hospital announced weeks later that it would stop the procedures. However, just three days after the announcement, they implanted a hormone device into an 11-year-old girl for gender dysphoria, Haim alleged.

A spokesperson for Texas Children's Hospital didn't respond to The Post's request for comment. The Justice Department also didn't respond when reached for comment.

Jewish girl raped

Three French boys were arrested in the gang rape of a 12-year-old Jewish girl in Paris in a sickening antisemitic attack, police said — prompting President Emmanuel Macron and other officials to demand schools crack down on racism and hate-fueled violence.

The victim told police the boys raped her, made death threats and hurled antisemitic slurs at her during the assault on Saturday.

The girl was specifically targeted over her religion, the Nanterre public prosecution office said.

Chief Rabbi of France Haim Korsia said he was "horrified" over the attack.

"Justice must firmly punish the perpetrators of this despicable act. No one can be excused from this unprecedented antisemitic surge," Korsia wrote on X.

One suspect was allegedly the victim's ex-boyfriend, who planned revenge against her after she supposedly hid from him the fact that she was Jewish, according to Le Parisien.

Lawyer and Jewish leader Elie Korchia told French broadcaster BFM that the war in Gaza was referenced during the attack.

The girl was warned not to go to the police and the main assailant demanded she pay them \$215, "other-

wise something bad would happen to her and her family because he knows where she is," Le Parisien reported.

The attackers, ages 12, 13 and 14, were all arrested. Two were charged with aggravated gang rape on a minor younger than 15, violence and public insult motivated by religion, death threats, attempted extortion and unlawfully recording or broadcasting sexual images.

The crime triggered protests outside Paris City Hall, with citizens frustrated over the rise of antisemitism since Oct. 7 and the start of the Israel-Hamas war. *Ronny Reyes*



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Soviet coverup of Yuri Gagarin's

The “space race” of the 1950s and ’60s conjures images of the gleaming Sputnik satellite, Soviet scientists in crisp white coats and sharp-nosed rockets rising into the sky with fiery splendor. But the reality of the USSR’s program — which narrowly beat the US to send the first man to space — was far more down-to-earth, writes John Strausbaugh in his new book, *“The Wrong Stuff: How the Soviet Space Program Crashed and Burned.”* Strausbaugh paints an amusing portrait of rockets and spacecrafts held together with little more than bubblegum and shoe strings — and tight-lipped publicity campaigns, as he details in this excerpt:

By JOHN STRAUSBAUGH

ON the morning of April 12, 1961, Yuri Gagarin fell out of the sky onto a quilt of farmland growing wheat and rye in the Russian village of Smelovka. He unhooked his parachute and strolled, waving, toward a woman and her 5-year-old granddaughter who were weeding a potato patch. “Have you come from outer space?” the woman asked him.

“As a matter of fact, I have!” he answered with a grin.

And then, because his radio had broken and he needed to report in, he asked where the nearest telephone was.

The first human being to go into space couldn’t report his achievement because he couldn’t find a phone.

Beginnings like NASA

In 1959, lead Soviet rocket engineer Sergei Pavlovich Korolev cannily offered to build a space vehicle that could do double duty, with a pressurized cabin that could carry either humans or spy cameras and safely return them to the ground.

Even though the first cosmonauts would mostly be passengers on their missions, all the candidates originally chosen for the program were Russian airforce pilots.

The thinking was that jet pilots had proven dexterity and excellent vision, and some experience with such spaceflight-like conditions as g-loads and hypoxia, not to mention ejection seats.

Lt. Yuri Gagarin, a 26-year-old MiG pilot, was one of the few chosen to train for the early missions. Proud to serve and eager to please, Gagarin was a small young man, 5-foot-3, with bright blue eyes and an ever-ready grin that belied his rough upbringing. He was born in 1934 in an ancient hamlet called Klushino in Russia’s Smolensk region.

Some of the training was similar to what the Mercury astronauts were going through in the United States.

Gagarin endured high g’s in a centrifuge, which once spun out of control, nearly killing another trainee. He experienced momentary weightlessness in parabolic aircraft flights and practiced in a mock-up of the capsule. Not that there was much to practice.

Since it was quite possible that on reentry he might come down way off target, he did wilderness training; dropped

into an isolated area of forest or mountains, he had to make his own way back to civilization.

There was also intensive parachute training, an eye-socket rattling “vibration seat” to be endured and, worst of all, the isolation chamber, aka the “Chamber of Silence” and the “Chamber of Horrors.” His American counterparts, training in the US to go to space aboard the Mercury, also hated theirs.

It was a soundproof box mounted on shock absorbers in the middle of a laboratory. The walls were 16 inches thick. It was furnished with a replica of the Vostok seat, a small bed and table, and an electric hot plate for heating up food. When the door closed you were plunged into total silence.

The point was to test trainees’ ability to withstand the complete seclusion of a long spaceflight — say, to the moon and back. It was an exercise in harrowing loneliness, sealed inside for up to fifteen days, knowing they were under 24/7 scrutiny.

For long periods they endured silence so total, so profound, that their heartbeats boomed like cannons. Then suddenly lights flashed and music blared, and they were supposed to solve complex math problems while an amplified voice thundered the wrong answers at them.



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ROCKET 'N' ROLL: Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin received a hero's welcome home (left) after mankind's first ever orbit of the Earth in 1961. However, the flight or Vostok 1 (far right) was fraught with miscalculations and perils — including overshooting a planned altitude, a failure of the capsule to separate cleanly from retro-rockets that put him into a dizzying spin and finally a decision to eject early from the scorched orb that crashed into a wheat field (above) and, given the mission's secrecy, left Gagarin looking for a phone to call in to his commanders.

But worst of all were the oxygen-deprivation tests, when the air supply was gradually pumped out while the trainee wrote his name on a pad, over and over.

Surviving in solitude

Gagarin survived by keeping up a positive attitude and appearance, cheerfully holding one-sided conversations with his silent observers, singing little ditties he made up about objects in there with him — the hotplate, the squeeze tubes of cheese, even the electrodes monitoring him.

At 9:07 a.m. on the day he was to be fired into space, Gagarin felt the engines kicking in and called out, “Poyekhali!” (“Let’s go!”)

He launched smoothly into a warm, cloudless blue sky. Everyone in the control bunker started to breathe again.

But the first glitch came soon. The rockets didn’t cut off when they should have and shot Gagarin up to an altitude of 203 miles instead of the planned 143.

Soon, though, he settled into his single, 108-minute orbit.

Cosmonauts were not allowed to tell even their families of upcoming missions, so any deadly failure could be covered up.

At one point the engineers on the ground triggered the retro-rockets to brake for reentry. The rockets burned as planned — then things went wrong again.

“As soon as the braking rocket

shut off, there was a sharp jolt, and the craft began to rotate around its axis at a very high velocity,” Gagarin would explain the next day. “Everything was spinning around.”

Behind the Vostok sphere that held Gagarin was an equipment module with the braking rockets, oxygen tanks and batteries. This was supposed to detach when the retro-rockets cut off. It had not.

A thick cord of electrical cables kept them “tied together, like a pair of boots with their laces inadvertently knotted,” Jamie Doran and Piers Bizony write in “Starman,” their biography of Gagarin. “The whole ensemble tumbled end over end in its headlong rush to earth.”

near-catastrophic flight into orbit

MOSCOW, WE HAVE PROBLEMS!



If the two modules collided as they lurched around, Gagarin would likely be killed.

Eject! Eject!

Then came a bit of luck. The cables burned through, and the capsule broke away from the rocket pack. Unfortunately, that made it start spinning so violently that Gagarin nearly blacked out.

"The indicators on the instrument panels went fuzzy, and everything seemed to go gray," he'd later report.

As the capsule dropped through denser air the fire burned out and the spinning eased somewhat.

Gagarin could see blue sky out

the charred porthole. The ejection device was supposed to be triggered automatically at seven kilometers, but the indications are that Gagarin decided not to wait.

Apparently he blew the hatch manually and ejected early. There was a rumor that he'd panicked. But maybe in the midst of being tossed around in a superheated metal ball he made the logical decision not to trust the faulty hatch and not to bet his life that the automatic ejection device would function properly.

As he drifted down, Gagarin had no idea how lucky he was that his parachute opened: Later it would come to light that the engineer in charge of testing cos-

monaut parachutes failed to either report or fix a problem with them snagging on an antenna as they deployed.

Two kilometers from where Gagarin touched down, children from the village saw the Vostok ball hit the ground, bounce a little, roll a little and come to rest on its side near the river.

Scorched black from the heat of reentry, its open hatch gaping, it didn't look like a historic victory. It looked like an old and battered object raked out of a tragic fire and then discarded.

Gagarin went into the history books as the first human to orbit the Earth, but in fact where he landed down was a bit short of a full orbit.

The real first human to fully orbit the planet would be Gherman Titov, but he would spend his life relegated to being Gagarin's also-ran.

Cosmos coverup

The whole world cheered the Soviets' achievement. The whole world, except the United States.

For NASA, Gagarin's triumph was even more demoralizing than Sputnik had been. They were just weeks away from putting the first Mercury astronaut in space, and once again the Soviets had trumped them.

But the Soviets covered up the fact that Gagarin landed separately from his capsule and about

500 kilometers away from his target, the launch site at the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.

They also concealed the fact that Gagarin nearly died returning to Earth.

Hints and rumors would circulate, but the facts wouldn't be widely known in the West until 1996, when, oddly enough, an auction of Soviet memorabilia at Sotheby's in New York blew the cover.

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Alec's 'reckless gunplay' on set

By PRISCILLA DeGREGORY

Alec Baldwin once fired a blank round at a crew member on the set of "Rust," prosecutors alleged in new court papers as they accused the actor of being reckless with firearms while filming.

Prosecutors in the New Mexico involuntary manslaughter case against the "30 Rock" star said they plan to bring evidence at his trial — slated to begin July 9 — showing that Baldwin had a history of flouting safety protocols on set, leading to Halyna Hutchins' tragic shooting death in 2021.

One such reckless moment came when Baldwin, 66, pointed his gun and fired "a blank round at a crew member" while he held the person in his line of sight, prosecutors alleged in the Monday filing.

Other examples of Baldwin ignoring safety procedures between Oct. 12, 2021, up until the day of the shooting included him using his gun as a pointer; firing the weapon after filming was over in violation of safety rules; holding his finger on the trigger in scenes that didn't require it; rushing armorer Hannah Gutierrez-Reed to reload his gun faster; and being on FaceTime with his family and making videos for them during firearms training, the court papers claimed.

'Screaming' at crew

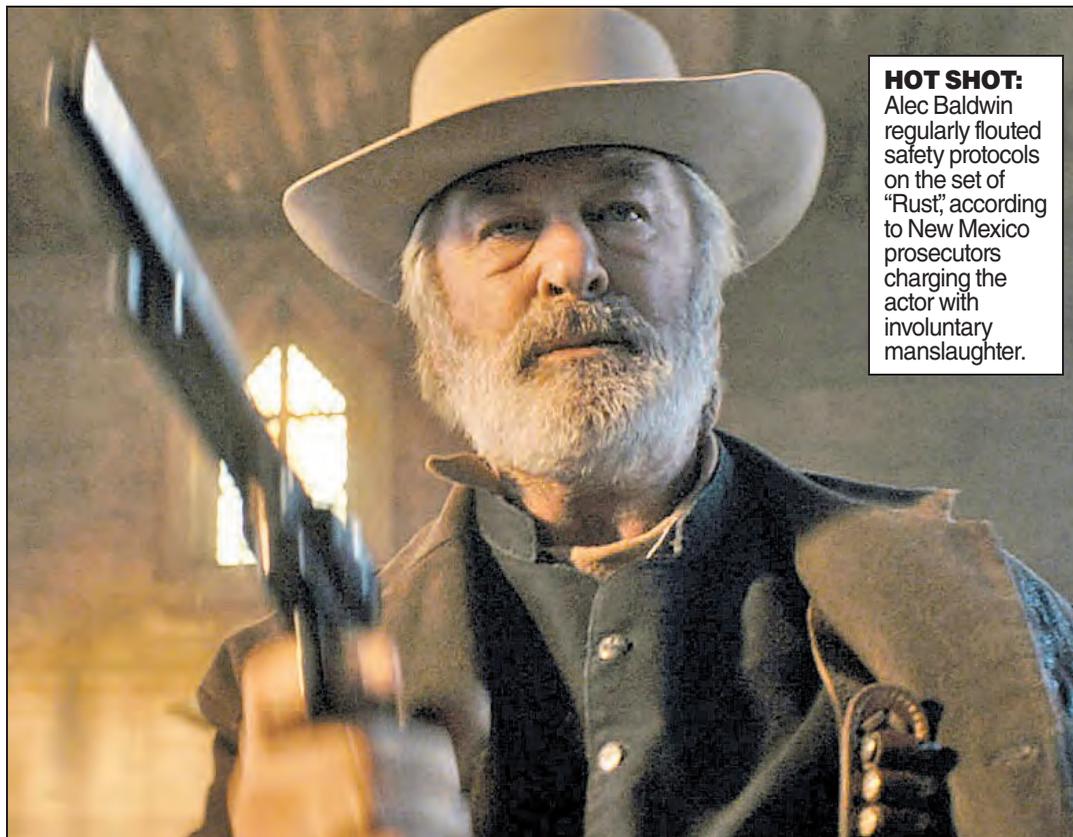
And before filming even started Baldwin, one of the producers and stars of the movie, "asked to be assigned the 'biggest' gun available," the filing alleged.

Prosecutors said they have photos and videos of Baldwin that they plan to show a jury acting cavalierly toward on-set safety rules.

In one clip, he "can be seen engaging in horseplay with his gun and pulling his gun when the scene did not call for the pulling of his gun," the papers claimed. "When he pulls his gun the muzzle of the gun is pointed directly at another actor."

Prosecutors said many clips show an angry and aggressive

TRIGGERING CONCERN



HOT SHOT:

Alec Baldwin regularly flouted safety protocols on the set of "Rust," according to New Mexico prosecutors charging the actor with involuntary manslaughter.

Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office

Baldwin, who can also be seen halting filming to yell and swear at the crew.

"Mr. Baldwin can be seen screaming intermittently throughout the attempts at filming the scene," the filing claimed. "He exercises complete control over the set by stopping the acting sequence, cursing loudly and rushing the other cast and crew."

Taken altogether this "intrinsic evidence" of Baldwin's "other acts" leading up to Hutchins' death shows that the incident wasn't an "accident or mistake," as Baldwin has maintained all along, prosecutors said.

Baldwin pleaded not guilty and faces up to 1½ years in prison if convicted.

Gutierrez-Reed, 26, was sen-

tenced to 18 months behind bars in April after her conviction on the same charge Baldwin now faces.

A video hearing has been scheduled for Baldwin on Friday to go over a slew of motions for the upcoming trial.

Baldwin's lawyers didn't return a request for comment Wednesday morning.

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Thou shalt post God's words in class: La.

Louisiana Republican Gov. Jeff Landry signed legislation Wednesday requiring the Ten Commandments to be displayed in state public school classrooms.

The state is the first in the nation to require the biblical list of moral imperatives to be posted in classrooms receiving public funding.

"If you want to respect the rule of law, you gotta start from the original law given, which was Moses . . . He got his commandments from God," Landry said at a signing ceremony for the bill that state lawmakers approved last month.

The law mandates that a poster-size display of the Ten Commandments with "large, easily readable font" be hung in every classroom — kindergarten to universities — by the start of 2025.

A "context statement" explaining how the Ten Commandments "were a prominent part of American public education for almost three centuries" must appear alongside the display.

The law also authorizes but does not require schools to put up copies of the Mayflower Compact, the Declaration of Independence and the Northwest Ordinance.

State funds will not go toward implementing the mandate. Institutions will instead use donations or accept donated posters.

Several civil liberties groups say the law is unconstitutional.

"We are preparing a lawsuit to challenge H.B. 71," the American Civil Liberties Union, the American Civil Liberties Union of Louisiana, Americans United for Separation of Church and State and the Freedom from Religion Foundation said in a joint statement.

The Supreme Court in 1980 struck down a similar Kentucky law.

Victor Nava

Hunter's law license at risk Trans bust in parents' slay

Hunter Biden could lose his ability to practice law in the nation's capital after a disciplinary agency moved to have his law license suspended this week.

The Office of the Disciplinary Counsel, which oversees disciplinary cases for members of the Washington, DC, bar, filed a "no-

tice of discipline" with the DC Court of Appeals on Monday seeking to suspend the first son's law license over his recent felony convictions.

The DC bar considers any felony as a "serious crime," and, as such, the court would be able to "enter an order immediately sus-

pending the attorney, notwithstanding the pendency of an appeal."

Biden, 54, graduated from Yale Law School in 1996 and was admitted to the DC bar in 2007.

He is currently listed by the association as an "active" member in "good standing." Victor Nava

A transgender woman allegedly gunned down her parents inside their Utah home Tuesday night, according to police and reports.

Mia Bailey — who police said wears wigs and changes her appearance frequently — was cornered and arrested Wednesday roughly seven

miles from the home where the murders took place, after an extensive search that spanned several hours.

Bailey, 28, was immediately identified as the primary suspect after gunfire erupted around 7 p.m. in a home in Washington in southwest Utah near the Arizona border.

Police said she put down a firearm before being handcuffed.

Records show that Bailey shared the home where the slaughter occurred with a Joseph and Gail Bailey, ages 70 and 69. Gail's brother took to social media to say that the pair's killer was their child. Katherine Donlevy

Primary Role

Give Gotham's independent voters a voice

THE Charter Revision Commission convened by Mayor Adams may have started as a politically motivated effort to fend off a City Council power grab — but on Monday, the panel heard a reform proposal that could profoundly change Gotham politics for the better.

The possible change sounds simple: giving nearly one million more registered voters the right to participate in primary elections. But its impact could be profound, offering New York City a way to take back local government from the hard left.

Today, voters not registered to a major party are shut out of primaries, our most important local elections. They are, as progressive jargon would have it, disenfranchised.

The change discussed at Monday's hearing would institute an open primary system in city elections, allowing independents, or in New York parlance "non-affiliated" voters who don't choose a political party when they register, to participate in primaries.

As Susan Lerner of Common Cause said Monday, the city's 925,000 independents are its second-largest group of registered voters, far outnumbering its 466,000 Republicans.



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"The share of unaffiliated voters in New York [state] is greater than the total number of voters in 29 other states," the good-government group noted in an October 2023 report. A Common Cause survey found that 90% of those voters would participate in primary elections — if only they could.

Opening the primaries to non-affiliated voters would be more than a technocratic election law change. Since Democrats dominate in almost every part of New York City, the Democratic Party's primary is, in effect, the only election that counts.

In the current system, that means a tiny number of motivated Dems set the course for eight million New Yorkers. Bill de Blasio won the 2013 Democratic mayoral primary with just 81,000 votes — a plurality of the paltry 198,000 total votes cast. Yet that primary pulled City Hall leftward for the next eight years.

New York's voting barriers are extreme when compared to other



Matthew McDermott

Open up: NYC should let independent voters have a say on Primary Day.

big cities. San Francisco and Minneapolis, for example, have joined New York in adopting ranked-choice voting, which was sold as a way to diminish political polarization. But New York stands alone for having both ranked choice and a closed primary that keeps independents on the sidelines.

What's more, at the state level, New York is one of only nine states with a completely closed primary system, keeping 3.1 million voters from participating in key primaries like the looming fight between incumbent Rep. Jamaal Bowman and challenger George Latimer in the state's 16th congressional district.

Bowman's fellow Squad member Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez got to Congress thanks to her 2018 primary win over John Crowley — in a district with 400,000 eligible voters, where only 29,000 cast ballots. AOC, of course, took her victory as a mandate for socialism.

As open-primary champion John Opdyke has put it, "There are bad voting laws, terrible voting laws and then there's New York, where the laws are systemically designed to disenfranchise."

Of course, bringing non-affiliated voters into the primary system wouldn't inevitably change the type of candidates who get

elected. But the very fact that these voters have chosen not to pick a party label speaks volumes.

These are voters who choose by candidate, not by party, and are therefore less likely to be ideologically bound. They are likely to be more concerned about clean streets, good schools and keeping "protesters" from blockading the Brooklyn Bridge than about diversity, equity, inclusion or Gaza.

There's no single version of a more open primary system. But any of them is far more inclusive than the city's current closed one.

We could, of course, imagine an entirely different reality — a New York City with a real two-party system and a robust Republican Party that could nominate competitive candidates. But here in the real world, it's the Democratic primary that selects our city's leaders, contests in which voters must choose between centrists like Eric Adams and the far leftists who run the City Council.

A broader electorate could help guard against future Bill de Blasio — and could moderate the stances of ambitious pols who would be mayor, such as Comptroller Brad Lander.

And any charter change, it's important to note, would have to be approved via referendum — a choice made in a November general election, when all voters would be eligible to have a say.

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FAST TAKES

From the left: Why Biden's Losing the Young

"Disapproval of Biden is widespread among young voters" and not just because of "American support for Israel's war against Hamas," explains Jeremy Etelson at The Hill. "Beyond Biden's personal cognitive challenges, his administration's policies are having indefensible consequences." "Rent prices are still above pre-pandemic levels"; homelessness "spiked from 2022 to 2023 to the highest level since 2006." And "an imminent national security risk has been generated by the border crisis," with perhaps "10 million undocumented immigrants" entering the country. Biden's legislative successes, like the Inflation Reduction Act, haven't "tipped the scale," as inflation remains at an "historic" high. "The future looks dire for middle-class and low-income Americans"; "many voters in the younger generations are thinking about these various crises," not "just one issue."

From the right: A White House in Denial

"The White House and its media allies are in full defensive mode over videos of President Joe Biden" at recent events, observes The Washington Examiner's Byron York. Some may be convinced by quibbles about the Normandy walk-away or how Barak Obama seemed to guide Biden offstage at that LA fundraiser, but that Juneteenth concert — where "Biden stood perfectly motionless, his eyes seemingly fixed on some distant point" — "was not a misleading video" created by Republicans: "Something was going wrong with the president, and it makes no sense to pretend that it wasn't." And if there is "some sort of problem with the president, it will happen again. The White House will not be able to say 'This did not happen' whenever something does indeed happen."

Eye on the Economy: Joe's 'Job Growth' Baloney

"Last year, countless polls showed widespread disapproval of the state of the economy, especially regarding inflation. In response, the Biden administration hung its hat on supposedly blockbuster monthly job gains. But new data show those numbers overestimated job growth by almost 800,000 in 2023," chides E.J. Antoni at The Washington Times. The Bureau of Labor Statistics' "monthly reports are subject to a variety of statistical problems that can sometimes produce significant errors," but "many news stories don't report on the downward revisions to previous months' data." Now the more-accurate quarterly census "is finally in for 2023, and it shows the previous estimates were off spectacularly, even after the huge downward revisions," meaning "about 1 in 4 jobs that were supposedly added last year never existed."

