



FIRING SQUAD

Stefano Giovannini



Anti-Israel Jamaal Bowman of AOC's progressive caucus gets kicked out of Congress

New Yorkers gave Rep. Jamaal Bowman the boot last night, voting the anti-Israel "Squad" member and House fire-alarm puller out of office. Bowman was trounced in the Democratic primary by George Latimer in the Bronx-Westchester district and became the first member of the radical-left Squad to go down to defeat.

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Feds eye private emails, missing records

By ISABEL VINCENT

Feds probing Mayor Adams and a key aide whose home they have raided are looking for private emails and records of trips they made to China, The Post has learned.

Both the FBI and federal prosecutors have flagged at least one trip taken by Adams that was partly funded by the Chinese Communist Party.

Adams made seven trips to China between 2014 and 2021 when he was Brooklyn Borough President, organized by key adviser Winnie Greco who ran the nonprofit Sino-America New York Brooklyn Archway Association Corp. and was then a volunteer at Adam's office.

The discoveries were made as part of a widening investigation into alleged public corruption involving Greco and the New York City mayor, a source close to the probe told The Post.

The Mayor's Office provided email correspondence from the 2014 trip to the Conflicts of Interest Board, the independent agency that enforces ethics for the city, The board said it "saw no apparent violation of the conflict of interest law" from the trip.

However, the administration of current Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso said it couldn't locate or access data relevant to the China trips, according to a December document seen by The Post.

In the document, the general counsel for Reynoso's office raised concern the information would be relevant to the FBI's investigation, but it has no way to trace it.

"Because the prior administration . . . might have kept records such as those outside this office's infrastructure . . . it is possible that this office does not maintain the records," said the nine-page letter from counsel Gregory Louis.

"I note that this office would lack access to the prior administration's records maintained on private servers."

It is unclear what specific evidence the federal government is seeking to find about Adams' China trips or how it would fit



CHINESE CHECKERS: Then-Brooklyn Beep Eric Adams and adviser Winnie Greco (in orange) during a 2017 visit to China. The trip and others are under probe by federal officials.

Eric's China trips probed

into a wider investigation, or what the feds believe was discussed in their private emails.

'Great meetings'

Adams' mayoral office provided The Post with an outline received after the 2014 trip showing visits to schools and museums as well as numerous meetings with local officials in Beijing, Fuzhou, Xiamen, Yiwu and Shanghai.

A breakdown of costs shows \$787 paid by the Communist Chinese government and almost \$7,000 paid by Sino-America.

After the trip, Adams wrote: "We have had great government meetings," in an email seen

by The Post.

No correspondence from Adams or Greco was included.

Adams used three personal emails, including voiceofconcern@aol.com, which did not store their data on New York City government servers while he was Brooklyn Borough president, according to sources.

Greco and their aides also used non-official emails during that seven-year period, the source said. Adams was sworn in as New York City mayor on Jan. 1, 2022.

The Mayor's Office noted he is allowed to use private email addresses for non-governmental matters.

Ingrid Lewis-Martin, Adams' deputy Brooklyn borough presi-

dent and now senior policy adviser to the mayor, also used private Gmail and AOL accounts, emails seen by The Post show.

Greco, 61, head of Asian affairs for the city, is a longtime "consultant" to CCP-backed organizations, The Post first revealed last year.

Neither Greco nor other members of the nonprofit explained where the money for the trips came from when asked by reporters at the time.

In February, FBI agents raided homes in The Bronx owned by Greco. She has also come under scrutiny by the city's Department of Investigation over allegations she improperly used her City Hall position to obtain perks.



MTA board will vote to accept toll pause

The MTA board is set to begrudgingly bow to Gov. Hochul's decision to pause congestion pricing — for now.

A resolution drafted by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Law Department — and obtained by The Post — "recognizes" that the first-in-the-nation congestion toll "will not be implemented in June 2024 due to the pause in the program."

The resolution is expected to be approved in a vote Wednesday during what will be the MTA's first board meeting since Hochul suddenly announced she was hitting the brakes on the plan to charge drivers \$15 to enter Manhattan south of 60th Street — which had been set to go into effect June 30.

But the resolution keeps the door open to revive the program, and the MTA makes clear it wishes to do so. It notes that the tolling law, which then-Gov. Andrew Cuomo and the state Legislature approved in 2019, remains in effect even while the program is suspended.

The resolution also directs the MTA officials to continue "to take such steps . . . to implement" the program.

Carl Campanile and Vaughn Golden

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More in US take to the air

American air travel is soaring to new heights, the Transportation Security Administration said Tuesday after the agency screened 2.99 million passengers Sunday, a single-day record.

And it's going to get busier: This Friday, the TSA says, it expects more than 3 million passengers ahead of Independence Day next week.

The TSA predicts it will scan 32 million people between Thursday and July 8, an increase of 5.4% from those dates last year.

The agency also says seven of the top 10 busiest air travel days ever have occurred in the past month.

"We expect this summer to be our busiest ever and summer travel usually peaks over the Independence Day holiday," said TSA Administrator David Pekoske. "We are ready, along with our airline and airport partners, to handle this boost."

The TSA is prepared for swamped airports, saying it is "staffed to meet its wait-time standards, which are 10 minutes and under in TSA PreCheck lanes and 30 minutes and under in standard screening lanes."

Industry group Airlines for America said US carriers have also prepared for the increased demand.

Between June 1 and Aug. 31, the carriers are operating more than 26,000 daily flights, up 5.6% over 2023.

However, even if your check-in goes smoothly, don't assume you'll get off the ground on time.

The Federal Aviation Administration is struggling to address a persistent shortage of air traffic controllers, which will likely delay flights.

Andrew Court

Delta's brand-swankin' new Sky Club



FIT FOR QUEENS: Delta's largest Sky Club opens today at JFK, with a chic lounge, massage chairs, and spa amenities including "rejuvenation" cocktails.

By ARIEL ZILBER

Well-heeled travelers flying Delta Air Lines out of JFK Airport can now enjoy a massive new luxury lounge that's part of the airline's \$1.5 billion investment into expanding its footprint at the Queens transportation hub.

The Atlanta-based carrier on Wednesday will open up its exclusive, 39,000-square-foot Delta One lounge — the largest of its "Sky Club" offerings.

Amenities include full-body massage chairs, fine dining and shower suites outfitted with robes and slippers as well as soundproof booths to get work done.

Arriving passengers who just endured a long-haul flight can check into the lounge and drop off their clothes and shoes with a valet who will steam or shine them while guests shower.

Here's the rubdown

The new facility, which holds a maximum of 515 people, includes complimentary spa treatments for the eyes, hands and arms.

Travelers can unwind with a meal or a drink while peering out over a wraparound terrace that overlooks the airfield. They can also indulge in what is being billed as a "recovery remedy" — a 10-minute massage that covers the shoulders, scalp and temples.

Sandwiched between Concourses A and B in Terminal 4 at JFK, the venue also includes a high-end restaurant — the Delta

FLIGHTS OF FANCY AT JFK



One Lounge Brasserie — as well as a bakery and a fully-loaded bar.

Access, however, is exclusive: Travelers can't enter unless they are members of the invite-only "360" club, or if they buy tickets to the airline's Delta One service — the premium cabin service that offers lie-flat seats and priority check-in for round-trip fares that

can reach as high as \$10,000.

Last year, Delta infuriated customers when it announced that it was clamping down on access to its Sky Club, which had been beset by overcrowding in the years since demand for travel surged following the lifting of COVID-era lockdown measures.

Initially, the company said that

American Express credit card holders would no longer get unlimited access to the lounges before departure.