Conservative: Trump's Appeal to Black Voters



Donald Trump

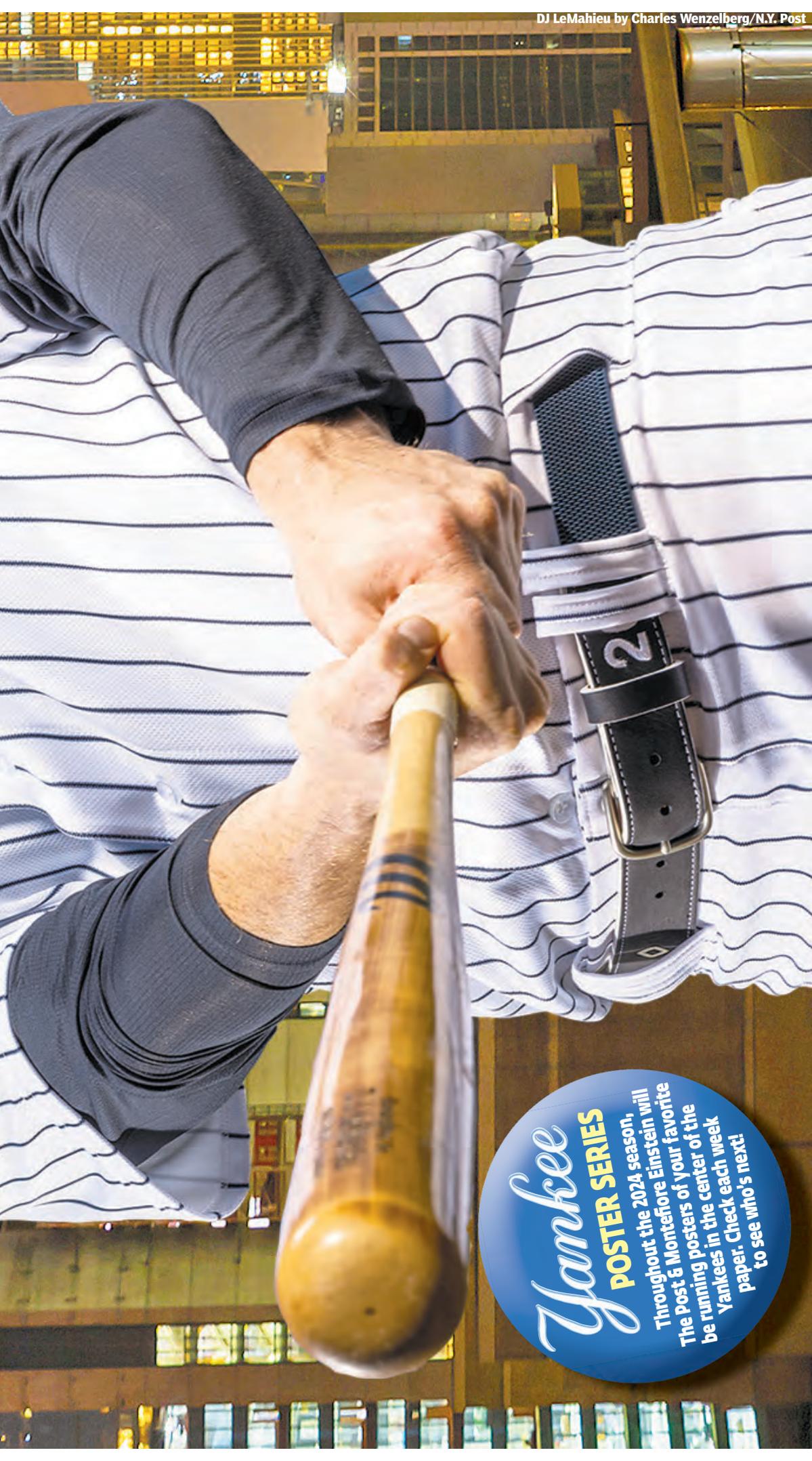
"One reason Democrats are struggling with black voters is that Mr. Trump can run on his economic record and Mr. Biden can't," argues The Wall Street Journal's Jason L. Riley. "Between 2017 and 2019, median household income rose by 10% for whites and 12% for blacks, and pay at the lower end of the wage distribution was rising at almost double the rate of pay at the upper end." Even "if you're making more money today, you're still falling behind because of higher costs for gas, food and housing." And polls show Trump's right to say, "the black population wants law enforcement more than any other population. Riley thinks Trump's wrong "to paint illegal immigration as the biggest threat to public safety and black upward mobility," but on-point in calling out "progressive mayors who are diverting limited resources away from struggling black communities to house, feed and educate people who came here unlawfully."

Media watch: The Times' 'Resistance' Reveal

"The New York Times thinks it's important to tell you that 'The Resistance to a New Trump Administration Has Already Started,'" groans National Review's Dan McLaughlin. That tells you: "The Times senior national political brain trust thinks Joe Biden is going to lose. It's time to start preparing for the wilderness." It also exposes "the legal and cultural left's utter incapacity for self-awareness," with one prog stalwart claiming, "We have to democracy-proof our actual institutions and the values that we share." Snipes McLaughlin: "Democracy-proof. Can't have the voters spoil the party." — Compiled by The Post Editorial Board

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More Biden Amnesties

President Biden's policy on the border crisis: Say one thing, do the opposite — and hope no one notices.

Just 14 days after signing a "border-tightening" executive order that amounted to little more than a publicity stunt, the prez on Tuesday announced "reforms" to streamline legalization for two groups of illegal migrants: some "dreamers" (adults brought to the country as children, protected from deportation under an Obama-era executive order) and half a million illegal immigrants now married to US citizens — shielding the latter from deportation and granting them work permits in the meantime.

To add insult to injury, he also insisted "Every nation must secure its borders."

These moves (and others likely to come) are meant to reassure the open-borders left that his feint toward enforcement is *only* a feint. Thing is, potential border-jumpers get the message, too: If you can end-run the *legal* immigration process, US progressives will eventually find some way to kosherize you anyway.

The law requires illegal immigrants with citizen spouses to return to their home countries to apply for permanent residency; some are banned from reentry for 10 to 20 years.

Having already stretched his "parole" powers (which are supposed to apply to *individuals*, case by case) to let in millions of "asylum seekers," Biden is doing it again, offering "pa-

role in place" to illegal immigrants who've lived here for at least 10 years and are married to a US citizen. They can now remain in-country and apply for permanent residency, green cards and work permits.

His offer "only" applies to those who got hitched before he announced it — but it's still reason to find some spouse before the next "parole," and to fake proof of a marriage before the cutoff date.

Biden's other "reform" would speed up work permits for "dreamers" and other non-citizen students who graduate US colleges — *again* by ignoring the clear letter of the law.

White House aides think voters will see these amnesties as reasonable because the beneficiaries are sympathetic — but those same aides failed to foresee the fury over opening the border in the first place.

They're stuck in an elite echo chamber, imagining Biden's pretend "border crackdown" on June 4 fixed his main problem and now he just needs to calm the left.

In fact, voters will see that he couldn't even stick to his "get tough" script for two weeks — let alone *actually* get tough — and now he's making fresh mockery of US immigration law.

A vote for Biden is a vote for *more* amnesty and four more years of weak borders.

What will it take for whoever's running this administration to realize that spin doesn't substitute for action?

Willie Mays, 1931-2024

New York just lost the last living legend of its golden age of baseball: Hall of Famer Willie Mays, the "Say Hey Kid," died Tuesday at age 93.

Mays began his pro baseball career in the Negro Leagues with the Birmingham Black Barons before joining the New York Giants in 1951, four years after Jackie Robinson and the Dodgers broke the color barrier.

He won Rookie of the Year, hitting 20 home runs and helping the Giants win their first pennant in 14 years, then missed the 1952 and '53 seasons after being drafted into the Army during the Korean War. When he returned in '54, he won NL MVP.

For a few years, he shared the Big Apple baseball spotlight with two other slugging star centerfielders, the Yankees' Mickey Mantle and the Dodgers' Duke Snider. Then the Dodgers skipped off to LA and the Giants to Frisco; even later Yankees dynasties (and the occasional awesome Mets success) can't compare to what the city had then.

But Mays remained a national treasure, an all-time great whose tremendous love of the game shined every day. He was a 24-time All-Star, 12-time Gold Glove winner, four-time NL home-run leader and two-time NL MVP.

He played in three World Series, winning only once — but made the play of the ages in 1954's Game One with "The Catch."

He returned to play in New York with the Mets for his final years, delivering a clutch hit in Game Two of his last World Series at age 42: an RBI single off Hall of Fame A's reliever Rollie Fingers in the 12th as the Mets won 10-7.

Named to the Major League Baseball All-Century Team in 1999, awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2015, Mays passed just days before he was to be honored at MLB's tribute to the Negro Leagues with the Rickwood Field Game in Birmingham.

On a diamond up in heaven, they're cheering Willie, Mickey and the Duke.

Say hey, say hey, say hey: Rest in peace, Willie Mays.

They Robbed the *Secret Service*?

Such: An on-the-job Secret Service agent got robbed at gunpoint while President Biden was inside at a Hollywood fundraiser.

You can't ask for a more telling sign that crime's out of control in Blue America: If an armed federal agent isn't safe on the streets of wealthy suburban Orange County, what chance do ordinary citizens stand?

Happily, the agent was uninjured and managed to fire at the fleeing robbers, but they

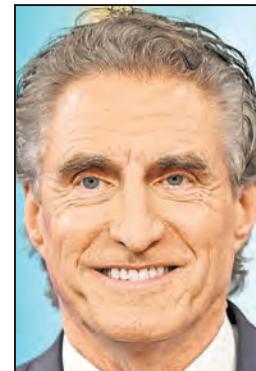
made off with a bag and remain at large.

Meanwhile, the president hobnobbed with the likes of George Clooney, Julia Roberts, Barbra Streisand and Jimmy Kimmel, raising \$30 million or so.

The only thing that can make this tale worse for Biden is if cops catch the perps, last seen fleeing in a 2004-2006 model silver Infiniti FX35 SUV, and they turn out to be illegal migrants.

The Final Countdown: Trump's Best Veep Pick

THE ISSUE: Reports on the possible finalists for former President Donald Trump's running mate.



Doug Burgum

•While The Post's Editorial Board seems to have narrowed former President Donald Trump's field, the Donald always has a few surprises up his sleeve ("Veepstakes: Our Two Cents," June 18).

Gov. Doug Burgum and Sen. Marco Rubio seem like solid choices, while Sen. J.D. Vance is a bit too inexperienced.

It's important to note that, just as in his business ventures, Trump has always valued smart, strong, intelligent women of character. Picking one as a vice president would only add strength to his ticket. He has also kept his thoughts on a choice close to the vest, letting people wildly speculate.

Former Rep. Tulsi Gabbard would be a great choice for the Trump ticket. She is accomplished, projects strength and has experience in politics and the military.

Her role as an independent who has seen the demise of the Democratic Party could lure voters who feel the same way.

Betsy Flor
Putnam Valley

•I agree about Burgum being a great contender to be Trump's running mate.

The best way to preserve stability in the United States is to restore the standard of electing people with proven track records in leadership. In that vein, former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo should be a top contender.

Especially with his proven record of statesmanship and demeanor, he would be sure to lead us through the current dangerous world events.

Karl Miller, White Plains

•I voted twice for Trump but would not do so a third time if Vance were his running mate. Vance does not have the gravi-

tas or political experience needed for the job of vice president.

Marco Rubio would be my first choice due to his many years in public service. Burgum seems to be a fine choice, but I think a younger VP is best for a winning ticket considering Trump's age, as well as the age of the incumbent.

Susan Green
Manhattan

•I agree that Burgum and Rubio would be reasonable choices, but I'll go out on a limb and say: Nikki Haley would make a great veep candidate.

She ran strong in the primaries even after she pulled out of the race and would bring a large number of voters who might otherwise sit out the election. She has a strong resume and is a powerful campaigner.

Rubio, meanwhile, is well-positioned to take the mantle of Senate GOP leadership from Sen. Mitch McConnell.

Rick Meyer
Pinehurst, NC

•Burgum's fine, but I actually prefer Sen. Tom Cotton. He's been on the national stage longer, has significant military experience and is already hated by the left because he doesn't kowtow to

their idiotic politically correct nonsense.

And he's young, scandal-free, and while he may not bring a ton of electoral votes with him, I believe he's well-respected in the South and could help win Georgia.

Cotton might come across as a little too militantly "anti-politically correct," but that is desperately needed these days.

John Kane
Las Vegas, Nev.

•Two very successful conservative governors have emerged as Trump's veep pick: namely Doug Burgum, an energy expert, and Glenn Youngkin, champion of "parents' rights."

Governors do make the best candidates, as they simply know how to govern, versus a senator who might not.

Only two ex-senators have been elected president since Richard Nixon: Barack Obama and Joe Biden — and where did that get us?

J.R. Cummings
Manhattan

•Doug Burgum is a successful businessman man with a great deal of experience. It's important to have a VP capable of taking over, if necessary.

Patricia Fletcher
Massapequa Park

•When I first saw Vivek Ramaswamy at the Republican debates, I thought he had dropped out of Heaven. Vivek had the courage to stand up to other candidates on the national stage.

I believe that Trump could assign any task to Vivek, and it would get done. Also, he's only 38: mature beyond his years.

Anna Szabo
Union, NJ

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Britain Shows GOP A Post-Trump Future

FIRST came Brexit, then came Trump — and now it's happening again. In June 2016, Britain voted to leave the European Union. Now Brexit's mastermind, Nigel Farage, has returned to the fore of British politics. He's running in next month's UK general election, but Farage's real aim isn't to get a seat in Parliament — it's to replace the Conservative party with a new populist force of his own creation. The worse Conservatives do on July 4, the fateful date Prime Minister Rishi Sunak set for the election, the more power Farage accrues. That's true regardless of whether he prevails in his own race, and even if his party, Reform UK, wins no seats at all. What Farage wants to prove is simply that Conservatives can't win without his issues.

Donald Trump is a ballot-box success in a way Farage isn't. But Farage is a brilliant long-term planner, and what he's doing in the UK has implications for the Republican Party here. He gives us a peek into what the GOP's post-Trump future looks like — because Farage proves that a right-leaning party that isn't also a populist party is doomed in the 21st century. Before Farage decided to run, Rishi Sunak's parliamentary majority was already facing virtually certain extinction. Polls showed Labour winning a huge, historic victory. But the Conservatives had reason to think the agony Farage and Brexit imposed was behind them at long last. From the 1990s until Brexit's eventual implementation under Conservative PM Boris Johnson, the Conservatives were bitterly split over the EU.

Farage's earlier vehicle, the UK Independence Party, was designed to force Conservatives to the right on Europe by threatening to divide

divisive issue Conservatives can't ignore: immigration. Brexit was only the beginning. Farage and Reform UK are set to use the same playbook to push British politics to the right on immigration. A startling YouGov poll last week found Reform UK beating the Conservatives 19% to 18%, with Labour far in the lead at 37%. Experts don't expect Reform to perform so well in the general election, but again it doesn't have to: Farage only needs to make his issue indispensable to any right-wing party that hopes to win.

If he keeps up the pressure, Farage will drive Conservatives to adopt leaders who resemble him — the



DANIEL MCCARTHY

only kind who can attract his voters.

Old-guard Republicans in the US are as eager to get past Trump and Trumpism as the UK's Conservatives were to get beyond Farage and Brexit. But immigration is the defining issue of our time on both sides of the Atlantic, not only in America and Britain but on the European continent too, as demonstrated by last week's EU elections.

Immigration restriction has a popular constituency throughout the Western world, and its voters are impatient with old center-right parties reluctant to take up the cause. Trump and Farage both perceived that, and while nobody else can be Donald Trump, Farage's strategy is one that other politicians, including Republicans after Trump, can employ.

Here the Farage strategy doesn't require a new party: The same pressure can be applied to the GOP establishment through primaries. Whether or not populist Republicans win a general election, by making it impossible for other Republicans to win without them, they gain leverage the way Farage has.

Brexit and Trump's election were eight years ago. But 2016 is still the present and the future.

¶ A right-leaning party that isn't also a populist party is doomed. ¶

For three more years, the Conservatives struggled to find a leader who'd follow through on Brexit. When Johnson promised to do so, the party's Farage problem went away, and the Conservatives won a victory the 2019 general election. Yet COVID controversies ended Johnson's tenure prematurely. The Conservatives then tried to go back to the future, picking the closest thing they still had to a free-market Margaret Thatcher, Liz Truss, as the next leader and prime minister. Truss' premiership lasted barely a month — she simply couldn't garner enough support from her own party's MPs to remain in office.

That's how the Conservatives wound up with Sunak, a man characterized not by a vision that inspired colleagues or voters but by the absence of overtly divisive qualities. Because he stands for little, Sunak's fall wouldn't mean much — in the absence of Farage. But now that Farage is back, there's again a

their electoral coalition. The strategy worked — to keep his party together, David Cameron, a Conservative prime minister who favored remaining in the EU, had to schedule a popular referendum on Brexit, which he lost.

Whether it's forgiving student loans, banning bump stocks, controlling the border or setting trade policy, Congress doesn't want the responsibility — or the accountability — that comes with being a legislature. So its members let the White House and the courts do their job for them. Yes, polarization is part of the reason for Congress' dysfunction. But Congress' dysfunction also drives polarization.



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SUPREME CONFUSION

CONVENTIONAL wisdom suggests that the Supreme Court, like the country, is deeply divided along partisan and ideological lines. But this overlooks the court's historic recent run of unanimous decisions and the fact that the liberal and conservative justices often don't vote as blocs.

Court critics tend to respond to these inconvenient realities by saying something like, "Sure, but on the big cases, the culturally divisive ones, the conservatives form the majority and the liberals the dissenting minority."

This is obviously true sometimes: The Dobbs decision, which overturned *Roe v. Wade*, is a paradigmatic example. While I think Dobbs was correctly decided on the merits, it also was an important, polarizing ruling along ideological lines.

I'm happy to concede that, but why can't critics concede the reverse? When the court *doesn't* rule along ideological lines on important cases, they simply stop calling the cases important.

As legal analyst Sarah Isgur and economist Dean Jens recently put it in *Politico*, "If one defines 'important' as the most politically divisive, then it becomes circular." Which cases are divisive? The important ones. Which cases are important? The divisive ones.

Last year, the court accepted a case brought by antiabortion doctors seeking to reverse the Food and Drug Administration's relaxation of restrictions on the abortion drug mifepristone. In the wake of Dobbs, many understandably thought the case was important and divisive.

Last week, however, the Supreme Court ruled 9-0 to give the pro-abortion-rights side what it wanted. If you listened closely, you could almost hear pro-abortion-rights court critics whispering, "Never mind."

Gun rights are another obvious example. Last week, the Supreme Court issued a decision on the subject along the dreaded conservative-liberal axis. All six Republican-appointed justices voted to overturn a ban on bump stocks, which for practical purposes convert legal semiautomatic weapons into automatic weapons akin to illegal machine guns.

The bump stock ban was imposed



JONAH GOLDBERG

by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives under then-President Trump in the wake of the monstrous 2017 mass shooting in Las Vegas.

So the supposedly partisan Republican justices overturned a Republican administration's reinterpretation of the law, while the Democratic appointees voted to uphold it.

Still, liberal critics of the court denounced the conservatives' originalist zealotry, while right-wingers like Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton celebrated a "major win" for the Second Amendment.

But the case had little to do with the Second Amendment. Rather, the court rightly held that the Trump administration couldn't unilaterally

rewrite the established meaning of a statute banning machine guns to include bump stocks.

Justice Samuel Alito Jr.'s concurrence with the majority opinion gets to the crux of the problem. Referring to the Las Vegas shooting, Alito wrote that "an event that highlights the need to amend a law does not itself change the law's meaning."

"There is a simple remedy for the disparate treatment of bump stocks and machine guns," he wrote. "Congress can amend the law — and perhaps would have done so already if ATF had stuck with its earlier interpretation. Now that the situation is clear, Congress can act."

What Alito is getting at is that Congress isn't doing its job. The president is supposed to faithfully execute the law, and Congress, the legislative branch, is supposed to write the law.

Both parties have colluded over decades to ignore this basic division of labor. When the Trump administration banned bump stocks, it was responding to public pressure — but also protecting Republican legislators from being forced to take a hard vote in response to that pressure.

Whether it's forgiving student loans, banning bump stocks, controlling the border or setting trade policy, Congress doesn't want the responsibility — or the accountability — that comes with being a legislature. So its members let the White House and the courts do their job for them.

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Quick Crossword

Across

- "Such a pity!"
- Caramel custard
- Championship game
- Quick meal
- Country great McEntire
- "Feliz año nuevo" month
- Ballpark figures
- Adulated ones
- Climactic beginning?
- Challenge for 64-Down students
- Garden vessel
- Chromebook maker
- Reclusive one
- Mythological event depicted in a 2017 "Thor" film
- Share on social media
- "Xanadu" rock gp.
- Saintly ring
- Baghdad currency
- Heaps and heaps
- Gross figures
- switching
- Gold-loving king
- Courtroom entry
- Home of the world's tallest building, briefly
- Blind dates, e.g.
- Enhances
- Different
- California wine region
- choy
- Like some change
- JD-to-be's hurdle
- Dogpatch name
- Headwear featured four times in this puzzle
- Baggy
- Like one of Picasso's periods
- Trickster of Asgard
- Cries like a kitten
- Barely noticeable
- All those in favor

Down

- Civil War POTUS
- "Abbott Elementary" actress ___ Ann Walter
- Memo abbr.
- Staple of some plant-based diets
- Title for a monk
- "Time to go!"
- One of Eve's sons
- Sounding congested
- Pretended
- Third-party abbr.

11 Self-identifier such as "ze" or "hir"

12 "My Soft Machine" singer Parks

13 Played scissors against rock, say

18 Book between Jonah and Nahum

22 Neither partner

25 Notable times

27 Awesome

28 Paper orders

29 Classic TV's "Kate & ___"

30 "Thanks for the info"

31 Turtlelike Mario Bros. foe

33 Nobelist Anwar

34 Forest denizens

39 Not slack

41 Hairstyle with a uniform length

42 Streets of Rage game company

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

AI challenger

ChatGPT maker OpenAI's co-founder and former chief scientist, Ilya Sutskever, said on Wednesday that he was starting a new artificial intelligence company.

Mom breaks

New York moms returning to work after giving birth will now get paid break time when they need to pump breast milk at their jobs, under a new law that took effect Wednesday.

A server duo

Elon Musk said Dell Technologies and Super Micro Computer will provide server racks for the super-computer that his artificial intelligence startup xAI is building.

Home apps up

Mortgage rates fell below 7% last week for the first time since March — leading to an uptick in the number of applications for loans from would-be homebuyers, according to Mortgage Bankers Association data released Wednesday.

Ferrari shock

Ferrari's first electric car will cost at least \$535,000, a source familiar with the matter told Reuters, as the luxury automaker prepares to open a plant that will make the model — and could boost group production by up to a third.

Sources: AP, Reuters

THE \$QUEEZE PLAY

Healthy juice franchise throws ex-Giant for big loss

By JOSH KOSMAN

He should have passed on this deal. New York Giants Super Bowl hero David Tyree says he plowed nearly \$500,000 in a botched investment into a healthy juice franchise — which he bought into with exaggerated promises of big profits.

The former NFL wide receiver — whose spectacular helmet catch helped the Giants win the Super Bowl in 2008 — was squeezed dry after sinking his money into Clean Juice, which was promoted by former football star Tim Tebow and included investors like MMA champ T.J. Dillashaw, he told *The Post* in an exclusive interview.

Tyree said the company promised good owners would make a mid-six-figure yearly store income, but his outlet only made a \$10,000 net profit a year — despite posting sales that were actually good for a Clean Juice franchise as his location's revenue was almost always in the top 25 percent of stores.

"In the first year, my father-in-law, myself and two sons were working for free," his wife, Leilah Tyree, told *The Post*. "If we're near the top in sales, what's going on here?"

The former All-Pro and his wife first learned about Clean Juice in 2019, when they traveled to North Carolina and were undergoing an annual juice cleanse ritual to detoxify their bodies.

"They had a great product," David Tyree told *The Post*.

Feeling juiced about the health drink, Tyree arranged a meeting with company CEO and co-founder Landon Eckles. He quickly hit it off with the Tyrees, as he professed to be a devout Christian like them and said it was a faith-based chain.

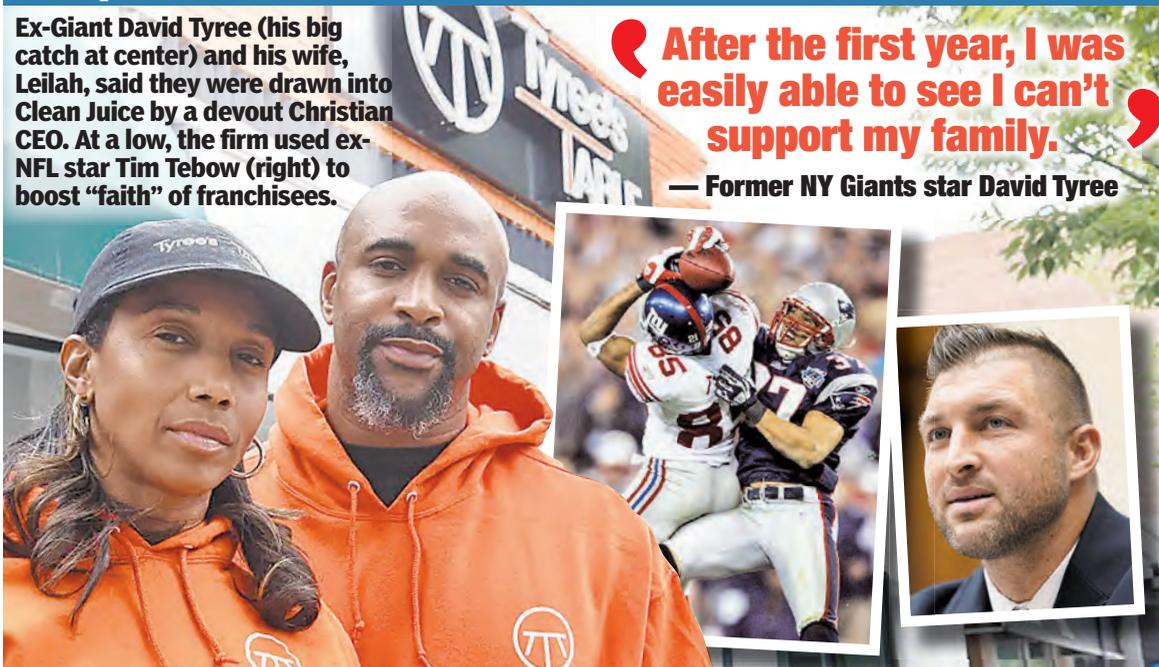
The dad of seven — who was working as the Giants' head of player development — was also looking for some extra income after the end of his playing days, during which his largest contract was a five-year, \$6.5 million deal with the G-men.

So Tyree decided to pay roughly \$40,000 for a Clean Juice license and an additional \$450,000 for equipment — including a \$30,000 cold press machine — and open a location in Morristown, NJ.

Tyree said he hoped to make a tidy profit with Clean Press. The company claimed in federal filings that a decent operator can make a \$400,000

The pits

Ex-Giant David Tyree (his big catch at center) and his wife, Leilah, said they were drawn into Clean Juice by a devout Christian CEO. At a low, the firm used ex-NFL star Tim Tebow (right) to boost "faith" of franchisees.



After the first year, I was easily able to see I can't support my family.

— Former NY Giants star David Tyree

gross profit from one store.

Soon, Clean Juice became more than secondary income, as the Giants in June 2020 declined to renew Tyree's contract as its director of player development.

"I didn't plan on being a full-time entrepreneur," Tyree told *The Post*.

The Tyrees opened the location on June 26, 2020, as *The Post* reported at the time. The best-selling items were cold-pressed juices. They charged \$70 for six 16-ounce cold-pressed juices that were made in-house as part of a one-day cleanse, Leilah Tyree said.

People going through a juice cleanse almost exclusively drink fruit and vegetable juices for as long as their diets last.

But things didn't go as planned.

He soon found that the store could only produce about \$10,000 in profits annually. Things got worse when company leaders forced franchisees to stop selling fresh-pressed juice and instead sell juice that was already bottled off-site.

"After the first year, I was easily able to see I can't support my family," Tyree told *The Post*.

Many of the other 120 Clean Juice locations were also struggling, sources said.

To try and appease upset store

owners, Eckles then had Tebow throw a Hail Mary. The former Heisman Trophy winner was the keynote speaker at Clean Juice's annual conference in August 2022.

Tebow time

He told franchisees who were at the JW Marriott in Charlotte not to let their faith waver and that he went through struggles in his life and kept going, according to a Clean Juice franchisee who was at the conference.

He even gave out his inspirational book "Mission Possible."

At the meeting, Clean Juice said the change to bottles would reduce costs and boost sales since they could sell those juices for less. The move did not help, sources said.

Juices that had a shelf-life of about five days when made in the store were replaced by juices that could be stored for 30 to 60 days and had fewer health benefits, a source said.

The \$30,000 cold-press machines that franchisees had bought were now essentially worthless.

"We discovered people hated the bottled juices," Leilah told *The Post*.

Profits across the chain fell further. Tyree then made a business move that was reminiscent of when he caught a high Eli Manning pass

against his helmet while being tackled to keep the Giants' winning 2008 Super Bowl drive alive.

He converted his Clean Juice to Tyree's Table in August 2023, where the restaurant now offers a larger range of food including, once again, cold-pressed clean juices made in the store. But the family is still not making much.

"We have to start from ground zero with no money," Tyree told *The Post*.

The Tyrees still owe \$238,000 for a Small Business Administration loan to open their Clean Juice store and are stuck in a long-term lease with a landlord that would cost \$80,000 to break, Leilah said.

"I've been in hard circumstances before," David said, "But this is uncomfortable."

More than 50 of the Clean Juice operators, one-third of the chain, by fall 2023 formed a franchisee association and hired attorney Leon Hirzel to take legal action against the company, Hirzel said.

The Eckles family sold the Clean Juice chain in May to Brix Holdings, owner of Friendly's and Red Mango.

Landon Eckles' lawyer, Matthew DeAntonio from the firm Bradley Arant, said his client declined to comment. Tebow did not return calls for comment.

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Musk: Free speech over \$\$

Elon Musk said he would prefer X to lose advertising dollars and maintain freedom of speech than have the platform be censored.

"There were some advertisers who were insisting on censorship, and at the end of the day . . . if I have to make the choice censorship and money or free speech and losing money, we're going to pick the second," Musk (right) told WPP CEO **Mark Read** during his Cannes Lions conversation Wednesday morning.

"We're going to support free speech broadly then agree to be censored for money, which is, I think, the right moral decision."

The SpaceX founder made the admission after Read asked Musk, 52, why he told advertisers to "go f--k yourselves."

Although Musk somewhat backtracked on his comment, insisting he wasn't directing it at "advertisers as whole," he doubled down on disagreeing with brands who believe "there can be no content that they disagree with on the platform."

"There's an important distinction here that we don't want to take money to censor broadly on the platform," the Tesla founder explained. "I think that would be wrong."

Musk clarified that he didn't believe free speech meant people could say "illegal things" and reiterated the importance of "free speech within the bounds of the law."

The brains behind Neuralink also expressed concern about artificial intelligence causing a "crisis of meaning" for people as they realize the technology will outperform them.

"If the AI can do everything that you can do but better, then what is the point of doing things? I think there will be an existential crisis of why do anything?" the father of **ll** pondered. "I think we're at the most interesting time in history."

While talking about artificial intelligence, he said we need to prepare for potential fallout.

"It will most likely be good, but we want to be careful about a

potential downside. I think we can change things very fast, so I think we'll see changes in the next year and very radical changes within five years."

He also talked about his early involvement with Open AI and how much it's changed:

"Open AI was formed with a lot of good intentions, and it was open-sourced. Now it's closed-source for profit, which is different from what was intended. I don't know how it got there."

One person had the opportunity to ask a question and she asked what Musk plans to do with his money when he dies and would he want AI to keep him alive:

"Well, I have a big money bin and I swim in it. I have to get exercise somehow. Well, I suppose if AI likes me it'll keep me alive, but



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Tyla was one of the main attractions performing Tuesday night at Cannes Lions' Spotify Beach bash, which drew such stars as Jared Leto, Bono and Queen Latifah in the audience.

hopefully not in some sort of experimental cage."

Penn statements

Mark Penn, (inset, below) the chairman and CEO of Stagwell, has miraculously turned his company into a household name at Cannes Lions within just two years.

Stagwell's Sport Beach, which is in its second year, has become a brand of its own and the place to be at Cannes Lions with appearances from Musk to **Travis Kelce**. He spoke to Page Six about it:



Q: There have been a ton of celebrities, athletes and execs at Sport Beach this week, in-

cluding X owner Elon Musk. Can you tell me about his stop by Sport Beach today?

Mark Penn: We've been a supporter of his transformation of X. I tend to agree that what was going on before he took it over was a constraint of free press. The New York Post certainly felt that way probably given what happened with the Hunter Biden story. I've long been sympathetic to new ownership and renaming to X with a plant on free speech really made sense. I really do think that more advertisers should get back to the platform because the platform — while a lot of readership is going down — is actually going up.

Q: You put out a big study on advertising on news sites. Can you talk about the findings?

MP: I really think that people have gotten carried away with the

idea of brand safety. Maybe you don't want a plane advertisement in the middle of a plane crash story. Obviously, there are some instances where that doesn't make sense, but it's really grown to where 25% of all news stories are demonetized. That is a huge number and a huge disadvantage for news relative to sports and entertainment.

We did a big brand-safety study where we took 10 ads, 10 brands, 50,000 people and showed them an ad in very different contexts — stories about Hamas, stories about Biden, sports stories — they were all positive. There was no brand diminution in any of them. Some performed slightly better than others but those differences were marginal. So, what started as a good idea has gotten way out of hand. I think people have to put a stake in the ground and say we are not for the demonetization of good journalism, and therefore, we need to peel this back, and get it back to the few instances where it could make a difference.

Q: With your background as a pollster, what are your thoughts on the upcoming election?

MP: Polls are snapshots in time. Right now [**Donald**] **Trump** has the edge. He's winning in most of the swing states. He's winning by a couple of points in the national vote which means in the Electoral College he would win by a margin. The question is if the election were held today, I think he clearly has the edge. Does that mean he is going to win? No. There are so many events here that can shake the election up, beginning with the June 27th debate. That I think will probably be between 50 and 100 million people tuning in to an event. That is of the scale that it can change minds and change votes.

Spotted at Spotify

Jared Leto, Bono, Queen Latifah and more stars lit up Spotify Beach during Tuesday night's Cannes Lions bash in the South of France.

A fleet of A-listers came out to see **Benson Boone, Shaboozey, Martin Garrix** and **Tyla** perform during the music company's celebration that convened media, marketing and advertising execs.

An eyewitness exclusively tells Page Six that U2 enthusiast Leto, 52, ran up the stairs to a private deck to say hello to Bono, 64.

Additionally, **Brooklyn Beckham** was seen hanging in the VIP section.

Shaboozey, 29, best known for his viral single "A Bar Song (Tippy)," was seen mingling with fellow recording artist **Janelle Monáe** in VIP. However, it's uncertain if she paid a visit to his green room, where we're told a beer pong table was situated for some backstage fun.

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The image illustrates the EX·CO platform's capabilities across different devices and content types. On the left, a smartphone displays a travel article from 'Wayfarer' with a video player and a 'Follow Us' button. In the center, a laptop shows a 'Video Library' and an 'Edit Video Experience' interface with various controls and a tag management system. On the right, a large video player shows a scenic landscape with a man in the foreground, overlaid with an 'AD' (advertisement) and a 'Skip Ad' button.

Ad-tech expert reveals how AI is changing the game

Tal Jacobson — the chief executive officer and director of Perion — has been on the forefront of the all-important ad-tech space for more than two decades.

Advertisers come to Perion to find ways to reach consumers using unique data that includes location-based targeting and artificial intelligence. Jacobson sat down with Page Six for the 2024 Cannes Lions to discuss how advertising technology can harness growth for brands and the increasing importance of AI.

Q: What is the focus of Perion, and how has ad tech changed in the last five years?

Tal Jacobson: Perion, at its core, is a technology company focusing on advertiser's needs. We deliver omni-channel, high-impact ad solutions, creative intelligence, unique data, all powered by advanced AI technology, to connect brands with consumers naturally throughout their day. As consumer behavior changes, so do the needs of advertisers, and as an organization we pride ourselves on remaining closely in touch with these shifts across all key verticals, including fashion, travel, insurance, energy, financial and automotive.

Over the past few years, a lot of trends have ebbed and flowed, but we've primarily seen AI go from a lesser known technology to one that has driven substantial business growth in almost every sector and advertising channel. In response, brands have had to pivot their strategies and act on these tools and channels, keeping up with new targeting and creative tactics in an already fast-paced industry.

Q: How do you use artificial intelligence in your work?

TJ: Perion advertising technologies are based heavily on AI. For example we employ machine learning to analyze real-time signals to determine the most effective advertisements for specific audiences. We also utilize AI models in real-time bidding to optimize pricing in header bidding auctions and have developed trade-area models to present relevant store information in retail ads.

Most recently, we unveiled WAVE — our Gen AI-driven audio ads engine and a powerful generative AI solution — that gives consumers targeted ads they want to hear and will likely act upon.

WAVE allows brands to create customized audio messages at scale, adding another touch point for personalized and localized consumer engagement. It enhances advertising effectiveness with real-time adaptation to factors such as weather, location and time of day.

Leveraging first-party data and advanced voice technology, WAVE revolutionizes business-to-consumer connections by offering a unique and immersive audio experience. This leads to improved cus-



tomers engagement, stronger brand recall and increased sales. Initially launched in the retail sector, WAVE has successfully expanded into additional verticals, including travel and consumer packaged goods, showcasing its versatility and broad appeal. We have recently added Spanish-language compatibility, to reach additional audiences.

Moreover, our AI algorithms are used to more concisely target ads across all channels including connected television [CTV].

Q: What does the future of AI look like for advertisers and how might it benefit businesses?

TJ: We're going to see that the opportunities for AI in the advertising and marketing space are endless, and it will solve the biggest problem of digital advertising today — the chaos of omni-channel. While omni-channel is a great buzzword, in real life it's a mess and we all know it. With AI driven omni-channel solutions we can finally see the bigger picture and break the silos between each closed garden and open web, AI now helps us connect the dots and optimize between this huge ecosystem of planets.

AI also offers new ways to A/B test and optimize personalized content that is delivered to audiences, new ways to target those audiences, and similarly, new ways to predict their next engagements and actions.

All of these uses and avenues will benefit businesses by helping them boost revenue and return on ad spend.

Q: What are some innovative ways the company has used data and targeting?

TJ: At Perion we've developed SORT, an AI-driven audience segmentation technology,

that not only out performs many of the other solutions, but it's also privacy focused. Today's consumer cares deeply on what information is shared and how it is used. At Perion we take this seriously and that's why we created SORT — the proprietary, privacy-safe audience segmentation AI technology that is transforming the way brands connect with audiences. SORT 2.0 just got a major upgrade to also run its magic for CTV, in addition to web — which makes it the perfect omni-channel solution for advertisers.

SORT utilizes real-time signals such as weather, time of day, contextual information, and device type, enabling brands to identify their most interested audiences without the need for personally identifiable data. This cutting-edge, cookieless technology works across all brows

ers and devices, predicting and selecting the best-performing intent groups for each advertisement in real-time.

Additionally, Perion's machine learning algorithms analyze these real-time signals to optimize campaign delivery, ensuring ads more effectively resonate with specific target audiences. Beyond SORT, Perion's industry-leading retail and commerce solutions employ a data-driven methodology and integrate multiple data sets, including retailer first-party data, to create cohesive and dynamic messaging across diverse platforms. These platforms encompass display, video, CTV, DOOH [digital out of home], and audio, all underpinned by award-winning creative content.

Within digital out of home we also leverage a vast array of audience and location data to create custom audience segments and activate screens with a high propensity to overlap with consumer journeys. Some of the data we use to activate specific campaign elements includes custom triggers such as proximity geofences, and contextual targeting. Picture, for example, a green-energy company, leveraging a dynamic digital out of home (DOOH) campaign that would activate on screens only when the grid was being powered by a higher proportion of renewable energy sources.

Q: For many companies, budgets are tightening. What are some opportunities that give advertisers the best bang for their buck?

TJ: Brands are looking for ways to accelerate the path to purchase. Vanity metrics are giving way to more concrete KPIs of showing true outcomes, such as foot traffic into physical stores and sales uplift. At Perion we are working with brands to help leverage our omni-channel solutions to connect those dots.

For example, Lululemon's campaign in Germany, using custom audience and location-based targeting during major events, led to a 208% increase in interest, a 314% increase in footfall traffic, and over 4,000 incremental walk-ins. Another example is Helena Rubinstein, which used our platform's custom audience targeting to promote their new serum, achieving over 2.5 million impressions and a 382% increase in product awareness. Their campaign resulted in a 3x uplift in footfall traffic to stores in Hong Kong and a 231% increase in new customer recruitment through our omni-channel approach.

Perion's unique vantage point of sitting across all major advertising channels is giving us the ability to help advertisers make those connections across formats, creative & messaging to drive the outcomes they desire. This strategy ensures that every advertising dollar is spent wisely, delivering maximum ROAS in an era where making every penny count is more important than ever.

Q: Where do you see the advertising — and specifically ad tech — industries moving?

TJ: I think AI innovation will continue to be a focus and exploration in new mediums such as Roblox or virtual reality, as we've seen some brands do already. AI will not only enhance the creative process but also optimize campaign performance across all channels, providing advertisers with deeper insights and greater efficiency. I also believe retail media is going to continue to drive movement - we've seen so many industry leaders such as Albertson, Target and Kroger lean into the retail media uptick.

Q: Where in Cannes do the biggest deals get done and what are you looking forward to the most during the festival?

TJ: I think every minute of Cannes is a potential deal moment. In fact last year is where I met **Andreas Souplotis**, founder of Hivestack, and they became part of the Perion universe by the end of last year. So my recommendation to every Cannes attendee is don't miss an opportunity to make a new connection. You'll never know what may come of it!

For more information on Perion, visit www.Perion.com.



Q & A

Tal Jacobson, of Perion, says AI can analyze real-time signals for specific targeting of customers.

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♊ GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

The Sun moves into the money area of your chart today, so you need to make sure that your finances are in order - if they are not you could find that a lack of cash holds you back. Your number one priority is to stop spending so much.

♋ CANCER (June 22-July 23)

The last few weeks have been all about clearing out the mental and emotional junk that has been holding you back and now you can move ahead again without any kind of restrictions. A fresh start is not just possible, it's an absolute must.

♌ LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

Although the Sun moves into the most sensitive area of your chart today that must not be seen as an excuse to retreat into yourself and avoid the outside world. There are still some serious issues to resolve and it's you who must sort them out.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

You are not as cautious an individual as some people think you are and now the Sun has joined your ruler Mercury in one of the better areas of your chart you will do your best to prove it. Have fun but don't take it to extremes.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

The Sun moves into the career area of your chart today, joining communications planet Mercury and your ruling planet Venus, so focus on looking for ways you can improve your social and professional status and don't settle for a supporting role.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

You should by now be feeling a lot more confident that the

tough times are behind you and the good times are on the way back - and you are right, they are. You will be up for all sorts of fun and games over the next few days!

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

You may want to be open about your feelings but the planets warn that might not be the best approach at the moment. Keep your secrets to yourself until you know for certain that revealing them is the right thing to do, though that may be a while.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

The Sun's entry into the partnership area of your chart marks the start of a phase when you must let other people in on your plans. Both at home and at work you will

accomplish more if you work as part of a team rather than on your own.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

You will always have strong opinions about what is going on in the world but you must not allow those opinions to interfere with your personal relationships. Rather than fall out with friends and loved ones today, agree to disagree and leave it at that.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

This is potentially one of the best times of the year for you but how good it turns out to be will depend on how adventurous you are creatively. Act as if you cannot fail and you will find that everything you turn your hand to works out perfectly.

♈ ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Try to avoid disputes with loved ones today because you are going to have to rely on each other a lot over the next few weeks. Harmony on the home front is essential if you are to work together. You should be allies, not enemies.

♉ TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

You will be in a perverse sort of mood today. If others tell you to do one thing you will do something different. If they tell you to go in one direction you will go the opposite way. Just be careful they don't double bluff you!

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Recent setbacks have toughened you up to such an extent that you can now deal with any kind of challenge. One challenge in particular will test you this year and you will pass that test with flying colors - and earn a lot of money along the way.



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On April 15, 2024, Walmart Inc. became aware of an error that occurred on February 14, 2024 and affected a subset of digital pharmacy patient profiles, which caused information about one patient to be visible to another patient. Walmart immediately began investigating to determine the extent of the personal information impacted.

The investigation revealed that the first and last name, date of birth, and gender of some patient's digital pharmacy profiles may have been visible to another patient. The issue was due to an error. The security of Walmart's systems was not impacted. If you logged into your online pharmacy account between February 14, 2024 and April 18, 2024, it is possible you were affected by this error.

Walmart takes this matter very seriously and the company is fully committed to protecting the privacy and security of protected health information. We have addressed the error, and we are also continuing to evaluate additional safeguards to help prevent this type of incident from occurring in the future.

Walmart is sending individual notices to affected patients. If you have any questions, we encourage you to contact our dedicated call center at 1-866-898-4544, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am - 5:30 pm CST, excluding major US holidays. As a reminder, please be vigilant when reviewing information pertaining to you and always be cautious about requests to provide any personal or financial information over the phone, by text or by email. Be sure to always verify the source of any request for such information.

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Daniel C. Ezenyilimba; et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered August 13, 2019, and Amended December 1, 2023, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the steps of Queens County Supreme Court, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11435 on June 28, 2024 at 12:00PM, premises known as 99-04 212th Street, Queens Village, NY 11429. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Fourth Ward in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of NY, Block 10880 Lot 46. Approximate amount of judgment \$911,641.01 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 708605/2022 f/k/a 3280/08. The auction will be conducted pursuant to the COVID-19 Policies Concerning Public Auctions of Foreclosed Property established by the 11th Judicial District.

Stephan Siegel, Esq., Referee

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Dated: May 14, 2024

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AGAINST

Saidul Huq; et al.,
Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered February 28, 2019 and Amended December 7, 2023 and Amended April 26, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the steps of Queens County Supreme Court, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11435 on July 12, 2024 at 11:30AM, premises known as 113-33 207th Street, Queens Village a/k/a Jamaica, NY 11429. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of NY, Block 11003 Lot 136. Approximate amount of judgment \$906,057.99 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 710018/2016. The auction will be conducted pursuant to the COVID-19 Policies Concerning Public Auctions of Foreclosed Property established by the 11th Judicial District.