The airline also placed a 10-visit limit on Delta Reserve and Delta Business Reserve cardholders, who pay a \$550 annual fee — although infinite access can be unlocked by spending \$75,000 within one year.

But the airline softened the changes by increasing the caps on visits in response to the pushback.

Meanwhile, there's also a "rejuvenation bar" that features "refreshing non-alcoholic beverages" as well as "fruit and herb-infused waters and juices."

The airline is planning similar high-end lounges in Los Angeles and Boston this year.

Delta is also considering new luxury lounges in its main hub of Atlanta as well as in Seattle.

SOUNDING THE

Bowman voted out of Congress as Latimer beats Squad

Boebert in peak form Tops 5 Colo. GOP rivals

By VICTOR NAVA

Rep. Lauren Boebert emerged victorious in Colorado's 4th Congressional District Republican primary Tuesday after she quit her 3rd District re-election race in favor of seeking office in the more conservative-friendly district.

The two-term congresswoman (inset) defeated five GOP rivals in the 4th District primary and held 43.8% of the

vote when The Associated Press called the contest in her favor.

Boebert, 37, is expected to prevail in the general election in November as well. Voters in the Centennial State's 4th District supported

former President Donald Trump by a 16-point margin in 2020.

The district's congressional seat was formerly held by Republican Ken Buck, who retired from the House of Representatives in March.

In a Facebook post last December announcing her district switch, Boebert argued that "dark money" from "Hollywood elites and progressive money groups" was being deployed to personally target her in the 3rd District. She contended that by switching districts, Republicans stood a better chance of keeping both seats in Congress.



Last cycle, Boebert came within 546 votes of losing her 2022 midterm race in the 3rd District against Democrat Adam Frisch — who had raised more than four times as much money as Boebert when she made the district switch.

"We cannot lose the Third and Colorado's Fourth District is hungry for an unapologetic defender of freedom with a proven track record of standing strong for conservative principles," Boebert said in December.

"We have to protect our majority in the House, win the Senate and win the presidency."

Trump, 78, endorsed Boebert in March, calling her a "trusted America First Fighter" a "Proven Conservative" and an "Effective Leader."

Over the past year, the congresswoman's personal life has made more headlines than her political accomplishments.

She filed for divorce from her husband of 18 years, Jayson Boebert, in May 2023.

In September, Boebert was kicked out of a Denver theater for vaping, singing, recording and "causing a disturbance" during a performance of the "Beetlejuice" musical. Boebert and her date were also recorded groping each other in the theater.

She later acknowledged that she got "a little bit" carried away.

By VAUGHN GOLDEN, CARL CAMPANILE and ANEETA BHOLE

Head for the (fire) exit, Jamaal!

Westchester County Executive George Latimer sent Rep. Jamaal Bowman (D-NY) packing from Congress Tuesday night, defeating the far-left "Squad" member in the 16th District's Democratic primary.

Latimer, 70, will be heavily favored to defeat Republican Madeline Brame in the Nov. 5 general election to represent the deep-blue Westchester and Bronx district.

"Tonight, we turn the page and we say that we believe in the inclusion of everybody," Latimer told cheering supporters in White Plains.

"It doesn't matter your age, religion, sexual identity, whether you're a right-hander or left-hander, whether you're a Met fan or a Yankee fan — our inclusiveness in Westchester County is how we govern the people," he added. "You can't destroy this country with your rhetoric and your arguments. We have to have unity."

Meanwhile, fellow Squad member Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-Bronx/Queens) won her primary against Martin Dolan by more than 50 percentage points.

Censured in House

Last Dec. 7, Bowman became the 27th House member to be censured by his colleagues — and only the fifth so far this century — after pulling a fire alarm in a Capitol Hill office building Sept. 30 in order to delay a vote to



Aneeta Bhole

avert a government shutdown.

He pleaded guilty on Oct. 26 to a misdemeanor count of raising a false fire alarm and agreed to pay a \$1,000 fine and write an apology letter to the chief of the US Capitol Police.

At the time, Bowman said he "thought the alarm would open the door" and pulled it by "accident," adding that he "was just trying to get to my vote and the door that's usually open wasn't open, it was closed."

However, security camera footage showed Bowman pulling down two emergency exit signs from the doors before pulling the alarm — and then running away.

Bowman's four-year House tenure will come to an end following

the most expensive congressional primary ever in terms of ad spending — a race that pitted pro-Bowman groups like Justice Democrats and the Working Families Party against an alliance of moderates turned off by the incumbent's stances, mainly on Israel.

Bowman took an early lead Tuesday night after the first results came in from the district's Bronx voters, where Bowman racked up 83% of the vote.

But the picture changed as the Westchester precincts reported an overwhelming vote for Latimer. With 71% of the estimated vote tabulated as of 10:50 p.m., Latimer led Bowman 55.7-44.3%.

Latimer's coalition of well-funded backers included the

FIRED ALARM

WINNER AND LOSER: Westchester County Executive George Latimer celebrates his primary victory Tuesday night over lefty rival Jamaal Bowman, who dressed down at his campaign HQ to bitterly concede.



Hopefully just 1st KO vs. rad left

By POST EDITORIAL BOARD

THE POST SAYS:

ONE Squad member down, eight to go. Vulgar junior fire marshal Jamaal Bowman lost his Democratic primary to George Latimer Tuesday night, bringing to an end one of the more embarrassing political tenures in New York history.

He's the first member of the Squad — the radical leftist caucus under Rep. Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez — to be shown the door.

The liberal press is presenting this as a tragedy. A “heartbreaker” wrote Michelle Goldberg in *The New York Times*, saying it will “probably serve as a warning to other politicians about the cost of breaking with Washington’s pro-Israel political consensus.”

Please. If by consensus you mean the rational majority who reject Bowman’s belief that the rapes of Israelis by Hamas terrorists was “propaganda,” then, yes, reason prevails.

Bowman was always an out-of-touch radical, but Oct. 7 exposed him as a bitter antisemite. He called Israel’s necessary military response “genocide,” and said Jewish enclaves in the New York area were “segregated.”

If only the “cost” of such beliefs leads to the ejection of Ilhan Omar and Rashida Tlaib, two even more radical members of the Squad.

Sen. Bernie Sanders claimed that Bowman’s primary was “one of the most important elections in the modern history of this country.”

We hardly think the fortunes of one clown qualifies.

But if Bowman’s loss is a harbinger of things to come, then thank heavens for that.

United Democracy Project, a super PAC affiliated with the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) that spent a staggering \$14 million in the race, and a cryptocurrency group called Fair Shake that bankrolled another \$2 million worth of ads.

The race quickly developed into a referendum on the Israel-Hamas war and Bowman’s public comments about the Jewish state and followers of that religion.

In an interview, Bowman belatedly apologized for initially denying the horrific rapes of Israeli women during the Oct. 7 terror attack by Hamas that killed an estimated 1,200 people — including 33 Americans.

Over the weekend, Politico quoted Bowman as saying that

Jews had “segregated” themselves from the rest of Westchester, and had “made a decision to do that for their own reasons,” drawing the ire of South Bronx Rep. Ritchie Torres.

“There’s a word for this scapegoating: antisemitism,” Torres posted to X Sunday.

Bitter string of curses

But perhaps the nadir of Bowman’s campaign came Saturday, when he vowed to “show f—king AIPAC the power of the motherf—king South Bronx” during a manic rally alongside Ocasio-Cortez.

In Bowman’s concession speech Tuesday night in Yonkers, he doubled down on his stance, telling

supporters: “We will continue to fight for a free Palestine, and God help us that we live in a better world where when we say ‘Free Palestine,’ it is not antisemitic.”