Robert John Aiello, Esq., Referee

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Belmont at the Big A

Analysis by Vic Cangialosi

Lock of the Day

Smokin Hot Kitty (5th)
Lock Record: 6 for 18 (33%)
Meet Record: 38/176 \$220.90

1 2 3/8 miles; \$150,000; Beverly R. Steinman; stplchs

Jumping into a new week. A steeplechase in the opener. **FREDDY FLINTSHIRE** runs off layoff for Brion. Ran 3rd in a Grade 1 here last summer. Jump record 3 for 8 and never off the board. **RAMPOLDI PLAN** enters off a Grade 1 upset at 13-1, about 3 lengths better than **LIMPERATORE** who was 3rd.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	L'Imperator(FR),152	J Gainford	3-3-3	Kingsley	9-2
2	Gordon's Jet(IRE),146	B Dalton	7-7-7	Fisher	15-1
3	Ziggle Pops(GB),148	G Watters	1-4-6	Fisher	8-1
4	Jimmy P,152	P Hendriks	6-5-2	Brion	9-2
5	Rampoldi Plan,154	J Bargary	1-2-5	Young	3-1
6	Freddy Flintshire,152	S Mulqueen	3-2-1	Brion	5-1
7	Awakened,158	S Flanagan	4-3-3	Fisher	7-2
8	West Newton(GB),152	H Beswick	5-1-2	Hendriks	10-1

2 5 1/2 fur \$75,000; mdn; 2YO

Two-year-olds to back-end the double. **CLASSIC RUBY** (Rodriguez/Prat/Classic Empire) and **MO PLEX** (J Englehart/Irad/Complexity) are live 1st timers. **OUT ON BAIL** Close 2nd after showing the way in a muddy debut.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Sky Masterson,119	J Alvarado	x-x-x	Contessa	10-1
2	Vamonos Vamonos,119	J Gomez	4-x-x	Rodriguez	4-1
3	Out On Bail,119	M Franco	2-x-x	Maker	3-1
4	Classic Ruby,119	F Prat	x-x-x	Rodriguez	6-1
5	Chasing Colton,119	J Velazquez	x-x-x	David	4-1
6	Man From Malta,119	D Grises Rave	5-x-x	Chichakly	15-1
7	Mo Plex,119	I Ortiz, Jr	x-x-x	Englehart	2-1

3 1 mile; \$85,000; alw; 3up(f)

These ladies met here in May. **KHALI MAGIC** was an easy winner, **CINDERELLAS CAUSE** was 2nd, **SARATOGA KISSES** was 4th and **RACING COLORS** was 3rd. Khali Magic has now won 3 of 4, all at a mile. Saratoga Kisses is 1 for 9 at the Big A and Racing Colors is 1 for 16.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Saratoga Kisses(L),124	D Davis	4-1-6	Ryerson	6-1
2	Amity Island(L),122	D Grises Rave	6-7-9	Persaud	30-1
3	Cinderella's Cause(L),122	J Lezcano	2-1-1	Rice	9-5
4	Krystalheir(L),124	R Maragh	1-1-3	Coffey	15-1
5	Racing Colors(L),124	R Vazquez	3-5-2	Follett	8-1
6	Khali Magic(L),126	I Ortiz, Jr	1-3-1	Miceli	4-5

4 1 3/8 miles(T); \$90,000; mdn; 3up(f)

Three turns on the turf. **MS SEDONA** stretched to 1 1/4 miles and rallied to within a length of the winner. Stretches longer still for Maker who gets Johnny V to ride. **MATURITY DATE** missed by a nose. Moves forward if we're off turf. **PAST TENSE** and **JITTERBUG** ran home 2-3 on dirt. Past Tense raced evenly, about 4 lengths short last 2 on turf. Should benefit extending longer. Jitterbug makes grass debut for Clement. **QUEENS FABLE** closed well to be a close 4th then 3rd racing a mile at Tampa. Prat picks her up for Chad Brown.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
2	Investment Process(L),118	M Franco	9-x-x	C Brown	6-1
3	Queens Fable(IRE)(L),118	F Prat	3-4-x	C Brown	5-1
4	Malibu's Dynamite(M),118	L Luzzi	4-x-x	Keithan	50-1
1	a-Justdeny(L),118	J Alvarado	3-5-2	Gargan	7-2
1A	a-Capo Donna(L),118	J Lezcano	9-4-x	Handal	7-2
5	Past Tense(L),118	K Carmouche	2-4-4	A Dutrow	8-1

6	Ms Sedona(L),118	J Velazquez	2-10-x	Maker	3-1
7	Mizoula(IRE)(L),118	I Ortiz, Jr	6-12-7	Clement	9-2
8	Just Maryann(L),118	J Gomez	6-8-4	R Dutrow	12-1
9	Jitterbug(L),118	D Davis	3-6-x	Clement	8-1
10	Maturity Date(L),118	K Carmouche	2-8-4	Rice	6-5

5 1 mile; \$80,000; alw; 3up(f)

DePaz puts **SMOKIN HOT KITTY** back on the dirt where she's won 2 in a row, both at a mile. The one to catch. **FAST AND FRISKY** Turf to dirt for Abreu. 1st then 2nd racing this distance at Aqueduct over the winter. Prat will try and run down top pick. **FOXY CARA** was a troubled 3rd and **CHASING DAYLIGHT** was 2nd here weeks ago.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Smokin' Hot Kitty(L),124	K Carmouche	8-1-1	De Paz	8-5
2	Foxy Cara(L),124	E Cancel	3-4-3	Friedman	5-1
3	Brooklyn Dantz(L),118	D Davis	1-5-8	Arenas	15-1
4	Fast and Frisky(L),120	F Prat	8-4-2	Abreu	7-2
5	Walk With Me(L),118	L Luzzi	5-2-4	Duggan	6-1
6	Chasing Daylight(L),124	J Gomez	2-8-5	Rodriguez	4-1
7	Reigning Chick(L),124	J Velazquez	6-4-7	Walder	10-1

6 6 fur(T); \$65,000; alw; 3up(f)

Last of 10 shortly after the break, **LINARITE** rallied to be 3rd. Another try, same distance. Donk gets Johnny V back. **UNSOLVED MYSTERY** makes seasonal if we're off turf. Runnerup last start at this distance. **LACONIA** Dirt to turf for Delgado. 0 for 1 on grass. Head shy racing this distance on dirt at Gulfstream. Franco on the shipper.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
2	Quiescent(L),125	L Luzzi	1-2-3	Noda	6-1
1	a-Rosemary Potatoes(L),123	O Hrdz Mreno	7-5-4	Arenas	6-1
3	Laconia(L),118	M Franco	3-2-2	Delgado	5-1
4	Shoopthereitis(L),123	T McCarthy	4-3-3	DiPrima	20-1
5	Amy's Light(L),113	F Martinez	5-3-1	Pringle	20-1
6	First Class Cat(L),125	J Lezcano	4-1-2	Rice	9-2
7	Ben's Sunny Island(L),123	K Davis	5-8-3	Rodriguez	8-1
8	Devilly(L),125	E Ruiz	5-7-5	Ferraro	20-1
9	Status Seeker(L),120	J Gomez	7-1-4	Rodriguez	8-1
10	Linarite(L),123	J Velazquez	3-6-3	Donk	7-2
1A	a-Miss Bonnie T(L),123	D Davis	8-6-2	Arenas	6-1
11	Pebble Lane(L),123	R Maragh	5-2-2	Duggan	15-1
12	Will Be Famous(L),123	R Maragh	3-3-7	Toscano	9-2
13	Unsolved Mystery(L),123	J Lezcano	8-2-3	Rice	8-5
14	Roman Goddess(L),123	M Franco	3-3-4	Kantarmaci	6-1

7 6 fur; \$38,000; mdn clm(\$30,000); 3up(f)

NEIGH JUDE, don't let me down. Close 3rd racing off the layoff. Choice, 2nd off the break under Irad. **SHEHANAH** Turf to dirt and lower for DePaz. 6th of 7 lone dirt start. Better today. Cancel rides the debuting **BELLA BANKER**, a daughter of Central Banker, for Hennig. **HOUDINIS BRIDE** led late, outkicked, missing by thismuch. Contender. **GOING FOR GLORY** was 2nd in front of the rusty Neigh Jude.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Shehanah(L),118	T McCarthy	11-6-x	De Paz	7-2
2	La Indecente(L),118	D Grises Rave	9-4-7	Jimenez	12-1
3	Outta the Cloud(L),119	A Bocachica	8-5-4	Quick	15-1
4	Maxing the Bank(L),124	K Davis	3-4-9	Parker	30-1
5	Going for Glory(L),118	J Gomez	2-2-10	Donk	5-1

6	My Kinda Mischief(L),118	D Davis	7-10-9	C Martin	10-1
7	Bella Banker(M),118	E Cancel	x-x-x	Hennig	12-1
8	Houdini's Bride(L),118	K Carmouche	2-3-x	Nevin	9-2
9	Neigh Jude(L),124	I Ortiz, Jr	3-8-7	Breen	4-1
10	Steppin' Hawk(L),124	R Maragh	4-5-2	Hosang	8-1
11	Princess Becca(M),118	L Rivera, Jr	12-x-x	Giangiulio	15-1

8 1 mile(T); \$102,000; alw; 3up(f)

Late double is on the turf. The french filly **REVALITA** is 0 for the USA. Made 4 starts here, all with graded company. Softly spotted to make 4YO debut for Chad Brown. **PRETTI EXTREME** MTO. Has 2 wins over the wet. **QUARREL** was a couple of lengths short in the Grade 3 Beaugay. Does best running on the lead. Tougher, 2nd off the shelf. **SWOOP TO FINISH** and **MALLEYMOO** ran 2-3 last month.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Revalita(FR)(M),122	F Prat	4-3-2	C Brown	2-1
2	Towhead(L),122	R Vazquez	2-3-3	Maker	12-1
3	Bengala Joy(L),122	D Grises Rave	10-1-8	Jimenez	20-1
4	Malleymoo(L),122	D Davis	3-5-8	Clement	6-1
5	Quarrel(L),122	R Maragh	4-6-5	Ribaldo	6-1
6	Alluring Angel(GB)(M),122	M Franco	1-11-3	C Brown	6-1
7	Breath Away(GB)(L),122	I Ortiz, Jr	4-2-3	Clement	3-1
8	Swoop to Finish(L),124	J Alvarado	2-1-5	Mott	6-1
9	Pretti Xtreme(L),122	K Carmouche	2-3-8	Rice	3-1
10	Into Happiness(L),122	J Velazquez	7-6-4	Hennig	6-1
11	Amanda's Folly(L),122	J Lezcano	3-5-1	Rice	6-1
12	Toned Up(L),122	D Davis	4-5-3	Kantarmaci	4-1

9 1 1/16 miles(T); \$80,000; alw; 3up

SONIC SPEED is the only multiple grass winner (5) in the finale. Beat a nose this level/distance last out. Johnny V rides for Morley. **GEM MINT TEN** lost his latest by a nostril as well. 1 for 7 on turf. **LAUREL VALLEY** was 3rd, a neck back of top pick. **SLAPINTHEFACE** enters off a maiden breaker (5th start). Competitively spotted, same distance for Dutrow.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	SlapintheFace(L),124	M Franco	1-3-2	A Dutrow	6-1
2	BettrLUckythangood(L),126	D Davis	1-3-2	Clement	10-1
3	The Paddock Pastor(L),118	I Ortiz, Jr	4-1-x	Clement	6-1
4	The Thrill of Victory(L),124	J Lezcano	2-4-1	Walder	10-1
5	Financial District(L),118	R Silvera	2-10-4	Snchez-Pinero	30-1
6	Laurel Valley(L),124	K Carmouche	3-4-8	Maker	4-1
7	Provision(L),124	E Cancel	8-6-4	Shivmangal	30-1
8	Gem Mint Ten(L),124	F Prat	2-8-9	Handal	7-2
9	Sonic Speed(L),124	J Velazquez	2-4-1	Morley	5-1
10	Ez Roll(L),118	T McCarthy	3-1-2	Morley	12-1
11	Shinsun(L),124	K Davis	6-11-3	Tagg	12-1

PLAY OF THE DAY

A look back. Candy Tycoon (2/1) was a non-threatening second last Sunday. Mamas Dream scratched. Bring back Saratoga! Down -\$163.10.

Back to basics. Play \$30 to win on Smokin' Hot Kitty in Race 5. — Vic Cangialosi

MLS

EAST	W	L	D	Pts	GF	GA
Inter Miami CF	12	3	5	41	46	29
Cincinnati	12	3	3	39	31	21
Red Bulls	8	4	7	31	31	25
NYCFC	9	7	2	29	26	22
Charlotte FC	8	6	5	29	21	20
Columbus	7	3	6	27	25	17
Toronto FC	7	9	3	24	28	32
Nashville	5	5	8	23	22	23
Atlanta	5	8	5	20	25	23
Philadelphia	4	6	8	20	31	29
D.C. United	4	8	7	19	25	33
CF Montréal	4	7	7	19	25	37
Chicago	4	8	6	18	21	30
Orlando City	4	8	6	18	19	29
New England	5	10	1	16	15	29

WEST	W	L	D	Pts	GF	GA
Real Salt Lake	10	2	7	37	40	22
Los Angeles FC	10	4	4	34	32	21
LA Galaxy	9	3	7	34	37	27
Minn. United	8	5	5	29	31	28
Colorado	8	7	4	28	34	31
Vancouver	7	6	4	25	26	22
Portland	6	7	6	24	34	33
Houston	6	6	6	24	22	22
Austin FC	6	7	6	24	22	28
Seattle FC	5	7	7	22	24	23
FC Dallas	5	8	5	20	25	28
St Louis City	3	6	9	18	23	30
Sporting K.C.	3	11	5	14	31	40
San Jose	3	13	2	11	27	45

Note: 3 pts. for win, 1 for tie

Wednesday

Red Bulls 2, CF Montréal 2
LA Galaxy 2, NYCFC 0
Orlando City 2, Charlotte FC 2
Atlanta 1, D.C. United 0
Miami 2, Columbus 1
Nashville 2, Toronto FC 1
Cincinnati 4, Philadelphia 3
Los Angeles FC 1, Austin FC 1
FC Dallas 5, Minnesota 3
Seattle FC 2, Houston 2
Salt Lake 4, Sporting K.C. 3
Colorado 3, St Louis City 0
Portland 2, San Jose 1

Saturday

Toronto FC at Red Bulls, 7:30pm
NYCFC at Nashville, 8:30pm
New England at Cincinnati, 7:30pm
Sporting K.C. at Columbus, 7:30pm
Houston at D.C. United, 7:30pm
Chicago at Orlando City, 7:30pm
Charlotte FC at Philadelphia, 7:30pm
Austin FC at Minnesota, 8:30pm
Atlanta at St Louis City, 8:30pm
CF Montréal at Colorado, 9:30pm
LA Galaxy at Salt Lake, 9:30pm
San Jose at Los Angeles FC, 10:30pm
Vancouver at Portland, 10:30pm
FC Dallas at Seattle FC, 10:30pm

NWSL

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Kansas City	8	0	5	29	33	19
Orlando	8	0	5	29	21	11
Washington	9	3	1	28	27	17
Gotham FC	8	2	3	27	16	9
Portland	7	4	2	23	25	16
Chicago	5	6	2	17	18	19
North Carolina	5	7	1	16	13	15
Louisville	3	4	6	15	19	17
Angel City	4	6	3	15	20	12
San Diego	3	5	5	14	12	13
Houston	3	6	4	13	11	20
Bay FC	4	9	0	12	17	25
Seattle	2	9	2	8	13	25
Utah Royals FC	2	10	1	7	7	21

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Wednesday

Gotham FC 2, San Diego 1
Angel City 3, Louisville 2
Friday
Utah Royals FC at Orlando, 8pm
Saturday
San Diego at Houston, 7:30pm
Angel City at Bay FC, 10pm

Yonkers entries for Thursday

Post Time: 7:00 p.m.

FIRST: Mile trot; \$20,000; claiming

1	Cantkeepisecret (Brennan)	1-1-2	2-1
2	Sheena Soldier (SZeron)	4-7-3	12-1
3	Grinder (TButer)	6-3-1	7-2
4	Skyway Professor (DDube)	2-1-1	20-1

The *POST* Line



MLB		
Thursday		
Favorite	Money Line	Underdog
YANKEES	\$114-135	Orioles
NATIONALS	\$120-142	Diamondbacks
TWINS	\$105-125	Rays
GUARDIANS	\$100-120	Mariners
Dodgers	\$195-238	ROCKIES
Royals	\$114-135	ATHLETICS
Brewers	\$100-120	PADRES
*Cardinals	-102-116	Giants
WHITE SOX	OFF	Astros
Home Teams In CAPS		
*Birmingham, AL		

WNBA		
Thursday		
Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
LIBERTY	14.5 (164)	Sparks
SKY	4.5 (160.5)	Wings

Stanley Cup Final		
Friday- Game 6		
Favorite	Money Line	Underdog
OILERS	\$105-125	Panthers

CFL		
Thursday		
Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
Alouettes	6.5 (47.5)	REDBLACKS
Friday		
BLUE BOMBERS	2.5 (51.5)	Lions
Saturday		
ARGONAUTS	5.5 (49.5)	Elks
Sunday		
ROUGHRIDERS	2.5 (50.5)	Tiger-Cats

SPORTS SHORTS

SOCCER: NYC teen saves Red Bulls

Moments after entering as a substitute, 16-year-old **Julian Hall** scored his first career MLS goal, heading in a corner in the 88th minute lift the Red Bulls to a 2-2 draw with host CF Montreal on Wednesday.

Hall, a New York City native, became the second youngest goal scorer in MLS history older only than **Freddy Adu** — at 14 years of age — scoring for D.C. United in 2004.

Wikelman Carmona scored in the 61st minute for New York, which erased a 2-0 half-time deficit. The Red Bulls (8-4-7, 31 points) played to a draw for the second straight match.

● In Carson, Calif., **Dejan Joveljic** scored late in the first half, **Diego Fagúndez** scored early in the second with an assist from Joveljic, and the Los Angeles Galaxy blanked New York City FC 2-0.

Matt Freese saved three shots for New York City (9-7-2), which has lost two in a row following a five-match win streak.

● **Jamal Musiala** scored his second goal of the tournament to help Germany beat Hungary 2-0 and book its spot in the European Championship knockout stage in Stuttgart, Germany.

MLB: Padres end road losing streak

Matt Waldron used his knuckleball to strike out six over seven innings and the Padres avoided a 10th straight road loss with a late rally off Philadelphia's bullpen to beat the NL-best Phillies 5-2 in Philadelphia.

● In Cleveland, **Tanner Bibee** struck out a career-high 12 in six innings and the Guardians defeated the Mariners 8-0.

● In Toronto, **Brayan Bello** pitched six innings to snap a three-start winless streak, and the Red Sox beat the Blue Jays 7-3 to complete a three-game sweep.

● In Atlanta, **Sean Murphy** hit a pair of two-run homers and the Braves completed a

three-game sweep of the Tigers with a 7-0 win.

● The Cubs signed former Mets catcher **Tomas Nido** to a major league deal.

WNBA: Fever win third in a row

Kelsey Mitchell and **Aliyah Boston** scored 22 points apiece, **Caitlin Clark** had her second career double-double (18 points and a career-high 12 rebounds) and the Indiana Fever won their third-straight game with an 88-81 victory over the Washington Mystics in Indianapolis.

● Los Angeles rookie **Cameron Brink** tore the ACL in her left knee, the Sparks announced Wednesday. The No. 2 pick in the draft suffered the injury in the Sparks' 79-70 loss to Connecticut on Tuesday.

NBA: Siakam, Pacers agree on deal

Pascal Siakam intends to sign a four-year, \$189.5 million contract to remain with the Pacers when the NBA's offseason moratorium is lifted in early July, a person with knowledge of the talks between the sides told the Associated Press.

GOLF: Tiger son headed to USGA event

Charlie Woods, the 15-year-old son of **Tiger Woods**, qualified for his first USGA championship after he finished first among Florida qualifiers for the U.S. Junior Amateur. Woods shot a 1-under 71 at the Eagle Trace Golf Club qualifier in Coral Springs, Fla.

CRICKET: U.S. loses to South Africa

South Africa had to work hard to earn an 18-run win over the fast-improving United States in the opening game of the Super Eight at the T-20 World Cup in North Sound, Antigua. **Andries Gous** made an unbeaten 80 off 47 balls for the U.S. — against the country of his birth — to move atop the batting chart at the World Cup before South Africa restricted the Americans at 176-6.

ACTION TOP PLAY

England, Denmark fit to be tied in Euro '24

By MICHAEL LEBOFF
actionnetwork.com

Neither Denmark nor England will be all that happy with how they opened Euro 2024.

For the Three Lions, they'll be relieved to at least have three points thanks to a 1-0 win over Serbia, but the performance was drab and brought up familiar criticisms of Gareth Southgate's side. They were resolute on defense, but uninspiring going forward. That's tough to swallow for a team with as much playmaking talent as anybody in this tournament.

Denmark will be feeling plenty of pressure after a 1-1 draw with Slovenia. The Danes started well and could have put the game away with a second goal in the first half, but they allowed Slovenia to hang around and paid the price. Denmark was a tad fortunate not to lose given how the final 30 minutes played out.

You'd expect England to come out with more sizzle in Thursday's Group C match against Denmark in Frankfurt, Germany (noon ET). But that will be easier said than done against a Danish side that should be tough to break down and is dangerous in matches where they can sit deep and look to punish on the counter.

It won't sit well with the press in England, but there's every chance that the Three Lions look similar to the team that grinded out a victory against Serbia. They will be confident their defense can keep the Danes in check and will be well aware of the threat that Denmark poses going the other way.

This should be a stodgy contest, which puts value on the draw.

THE PLAY: England-Denmark draw (+270, DraftKings).

Michael Leboff handicaps soccer for Action Network.

Pitching Form

	(Game time)	2024			'24 vs OPP		CAREER	LAST 3 STARTS			
		W-L	ERA	*REC	W-L	ERA	vs OPP	W-L	IP	ERA	
Orioles	Irvin (L)	6-3	3.03	8-3	0-0	0.00	0-2	1-1	17.2	3.57	
Yankees	Gil (R)	(4:05pm)	9-1	2.02	12-2	1-0	0.00	2-0	16.2	2.16	
Mariners	Castillo (R)	6-7	3.32	8-7	0-1	6.35	1-1	2-1	18.0	3.50	
Guardians	Allen (L)	(1:10pm)	7-3	5.30	8-6	1-0	0.00	1-1	12.2	7.11	
Rays	Littell (R)	2-5	4.24	6-8	0-1	3.86	0-1	0-2	14.0	7.71	
Twins	Woods Richardson (R)	(1:10pm)	2-1	3.29	8-3	0-0	0.00	0-0	14.2	4.91	
Astros	Arrighetti (R)	3-6	6.37	5-7	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-1	10.0	8.10	
White Sox	Flexen (R)	(2:10pm)	2-6	5.35	2-11	0-0	0.00	1-6	0-1	13.1	4.73
Royals	Lugo (R)	10-2	2.40	10-5	1-0	3.18	2-0	1-1	19.0	5.21	
Athletics	Spence (R)	(3:37pm)	4-3	3.95	1-5	0-1	1.93	0-1	18.2	4.82	
D'Backs	Nelson (R)	4-5	5.49	4-7	0-0	3.60	0-0	1-1	17.0	4.24	
Nationals	Gore (L)	(1:05pm)	6-5	3.24	7-7	0-0	3.00	0-0	2-1	16.1	4.41
Dodgers	Stone (R)	7-2	3.01	10-3	1-0	0.00	1-0	2-0	17.2	2.55	
Rockies	Blach (L)	(3:10pm)	3-4	4.65	4-4	0-0	0.00	4-3	1-2	15.2	5.74
Giants	Winn (R)	3-7	6.66	3-8	0-0	2.25	0-0	0-2	14.1	9.42	
Cardinals	Pallante (R)	(7:15pm)	2-3	4.61	2-2	0-0	0.00	1-2	11.1	5.56	
Brewers	Wilson (R)	4-3	3.84	4-4	0-0	0.00	1-0	0-1	13.0	8.31	
Padres	Mazur (R)	(9:40pm)	0-2	7.82	0-3	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-2	12.2	7.82

*REC: Won-lost record of pitcher's team in games he has started.