The defeated lawmaker also made a point of shouting out “the Muslim community from Yonkers to San Francisco to Dearborn, Michigan, to St. Louis to Chicago to Long Island to New Jersey [who] surrounded me this entire race with protection, with love, with gratitude and they helped us raise more money than we ever raised before.”

Referencing his weekend antics, Bowman said: “I’m gonna make a public apology for, you know, sometimes using foul language. But we should not be well adjusted to a sick society, we

should be outraged.”

Bowman’s supporters were disgruntled by the outcome of what they saw as a bought-and-paid-for primary.

“When the rich and the powerful, you know, sink so much money into it . . . it’s not unexpected that they will win the race,” said Bowman backer Nelson Mar. “It’s disappointing.”

Latimer benefited not only from financial support from AIPAC, which pounded Bowman with millions of dollars in attack ads, but by an extraordinary grassroots organizing effort from rabbis and the Jewish community in the district repulsed by the congressman’s open disdain for Israel in the face of rising antisemitism.

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THE BIDEN FILES

Some of 51 letter signers still had agency ties

By STEVEN NELSON

WASHINGTON — Some of the 51 “Spies Who Lie” were active CIA contractors when they claimed files from First Son Hunter Biden’s laptop had “the classic earmarks” of Russian disinformation ahead of the 2020 election — a fact that was uneasily noted inside the agency at the time, new records acquired by The Post show.

Former CIA acting Director Michael Morell, who previously told Congress he organized the Oct. 19, 2020, letter to give Joe Biden a “talking point” against then-President Donald Trump ahead of a debate, was a contractor at the time, the agency informed Congress.

Ex-CIA Inspector General David Buckley also was a contractor at the time of the letter, according to an interim report from two House committees investigating the matter, and records suggest that at least two other letter-signers may also have had active contracts at the time.

The terms of the contracts and compensation were not immediately clear.

Morell flatly denied he was a contractor when contacted by The Post, writing Tuesday in an email, “If you write that, you would [be] wrong.”

Morell doubled down in a second email, writing “I can’t” speculate on why he was listed as a contractor before insisting: “It’s wrong.”

A congressional source provided The Post with the CIA’s document outing Morell as a contractor after his denial.

Robert Dugas, CIA deputy general counsel for litigation and investigations, shared the information in an April 25 letter.

“I write to provide an UNCLASSIFIED document related to your . . . letters seeking information,” Dugas told legislators, along with a five-name chart that listed Morell and Buckley as contractors as of the date of the letter.

‘Speaks for itself’

“The evidence in our report speaks for itself and it seems that the spy who lied is continuing to do so,” Russell Dye, spokesman for the House Judiciary Committee, fired back Tuesday evening.

The five-name table identifying Morell as a contractor specified that former CIA Director John Brennan and fellow letter-signers Nick Rasmussen and Marc Polymeropoulos had no such arrangement.

The laptop-denying letter —



HELPING JOE: The 51 “Spies Who Lie” signatories to the letter claiming the Hunter Biden laptop story was “Russian disinformation” were attempting to give Joe Biden a debate talking point.

Covert contractor twist at C-‘Lie’-A

which notably described signers only as “former” intelligence operatives — was controversial within the CIA, internal records indicate.

The federal Hatch Act bars most employees of the CIA and other spy agencies from engaging in partisan political activity, but the status of contractors is murkier. A 2015 intelligence community directive on contract personnel, for example, doesn’t mention political activities.

The disclosures are contained within an interim report by the House Intelligence Committee and the Judiciary Committee’s Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government — which also reveals that then-CIA Director Gina Haspel likely knew about the letter when it was submitted for review.

Then-candidate Biden used the intelligence alumni letter to falsely claim at his second and final 2020 presidential debate with Trump that The Post’s reporting on his role in his family’s international business dealings was a “Russian plant” and “garbage.”

The Post’s first laptop bombshell — published five days before the 51-person letter was made public — revealed that Vadym Pozharsky, an executive at the Ukrainian gas company Burisma, emailed Hunter in 2015 to thank him for the “opportunity to meet your father” — directly contradicting Biden’s 2019 claim that he’d “never spoken” with his son about “his overseas business dealings.”

The CIA did not immediately respond to a request for comment Tuesday and The Post was not immediately able to reach Buckley.

1st ‘shun’ in DC

Convicted First Son Hunter Biden’s license to practice law in the nation’s capital was suspended Tuesday, exactly two weeks after he was found guilty of lying about his drug use to obtain a firearm.

“The respondent is suspended immediately from the practice of law in the District of Columbia pending resolution of this matter,” the DC Court of Appeals ordered.

Last week, the DC Bar’s Office of Disciplinary Counsel filed a notice seeking to sus-

pend the 54-year-old’s law license following his June 11 conviction.

The DC Court of Appeals noted in its order that Hunter’s conviction amounted to “serious crimes” based on the Bar Association’s rules, which prohibit members from committing felonies or any offenses involving “false swearing, misrepresentation, [or] fraud,” among other breaches.

On Monday, Hunter’s legal team filed paperwork seeking a new trial. *Ryan King*

'Slayer' pics of Bx. body

A beloved Bronx cab driver was stabbed to death allegedly by a jealous ex-girlfriend — who sent photos of his bloodied body to his family and left chilling voice messages, the victim's kin told The Post.

"Papito, I called the ambulance, the police," accused killer Mirda Degracia allegedly said in a voice message to Reynaldo Luna's family. "I killed your brother-in-law."

In other messages, Degracia, who is now charged with killing her ex in her Bronx apartment Sunday morning, taunted another ex of Luna's.

"I told you he was coming back to me. He's here with me, so who lost here you or me?" she said. "And who won? Look at the proof I sent you that he's here with me."

According to Luna's family, the accused killer's "proof" is photos of his lifeless body sent from his phone. "The first photo was sent to Reynaldo's brother-in-law, Papito, in the [Dominican Republic]," Luna's niece, Kelly Garces, said Tuesday.

Luna, 63, was found in the Soundview section of The Bronx with a stab wound to the chest around 9:40 a.m. on Sunday and rushed to Jacobi Hospital Medical Center, where he died, police said. Degracia, 52, was charged with murder.

Georgett Roberts

Gal drowns in waterfall

A 26-year-old Pennsylvania woman visiting Glacier National Park in Montana plunged to her death after falling into a waterfall and drowning, park officials said.

The woman, whose name has not been released, fell into the water Sunday above St. Mary Falls, a 35-foot-high waterfall by a popular hike on the east side of the park, the National Park Service said in a news release.

Witnesses said the woman was washed over the falls and trapped under the water for several minutes before she was pulled out.

The death is under investigation.

Isabel Keane

CÉLINE'S AGONY

BRUTAL: A documentary about singer Céline Dion shows the Grammy winner having a seizure during physical therapy for a condition known as stiff-person syndrome.



Dion doc reveals neuro pain

YouTube

By LAUREN SARNER

Céline Dion, 56, insisted on showing footage of herself suffering a seizure in her new documentary, "I Am: Celine Dion."

The "My Heart Will Go On" singer, who suffers from a

rare autoimmune neurological disorder known as stiff-person syndrome (SPS) that has interfered with her ability to sing, is shown in a physical-therapy session in 2022.

On a massage table, she appears convulsing and writhing in pain, moaning in agony, as medical workers tend to her.

A man then asks her, "Do you want us to take out the cameras?"

But the Grammy-winning singer is shown mouthing, "I'm OK."

The documentary's director, Irene Taylor, told Yahoo that Dion "didn't want me to change anything" after watching that footage.

"Her therapist saw the [medical]



YouTube

episode coming on, and within 30 seconds there was no going back.

"We just responded as quickly as we could. We really could not move from that corner of the room. I was holding a microphone [and used it] to gauge if she was breathing or not," Taylor explained.

'I won't stop'

She added, "It was very upsetting. Very upsetting. I know it's hard on some viewers, it was hard on me, too. But I will tell you that Céline felt validated to see herself like that, and she thought it would help her if other people could understand what [SPS] is like." On-screen, Dion tells the camera: "Every time something like this happens, it makes you feel so embarrassed, and so, like, I don't how to express it, it's just . . . you know, like to not have control of yourself . . ."

She added that she hasn't given up dreams about her career.

"I still see myself dance and sing. I always find Plan B and Plan C, you

know. That's me. If I can't run, I'll walk. If I can't walk, I'll crawl. But I won't stop. I won't stop."

Dion's condition has caused her to withdraw from the public eye, although she's made some brief appearances, like attending the 2024 Grammys and the premiere of her documentary earlier this month.

The director told Yahoo that she and Dion "never had a conversation" before filming about what they would do if Dion had a health issue in front of the cameras.

"I truly thought it was so unlikely, it was not even a conversation we needed to have," Taylor said, adding that "months might go by" without Dion having an incident.

"If it does happen, [Céline] told me over and over again, 'Don't ask me permission to film, just keep rolling and we can talk about it later.'"

She said that Dion watched the film with the three sons she had with late husband René Angélil: René-Charles, 23, and 13-year-old twins Nelson and Eddy.

"[Céline] used the film actually as a teaching tool with them, so that she could show them the extent of how she feels about her situation and the extent of what can happen to her body if she goes into an episode of stiff-person syndrome," Taylor said.

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Jocelyn 'left scratches and bite marks'

NYPD clears out shelter scooters



Christopher Sadowski



CLASH ON DELIVERY: A hodgepodge of delivery bikes that had been illegally parked outside The Roosevelt migrant shelter (left) were gone as of Tuesday (above) amid an NYPD crackdown on unregistered mopeds and e-bikes.

By LISA FICKENSCHER

Dozens of delivery bikes parked outside The Roosevelt Hotel have been cleared away by police as part of a stepped-up crackdown on unregistered and illegal mopeds and e-bikes across the city, The Post has learned.

The landmark hotel in Midtown near Grand Central Terminal, which was converted last year to a shelter for migrants, also became a high-profile hot spot for illegal bikes last fall.

In recent months, an unsightly hodgepodge of parked bikes routinely confronted pedestrians on East 46th Street along the block stretching between Madison and Vanderbilt avenues.

The parked bikes — which by one estimate could number as many as 75 at any given time — had been mostly used for food deliveries, but they were either not registered with the city or illegally parked, according to an NYPD spokesperson.

“There have been numerous operations over time to remove unlawful, unregistered or improperly stored mopeds/bikes/

etc. at this location,” the NYPD Deputy Commissioner, Public Information said in a statement.

DCPI did not disclose when it removed the bikes, but local businesses said it was within the past few weeks.

The Roosevelt has become a symbol of the city’s struggle to deal with a massive influx of migrants, many of whom are working as delivery workers.

‘Alleviated some chaos’

The city is stepping up efforts to crack down on safety issues related to motorized bikes — which resulted in 97 fires last year — an issue that was raised during a City Council hearing on Friday on seven proposed bills to regulate food app delivery companies.

Several of the proposed laws would make the app companies — including Grubhub, DoorDash and Uber Eats — accountable for moped registrations and for assuming liability when their workers are involved in accidents.

Separately, NYPD is increasingly focused on how motorized bikes are being used to commit crimes. NYPD stats show that of the seven major crimes, scooters, motorcycles or mopeds were used as the getaway vehicle 790 times so far this year, up from just 156 over the same period in 2022.

Local businesses near or adjacent to The Roosevelt Hotel have complained that their businesses have suffered since the property was converted into a shelter.

The Grand Central Partnership, which represents businesses in the surrounding area, had no knowledge of the NYPD’s sweep of bikes at the hotel, Fred Cerullo, president of the Business Improvement District, told The Post.

“We support the mayor and NYPD in any efforts to eliminate [unregistered motorized bikes] from our streets and sidewalks,” Cerullo said. “It has certainly alleviated some of the chaos that had reigned upon the pedestrian experience here in Midtown East.”



By JENNIE TAER

HOUSTON — Little Jocelyn Nungaray fought back against her attackers after she was lured under a Houston bridge and assaulted for two hours — leaving scratch and bite marks on one of the illegal migrants accused of killing her, prosecutors revealed Tuesday.

Johan Jose Rangel Martinez, 21, still had the marks Jocelyn, 12, left on him when he was arrested, Assistant District Attorney Megan Long said in Harris County court.

Rangel Martinez’s alleged accomplice, Franklin Jose Pena Ramos, 26, told cops he tried to convince Rangel Martinez to stop but the fiend allegedly refused and climbed on top of the girl and strangled her, according to Long.

Rangel Martinez allegedly said he had to “finish what he started” as he covered her mouth, Long said.

The chilling details came as Harris County District Court Judge Josh Hill set a \$10 million

bail for Rangel Martinez and labeled him a likely flight risk.

Hill said the decision for such a high bail amount was because he didn’t want Pena Ramos or Rangel Martinez to flee but also didn’t want them to get deported and escape justice in the US.

‘Charges never answered’

“I’ve seen individuals go into ICE custody, go through the deportation or removal process where they have been ordered to be removed ... and that the feds have deported or removed those individuals with the Harris County criminal charges still pending,” the judge said. “And it puts us in the position where those charges would never be answered.”

Prosecutors said Rangel Martinez — who appeared in court wearing a yellow jumpsuit and surrounded by bailiffs — shaved his beard in an attempt to alter his appearance after the horrific attack.

After the killing, Pena Ramos allegedly sent a message to their

on migrant monster: Tex. ADA

Vic's mom airs fury at 'ivory tower' Joe



BAD HOMBRE: Johan Jose Rangel Martinez, in Houston court Tuesday, bore bite marks and scratches when he was arrested last week for allegedly murdering Jocelyn Nungaray (left), according to prosecutors.

boss at a construction crew saying the two had been partying that night and that someone ended up dead, prosecutors said.

Jocelyn's family, including her mother, Alexis, was in court for the appearance. One family member was later escorted out of the courtroom after yelling at Rangel Martinez through tears.

Later Tuesday during an interview with Fox News' Sean Hannity, Jocelyn's mother slammed the federal government's immigration policies.

"We have to stop burying our kids, this is not right," Alexis said. "We have to have more reinforcement when it comes to letting people in. This is not OK, it's not OK."

The distraught mother said Jocelyn "was going to do things. And these men — these illegal men — took that opportunity from my daughter, from our family of watching her become this amazing person."

'I'm her voice'

"So now with her voice being ripped away from her, I am going to be her voice and stand strong and try to make a difference in this world because this has got to stop."

Rangel Martinez's Tuesday court appearance follows the bond hearing for Pena Ramos, who entered the country a month before Jocelyn's murder.

The judge set Pena Ramos' bond at \$10 million Monday — double what prosecutors requested and 10 times the sum sought by the defense.

Rangel Martinez and Pena Ramos on June 16 allegedly lured Jocelyn under a bridge, where they stripped her naked to the waist and assaulted her for two hours, disturbing court documents allege.