STITCHES

Goin' Lugo and the K.C.

"And now we can say the outfield in heaven is covered. Willie Mays, Mickey Mantle and Duke Snider. Rest in peace Willie." — Jimmy Durda, *The Bronx*

The Royals are in Oakland. Kansas City's Seth Lugo, already a 10-game winner, comes off a two-run, six-inning start against the potent Dodgers. The Athletics, who will be playing in Sacramento next season and in Vegas by 2028, will go with Mitch Spence. The rookie has appeared in 17 games, made

six starts and allowed four runs over 5 2/3 to the Twins in his latest. Play \$50 on the Royals.

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Flashback! The Nationals' Patrick Corbin has pitched two good games all year. We lost both times. Corbin scattered three hits over five innings, Jesse Winker hit a two-run homer and the Nats beat the Hunchbacks, uh D'Backs 3-1. The setback has us at -753 greenbacks.

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Home Team Lineups		HOME	AWAY				
	TODAY June 20	FRI June 21	SAT June 22	SUN June 23	MON June 24	TUE June 25	WED June 26
	Baltimore 4:05 YES WFAN 660 AM/ 101.9 FM	Atl. 7:05 Apple TV+ WFAN	Atl. 7:15 Fox WFAN	Atl. 1:35 YES WFAN	NO GAME	Mets 7:10 YES WFAN	Mets 7:10 Prime Video WFAN
	NO GAME	Cubs 2:20 SNY WCBS	Cubs 2:20 SNY, FS1 WCBS	Cubs 7:10 ESPN WCBS	NO GAME	Yanks 7:10 SNY WCBS	Yanks 7:10 SNY WCBS
	Los Angeles 7:00 MY9, Prime Video	NO GAME	L.A. 3:00 ESPN	Atl. 3:00 MY9	NO GAME	NO GAME	NO GAME
Saturday		Saturday		Sunday			
	Toronto FC 7:30 Apple TV+		Nashville SC 8:30 Apple TV+		Washington Spirit 1:30 ESPN		

Today's Sports on the Air			
MLB	4:05 p.m.	Orioles at Yankees	YES, WFAN (660 AM/101.9 FM)
	7 p.m.	Giants vs. Cardinals	Fox
	11 p.m.	Brewers at Padres (in progress)	MLBN
WNBA	7 p.m.	Sparks at Liberty	MY9, Prime Video
Soccer	9 a.m.	UEFA Euro 2024 Group Stage: Slovenia vs. Serbia	FS1
	Noon	UEFA Euro 2024 Group Stage: Denmark vs. England	FS1
	3 p.m.	UEFA Euro 2024 Group Stage: Spain vs. Italy	Fox
	8 p.m.	2024 Copa America Group Stage: Argentina vs. Canada	FS1
Golf	7 a.m.	DP World Tour: The KLM Open, 1st Round	Golf
	3 p.m.	PGA Tour: The Travelers Championship, 1st Round	Golf
	6 p.m.	LPGA Tour: The KPMG Women's PGA Championship, 2nd Round	Golf
Olympic Trials	8 p.m.	2024 U.S. Summer Olympic Trials: Swimming - Finals	NBC
	9:15 p.m.	2024 U.S. Summer Olympic Trials: Diving - Finals	NBC
Tennis	6 a.m.	ATP London, ATP Halle, WTA Berlin, WTA Birmingham: Early Rounds	Tennis
	5 a.m. (Fri.)	ATP London, ATP Halle, WTA Berlin, WTA Birmingham: Quarterfinals	Tennis
Hockey	10 p.m.	Calder Cup Finals: Hershey at Coachella Valley, Game 4	NHLN
Horse Racing	2 p.m.	America's Day at the Races	FS2
	4 p.m.	FanDuel Racing	MSGSN
AFL Football	5:35 a.m. (Fri.)	Carlton vs. Geelong	FS2

SOCCER

Favorites to reach European Championship final

COUNTRY	ODDS	COUNTRY	ODDS
France	+188	Switzerland	16/1
England	+188	Turkey	16/1
Germany	+200	Croatia	25/1
Portugal	+275	Denmark	25/1
Spain	+320	Austria	25/1
Italy	+600	Serbia	50/1
Netherlands	+600	Romania	50/1
Belgium	10/1	Ukraine	50/1

ODDS & ENDS

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS Panthers-Oilers series odds

WINNER	ODDS
Panthers	-300
Oilers	+240

Conn Smythe favorites

PLAYER	ODDS
Connor McDavid	-175
Aleksander Barkov	+250
Sergei Bobrovsky	+700
Matthew Tkachuk	66/1
Evan Bouchard	175/1

Friday Panthers at Oilers, Game 6

PUCKLINE	ODDS
Panthers +1.5 goals	-250
Oilers -1.5 goals	+200
TOTAL GOALS	ODDS
Over 5.5	-110
Under 5.5	-110

COPA AMERICA Odds to win championship

COUNTRY	ODDS
Argentina	+175
Brazil	+225
Uruguay	+500
USA	12/1
Colombia	12/1
Mexico	12/1
Ecuador	16/1
Chile	33/1
Paraguay	66/1
Peru	66/1
Canada	80/1
Venezuela	100/1
Bolivia	125/1
Costa Rica	150/1
Jamaica	200/1
Panama	500/1

USA top goal-scorer

PLAYER	ODDS
Christian Pulisic	+400
Folarin Balogun	+500
Tim Weah	+600
Giovanni Reyna	+800
Josh Sargent	+800
Ricardo Pepi	+900
Weston McKennie	12/1
Malik Tillman	12/1

Which round will USA reach?

RESULT	ODDS
Group stage knockout	+450
Quarterfinal knockout	-110
Semifinal knockout	+300
Runner-up	+900
Champion	12/1

Group C winner

COUNTRY	ODDS
Uruguay	-145
USA	+130
Panama	18/1
Bolivia	+550

ACTION BET SMART

USA's Pulisic to fill the nets at the Copa

By MICHAEL LEBOFF
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The summer of soccer will reach a fever pitch this week with the opening match of Copa America, a 16-team tournament featuring countries from North, South and Central America.

Argentina, the reigning World Cup champions, is the betting favorite at +175 at BetMGM. Brazil is the second-choice at +225 and Uruguay is next up at +500. USA, Mexico and Colombia are all 12/1, with Ecuador (16/1) and Chile (33/1) the only other teams listed below 35/1.

Team USA's draw

The first thing to note about this tournament is that the draw is unbalanced.

Argentina is the only true heavy-weight in the top half of the bracket and it would be a shock if they don't make it to the final considering their path. It is the overwhelming favorite to win Group A over Chile, Peru and Canada, and should have no problems with whoever comes out of Group B (Mexico, Ecuador, Venezuela and Jamaica).

The bottom half of the bracket is a completely different story. Brazil, Colombia, USA and Uruguay are expected to make it to the quarter-finals, but it will be a gauntlet from that point forward as Brazil is projected to play the Yanks in the quarters and Uruguay is likely to face Colombia.

That really takes a bite out of the value on any of the teams in the bottom half of the draw. That said, there still is a way to back the Stars & Stripes ...

Best way to bet the USA: Christian Pulisic to win the Golden Boot (42/1)

The USMNT has been desperate for a reliable striker for years, but it seems like the team solved that issue with the arrival of Folarin Balogun. However, this is the first major international tournament for the Bronx-born wunderkind and it's no guarantee he will get the most op-

portunity to lead the line. What we do know is that the Yanks will rely heavily on Pulisic to be an attacking threat as long as they're in the tournament.

With a couple of soft games on the schedule, including the opener with Bolivia, Pulisic (42/1 at FanDuel) should have plenty of chances to pad his goal total before we get into the business end of the tournament.

Best value on the entire board: Luis Diaz to win the Golden Boot (35/1)

The Golden Boot market for the Copa is bizarre. I've never seen anything like it.

Eight of the top-10 favorites coming from either Argentina or Brazil. While that tells us that the winner is very likely to come from one of those two teams, it also suggests the goals will be spread around and that would leave the door open for someone from another country to crash the party.

While the likeliest option would be the third-favorite, Darwin Nunez of Uruguay, there is heaps of value on his Liverpool teammate Luis Diaz at nearly seven times the price.

Best long shot: Canada (80/1)

It won't be easy for Canada to get out of Group A and it'll likely be behind the 8-ball right away since they open the tournament against Argentina, but the Maple Leafs have much more talent in their ranks than these odds suggest. Jonathan David and Alphonso Davies are stars and the arrival of Jesse Marsch as manager adds some intrigue for this group.

Marsch will want the Canadians to play a high-octane brand of soccer and that could throw a cat among the pigeons against three South American sides in Group A that won't be used to coping with that style of play.

If Canada can get out of Group A, they will have a very manageable quarterfinal matchup against an opponent from Group B (Mexico, Ecuador, Venezuela and Jamaica) and would then have a legitimate chance to make it to the semifinals.

Michael Leboff analyzes soccer for Action Network.



Christian Pulisic

AL Standings

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Yankees	51	25	.671	—	—	6-4	L-1	23-11	28-14
Baltimore	48	25	.658	1½	+8	7-3	W-1	25-14	23-11
Boston	40	35	.533	10½	1	8-2	W-5	18-20	22-15
Tampa Bay	35	39	.473	15	5½	4-6	W-1	19-23	16-16
Toronto	35	39	.473	15	5½	4-6	L-3	18-19	17-20

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Cleveland	45	26	.634	—	—	5-5	W-1	22-9	23-17
Minnesota	41	33	.554	5½	+½	8-2	L-1	23-15	18-18
Kansas City	41	34	.547	6	—	2-8	L-3	25-14	16-20
Detroit	34	40	.459	12½	6½	3-7	L-4	16-19	18-21
Chicago	20	55	.267	27	21	3-7	L-1	13-24	17-31

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Seattle	44	32	.579	—	—	8-2	L-1	27-12	17-20
Houston	34	40	.459	9	6½	5-5	W-1	19-19	15-21
Texas	34	40	.459	9	6½	4-6	W-1	17-19	17-21
Los Angeles	29	45	.392	14	11½	5-5	L-2	12-25	17-20
Oakland	28	48	.368	16	13½	2-8	W-2	17-20	11-28

*WGB: Games behind third-place team in wild-card race

Wednesday

Texas 5, **Mets** 3
 Baltimore 7, **Yankees** 6, 10 inn.
 Atlanta 7, Detroit 0
 Cleveland 8, Seattle 0
 Boston 7, Toronto 3
 Houston 4, White Sox 1
 Tampa Bay 3, Minnesota 2, 10 inn.
 Milwaukee 2, L.A. Angels 0
 Oakland 5, Kansas City 1
Thursday
 Baltimore at **Yankees**, 4:05
 Seattle at Cleveland, 1:10

Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 1:10
 Houston at White Sox, 2:10
 Kansas City at Oakland, 3:37

Friday

Atlanta at **Yankees**, 7:05
 White Sox at Detroit, 6:40
 Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 6:40
 Boston at Cincinnati, 7:10
 Seattle at Miami, 7:10
 Toronto at Cleveland, 7:10
 Kansas City at Texas, 8:05
 Baltimore at Houston, 8:10
 Minnesota at Oakland, 9:40
 L.A. Angels at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10

NL Standings

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Philadelphia	49	25	.662	—	—	4-6	L-1	29-11	20-14
Atlanta	41	31	.569	7	+5½	6-4	W-3	24-13	17-18
Washington	36	37	.493	12½	—	8-2	W-1	17-18	19-19
Mets	35	38	.479	13½	1	8-2	L-1	18-23	17-15
Miami	25	49	.338	24	11½	3-7	W-2	14-26	11-23

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Milwaukee	44	30	.595	—	—	6-4	W-2	22-12	22-18
St. Louis	36	37	.493	7½	—	6-4	L-2	17-15	19-22
Pittsburgh	36	38	.486	8	½	5-5	W-1	18-18	18-20
Chicago	36	39	.480	8½	1	5-5	W-2	21-16	15-23
Cincinnati	35	39	.473	9	1½	4-6	L-1	18-19	17-20

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Los Angeles	46	30	.605	—	—	5-5	L-1	24-15	22-15
San Diego	38	40	.487	9	½	4-6	W-1	18-21	20-19
Arizona	36	38	.486	9	½	6-4	L-1	19-18	17-20
San Francisco	36	39	.480	9½	1	4-6	L-2	20-17	16-22
Colorado	26	48	.351	19	10½	3-7	W-1	15-21	11-27

*WGB: Games behind third-place team in wild-card race

Wednesday

Texas 5, **Mets** 3
 Pittsburgh 1, Cincinnati 0
 Atlanta 7, Detroit 0
 Miami 4, St. Louis 3
 San Diego 5, Philadelphia 2
 Cubs 6, San Francisco 5
 Washington 3, Arizona 1
 Colorado 7, L.A. Dodgers 6
 Milwaukee 2, L.A. Angels 0
Thursday
 Arizona at Washington, 1:05
 L.A. Dodgers at Colorado, 3:10

San Francisco at St. Louis, 7:15
 Milwaukee at San Diego, 9:40

Friday

Mets at Cubs, 2:20
 Atlanta at **Yankees**, 7:05
 Arizona at Philadelphia, 6:40
 Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 6:40
 Boston at Cincinnati, 7:10
 Seattle at Miami, 7:10
 Washington at Colorado, 8:40
 Milwaukee at San Diego, 9:40
 L.A. Angels at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10

Orioles 7, Yankees 6, 10 inn.

Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Henderson ss	4	2	1	0	1	1	.273
Rutschman c	4	0	0	1	1	1	.288
Mountcastle 1b	4	0	2	1	1	1	.273
O'Hearn dh	4	0	2	0	0	2	.286
Hays ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	1	.241
Santander rf	5	1	0	0	0	2	.227
Cowser lf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.229
Mullins cf	5	2	2	1	0	0	.193
Urias 3b	5	1	2	0	0	0	.252
Mateo 2b	5	1	2	0	0	1	.237
Totals	41	7	16	6	3	9	

Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Volpe ss	4	2	3	0	1	0	.272
Soto rf	4	2	1	0	1	0	.312
Stanton dh	4	1	2	4	1	1	.243
Wells out-f	0	0	0	0	0	0	.210
Verdugo lf-cf	4	0	0	0	1	1	.257
Torres 2b	3	1	0	1	1	1	.219
LeMahieu 3b	5	0	2	0	0	1	.196
Cabrera pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	.237
Rice 1b	3	0	1	1	1	0	.286
Trevino c	3	0	0	2	0	2	.265
Grisham cf	1	0	0	0	1	0	.100
a-Jones ph-1f	3	0	0	0	0	1	.200
Totals	34	6	9	6	9	5	

Baltimore	100	030	100	2	—	711	0
Yankees	100	000	301	1	—	6	9

E: Marinaccio (1), Soto (1), Trevino (5). **LOB**: Baltimore 10, New York 10. **2B**: Henderson (13), O'Hearn 2 (8), Mountcastle (17), Urias (6), Volpe (11). **HR**: Urias (4), off Marinaccio; Stanton (18), off Cano. **RBIs**: O'Hearn 2 (26), Urias 2 (10), Mountcastle (33), Mullins (23), Torres (27), Stanton 4 (45), Rice (1). **SB**: Henderson 2 (11), Mullins (15). **CS**: Cabrera (2). **SF**: Torres, Rice. **RISP**: Baltimore 6 for 2; New York 3 for 7. **DP**: Baltimore 2 (Urias, Mateo, Mountcastle; Henderson, Mateo, Mountcastle).

Baltimore	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Povich	4.2	1	1	1	5	1	94	3.94
Webb	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	21	1.85
Pérez, H, 7	0.1	2	2	2	2	0	22	4.87
Cano, H, 18	1.0	1	1	1	1	0	13	2.51
Baker, H, 2	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	6	0.00
Kimbrel, W, 5-2	1.0	2	1	1	0	1	19	2.63
Tate, S, 1-2	1.0	1	1	0	1	1	19	2.22

Yankees	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Cole	4.0	3	2	2	1	5	62	4.50
Marinaccio	1.0	3	2	2	1	2	34	3.00
González	1.2	0	1	1	0	1	20	3.22
Kahnle	0.1	1	0	0	0	0	10	4.32
Ferguson	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	10	4.94
Misiewicz	1.0	2	0	0	1	1	30	0.00
Holmes, L, 1-3	1.0	2	2	1	0	0	18	2.53

T: 3:40. **A**: 47,155 (47,309).

Marlins 4, Cardinals 3

St. Louis	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Winn ss	5	1	1	0	0	0	.293
Burleson rf	5	0	0	0	0	3	.268
Goldschmidt 1b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.230
Gorman 2b	4	1	1	1	0	2	.202
Arenado 3b	3	1	2	0	0	0	.260
Fermín pr-3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.176
Donovan lf	4	0	2	1	0	1	.251
Carpenter dh	4	0	2	0	0	2	.229
Pagés c	4	0	1	0	0	1	.128
Siani cf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.214
Carlson ph-cf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.167
Totals	37	3	10	2	0	12	

Miami	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
De La Cruz dh	4	1	1	1	0	1	.245
Sánchez rf	3	2	1	1	1	1	.243
Bell 1b	4	0	2	0	0	1	.247
Rivera 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.209
Burger 3b-1b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.221
Gordon lf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.222
Myers ph-cf	1	0	1	0	0	0	.218
Anderson ss	4	1	1	0	0	0	.227
Lrujez cf-1f	4	0	0	0	0	1	.237
Lopez 2b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.258
Fortes c	3	0	1	0	0	0	.159
Totals	32	4	8	4	2	5	

St. Louis	020	000	100	—	3	10	0
Miami	200	001	001	—	4	8	1

Two outs when winning run scored. **E**: Burger (7). **LOB**: St. Louis 8, Miami 5. **2B**: Carpenter (2), Bell (13). **HR**: Gorman (16), off Chirinos; De La Cruz (13), off Liberatore; Sánchez (6), off Liberatore. **RBIs**: Gorman (34), Donovan (33), De La Cruz (34), Sánchez (28), Myers (10), Lopez (19). **SB**: Arenado (1), Siani (2) (9). **CS**: Fermín (1). **SF**: Myers. **RISP**: St. Louis 1 for 10; Miami 1 for 5.

St. Louis	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Liberatore	3.2	3	2	2	1	1	48	4.46
Roycroft	1.1	1	0	0	0	1	22	3.07
King	0.2	1	1	1	1	1	14	2.45
Leahy	2.1	1	0	0	0	2	28	4.07
Fernandez, L, 0-2	0.2	2	1	1	0	0	14	2.59

Miami	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Chirinos	5.0	8	2	2	0	6	87	3.60
Puk	1.2	1	1	0	0	3	16	6.52
Scotzban, BS, 0-1	1.1	0	0	0	0	2	24	0.03
Bratt, W, 6-5	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	17	1.74

T: 2:35. **A**: 11,830 (37,446).

Rangers 5, Mets 3

Mets	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Lindor ss	4						

Ex-Pistons coach will get \$65M after firing

By MATT EHALT

One season in, Detroit paid for a lot of future endeavors for Monty Williams.

The Pistons fired Williams on Wednesday with more than \$65 million left on his record six-year, \$78.5 million contract he signed prior to the 2023-24 season, according to ESPN.

Williams, the NBA Coach of the Year just two years ago, led the Pistons to an NBA-worst 14-68 record.

The Pistons hired Williams with that record contract in hopes he could lead a turnaround in Detroit, but the season instead turned into an embarrassment.

Detroit set an NBA record by losing 28 straight games in a single season and tied the overall record set by the 76ers over two seasons.

The 52-year-old Williams surely knew he had a tall task ahead of him when he signed his record six-year pact, but the Pistons showed little to no growth this past year.

New team president Trajan Langdon first dismissed general manager Troy Weaver, and he now will be choosing his own coach after firing Williams.

This firing adds to what has been a wild four years for Williams.

He led the Suns to the Finals in 2021 and then the West's top record in 2022, although Phoenix bowed out in the conference semifinals with an embarrassing home loss in Game 7 to the Mavericks.

Guiding the Suns to a 64-18 record earned him top coach honors and a multiyear extension.

He led Phoenix back to the conference semifinals last year, before falling to the Nuggets, but new owner Mat Ishbia decided to move on from Williams despite owing him more than \$20 million.

The Pistons then swooped in, jumping on the chance to add a respected coach for a team led by emerging star Cade Cunningham.

Williams had thought of potentially sitting out the 2023-24 season since his wife is battling cancer but ultimately decided to coach, according to ESPN.

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Can USMNT hang with best of South America?

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GROUP PLAY SCHEDULE

Date	Time	TV	Match	Group	Site
Thursday	8 p.m.	FS1	Argentina vs. Canada	A	Atlanta
Friday	8 p.m.	FS1	Peru vs. Chile	A	Arlington, Texas
Saturday	6 p.m.	FS1	Ecuador vs. Venezuela	B	Santa Clara, Calif.
Saturday	9 p.m.	FS1	Mexico vs. Jamaica	B	Houston
Sunday	6 p.m.	FOX	USA vs. Bolivia	C	Arlington, Texas
Sunday	9 p.m.	FOX	Uruguay vs. Panama	C	Miami Gardens, Fla.
Monday	6 p.m.	FS1	Colombia vs. Paraguay	D	Houston
Monday	9 p.m.	FS1	Brazil vs. Costa Rica	D	Inglewood, Calif.
Tuesday	6 p.m.	FS1	Peru vs. Canada	A	Kansas City, Mo.
Tuesday	9 p.m.	FS1	Chile vs. Argentina	A	East Rutherford
June 26	6 p.m.	FS1	Ecuador vs. Jamaica	B	Las Vegas
June 26	9 p.m.	FS1	Venezuela vs. Mexico	B	Inglewood, Calif.
June 27	6 p.m.	FOX	Panama vs. USA	C	Atlanta
June 27	9 p.m.	FOX	Uruguay vs. Bolivia	C	East Rutherford
June 28	6 p.m.	FS1	Colombia vs. Costa Rica	D	Glendale, Ariz.
June 28	9 p.m.	FS1	Paraguay vs. Brazil	D	Las Vegas
June 29	8 p.m.	FS1	Argentina vs. Peru	A	Miami Gardens, Fla.
June 29	8 p.m.	FS2	Canada vs. Chile	A	Orlando, Fla.
June 30	8 p.m.	FOX	Mexico vs. Ecuador	B	Glendale, Ariz.
June 30	8 p.m.	FS1	Jamaica vs. Venezuela	B	Austin, Texas
July 1	9 p.m.	FS2	Brazil vs. Colombia	C	Orlando, Fla.
July 1	9 p.m.	FS1	USA vs. Uruguay	C	Kansas City, Mo.
July 2	9 p.m.	FS2	Costa Rica vs. Paraguay	D	Austin, Texas
July 2	9 p.m.	FS1	Brazil vs. Colombia	D	Santa Clara, Calif.