Jocelyn's feet were also bound and her back was covered in cuts, according to KPRC TV.

Pena Ramos crossed into El Paso on May 29, The Post first reported last week, telling agents he was going to live with his cousin in Houston.

Before federal authorities re-

leased him into the country, he was fitted with an ankle monitor that was set to track his location for 21 days — a monitor he cut off two days after Jocelyn's body was found, according to Homeland Security sources.

Rangel Martinez crossed the border illegally at El Paso on March 14, and was also fitted with an ankle monitor, which authorities removed in May after determining he had no known criminal history.

"Our immigration system is broken and if there was ever a case that reflected that, it's this one," DA Kim Ogg said during a press conference following Pena Ramos' Monday hearing.

Both Rangel Martinez and Pena Ramos were seen on surveillance video entering a 7-Eleven with Jocelyn the night she was killed and before the two walked her to a bridge, where her body was later found half-naked and strangled.

Jocelyn's family said the 12-year-old sneaked from her home the night she was killed and met up with the suspects.

The grief-stricken mom of Rachel Morin, the Maryland woman allegedly raped and murdered by an illegal migrant, has eviscerated President Biden for allowing his "devastating" US border policies to play out while he sits in an "ivory tower."

Patty Morin ripped the 81-year-old president's handling of the on-going border crisis as she revealed in a Fox News interview Tuesday what it was like coming face-to-face with her daughter's accused killer, Victor Martinez Hernandez, for the first time last week.

"It's like they're pretending these immigration problems don't exist and people aren't being harmed and killed by their policies," Morin said.

"The victims are those that are being killed but also their loved ones that they've left behind. It's devastating to the community."

Morin's daughter Rachel, a 37-year-old mother of five, was allegedly slaughtered by Hernandez on a hiking trail in Harford County, Md., last August.

The alleged killer, a 23-year-old El Salvadoran national and suspected gang banger, was only nabbed earlier this month in Tulsa, Okla., after cops matched his DNA to the gruesome crime scene.

An emotional Morin watched on from a Maryland courtroom last Friday as Hernandez, who authorities say entered the US illegally in February 2023, made an initial virtual appearance.

"The emotions were so overwhelming," the mom said of laying eyes on Hernandez. "I couldn't bear the pain."

Her daughter's grim case is among a slew of recent slayings across the US allegedly inflicted by illegal immigrants.

"President Biden hasn't really showed any concern for anything the American people have voiced on this issue," Morin said of the on-going border crisis. "It's like he's sitting in an ivory tower, and we're just down here. He's not connected with the everyday person."

"I'm not against immigration, but you don't just open the front door to your house and invite any stranger in off the street," she said. *Emily Crane*

'Rent' ain't so quaint after triple stab



**JOHNNY
OLEKSINSKI**

REMEMBER "Rent"? That famous Broadway musical by Jonathan Larson, which premiered in 1996, depicted an East Village beset by crime, squatters, drug use and homelessness during the 1990s.

When the show opened, the "La Bohème" riff was an edgy and relevant rock 'n' roll snapshot of a downtown neighborhood that was in the papers for all the wrong reasons. Many people were legitimately afraid to go there.

But by the time "Rent" finally closed in 2008, the musical had turned hokey and retro. Matt Stone and Trey Parker's "Team America World Police" ruthlessly mocked it in 2004.

That's partly because the area experienced a stunning turn-around over those 12 years. The East Village was suddenly posh. Mary-Kate Olsen and Helen Mirren bought luxe apartments there. No longer worrying about being murdered, residents were more concerned with getting into Momofuku.

The world of "Rent" was in the rearview, and New York was the safest big city in America.

Paying dearly for this?

Not anymore. Now we nervously glance over our shoulder on the way to the recycle bin.

As a current EV dweller, paying more than \$3,000 a month to live just a block away from East 14th Street and Avenue A — where a deranged man stabbed three people on Sunday, killing one — "Rent" ain't looking so silly these days.

My neighborhood is a wreck. And to anyone with eyes, the gruesome attack, which took place near a Trader Joe's and Target around 5 p.m., was totally predictable.

When a place appears to be a derelict hotbed of lawlessness, chances are it will become a derelict hotbed of lawlessness. And, indeed, the East Village has.

I can attest that this particular pocket is a free-for-all of vagrancy, garbage-littered sidewalks, hard drugs used with abandon and disturbed individuals allowed to run amok.

For blocks, there are pop-up encampments of grocery carts full of junk where druggies openly inject themselves with needles and hit crack pipes. Then they carelessly pitch them on the ground.

Nobody seems to care, even though children and dogs are everywhere. And if locals do, they're afraid to speak up for fear of pro-

The bad ol' nowadays in East Village



BLOODY HELL: This is the 14th Street crime scene where three people were stabbed, one fatally, on Sunday afternoon, as trash, vagrancy and blatant open hard-drug use have become daily sights for rent-burdened locals.

gressive castigation.

This week I watched two cops staring at piles of someone's abandoned hoard of trash on 12th Street, next to a public school attended by kids ages 3 to 11.

Blight out in the open

Almost every day for three years, I've seen the same 20-something woman, barefoot, covered in dirt and sobbing, walk up and down the road howling in people's faces.

A local shop employee told me they've seen her admitted to the hospital for an overdose and then

let out to go back to doing the exact same thing hours later. It's heartbreaking.

And yet the NYPD gaslights everybody with vague stats saying crime in the area is down 30%.

To paraphrase: "Here's a spreadsheet. Suck it up."

And out-of-touch columnists at The New York Times — redundant, I know — are worse, always chalking up our horrible, lived experiences to "perception." Little more than a pesky p.r. problem.

New York is supposed to be like this, their self-serving revisionist history goes. They love nothing more than to insist: It's not as bad

as it was in the 1970s.

Oh, thanks.

So, deadly stabbings in front of the grocery store and being panned on your own stoop as you leave for work, as I was last week, are just part of the quintessential New York City experience?

Poppycock. They were not a few short years ago. They're a result of failed government policies and *laissez-faire* policing. Everybody — everybody! — knows it.

Yes, downtown New York is back to looking a lot like "Rent" again. What's the vital difference?

The criminal fortune we're all paying in rent.

CUNY big's pay boost

The City University of New York is often generously called "The Poor Man's Harvard" — but maybe not when it comes to administrative salaries.

CUNY's Board of Trustees on Monday night approved an eye-popping \$320,681 salary for Gayle Horwitz, who was elevated to senior vice chancellor as well as secretary to the board.

That figure at the public university far exceeds the \$250,000 salary for Gov. Hochul and \$258,000 compensation for Mayor Adams.

Horwitz, who has held top posts at CUNY since 2016, saw her salary jump from \$267,628 — a 16% increase, records show.

Horwitz has long been a confidante of CUNY Board chairman Bill Thompson.

She was a top deputy to Thompson when he served as city comptroller, and earlier when he was chairman of the New York City Board of Education.

Thompson announced her salary hike — an item added to the agenda — at the end of the CUNY board meeting.

Another CUNY administrator, Anne Fenton, saw her salary jump 17% from \$176,566 to \$212,566 — a 17% increase.

Carl Campanile

Kid shoots self in hand

A 12-year-old boy shot himself in the hand at The Master Barber Shop in the Bronx on Tuesday afternoon, sources told The Post.

Officers responded after someone called 911 to report a shooting, cops said. Police found a 12-year-old boy who was conscious and alert but had a bullet wound on his hand, police said.

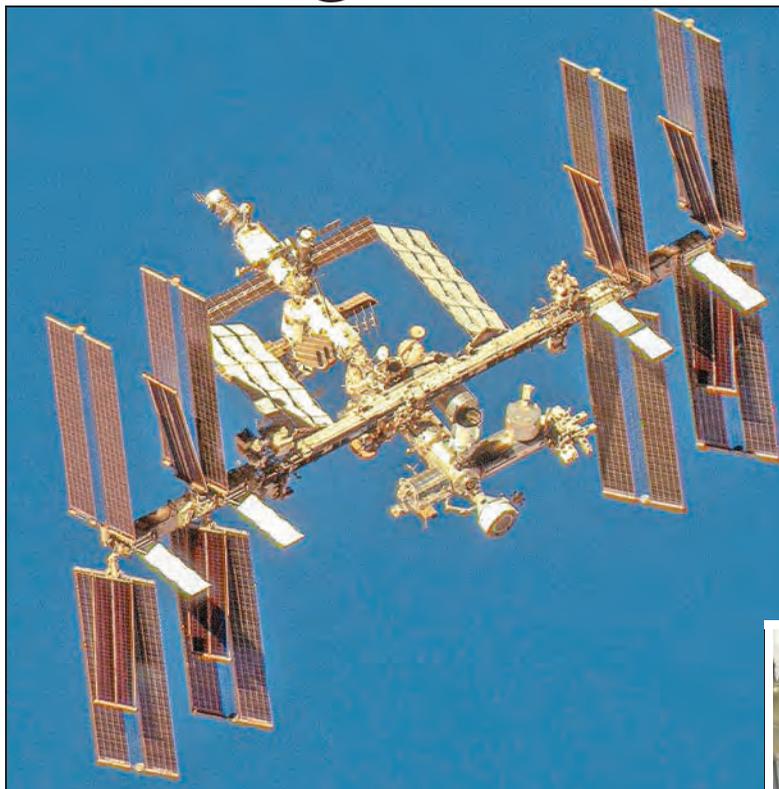
Sources said the shooting appeared to be self-inflicted, and the kid was in the bathroom when the gun went off.

A surveillance camera outside the shop caught a group of kids fleeing the scene.

Amanda Woods, Larry Celona and Steve Janoski

Boeing nowhere fast? Call in SpaceX

ASTROS DESPERATE FOR A RIDE



By RONNY REYES

SpaceX may be forced to come to the rescue of two astronauts stranded at the International Space Station after their Boeing Starliner suffered troubling helium leaks.

Astronauts Butch Wilmore and Suni Williams soared into space on the Starliner on June 5 and were only supposed to remain at the ISS for nine days — but issues with their ship have left their return date still up in the air, and NASA is now furiously trying to help solve the problem.

Boeing-rival SpaceX could potentially end up being tapped to bring them home aboard its Crew Dragon spaceship.

The outcome would serve as a severe blow to troubled aerospace giant Boeing, which has spent about \$1.5 billion in cost overruns — beyond its initial \$4.5 billion contract with NASA — in hopes of making Starliner a

second option to reach the ISS.

While NASA and Boeing officials have reiterated that the current problems aboard the Starliner don't indicate the need for SpaceX to lend a hand, the Crew Dragon is up to the task.

The SpaceX ship, which recently ferried four astronauts to the ISS in March, is capable of carrying two to four passengers at a time, but it can fit additional occupants in an emergency.

Eyes on the skies

SpaceX had served as the sole commercial company approved to transport astronauts and cargo to the space station since 2020.

SpaceX did not immediately respond to The Post's request for comment Tuesday.

Michael Lembeck, an aerospace-engineering associate professor at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign who served as a consultant for Boe-



DOWNER: US astronauts Suni Williams and Butch Wilmore (both wearing blue), with colleagues aboard the International Space Station, are delayed due to leaks in their Boeing Starliner return craft (inset).

ing's spaceflight division from 2009 to 2014, told The Post that the Starliner is still likely to be Wilmore and Williams' ride back to Earth.

"Right now, I'd say the need for SpaceX to step up is very low," Lembeck said. "We would have to see a big problem come up in the next couple of days to warrant that reaction."

While the capsule carrying the astronauts will make it back to Earth, the service module — which stores the engines, fuel and the helium tanks — will not, Lembeck explained.

NYU aerospace professor Kat-suo Kurabayashi added: "With ample helium gas remaining, it's prudent for the teams to take sufficient time to ensure that Starliner is fully prepared and certified for the return journey."

The NYU prof noted that the situation remains fluid and that the next updates that come from NASA will be an indicator on how the issue has developed.

"If they start talking about a rescue mission by chance, it would indicate that there are some serious, potentially life-threatening hardware defects

found with Starliner," Kurabayashi said.

The last time a NASA astronaut needed help returning to Earth was in 2022 when Russia's Soyuz capsule sprang a leak with American Frank Rubio on board.

While NASA had considered tapping SpaceX for help, Rubio eventually returned aboard an empty Soyuz capsule that Russia launched.

The incident extended Rubio's six-month mission to one that lasted more than a year, or 371 days, a recording-breaking length for an American in space.

NASA's ultimate what-if plan: Stop that asteroid!

What if a never-before-seen asteroid barreling in our direction was likely to strike Earth?

That's the hypothetical scenario NASA astronomers tested with a recent simulation in which officials attempted to plan for an asteroid that had a 72%

chance of hitting Earth in just 14 years.

After the theoretical timeline was posed to a group of nearly 100 government representatives in April, NASA found that its best plan to counter the horrifying doomsday scenario had several

"high-level gaps," according to their presentation.

"The uncertainties in these initial conditions for the exercise allowed participants to consider a particularly challenging set of circumstances," said Lindley Johnson, planetary defense officer emeritus at

NASA. "A large asteroid impact is potentially the only natural disaster humanity has the technology to predict years in advance and take action to prevent."

In the exercise, asteroid sizes ranged from 60 to 800 meters, with the most likely size being between

100 and 320 meters.

To complicate the scenario, scientists said the looming asteroid then passed behind the Sun, making it impossible to observe from Earth for at least seven months.

The experiment was the first to use data from

NASA's DART (Double Asteroid Redirection Test) mission, the first technology for defending Earth against potential impacts.

NASA noted that applying this technology to an actual threat would require "many years of advance planning." *Isabel Keane*

Prez was open to Assange deal, but . . .

By STEVEN NELSON

WASHINGTON — The White House denied Tuesday that it was involved in the feds' plea deal allowing WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange to return to his native Australia — despite President Biden previously saying he was “considering” it.

Assange, 52, arrived Monday evening in the Northern Mariana Islands, a US territory in the Pacific, and pleaded guilty Wednesday to obtaining and publishing national defense information — ending his 12-year legal saga that included seven years in Ecuador's cramped London embassy and five years in prison fighting extradition to the US.

He argued in court that publishing the sensitive US military secrets should be protected by the First Amendment while conceding he would likely not win the case if it went to trial. “Working as a journalist, I encouraged my source to provide information that was said to be classified in order to publish that information. I believe the First Amendment protected that,” he said, according to The Washington Post.

Upon admitting to one felony count of violating the Espionage Act, Assange was sentenced to time served, allowing him to return home to Australia for the first time in 14 years.

DOJ's decision

“This was an independent decision made by the Department of Justice, and there was no White House involvement in the plea deal decision,” said Adrienne Watson, a spokeswoman for the White House National Security Council.

A source close to Assange said they were unaware of what if any role Biden may have played in the final resolution of the case.