KNOCKOUT ROUND SCHEDULE

Date	Time	TV	Match	Site
July 4	9 p.m.	FOX	Quarterfinal: 1A vs. 2B	Houston
July 5	9 p.m.	FS1	Quarterfinal: 1B vs. 2A	Arlington, Texas
July 6	6 p.m.	FS1	Quarterfinal: 1D vs. 2C	Glendale, Ariz.
July 6	9 p.m.	FS1	Quarterfinal: 1C vs. 2D	Las Vegas
July 9	8 p.m.	FS1	Semifinal 1	East Rutherford
July 10	8 p.m.	FS1	Semifinal 2	Charlotte, N.C.
July 13	8 p.m.	FS1	Third-place match	Charlotte, N.C.
July 14	8 p.m.	FOX	Final	Miami

Before hosting the World Cup in two years, the U.S. is getting an appetizer this summer.

Copa America, South America's continental championship, will be played in America this summer for the first time in eight years, with North American teams invited to compete against the likes of Argentina, Brazil, Colombia and Uruguay.

Though teams from outside South America have regularly been invited to Copa America, none have ever won the tournament, with Mexico's pair of final appearances in 1993 and 2001 accounting for the best result for a team outside the continent.

The U.S., Mexico and Canada, however, will be among the teams looking to change that this summer, starting on Thursday night.

The Post's Ethan Sears breaks down five games to watch in the Copa America group stage:

ARGENTINA VS. CANADA



Thursday, 8 p.m., Group A, in Atlanta

It's rare in an international tournament that the opening match is not contested by the host nation, but that will be the case in Miami on Thursday, since Lionel Messi is an enterprise of his own. Argentina opens its defense of the 2021 Copa title in Messi's new home city against a Canada squad that has struggled since an insurgent campaign to qualify for the 2022 World Cup. Under new head coach **Jesse Marsch**, though, the Canadians will have their eyes on qualification for the knockout stage, with the opener being an immediate litmus test.



CHILE VS. ARGENTINA



Tuesday, 9 p.m., Group A, in East Rutherford

One of two group stage matches to be contested at MetLife Stadium should be one of the highlights of the early part of the tournament. The last time Chile and Argentina drew off in New Jersey was in the 2016 Copa America final — a 0-0 draw that ended with the Chileans winning a penalty shootout to deny Messi's Argentina a first major trophy. Chile's core is on the older side now, and it will come as no surprise that Argentina will be considerable favorites in this game. But this is a classic South American rivalry and a chance to catch Messi close to home, and that alone qualifies it for this slot.

Bell tolls for Gotham with debut winner

By JARED SCHWARTZ

GOTHAM FC 2
SAN DIEGO WAVE 1

Maycee Bell didn't need long.

She firmly made her first mark on the NWSL. On a team full of veterans, it was the rookie who came up big in the clutch.

Bell came off the bench to score a late, 99th-minute winner as Gotham beat the San Diego Wave, 2-1, Wednesday night at Red Bull Arena.

"I kind of blacked out after I scored," Bell said. "I was just super joyful. It's a very surreal moment. I can just feel that my teammates were super happy for me, too. It was an awesome moment."

Gotham (8-3-2, 27 points) are now unbeaten in their last nine games, and extended their winning streak to five games. They moved up to third in the table, behind the Current and Pride, who both have 29 points.

They had upper hand most of the second half, and Bell, a defender who was Gotham's first-round pick (No. 14) this year, ventured forward into the Wave's box. She collected a cross from Jenna Nighswonger before firing past Wave

goalkeeper Kailen Sheridan to give Gotham their 2-1 lead. Bell had subbed in for Bruninha in the 84th minute, and delivered the goal roughly 15 minutes later.

It was Bell's first goal in the NWSL.

"I'm glad God blessed me with some long legs to get that first touch," Bell said. "I've just been trying to work really hard, and it was great to finally get the outcome."

Rose Lavelle opened the scoring for Gotham. She only needs an inch, so when she found herself all alone in the Wave's half just before halftime, it almost seemed inevitable that she'd punish her opponent. Lavelle subsequently thumped a left-footed screamer from outside the box into the top corner past Sheridan.

Katie Stengel won possession back for Gotham in the fourth minute of first-half stoppage time and Lavelle quickly scooped the ball up before driving at the Wave's defense. Lavelle was allowed to take five touches

without any Wave defender stepping up to challenge her, and as a result she had time to set up her curling missile into the back of the net.

The goal was Lavelle's third this year, and second in her last three games.

Mya Jones equalized for the Wave just minutes into the second half after collecting an errant pass from Ann-Katrin Berger and then firing to the near post. Berger wasn't under much pressure, but her one-touch pass went right to Jones in a moment the goalie would like to have back.

United States Women's National Team legend Alex Morgan subbed on for the Wave at halftime and played the second half but was quiet.

A year after winning the NWSL Championship, Gotham are humming again.

"Everyone stepped on that pitch to make sure Gotham was the winner," head coach Juan Carlos Amoros said. "That's been the case not only through this run but since the beginning of this year, from last year as well. That's why we're the reigning champions."

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MEXICO VS. ECUADOR

June 30, 8 p.m., Group B, in Glendale, Ariz.



As the U.S. has risen to the top of North American soccer, so too has Mexico fallen off a perch it once dominated. A failure to make it out of the group stage in the Qatar World Cup represented the worst result for Mexico at the tournament

since they were banned from the 1990 edition, and the worst at a tournament in which they qualified since 1978. Coach Jaime Lozano, a native of Mexico, comes into this tournament with the program under immense scrutiny despite winning the 2023 Gold Cup, and with a chance for his squad to prove itself in front of what will be a de facto home crowd in every game. Mexico should get out of a group that also includes Ecuador, Venezuela and Jamaica, but this match against the Ecuadorians will be their biggest test of the three. If they can win it — and likely win the group along with it — that would likely mean avoiding Argentina in the quarterfinals.

USA VS. URUGUAY

July 1, 9 p.m., Group C, in Kansas City, Mo.



There is not quite as much unease with the USMNT heading into this tournament as with Mexico, but compared to the optimism heading into the World

Cup two years ago, Gregg Berhalter's squad is very much at a crossroads. Uruguay, a traditional South American powerhouse, will be the first major test of this Copa America for a squad that has yet to score a victory against such a team. The result here will help set the tone for the discourse around the national team for the next couple years — though not as much as the ultimate outcome of this tournament — and is likely to decide the group winner.



BRAZIL VS. COLOMBIA

July 2, 9 p.m., Group D, in Santa Clara, Calif.



It's a shame that Brazil-Colombia is the Group D finale and not the opener, since it's possible that both teams will have secured advancement by the time they face off. Still, this looks on paper like the best match of the group stage and

could determine the U.S. opponent in the quarterfinal should the Americans advance. Brazil is in a particularly interesting spot coming into this tournament — with a new generation headlined by Vinicius Jr., Rodrygo and Endrick stepping into the spotlight. A 1-1 draw against the USMNT in its last match before the tournament caused histrionics at home, with Brazilian legend Ronaldinho blasting the squad and saying he wouldn't watch the Copa. We'll see whether he ultimately goes back on that promise.



IN THE MOMENT: Rookie defender Maycee Bell (center) celebrates her game-winning goal in the 99th minute to give Gotham FC a 2-1 win over the San Diego Wave. Noah K. Murray

Hope & Prey: Johnnies add big-time Euro

By ZACH BRAZILLER

St. John's search for front-court depth culminated Tuesday night in a commitment from Portuguese forward Ruben Prey.

But the 6-foot-10 forward with a 7-2 wingspan isn't just another body. In time, he could be a difference-maker for coach Rick Pitino, a European scout and European journalist familiar with Prey told The Post. Some consider him an NBA prospect down the road.

"I really do believe he will make a splash right away. ... He's a guy that can contribute immediately, because he's been playing against men for three years at the top level," Ricardo Brito Reis, a EuroLeague announcer who has also worked with the Portuguese national team, said in a phone interview Wednesday. "He's definitely ready to play in the NCAA."

St. John's had recruited the 19-year-old Prey for a year. He nearly joined the team last season, but opted to stay overseas and play for Joventut Badalona, the Spanish club team he's been with since the age of 14.

St. John's remained in contact with Prey, and he opted to make the move this week. It sees him as someone who can play both the 4 and 5, enabling St. John's to play big on occasion with either Zubey Ejiyofer or USC transfer Vince Iwu-chukwu at center.

Prey has previously played on multiple junior national teams for Portugal and was the MVP of the 2023 Adidas Next Generation Tournament. He averaged 8.5 points and 3.0 rebounds in two games in the FIBA Eurobasket 2025 Qualifiers for Portugal's senior national team.

Playing for Joventut Badalona of the Liga ACB, the top league in Spain, he averaged three points and three

rebounds in 12 minutes per game. On Joventut Badalona's backup team CB Prat, which plays in the third league in Spain, he posted 11.8 points, 7.8 rebounds and 1.1 blocks in 24.8 minutes.

Ignacio Rissotto, who covers international youth basketball events for FIBA and specializes in international NBA prospects, said one of Prey's strengths is his ability to put the ball on the floor and can be a weapon in pick-and-rolls as a roller or in pick-and-pop situations. A European scout, who requested anonymity, raved about Prey's motor, and ability to get up and down the floor for someone his size, frequently beating other centers downcourt.

"Best thing is he can run the court like crazy," the scout said. "For the transition game, he's unbelievable. He's 6-10, 6-11 and he can run like a guard."

The 210-pound Prey does have to put on some muscle. The scout said consistency is sometimes an issue, and his perimeter shot needs work. But he clearly has a high ceiling. BYU, Kentucky and Nebraska were also interested in him, according to sources, but St. John's had the inside track based on the past dialogue between the two parties.

"He's a 6-foot-10 guy with great speed, lateral movement, he can defend multiple positions. He's a good rim protector," Brito Reis said. "Offensively, he's very versatile. He can dribble, he runs

the floor really well — he's a great rim-runner — and when they have to play half-court, he's a guy that can play both outside or inside, [with his] back to the basket. He has to develop his left-hand dribble, but he has great court awareness and he's developing his 3-point shot."

Added Rissotto: "St. John's got someone with a really high ceiling."

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DEFENSE SYSTEM

Bowen unit will exhibit less chaos than recent years

By PAUL SCHWARTZ

There has been so much verbiage and conversation about what the Giants will not be on defense in 2024. They did not exactly surface as a dominating unit the past two years, but there was an established identity — created by coordinator Wink Martindale's relentless inclination and dependency on creating discomfort with pressure packages filled with blitz after blitz.

That will not be the Giants' calling card now that Shane Bowen is in charge of the defense. All spring, that has been an acknowledged change as Bowen implemented the system he utilized the past three seasons with the Titans. So much, that when the Giants reconvene July 23 for training camp, it would not be such a shock to see Bowen distribute "Less Aggressive" T-shirts to the guys who get paid to play on defense.

One look at Bowen's expression when this scenario was broached to him made it clear there will be no such shirts printed up.

"Yeah, I think there is a fine line between being schematically aggressive and being play-style aggressive," Bowen said, quite succinctly. "Like, the play style ain't going to change. We're going to be physical, we're going to be tough. We've got a high standard for that."

"We turn the tape on, we want teams to see us flying around, hitting people, not turning down contact, being decisive in our decisions, being aggressive with our breaks. There is a lot of aggressiveness outside of scheme as it relates to defensive football. Then with the scheme, we'll see. Still a work in progress."

If you find a defensive coordinator who embraces a "less aggressive" label, check the employment status of that coordinator. They all preach the need for their unit to inflict its will on the opponent, and Bowen is in lock-step with that thinking. It is how he plans to unleash it that will look much different than before. Martindale wanted to create chaos. Bowen is looking for more controlled mayhem.

"Wink kind of wanted you to play hard and fast," inside linebacker Bobby Okereke said. "You know, just play physical, downhill, figure it out. Here, it's a process of elimination. If this guy goes vertical, you check two. If two does this, you check three. You kind of put it in buckets, and that's the process of decision-making."

Bowen, 37, first worked with Mike Vrabel in 2012 on Urban Meyer's staff at Ohio State. Vrabel later entrusted

Bowen to run the Titans' defense, using a system that traces its roots to Vrabel — and further back with Dean Pees and Bill Belichick.

The Titans in 2023 under Bowen blitzed just 22 percent of the time. Martindale's Giants blitzed 45 percent of the time. Bowen last season had his defense in Cover 4 — essentially a four-deep zone — 23 percent of the defensive snaps. This will be a big change for the returning defensive backs, who will be asked to play less man coverage.

"Probably playing not as aggressive," second-year cornerback Deonte Banks said. "It's still aggressive, but just not as aggressive. I guess a little bit more zone. I guess you could say that."

Banks did say, "I really still have the same responsibility.

I'm still pressing, still up close on the guy. It doesn't really change that much."

The more Banks learns and works in the system, the more he may notice the changes are significant. Bowen said he will demand that the defensive backs adapt to new marching orders "just in terms of vision and eyes and where they're looking."

Bowen will ask his four defensive linemen to generate pressure on the opposing quarterback using their own physical force and talents. The expectation is Kayvon Thibodeaux and Brian Burns on the outside and Dexter Lawrence on the interior will be able to get the job done. If they cannot do it, then Bowen will call for pressure in the form of blitzes.

"Ultimately, scheme for me is finding what fits our players best, right?" Bowen said. "We got to do a good job as a coaching staff figuring that out as we go, as we've been through the spring and we can evaluate, and as we get into training camp, continuing that evaluation. Something that never really stops as we go throughout the season."

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Ruben Prey



METHOD OVER MADNESS: New Giants defensive coordinator Shane Bowen insists his unit will maintain its aggressive style, but his strategy will offer more control and less chaos, compared to the previous scheme. Corey Sipkin

'Sore' Judge sits out night after HBP scare

By DAN MARTIN

The Yankees averted disaster when Aaron Judge was drilled by a 94 mph four-seam fastball from Baltimore's Albert Suarez on Tuesday night, with imaging coming back negative, but Judge was still held out of Wednesday's 7-6, 10-inning loss to the Orioles at the Stadium.

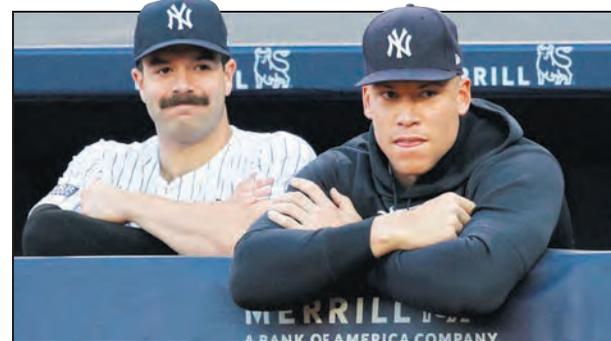
Aaron Boone called the injury "day-to-day" after Judge was yanked from Tuesday's game in the fourth inning.

Judge and Boone discussed the possibility of Judge starting on Wednesday, but Boone made the decision to play it safe, with a potential return to the lineup "hopefully" Thursday, according to the manager.

"I think we both came in [Wednesday] a little open to it," Boone said of the idea that Judge could be in the lineup. "Ultimately, I said, 'I think you should take the day.'"

And Judge clearly wasn't available off the bench, as he wasn't used as a pinch hitter for Jahmai Jones with the tying run at first to end the game.

Boone called Thursday a "maybe" for Judge and called Wednesday's off day not a bad thing in general.



TAKE IT EASY: Aaron Judge sits on the bench during the Yankees' 7-6 loss in 10 innings on Wednesday a night after getting hit in the hand. N.Y. Post: Charles Wenzelberg

"It doesn't hurt in the grand scheme of things to also give him just a normal day since he's banged up," Boone said of Judge, who has played in as many games (74) as any Yankee other than Gleyber Torres this season. "Hope this serves his whole body well."

Boone added Judge was able to take some swings in the cage prior to Wednesday's game before the lineup was made.

"He was better [Wednesday] and got down there [in the cage] and swung a little bit, but it was definitely still pretty sore in there," Boone said. "I don't want him to go out there and compromise anything [and] fight through it and something bad happens."

The Yankees have shown in the past they can ill afford a prolonged absence by Judge, whose foot injury a year ago eliminated any hope of a second-half run to the postseason.

After dealing with nearly a half a season without Gerrit Cole, who returned Wednesday from the elbow inflammation that sidelined him since the spring, as well as the forearm discomfort from Juan Soto that gave the organization a scare, the Yankees are as whole now as they've been all year — or will be whenever Judge gets back.

But given the Yankees' fears when Judge got hit Tuesday, they felt considerably better about their situation Wednesday.

Another runner's delight vs. Trevino

By DAN MARTIN

After not allowing more than three stolen bases in a game until the Red Sox had nine on Sunday, Jose Trevino saw Baltimore steal four bases with him behind the plate in Wednesday's 7-6, 10-inning loss.

And his throwing error in the 10th when Cedric Mullins swiped

third allowed Mullins to score a crucial run.

Trevino said he didn't have a good grip on the ball on that throw, but otherwise was unconcerned about his recent difficulty on defense, even as his arm speed has decreased.

He entered Wednesday having thrown out 26 percent of base stealers, the same as last season.

Aaron Boone said it was on everyone to improve to cut down on stolen bases.

Mullins, who — along with Gunnar Henderson — stole two bases Wednesday, said there was nothing in particular they saw from Trevino that caused them to run.

"That's part of our game as a team," Mullins said. "We're aggressive on the bases."

Trevino has also made errors in three consecutive games.

► **Clay Holmes** allowed two more runs in the 10th and has given up two runs in each of his last three appearances.

"He's not quite as crisp," Boone said of the closer's recent performances. "But he's not far off."

YANKEES NOTES

► **Anthony Rizzo** was placed on the 60-day IL with a right forearm fracture to make room for the return of **Gerrit Cole** on the 40-man roster.

Ben Rice started at first base again Wednesday and Boone said Rice would be given plenty of playing time after being called up from Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre and making his MLB debut on Tuesday.

"He's gonna play," Boone said. "We're in a stretch of games [against] a number of lefty starters. I don't expect him to play all of those. It's day-to-day."

The other main option at first base in Rizzo's absence is **DJ LeMahieu**, who singled Wednesday, but has yet to get going at the plate this season after missing the early part of the year with a fractured bone in his right foot.

Isles reward rookie with three-year deal

By ETHAN SEARS

Kyle MacLean spent the second half of the season cementing himself as a piece of the future for the Islanders.

The Islanders, in turn, made that official Wednesday, signing MacLean to a three-year, \$2.325 million deal to preempt restricted free agency, with an annual \$775,000 cap charge, per CapFriendly.

The 25-year-old MacLean, an undrafted free agent whose NHL debut came in January, quickly established himself as a hardworking and effective player in the bottom-six for the Islanders, usually centering Matt Martin and Cal Clutterbuck on the fourth line.

He finished last season with four goals and five assists in 32 games, and was one of the Islanders' best players in their five-game loss to the Hurricanes in the first round of the playoffs.

"The experience I had playing games, it's always nice to build confidence," MacLean said on breakup day. "That feeling of being able to play here, that was something I definitely learned about myself and helped me out a lot. With my game, I kind of learned my role pretty well too, pretty clearly, which is good knowledge that I have to use

going into next year."

Pinning down MacLean for the next three seasons gives the Islanders some flexibility down the middle as well, though it's an open question as to how they'll use it.

The Islanders' current shadow roster of 18 players features six different natural centermen out of 11 forwards under contract — MacLean, Bo Horvat, Brock Nelson, Mat Barzal, Jean-Gabriel Pageau and Casey Cizikas. When all six were playing for the Islanders at the end of last season, coach Patrick Roy solved that problem by having Horvat center Barzal and Cizikas, though the Islanders went through a series of different configurations after Roy took over in February.

Because Barzal has played on the wing since Horvat was brought in during the 2022-23 season, it is no issue keeping him there. Nelson has just a year left on his contract and will be 33 next season, but a bottom-six logjam should not change the calculus as to whether the Islanders keep him.

MacLean's ability to play a defense-first, puck-hounding role in the bottom-six does, however, appear re-

dundant with Pageau and Cizikas, two vets who are part of the core.

After general manager Lou Lamoriello signaled an openness to change on breakup day, saying, "There's nothing sacred," this is the first test of those words.

Gaining the salary-cap flexibility that would come with moving Pageau (\$5 million annually) would be a boon to the Islanders, who are relatively strapped for cash ahead of free agency.

After signing MacLean, they are projected to have \$5.65 million of open cap space when free agency opens on July 1, less than all but four teams league-wide.

Pageau, who is coming off a season he called "not good enough" on breakup day in which he accounted for just 33 points, appears to be an obvious candidate for a trade or buyout with two years left on his deal.

The league's first buyout window opens 48 hours after the Stanley Cup Final ends. If Pageau is bought out, it would save the Islanders a total of \$2.5 million over the next four seasons but reduce Pageau's cap hit to \$2.75 million for the upcoming season.

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KYLE MacLEAN

Devs deal for goalie Markstrom

By JUSTIN TASCH

The Devils made a big move that they hope will solve their goaltending conundrum.

The Devils acquired goalie Jacob Markstrom from the Flames on Wednesday for a 2025 first-round pick and defenseman Kevin Bahl.

The pick is top-10 protected, and the Flames are retaining 31.25 percent of Markstrom's remaining contract.

Markstrom, 34, has two years remaining on his contract at \$6 million a season, but the Devils' cap hit will be \$4.125 million a year.

"It's a great challenge for me, and I want to get pushed, I want to be challenged to perform my best," Markstrom told reporters via Zoom after the trade. "I think my best will come out of this, for sure."

The Swede had a 2.78 goals-against average and .905 save percentage in 48 games with the Flames this past season, his fourth year in Calgary.

It was an improvement on his 2.92 GAA and .892 save percentage in 2022-23.

The former Panthers and Canucks goaltender had his best season two years ago, when he had a 2.22 GAA, .922 save percentage and a league-leading nine shutouts.

As a team, the Devils were tied for the fifth-worst save percentage (.896) and fifth-worst GAA (3.43) in the NHL during the 2023-24 season.

Vitek Vanecek, who led Devils goalies with 32 games played, had a 3.18 GAA and .890 save percentage.