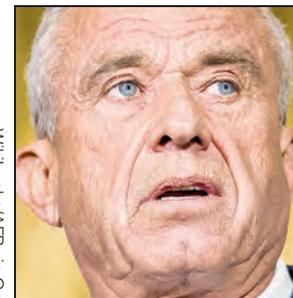
Presidents do sometimes have a role in criminal cases that are significant for international relations, including by approving grants of clemency to foreigners held in US prisons as part of prisoner swaps.

The Justice Department did not



HAPPY LANDING: Julian Assange arrives in Thailand en route to his court hearing in the US-held Northern Mariana Islands, where he secured his freedom by pleading guilty Wednesday to leaking intel.

Wikileaks/AFIP via Getty Images



ROBERT KENNEDY JR. Wants to honor Assange.

Leaker deserves a statue: Kennedy

Independent presidential aspirant Robert F. Kennedy Jr. on Tuesday lauded WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange's release from prison and called for a statue to be erected in his image.

Kennedy, 70, who has long been a proponent of pardoning Assange, also reupped his push for National Security Agency whistleblower Edward Snowden to be pardoned, while upholding the pair as models for the country.

“We should not just release Julian Assange and . . . Snowden, but . . . we should build a monument to them in Washington as a civics lesson to the American public about the importance of free speech,” Kennedy contended on “Piers Morgan Uncensored.”

“A transparent government is the essence of democracy. That's what Julian Assange did for us,” he said, noting that the government will “constantly try to increase its power by reducing transparency.”

“The odd thing about Julian Assange[s] imprisonment is that the American press did not rise up in outrage and indignation to object on this,” Kennedy mused.

The political family scion bemoaned how Assange entered a guilty plea and noted that Assange's health was “shaky.” Assange's brother previously divulged that Julian's health was “deteriorating.”

“He shouldn't have been prosecuted. And you know, I'm disappointed that he had to make this guilty plea,” RFK said. *Ryan King*

WH denies role in Wiki-release

respond to questions about Biden's possible role in the deal.

Assange and US officials reached the deal just weeks after Biden, 81, openly expressed interest in resolving the matter.

“Do you have a response to Australia's request that you end Julian Assange's prosecution?” The Post asked Biden on April 10 as he walked along the Rose Garden

with visiting Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida.

“We're considering it,” Biden replied in a remark widely covered by US, UK and Australian outlets.

In February, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said in a speech to the Canberra parliament that “enough is enough” and Assange's case “cannot just go on and on and on indefinitely.”

The Australian House of Representatives subsequently voted 86-42 to urge the US and the UK to let Assange return home.

Lawmakers from Down Under also focused their efforts to win Assange's release on the US ambassador and former First Daughter Caroline Kennedy, an influential voice in favor of the plea deal.

Julian flying private on Tay-Tay's jet

Where do the worlds of pop-superstardom and international espionage meet? Aboard a \$40 million private jet at 41,000 feet, of course.

The jet WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange paid \$500,000 to fly him from London to the US territory of Saipan in the Pacific on Monday is the

same one Taylor Swift chartered when she rushed from a Japan concert to watch boyfriend Travis Kelce win the Super Bowl in Las Vegas in February, flight logs show.

Assange, 52, and Swift, 34, both hired the 2017 Bombardier Global 6000 with tail number 9H-VTD from VistaJet, photos from

their respective journeys show.

Flight records from Feb. 10 show the jet flying from Tokyo to Los Angeles, and entries from Monday and Tuesday show it traveling from London to Saipan with a stopover in Bangkok, Thailand.

Both flights were followed closely by journal-

ists and supporters across the world, although for starkly different reasons.

Assange is expected to plead guilty Wednesday morning at a federal court in Saipan to conspiracy to obtain and disclose national defense information related to WikiLeaks' 2010 release of hundreds of thousands of classified

military and diplomatic files. He reportedly refused to set foot on the US mainland.

The jet can carry 14 passengers and sleep seven, with seats converting into comfortable beds. It can fly for 13 hours over a range of 6,000 nautical miles, VistaJet says.

Alex Oliveira

Bro of 'rape' duo quits

The older brother of the real-estate-dynasty Alexander twins has stepped away from the brokerage firm he co-founded after he was accused in a civil lawsuit of raping a New York City woman more than a decade ago.

Lawyers for Tal Alexander, 37, said in a statement Tuesday that the financier would "take a leave from the company to focus fully on clearing his name" because of the "salacious nature of this false allegation."

"He won't allow these claims to be a further distraction to the company or its clients," lawyers Milton Williams and Deanna Paul said.

One of Tal's younger siblings, Oren, was already pushed out of Official, the brokerage business he co-founded, after a pair of explosive lawsuits claimed he and twin Alon, who runs a private security firm, raped two women several years back.

Tal had originally dodged accusations.

But last week, a similarly volcanic lawsuit brought by a woman named Angelica Parker claimed that Tal and the twins conspired to rape her in a "coordinated sexual assault" inside the brothers' shared apartment in Soho shortly after she met them in the fall 2012. *Mary K. Jacob and Steve Janoski*

Samurai sword fight

A South Carolina man tried to slice off another man's nose with a samurai sword after he tried to kiss one of his family in a gas station parking lot, cops said.

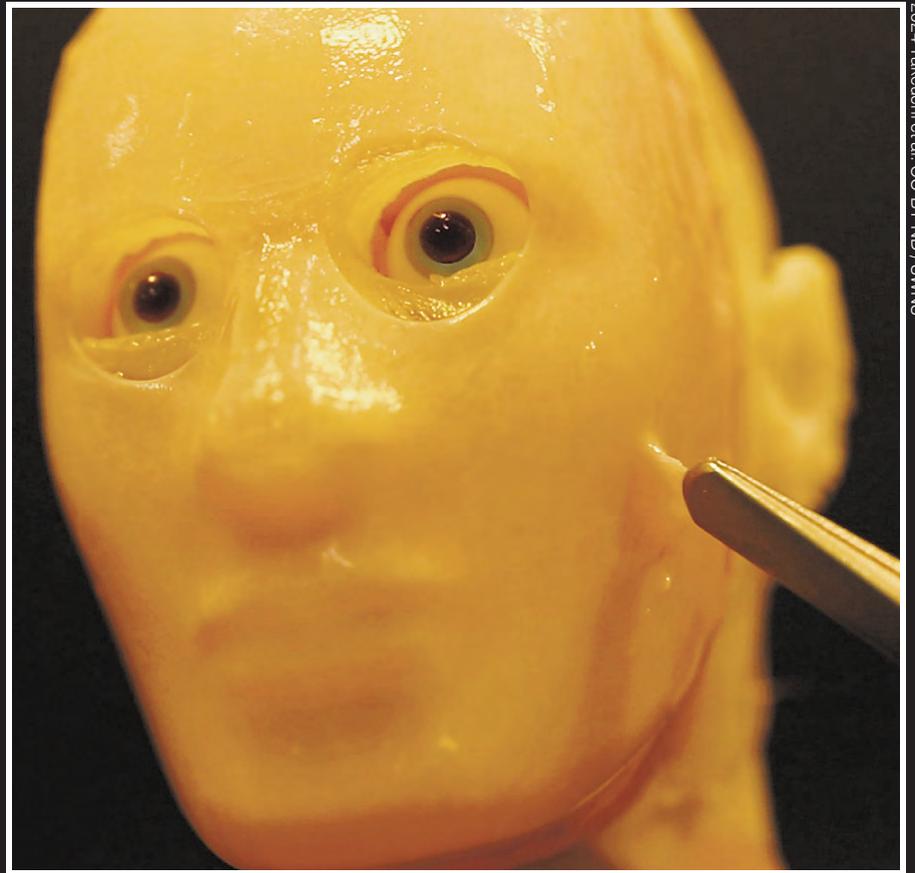
Peter Michael Anthony Tighe, 36, was busted Saturday morning outside a Circle K in Myrtle Beach after he allegedly sliced the stranger's face with a katana, The Independent reported.