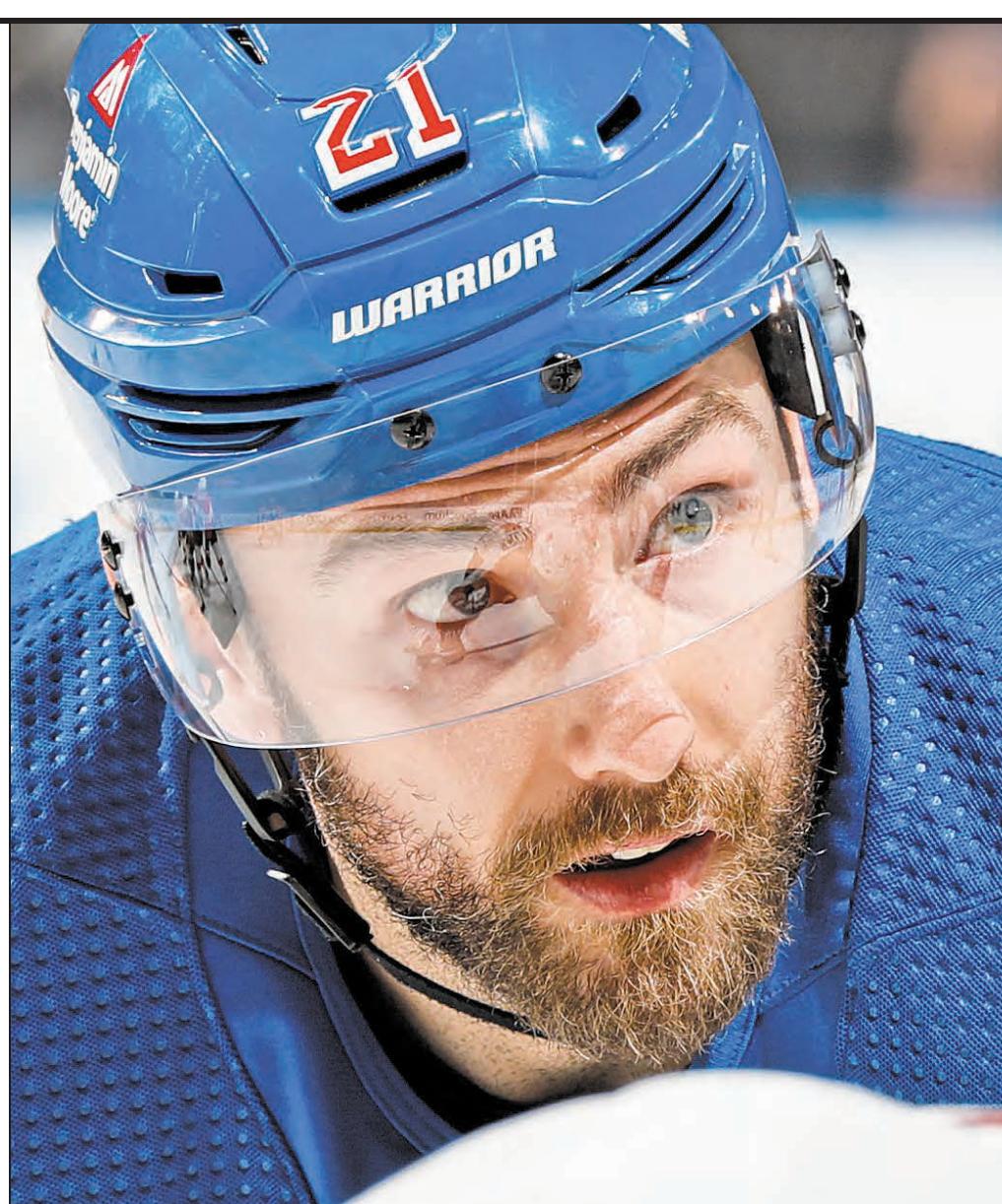
Nico Daws (21 games), Akira Schmid (19 games) and Jake Allen (13 games) all had GAAs between 3.12 and 3.15.

The 33-year-old Allen has one year left on his contract with a \$1.925 million cap hit.

Bahl, 23, had one goal and 10 assists in 82 games for the Devils this past season.

The Devils recently hired Sheldon Keefe as their new head coach after he was fired by the Maple Leafs.

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COLD HARD CLASH:

Barclay Goodrow was picked up by the Sharks against his wishes, but by making a tough decision to better the Rangers, Chris Drury is showing he is willing to do what it takes to win the team's first Cup since 1994, writes The Post's Larry Brooks.

Getty Images; N.Y. Post: Charles Wenzelberg

DOLLARS & SENSE

AFTER speaking to multiple sources on Wednesday, there is widespread belief that Barclay Goodrow had included the Sharks on his 15-team, no-trade list that GM Chris Drury got around by placing No. 21 on waivers, where San Jose exercised the first claim to take the two-time Cup-winner.

This was ruthless. And this is what championship organizations do.

After losing the 2022 Final after two consecutive Cup championships, the Lightning told Ryan McDonagh that if he didn't waive his full no-trade clause to accept a deal to Nashville, he would be put on waivers. McDonagh accepted the deal.

Thirteen years earlier, the Lightning pulled the same thing with Dan Boyle, telling the defenseman with the no-trade clause that if he didn't accept a trade to San Jose, he would be put on waivers and claimed by the Atlanta Thrashers.

We're told that Goodrow's 15-trade list included teams in less-than-desirable locations and those who are not contenders. San Jose would fit into that last category. But the 31-year-old's feelings did not enter into this.

Drury and the hierarchy reached the conclusion that the Rangers needed to remove Goodrow's \$3,641,667 salary-cap hit — through 2026-27 — from the ledger in order to compete for a championship. So they acted in cold blood.

I wouldn't want anything less. This is a transactional business. Goodrow has been paid well and will continue to be paid well. He did not get a no-move clause when he signed his six-year deal



CHRIS DRURY

Ruthless move shows Rangers finally doing what it takes to win Cup

in 2021. He has always been vulnerable to a trade.

The Rangers struck when they could and cleared a substantial amount of space they will need over the next three seasons while attempting to turn 10 playoff victories into 16.

They need to get bigger, faster, more equipped for the final four, and if anyone thinks Tyler Toffoli is the answer, I'm not sure what the question is.

We've been told by several folks that Goodrow — who scored six goals in 16 postseason matches after recording four in 80 games during the regular season — is not happy about how this went down. I guess I don't blame him.

But it's not about Goodrow's feelings. It's about Drury and the hierarchy keeping their eyes on the prize. The Rangers could not justify carrying a fourth-liner with a nearly \$3.642M cap charge whose penalty-kill numbers were strikingly inferior to those posted by the club's other primary killers.



Larry Brooks



San Jose claims Goodrow off waivers

By MOLLIE WALKER

Barclay Goodrow is a Shark once again.

The two-time Stanley Cup winner, whom the Rangers put on waivers Tuesday in an effort to create cap space, was claimed by the team that gave him his first NHL contract, the Sharks, on Wednesday as part of a pre-arranged deal with San Jose, as first reported by The Post.

The Rangers' former hockey operations adviser turned Sharks general manager, Mike Grier, and San Jose now assume the remaining three years of Goodrow's contract.

The Rangers put Goodrow on waivers on Tuesday. Goodrow, who was undrafted, signed with the Sharks after five seasons in the Ontario Hockey League in March 2014. He bounced between the NHL and AHL his first few seasons but went on to play parts of six seasons with San Jose while also dealing with injuries.

The reunion makes sense for the Sharks, who could use some veteran leadership during this

rebuilding time.

San Jose is also in a position to take on Goodrow's contract as they look to make moves this off-season that help them reach the cap floor of \$65 million in 2024-25.

Goodrow gets to keep his \$3,641,667 per year deal and return to a familiar place.

Rangers president and general manager Chris Drury evidently isn't content with running it back after the club's second conference final loss in three years.

As clutch as Goodrow was in the playoffs, recording six goals and two assists in 16 games, the 31-year-old struggled to produce during the regular season.

Goodrow, who has served as alternate captain since he signed with the Rangers in 2021, has helped establish a winning approach and attitude in the Blueshirts' locker room, in addition to playing a niche role that doesn't always get the credit it deserves.

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Goodrow provided value over his three seasons. If you think he was disrespected in the end, what did Don Draper say to Peggy Olson? Oh, right: That's what the money (was) for ...

A long time ago, Ray Ferraro signed a three-year free-agent contract with the Rangers that included a fourth-year team option. Then GM Neil Smith traded Ferraro to the Kings after 65 games in the ill-fated deal at the 1996 deadline for Jarri Kurri, Marty McSorley and Shane Churla.

I remember people suggesting that no free agent would ever sign with the Rangers after this type of machination. If only (Dread) Scott Fraser and Val Kamensky had taken that advice. Players signed with the Rangers because it was in their and their family's best interest.

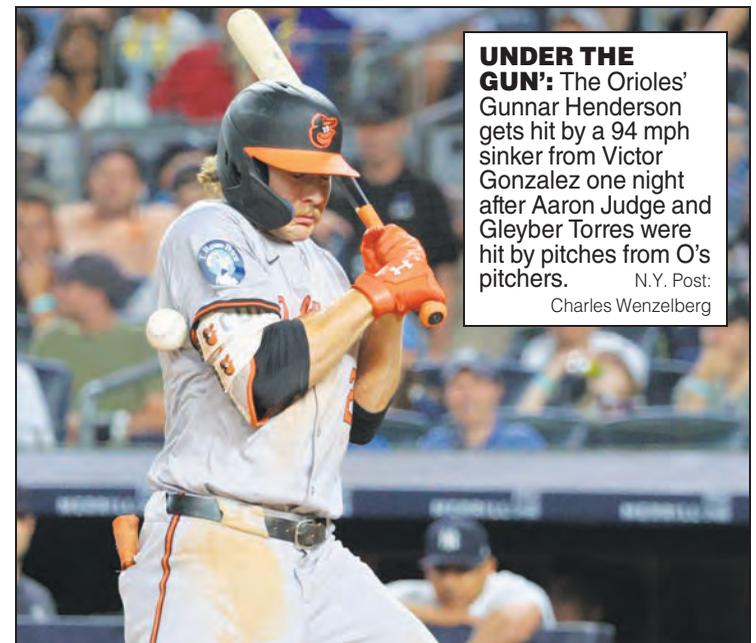
No one is going to be reluctant to sign with the Blueshirts because of Goodrow.

One Cup since 1940. None since 1994. What are we talking about here?

There is one track and one track only for the Rangers.

If ruthlessness is a feature of it, so be it.

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UNDER THE GUN: The Orioles' Gunnar Henderson gets hit by a 94 mph sinker from Victor Gonzalez one night after Aaron Judge and Gleyber Torres were hit by pitches from O's pitchers. N.Y. Post: Charles Wenzelberg

Yankees return favor to O's for Tuesday plunks

By DAN MARTIN

After the Yankees took issue with Aaron Judge and Gleyber Torres getting hit by Baltimore pitches on Tuesday, the Yankee bullpen turned the tables — whether it intended to or not — in Wednesday's 7-6, 10-inning loss to the Orioles at the Stadium.

First, Victor Gonzalez drilled Gunnar Henderson with a 94 mph sinker in the back of the shoulder with the first pitch of the top of the seventh.

Henderson and the Orioles got a measure of revenge when he scored later in the inning on a Ryan Mountcastle double to give the Orioles a four-run lead that loomed larger when Giancarlo Stanton blasted a three-run shot in the bottom of the inning and the Orioles held on by just a run.

And then Caleb Ferguson hit Colton Cowser with a 94 mph four-seam fastball with one out in the eighth.

Cowser slammed his bat down, but then trotted to first base and said afterwards he was certain Ferguson didn't hit him on purpose in a one-run game and was simply upset about not getting to swing the bat.

It came after the Yankees said Tuesday they did not believe that Judge, who missed Wednesday's game after getting hit on the left hand, and Torres were targeted.

Asked if he believed Gonzalez was throwing at Henderson, Baltimore manager Brandon Hyde said, "I have no idea."

Not surprisingly, Gonzalez said

through an interpreter he was just trying to execute a pitch up and in.

Cedric Mullins said of the pitches that it was "pure speculation weather it was purposeful or not."

"Things happen throughout a season," Mullins said. "I personally don't think [they were on purpose]. It's just the intensity of the games and where we are in the standings."

And Aaron Boone said no warnings were issued.

A day prior, Judge acknowledged after being hit that he was "pissed" that Baltimore pitchers continued to throw high and tight.

Prior to Wednesday's game, Hyde addressed the Yankees being upset with several up-and-in pitches his staff threw on Tuesday.

"I think getting hit is unfortunately a terrible part of the game, and I don't think anybody wants to see anybody get hit," Hyde said. "I don't want to see their guys get hit. I don't want to see our guys get hit."

He didn't get his wish. "When something like that happens — because it's probably in New York — it's a little bit bigger of a deal," Hyde said. "But we just don't want that to happen."

The teams close out their three-game series in The Bronx on Thursday and after Alex Verdugo said Tuesday that he expected there to be more of an "edge" to the games following the opener, there no doubt will be an even brighter spotlight Thursday on the two top teams in the AL East, and perhaps the entire American League.



Mendoza: Resurgent Diaz has his 'conviction' back

By MIKE PUMA

ARLINGTON, Texas — Edwin Diaz's "conviction" has returned.

In assessing his closer's success in three appearances off the injured list before Wednesday's game, manager Carlos Mendoza said Diaz's conviction and confidence in his pitches is probably the biggest reason for the right-hander's turnaround.

"He went through a lot," Mendoza said before the Mets' 5-3 loss to the Rangers at Globe Life Field. "You go through a stretch where it wasn't easy for him. I am pretty sure he was feeling it. At the end of the day the guy missed a whole year."

Diaz, who spent last season rehabbing from surgery to repair a torn patellar tendon in his right knee, pitched to an 8.68 ERA in May with four blown saves. In his three ap-

pearances since returning from a right shoulder impingement, entering play, Diaz hadn't allowed a run and converted both of his save opportunities.

"He is staying on the attack and continuing to make pitches," Mendoza said.

➤ **Kodai Senga** threw a bullpen session and is set to progress to facing hitters in a live batting practice session on Sunday or

Monday, according to Mendoza. The right-hander had gotten as far as facing hitters last month before regressing in his rehab from a right shoulder strain.

After he faces hitters, Senga still will have a minor league rehab assignment ahead of him, leaving him as a second-half possibility for the rotation if healthy.

METS NOTES

➤ **Jose Iglesias** (0-for-2) started at second base, with **Jeff McNeil** (0-for-1) on the bench, against Texas left-hander **Andrew Heaney**. A night earlier Iglesias entered the game as a pinch hitter and was on the field in the ninth to help turn a 6-4-3 double play in a one-run game. Iglesias earned praise for hanging in to complete the double play with **Davis Wendzel** sliding hard into the bag. **Brandon Nimmo** hugged Iglesias after the play.

"It says a lot about what is going on here as of late," Mendoza said. "How much they care for each other and how much they want it."

➤ The Mets' seven-game winning streak matched the club's longest in five years. The Mets won eight straight games in August 2019. The Mets' previous seven-game winning streak occurred in 2022.



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SATURDAY: 2:20 p.m., SNY/FS1
SUNDAY: 7:10 p.m., ESPN
WCBS (880 AM)

SLIP OF THE PEN: Drew Smith reacts after giving up a two-run homer to Leody Taveras (inset, celebrating with Adolis Garcia) during the seventh inning of the Mets' 5-3 loss to the Rangers.

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TEXAS ROLLED 'EM

By MIKE PUMA

ARLINGTON, Texas — The Mets' recent success has been built not just on a surging lineup, but also a bullpen that has become respectable after a disastrous May.

But Wednesday night, in their attempt to complete a three-game sweep of the sagging defending World Series champions, neither the runs nor the late-inning lockdown needed were found.

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Drew Smith surrendered a go-ahead homer to Leody Taveras in the seventh inning and the Mets never recovered in a 5-3 loss to the Rangers at Globe Life Field. The Mets had a season's best seven-game winning streak snapped.

The Mets' bullpen had pitched to a 1.40 ERA over the previous 11 games, but Smith — who has been largely dependable since returning from the injured list on June 2 — couldn't get the last out in the seventh inning. Taveras, on the seventh pitch of his at-bat, hit a 94 mph four-seam fastball over the right-field fence for a two-run homer that gave the Mets their margin of defeat.

Smith, a Dallas-area native who grew up attending Rangers games, had the thrill of pitching a shutout inning here Monday, but on this night absorbed the loss.

"It's baseball's highs and lows," Smith said. "I experienced a high the first day and a pretty bad low the last day."

Smith said the family and friends that had stuck around after Monday's game to see him didn't bother on Wednesday.

"They all left," Smith said.

Manager Carlos Mendoza might have used Dedniel Nunez in the seventh, but the fireballing rookie had a sinus infection and was unavailable.

Offensively the Mets managed only five hits and went silent in the final three innings. It followed a stretch in which the Mets (35-38) combined for 32 runs over three games against the Padres and Rangers.

The Rangers didn't get their first hit against Sean Manaea until the sixth on Robbie Grossman's single to left field. It snapped a string of 14 straight batters retired by Manaea since the first inning. Manaea lasted 5 ²/₃ innings and allowed three earned runs on two hits with three walks and a hit batter.



Win streak snapped at 7 as Mets fail to sweep defending champs

(BLEEP) IN THE HEART OF TEXAS: Sean Manaea (left), who didn't allow a hit until the sixth inning, and Francisco Alvarez react after Manaea allowed an RBI double to Josh Smith that scored Robbie Grossman during the sixth inning of the Mets' 5-3 loss to the Rangers. Mark Vientos (below) yells after striking out during the ninth inning.

AP (2)

Manaea needed 36 pitches to get through the first inning, but surrendered only one run. Manaea walked Grossman, Adolis Garcia and Josh Smith in succession with two outs to load the bases before plunking Wyatt Langford to give the Rangers a 1-0 lead. But Manaea rebounded to get the third out on Nathaniel Lowe's grounder.

After the first inning, Manaea huddled with Mendoza and catcher Francisco Alvarez for a pep talk.

"They took me aside and said, 'Now we go' and it kind of motivated me there," Manaea said. "From there it was throw the ball down the middle and see what they can do with it. That was a huge difference, not trying to shy away from contact."

Mendoza said Manaea's body language in the first inning was problematic.

"It was one of those where I wanted to pump him up a little

bit," Mendoza said.

Starling Marte's RBI double against Andrew Heaney in the fourth tied it 1-1. Brandon Nimmo delivered a check-swing double to left to start the rally and J.D. Martinez drew a full-count walk with one out. But following Marte's double, Heaney struck out Mark Vientos and Alvarez to strand runners on second and third.

Pete Alonso launched a two-run homer in the sixth that gave the Mets a 3-1 lead. Martinez walked and Alonso cleared the center-field

fence for his 16th homer this season. A night earlier Alonso stroked a go-ahead RBI double in the ninth inning of the Mets' 7-6 victory.

Smith's RBI double in the sixth pulled the Rangers within 3-2 and knocked out Manaea, who was within one out of working through the sixth inning for the first time in

six starts. Sean Reid-Foley entered and allowed a single to Langford that tied it 3-3. Lowe followed with a walk before Reid-Foley struck out Jonah Heim to escape the inning.

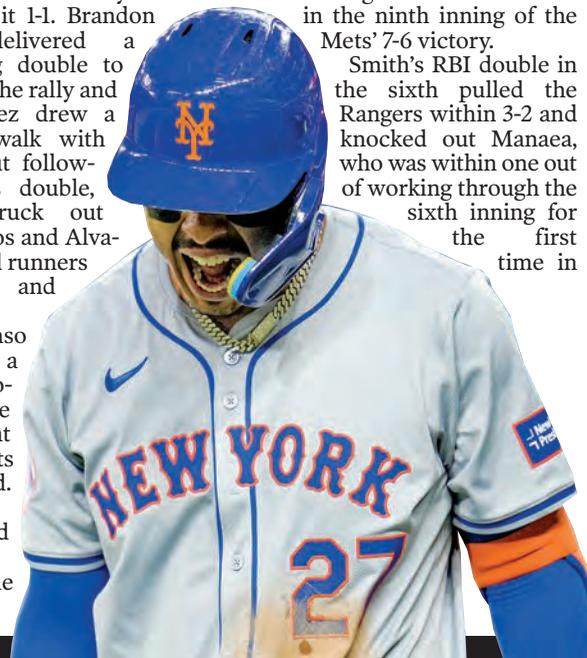
Alvarez singled to begin the seventh, but pinch-hitters Jeff McNeil and D.J. Stewart were retired before Jose Urena struck out Francisco Lindor.

Smith walked Corey Seager with two outs in the seventh before Taveras homered to put the Mets in a 5-3 hole.

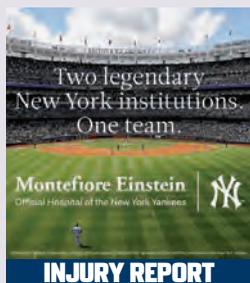
Though the Mets lost their winning streak, Mendoza is pleased with the manner in which the team has performed during an 11-5 June.

"After what we have been through, especially in the month of May, and for us to play good baseball shows that we have got a good team," Mendoza said. "We have got guys that are going to continue to compete."

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INJURY REPORT

■ **Anthony Rizzo** was moved to the 60-day injured list, with the first baseman expected to be out two months with a right forearm fracture.

■ Right-handers **Scott Effross** and **JT Brubaker**, both coming back from Tommy John surgery, began rehab assignments with Low-A Tampa.



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Thursday, 4:05 p.m.,
YES, WFAN

RHP Luis Gil



2024 stats:
9-1, 2.03 ERA
Career vs. BAL:
2-0, 0.00 ERA
Last start:
Fri. at BOS;
5.0 IP, 4 H, 1 ER

PITCH BREAKDOWN

55% Fastball | **28%** Change | **16%** Slider

LHP Cole Irvin



2024 stats:
6-3, 3.03 ERA
Career vs. NYY:
0-2, 8.31 ERA
Last start:
June 13 vs. ATL;
5.2 IP, 9 H, 3 ER

PITCH BREAKDOWN

31% Fastball | **25%** Curve | **16%** Sinker

UP NEXT

FRIDAY: vs. Braves,
7:05 p.m., Apple TV+,
WFAN

LHP *Chris Sale*
vs. TBD

SATURDAY: vs. Braves,
7:15 p.m., Fox, WFAN
RHP *Charlie Morton*
vs. TBD

SILVER LININGS



Yanks fall in extras, but Cole solid in '24 debut

By MARK W. SANCHEZ

Gerrit Cole on the mound. Baltimore's offense proving relentless. Giancarlo Stanton doing damage. Batters plunked by pitches with questionable intents. Comebacks, stiff-arms and remarkable plays as the two best teams in the American League battled for supremacy.

If Wednesday were a preview of what Yankees-Orioles showdowns will look like for the rest of the season and perhaps postseason, it was a fun one — and a disappointing one for the home crowd.

The Yankees roared back from a four-run hole beginning in the bottom of the seventh and sent the contest into extra innings, but the Orioles tagged Clay Holmes for a pair of runs in the 10th in a 7-6 Yankees loss in front of a sellout crowd of 47,155 in The Bronx.

The Yankees (51-25) dropped just a sixth game in their past 20 and watched their AL East lead get shaved to 1½ games before Thursday's series finale.

"It was a hell of a game. It really was," manager Aaron Boone said after the Yankees scored three runs in the seventh and one in the ninth — all driven in by Giancarlo Stanton — to tie it. "There's a lot of things there for us, where we could have grabbed that game."

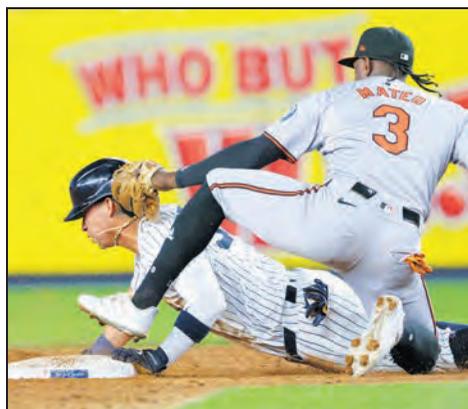
After thrilling seventh, eighth and ninth innings — which included Stanton's three-run shot and his 120 mph, RBI single in the ninth to give the Yankees life — Holmes and Jose Trevino folded in the fateful 10th.

Holmes, pitching for a second straight night, allowed a bloop single to Cedric Mullins that scored the ghost runner. Mullins advanced to second on Alex Verdugo's throw home and then took off for third. Trevino — whose throwing arm suddenly has become a problem — threw the ball into left field to add a tack-on run.

"Just didn't get a good grip on it, overthrew it," said Trevino, who has allowed 13 base runners to successfully swipe bags in his past two games.

That would be enough for the Orioles, who finally put the Yankees away in the bottom of the inning.

After a DJ LeMahieu single, Ben Rice lined a would-be hit into right field, but a diving Anthony Santander took the hit away and turned it



STOLE HIS SUNSHINE: Oswaldo Cabrera getting tagged out trying to steal second in the 10th inning put a damper on Gerrit Cole (right) making his 2024 debut and getting applause from the Stadium crowd in the Yankees' 7-6 loss in 10 innings to the O's.

Jason Szenes; N.Y. Post: Charles Wenzelberg (2)

into a sacrifice fly. With Trevino up, Baltimore catcher Adley Rutschman did what Trevino could not, nailing pinch-runner Oswaldo Cabrera trying to steal second.

After Trevino walked, Jahmai Jones — taking the at-bat on a night Aaron Judge was unavailable — was punched out.

"They're a good team," said Anthony Volpe, who scored the game-tying run in the ninth. "They won 100 games last year for a reason. They won the division last year. We're trying to take it from them."

The best development for the Yankees was Cole, shelved all season with nerve inflammation and edema, successfully retaking the mound and pitching into the fifth inning. The reigning AL Cy Young award winner appeared to get sharper as his outing lengthened, finishing with four-plus innings in which he was charged with two runs on three hits, a walk and five strikeouts.

There were worse developments. Trevino's arm has appeared to lose juice, and teams are taking advantage. The bullpen was dented, with

Ron Marinaccio allowing a homer, Victor Gonzalez allowing a run and Holmes taking the loss. And the Yankees' possible attempt at retribution may have backfired.

A night after Judge was drilled in the hand with a fastball that kept him out of the lineup, the Yankees may have responded in the seventh. Gonzalez threw a first-pitch fastball that hit Baltimore star Gunnar Henderson in the back of the shoulder. The crowd cheered, and Henderson calmly took first base.

"Just trying to execute a good pitch inside, but it slipped out," Gonzalez said through interpreter Marlon Abreu.

If the pitch were thrown with intent, the Yankees did not intend what came next. Henderson stole second then scored the Orioles' fifth run of the night on a double from Ryan Mountcastle.

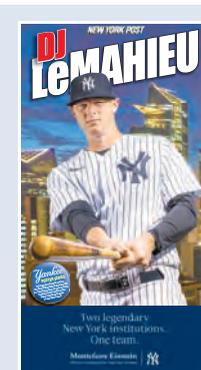
That run loomed large when the Yankees' offense awoke in the bottom of the inning. Soft singles from Volpe and Juan Soto put two on for Stanton, who demolished a three-run home run against Baltimore fireballer Yennier Cano to bring the Yankees within one — the one-run gap a result of the possible retribution.

A remarkable eighth-inning catch from Verdugo, smacking against the center-field wall, kept the deficit at one. Stanton's blast into left field against Craig Kimbrel in the ninth sent the game to the 10th. And the Orioles found a way to win a game that had gotten away from them.

There might be more like this one.

"That's a heck of a game, obviously," Boone said, "against a heck of a club."

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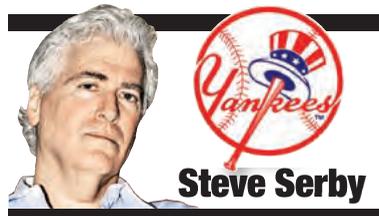
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HE RECEIVED a standing ovation and high-fives in the dugout from his teammates after his night was over after 62 pitches.

Aaron Boone had seen enough, and Yankees fans had seen enough to imagine what October can look like once Gerrit Cole has rounded into form.

His Cy Young form. Or something that figures to be close enough as long as his elbow does not betray him.



On this night, one big Cy of relief. The ace aced his 2024 debut.

“Good command for the most part,” Cole said. “Made some good pitches when we needed to make some good pitches.”

A Cedric Mullins leadoff single in the fifth sealed his fate. It was the first hit Cole (one walk, five strikeouts) had yielded since a shaky first inning. He temporarily became the pitcher of record when Ron Marinaccio surrendered a two-run HR to Ramon Urias.

But his teammates had his back, wouldn't let him be the loser on a night when Aaron Judge (hand) was forced to watch Clay Holmes surrender a pair of runs in the 10th in a 7-6 Orioles win.

Giancarlo Stanton had crushed a three-run homer in the seventh to cut the deficit to 5-4. Alex Verdugo made a running backhand catch up against the wall in center on an Anthony Santander blast with the bases loaded in the ninth to keep it 5-4. Stanton singled in Anthony Volpe in the ninth against Craig Kimbrel and it was 5-5. And two Orioles were plunked following the Judge scare.

Aaron Boone was hopeful that Cole could temper the inevitable adrenaline that would accompany his season debut.

Boone sensed that Cole was fatigued by the end of the fourth and had no intention of letting him exceed 65 pitches.

“I thought he got better as he went,” Boone said.

Only Cole's first steps were troublesome.

“It was kind of a special game for me,” Cole said. “It's just been a long few months and a lot of emotions. I wasn't too sure how I was gonna feel out there. Locating the ball always quells the nerves a little bit.”

In the first, Gunnar Henderson smashed a leadoff double off Gleyber Torres'



WELCOME BACK: Gerrit Cole fires a pitch during Wednesday's 62-pitch outing against the Orioles.

Jason Szenes

Cy of relief Gerrit looks like old self

glove and came home when Ryan O'Hearn drilled an 0-2 slider to left for an RBI double.

Cole extended a congratulatory glove to Volpe for his shortstop stabbing a searing one-hopper from the seat of his pants and getting up to nail Urias on a one-hopper to first baseman Ben Rice to end the second inning.

Cole struck out the side in the third. He fanned Jorge Mateo leading off on a 92 mph cutter. And got Adley Rutschman looking on a called 3-2 knuckle curve with Henderson at second. After getting a called strike on a 3-1 changeup. And excused Ryan

Mountcastle on a slider.

“I got a swing and miss on every offering,” Cole said.

Boone had gotten Marinaccio up in the bullpen in the fourth. Then Cole struck out Santander on a 95 mph four-seamer up in the zone and Colton Cowser on a 96 mph four-seamer.

“He's one of those guys that every time he starts it's must-see TV,” Verdugo said.

Cy Young winners in their prime always are.

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REUNITED AND IT FEELS SO GOOD

Kelly Ripa and Mark Consuelos (left) just had a bit of a family reunion with their “All My Children” child. The now 22-year-old actress that played the couple’s child on the long-running soap recently made an appearance in the audience of their morning talk show, “Live.”



The popular series “Everybody Hates Chris” is getting an animated revival at Comedy Central and it is bringing on some familiar voices. **Chris Rock** (left) will be returning as the show’s narrator, along with Terry Crews coming back as Chris’s dad and Tichina Arnold reprising her role as Chris’s mom.

TV Thursday

STEEPED IN GUILT

By NICOLE GALLUCCI

‘PRESUMED INNOCENT’ may be a new legal thriller on Apple TV+, but the story of chief deputy prosecutor Rusty Sabich being investigated for the murder of his colleague and mistress Carolyn Polhemus is decades old.

The limited series starring and executive produced by Jake Gyllenhaal is the latest adaptation of Scott Turow’s bestselling 1987 novel of the same name. In 1990, the text inspired a film starring Harrison Ford, Bonnie Bedelia, and Greta Scacchi. And though fans of the book or movie may think they have the ending of the Apple TV+ series all figured out, with some major changes already introduced in the first three episodes, it’s clear that creator that David E. Kelley and executive producer JJ. Abrams aren’t afraid to switch things up. So who’s to say the ending or the killer can’t change?

Critics have yet to see the finale of the eight-episode limited series, so even I don’t know who’s responsible for Carolyn Polhemus’ (Renate Reinsve, pictured below) death. What I do know is that Carolyn likely knew her killer based on the team’s findings. So we’re here to assemble the suspects of the Apple TV+ series three episodes in and will update the list as the series progresses.

(FYI: If you haven’t seen “Presumed Innocent” the movie, spoilers do lie ahead at the very end. Be warned, but don’t be mad at



Jake Gyllenhaal (middle right) stars in the legal thriller based on Scott Turow’s best-selling novel

The new Apple TV+ series “Presumed Innocent” is TV’s latest whodunit.

us, because — again! — it came out in 1990!)

SUSPECT: Rusty Sabich (Jake Gyllenhaal)

Though we want to believe that Rusty is innocent of murder (especially because he repeatedly denies it!) we do need to consider him a suspect because that’s what this story is all about. His fingerprints and DNA were all over Carolyn’s apartment! The two were romantically involved! She was pregnant with his baby! He was admittedly “obsessed with” and “basically stalking” her! He was even at her house on

the night of the murder! So yeah, it doesn’t look great! We know Rusty was guilty of cheating on his wife and lying to his family and colleagues, but his seemingly organic reaction to the news of Carolyn’s death (and the major developments that have followed), plus his insistence on searching for the truth, makes us believe — at least for now — that he’s innocent of murder. If that’s the case, then who else is there to consider?

SUSPECT: Liam Reynolds (Mark Harelik)

As shown in the early episodes, Liam Reynolds is also a suspect because of his history with Carolyn and in-

volvement with the Bunny Davis murder. Flashbacks showed Carolyn arguing against Liam in Bunny Davis’s trial before he was sent to prison for first-degree murder. Plus, both Bunny and Carolyn were tied up the same way, and Liam himself admitted, “Two things I never forget: faces and being f***ed over!”

SUSPECTS: Dalton or Michael Caldwell (Matt-hew Alan and Tate Birchmore)

Also on Rusty’s list of suspects? Carolyn’s ex-husband Dalton and her son Michael. Carolyn and Dalton divorced over nine years ago and he claims they haven’t

kept in touch because her life was her work. He told Rusty he didn’t kill her, but since Michael was “angry at the world and his mother,” Rusty couldn’t rule him out yet. Plus, Carolyn never told him she had a son, which seemed a little fishy.

SUSPECT: Kyle Sabich (Kingston Rumi Southwick)

Do we think Kyle Sabich, Rusty’s son, killed Carolyn? Not really! But Episode 3 ended with photographic proof that Kyle was also outside Carolyn’s house the night she was murdered, so he is officially in the suspect mix now.

SUSPECT: Tommy Molto (Peter Sarsgaard)

If you believe Rusty is innocent of murder, then you could also entertain the idea that he’s been framed. A motive for framing him for murder be intense hatred, and who on this show appears to hate Rusty more than anyone? We’ll need more to back this one up, as is the case with our final suspect...

SUSPECT: Barbara Sabich (Ruth Negga)

We said we’re entertaining all possible suspects in the series, and although Barbara hasn’t given us any reason to believe she committed this horrific crime, you have to admit: She has the perfect motive. Her husband cheated on her with Carolyn, and she admitted their marriage “barely survived” the affair. Is she even tempered and understanding, or is she capable of making it seem like she’s playing it cool when, in fact, she’s capable of killing? Only time will tell.

New episodes of “Presumed Innocent” premiere Wednesdays on Apple TV+.

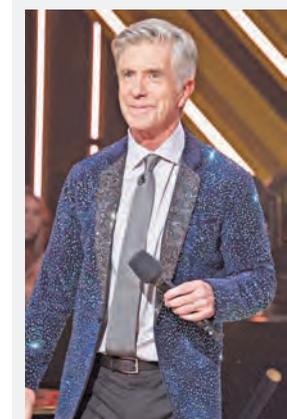
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Jumping for Jennifer

Former “Dexter” star **Jennifer Carpenter** (above) has joined the cast of “1923” for Season 2 on Paramount+.

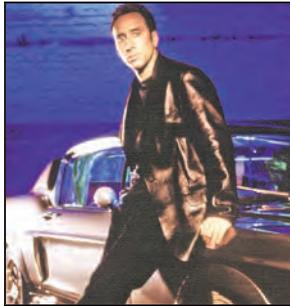
Carpenter will play Mamie Fossett on the “Yellowstone” prequel series, a U.S. Deputy Marshall.



Dance the night away

Former “Dancing with the Stars” host **Tom Bergeron** (above) joked to E! News that the thing he missed the most about hosting the competition series was “the paycheck.” He also told the news outlet that “There are some people I miss. But I’m really happy not hosting.”

What's on Tonight



THRILLER

Gone in 60 Seconds: 3 p.m. on FX. **Nicolas Cage, Angelina Jolie.** A retired master car thief must come back to the industry and steal fifty cars with his crew.



ADVENTURE

Spider-Man: 3:30 p.m. on FREFRM. **Tobey Maguire, Willem Dafoe.** A shy teenager gains spider-like abilities that he uses to fight injustice.



ACTION

Men in Black: 4 p.m. on TNT. **Will Smith, Tommy Lee Jones.** Together, they must recover an item that has been stolen by an intergalactic villain.

Evening	SP	C	F	6:30pm	7:00pm	7:30pm	8:00pm	8:30pm	9:00pm	9:30pm	10:00pm	10:30pm	11:00pm	11:30pm
2	WCBS	2	2	2	CBS News Norah	Inside Edition	Entertainment Tonight	Young Sheldon (R)	Ghosts: The Silent (R)	(9:0) Elsbeth: A Classic New York Character (R)	Fire Country: See You Next Apocalypse (R)	CBS 2 News at 11PM	(11:35) Late Show	
4	WNBC	4	4	4	NBC Nightly News	News 4 New York at 7	Access Hollywood	Swimming Live.	(9:15) Diving: U.S. Olympic Trials Live.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: Children of (R)	News 4 New York at 11	(11:35) Tonight Show		
5	WNYW	5	5	5	FOX Pregame Live.	MLB Baseball: San Francisco Giants vs St. Louis Cardinals from Rickwood Field, Birmingham, AL, USA. Live.				The 10 O'Clock News	Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)		
7	WABC	7	7	7	ABC World News	Jeopardy! (R)	Wheel of Fortune (R)	NBA Countdown Live.	2024 NBA Finals: Game 6 (If Necessary): Boston Celtics at Dallas Mavericks from American Airlines Center. Live.					
9	WWOR	9	9	9	Dish Nation (R)	WNBA Basketball: Los Angeles Sparks at New York Liberty from Barclays Center. Live.			Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	TMZ Live	
11	WPIX	11	11	11	PIX11 Evening News	Sports Nightly	The Big Bang Theory	The Conners	The Conners	Masters of Illusion	Animals: Episode 405	PIX11 News at Ten	Seinfeld: The Watch	Seinfeld
13	WNET	13	13	13	BBC News America	The PBS News Hour		Simon & Garfunkel: The Concert in Central Park		Tom Lehrer - Live in Copenhagen 1967		Amanpour and Company		
21	WLIW	21	21	21	(6:00) News	Dynamic Planet: Ice (R)		The Green Planet				Show Me	BBC News	
25	WNYE	25	22	25	Report	Great Conversations		Food.	Potluck	Actors	Feet	Global Health Frontiers	Artbound	
31	WPXN	31	3	531	Chicago PD	Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.	Chicago P.D.	Chicago P.D.	Chicago P.D.	Chicago P.D.	Chicago P.D.	
41	WXTV	41	6	41	Noticiero	Fútbol	Copa America	2024: Canada vs Argentina. Directo.				El amor no tiene receta	Noticiero	
47	WNJU	47	16	12	Noticias	Top Chef VIP		(7:58) Top Chef VIP: Una eliminación amarga, Part 2				El Señor de los Cielos	Noticiero	
55	WLNY	55	10	10	Queens	Man	Man	News 8pm	48 Hours: Psychiatrist	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	
A&E	46	46	181		First 48 (R)	The First 48 (R)		The First 48	60 Days In: Tooth Crack	Inmate to Room: I Thrive		(11:04) The First 48 (R)		
AMC	54	43	231		(5:00) True Lies	(1994, Action) R ★★★		My Cousin Vinny (1992, Comedy) Joe Pesci. R ★★★	Gone in 60 Seconds (2000) PG-13 ★★★					
BET	37	54	270		(6:00) Feud	Celebrity Family Feud		Celebrity Family Feud	Dreamgirls (2006, Musical) Jamie Foxx. PG-13 ★★★					
BBCAM	71	101	189		(6:15) Rambo III	(1988, Action) Sylvester Stallone. R ★★		(7:58) Rambo: First Blood Part II (1985, Action) R ★★½	(10:45) Rambo III (1988, Action) R ★★					
BRAVO	18	44	185		(6:08) Love Undercover	Love Undercover		(8:46) Love Undercover: Fairytale	Watch What	A League of Their Own (1992) PG ★★★				
CNBC	15	24	102		Money	Last Call		Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	
CNN	78	25	100		Situation	Erin Burnett OutFront		Anderson Cooper 360°	The Source with Kaitlan	CNN NewsNight	CNN NewsNight	Laura Coates Live		
COM	45	50	190		The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office: Dream, P2	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	
DIS	49	31	250		Big City (R)	Big City (R)	Big City (R)	Miraculous	Miraculous	Miraculous	Moon Girl	Hailey's (R)	Hailey's (R)	
DSC	66	27	120		Caught! (R)	Caught! (R)	Caught! (R)	Caught! (R)	Caught! (R)	Caught!	Caught!	Sin City Tow: Car Sharks	Contraband (R)	
E!	24	51	196		(6:00) Fast & Furious (2009, Action) ★★★	Fast Five (2011, Action) Vin Diesel. PG-13 ★★★				E! News				
ESPN	28	36	70		Sports Live.	2024 NCAA CWS: Game 14 Live.				SportsCenter Live.				
ESPN2	29	35	74		ESPN BET L	Sports Live.	NBA Live.	ESPN Films	ESPN Films	ESPN Films	ESPN Films	ESPN Films	ESPN Films	
FBN	43	106	117		Bottom	Kudlow (R)		Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	
FNC	44	26	118		Sp. Rpt.	The Ingraham Angle		Jesse Watters Primetime	Hannity	Gutfeld!	Gutfeld!	Fox News @ Night		
FOOD	50	97	164		Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Outchef'd	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	
FREFRM	38	49	199		(6:00) The Jungle Book (2016, Adventure) Neel Sethi.	Zootopia (2016, Family) Idris Elba. PG ★★½				The 700 Club (R)				
FS1	400	99	83		The Herd	Copa America Live.		Copa America 2024: Canada at Argentina. Live.	UEFA Euro 2024: Group B: Italy at Spain. Taped.					
FX	10	40	53		(5:30) Free Guy	(2021, Comedy) ★★★		Fast & Furious Presents: Hobbs & Shaw (2019, Action) Dwayne Johnson. ★★½	Fast & Furious Presents:					
HALL		191	240		Gears NR	A Picture of Her (2023, Mystery) Rhiannon Fish.		A Greek Recipe for Romance (2024)		Golden				
HGTV	64	98	165		My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	Hunters (R)	Hunters (R)	House Hunters	Hunters (R)	Hunters (R)	Hunters (R)	
HIST	40	47	128		Mntn Men	Alone: Enter the Circle (R)		Alone: Opportunity Cost		(9:35) Alone Australia	(10:35) Alone: Opportunity Cost (R)			
ID	23	171	123		Neighbor	Fear Thy Neighbor (R)		People Magazine (R)	Survive Killer (R)	Survive Killer (R)	Survive Killer (R)	Survive Killer (R)		
LIFE	62	45	140		Castle	Castle: Better or Worse		Castle: Driven	Castle: Montreal	Castle: Present Danger	Castle: Present Danger	Castle: Child's Play		
MeTV	33	33	3		M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Andy	Andy	Hillbillies	Acres	Hogan	Hogan	
MSG	27	87	78		MSG Shorts	The Bettor	The Juice	MSG Shorts	Pride (R)	The Bettor	The Juice	The Juice	The Bettor	
MSG Plus	48	88	80		(4:00) FanDuel	Racing Live.				NY Giants				
MSNBC	14	23	103		Ari Melber	The ReidOut		All in with Chris Hayes	Alex Wagner Tonight	Lawrence O'Donnell	Lawrence O'Donnell	The 11th Hour		
MTV	20	53	210		Teen Mom:	Teen Mom: Next (R)		Teen Mom: Next Chapter	Teen Mom: Next (R)	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	
NATGEO	65	162	121		Treasures	Lost Treasures (R)		Lost Treasures (R)	Lost Treasures of Egypt	Lost Beasts Unearthed	Lost Treasures (R)	Lost Treasures (R)		
NICK	6	121	252		SpongeBob	Loud House	The Loud House	Steel Thunder	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends		
OWN	173	180	145		(6:00) 20/20	20/20 on OWN (R)		20/20 on OWN (R)	20/20 on OWN: Mystery	20/20 on OWN (R)	20/20 on OWN (R)	20/20 on OWN (R)		
PARMT	36	56	54		Men	Men	Men	Ocean's Twelve (2004, Crime) George Clooney. PG-13 ★★½	Ocean's Thirteen (2007)					
SNY	26	60	77		Minor League Baseball: Rochester Red Wings at Syracuse Mets. Live.	Amazin'		2023 Mets Hall of Fame	Sports					
SYFY	17	48	180		Ghostbusters II (1989) ★★★	(7:25) No Time to Die (2021, Action) Rami Malek. PG-13 ★★½				(10:55) Apollo 13 (1995)				
TBS	8	39	52		Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Blades of Glory (2007)	
TCM	82	41	230		(6:15) Dirty Dingus Magee (1970) ★★	Rear Window (1954, Thriller) James Stewart. NR ★★★★★		The Far Country (1955, Western) James Stewart. ★★★★★						
TLC	52	28	139		Doubling	Doubling Down with (R)		7 Little Johnstons	7 Little Johnstons	7 Little Johnstons	7 Little Johnstons	Doubling Down with (R)		
TNT	3	37	51		Men in Black II (2002) ★★	(7:45) Men in Black III (2012, Science Fiction) Will Smith. PG-13 ★★		We're the Millers (2013, Comedy) Jennifer Aniston. R						
TVLAND	85	34	241		Andy	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Raymond	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Queens	Queens	
USA	16	38	50		(6:00) SVU	Swimming		Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Race to Survive (R)	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU		
VH1	19	52	217		(5:30) Fatherhood (2021, Drama) ★★½	Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family (2011) Tyler Perry. ★½				Grown Ups (2010) Adam Sandler. ★★½				
WE	59	42	149		Bones	Bones: Dwarf in Dirt		Bones: Foreclosure	Bones: Gamer in Grease	Bones: Goop On the Girl	Bones: The X in the Files	Bones: The X in the Files		
YES	53	89	76		MLB Game	Yankees Postgame Live.				Forbes	MLB Baseball: Baltimore Orioles at New York Yankees. Replay.	Yankees		
HBO	511	301	400		(6:39) Flight (2012, Drama) Denzel Washington, John Goodman. R	Slave Play. Not a Movie. A Play. (2024)		(10:23) Dune: Part Two (2024) ★★★						
MAX	531	371	420		(6:05) Kingpin (1996, Comedy) ★★★	Be Cool (2005, Comedy) John Travolta. PG-13 ★★½		Get Shorty (1995) John Travolta. R ★★★		Gemini ★★★				
MGM Plus	595	395			(6:05) Baby Boom (1987, Comedy) ★★½	Parenthood (1989, Comedy) Steve Martin. PG-13 ★★		(10:05) The Brady Bunch Movie (1995)		French Girl				
PARSHO	551	321	365		(6:00) Kiss the Girls (1997, Thriller) ★★★	Along Came a Spider (2001) R ★★½		(9:45) The Chi		(10:45) Tropic Thunder (2008, Comedy)				



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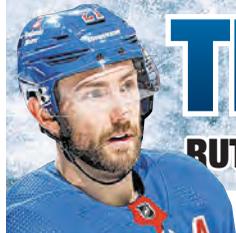
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Jose Trevino's frustration is evident after his throwing error allowed the Orioles to score a second run in the 10th inning, which proved to be the difference in Baltimore's 7-6 win at the Stadium. Gerrit Cole (inset) made his long-awaited debut with four-plus innings of two-run ball.



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