Tighe was found hiding in the women's bathroom and arrested, according to WBTW-TV. He was charged with aggravated assault and battery and ordered held at the J. Reuben Long Detention Center on a \$15,000 bond. *Jorge Fitz-Gibbon*

ROBO FACE TIME



Human-like living cyborg skin in lab



EERIE: Scientists are taking the next steps in making robots more human-like, with lab-grown (top left) living skin that reacts "normally" to cyborg facial movement.

By OLIVIA LAND

It's the face of the future.

A team of scientists unveiled a robot face covered with a delicate layer of living skin that heals itself and crinkles into a smile in hopes of developing more human-like cyborgs.

The skin was made in a lab at the University of Tokyo from a mixture of human skin cells grown on a collagen model and placed atop a 3D-printed resin base, New Scientist reported.

Scientists on the project — who published their findings in Cell Reports Physical Science Tuesday — believe the living skin could be a key step in creating robots that heal and feel like humans.

"This living skin would be par-

ticularly useful for robots that interact closely with humans, such as health care, service, companion and humanoid robots, where human-like functions are needed," Professor Shoji Takeuchi told The Times of London.

The lab-grown skin has been attached to a simple, tiny robot face capable of smiling — and the tissue can heal itself.

"The skin can repair itself if damaged, similar to how human skin heals wounds," Takeuchi explained.

"And integrating sensory functions like touch and temperature detection is more feasible with living tissue."

The skin's dermal cells were cultured first, and the epidermal cells were then added on top to complete the structure, he added.

The skin was attached to the robot face using what Michio Kawai of Harvard University described to New Scientist as "perforation-type anchors" that perforate the resin base and create small cavities for the tissue to fill in.

Latest wrinkle

"It creates a smooth, strong bond between the skin and the robot ... The natural flexibility of the skin and the strong method of adhesion mean the skin can move with the mechanical components of the robot without tearing or peeling away," he noted.

While the lab-grown skin still does not resemble actual human skin very closely, Takeuchi said the latest work is still crucial.

"We've identified new challenges, such as the necessity for surface wrinkles and a thicker epidermis to achieve a more human-like appearance," he said.

"We believe that creating a thicker and more realistic skin can be achieved by incorporating sweat glands, sebaceous glands, pores, blood vessels, fat and nerves."

Meanwhile, the experts are back in the lab.

"It may take up to 10 years of research and development before living skin can be used by robots that interact with people regularly," Takeuchi said.

"However, we are making progress, and with continued efforts, this vision could become a reality within the next decade."

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Masked muggers slug woman with bat

In a crime caught on video, two masked baseball bat-wielding thugs viciously attacked an unsuspecting woman on a downtown Manhattan street Tuesday afternoon.

The victim, 58, was nonchalantly checking her cellphone as she walked down Monroe Street in the Two Bridges neighborhood at around 2 p.m. when the would-be muggers —

dressed head-to-toe in black — ran up from behind, surveillance footage shows.

One delivers a punch to the back of the woman's head. She backs up against the wall of a store and tries

to fend off the brutes, the second of whom repeatedly whacks her with the black baseball bat as his partner kicks her and tries to rip her purse off her arm.

The assailants fled empty-

handed and the woman was taken to New York Downtown Hospital with bruising on her left leg and swelling on the back of her head, according to police.

Katherine Donlevy

Beau directly to jail



ROTTEN ROMEO: Nelson Counne (left and below) is a “master of disguise,” one of his victims charged Tuesday at the con man’s sentencing.

4-8 yrs. for ‘Worst Boyfriend’ romance scammer

By ZOE HUSSAIN
and BEN KOCHMANZ

He’ll soon be the “Worst Boyfriend” in state prison.

Two women who had tens of thousands of dollars swiped by smooth-talking scammer Nelson Counne — dubbed the “Worst Boyfriend on the Upper East Side” — ripped the rogue Romeo in court Tuesday as a judge sentenced him to up to eight years behind bars.

“At first glance, he’s a perfect gentleman, but under those fancy clothes, he’s nothing but a grifter, a master of disguise,” seethed one of Counne’s victims, who identified herself only as “Ms. Rachel,” in a statement read aloud by a prosecutor at the 71-year-old con man’s sentencing in Manhattan.

Another victim, “Ms. Gerson,” said she’d have the last laugh against the man she’d believed to be a dapper art dealer and Upper East Side fine-dining connoisseur named “Justin Roth” — who took \$50,000 of her money for a purported “stock” investment that did not exist.

“I want you to know, you didn’t

break me. I still go to fine eateries, and you will be rotting in prison!” Ms. Gerson wrote in her victim-impact statement, also read aloud by prosecutor Raymond Costello.

Counne, ever the con man, tried to dismiss his cruel crimes as nothing more than “midadventure” to the judge — and even shot a smarmy grin at her when thanking her for letting him speak.

Justice Althea Drysdale was decidedly unimpressed and coolly shot back with his jail term, a deal hammered out by prosecutors and Counne’s lawyer. He must serve at least four years and no more than eight years in prison.

‘It was like a fairy tale’

Counne pleaded guilty earlier this month to second-degree grand larceny and other crimes for luring five Manhattan women he met online into pouring \$1.8 million of their savings into phony investment scams.

Rachel wrote in her statement



that Counne introduced himself as “Nelson Roth” and claimed to be in town from London on “business” and to have a home in the south of France — which were all lies.

She dated him for years on and off, during which time he took her money for another “investment” which never amounted to anything.

“He was very charming, handsome, and had a wonderful sense of humor,” Rachel wrote. “In every restaurant, everyone knew him. It was like a fairy tale, and I fell in love. But eventually I found

out fairy tales don’t come true.”

Gerson added, “He used my credit cards on other women at the same time he was living with me.

“A month or so later, there was a stock investment that he wanted me to invest in with him. All I needed was \$100,000, although I could only come up with \$50,000, which I then gave him.

“To this day, I’ve never seen one penny of my investment.”

Just ‘a misadventure’

When asked for a statement Tuesday, Counne claimed that he was “sorry for the pain that I caused” and that he took “full responsibility” — but then quipped, “Look, you know, it was a misadventure.

“It was cruelly done, and wrongly done,” added Counne, who wore an all-tan jail-issued outfit with his hands cuffed together as he sat at the defense table.

Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg said in a statement, “Nelson Counne used an expertly crafted persona and elaborate web of lies to convince women to hand over their savings.”

‘Botched robbery’ gun slay

A sneaker store owner and father of one was fatally shot early Tuesday on a Soho block lined with posh shops, during what appeared to have been a botched robbery, cops and other sources said.

Javier Osorio Mejia, 31, was blasted in the right thigh on Greene Street near Broome Street — just outside the men’s luxury fashion store Stone Island — at around 5:15 a.m., police sources and the victim’s friends said.

He was taken to Bellevue Hospital, where he was pronounced dead, authorities said.

Investigators believe he could have been the victim of a mugging gone bad, according to police sources.

Osorio Mejia was from Bayonne, NJ, according to the sources.

A group of his grief-stricken pals identified him as a successful shoe reseller on the cusp of signing a lease on a new Big Apple store.

“He was a great guy. He wasn’t involved in no crazy s--t to get him shot,” a friend who only gave his first name, Andre, told The Post on Tuesday afternoon.

“He wasn’t involved in no crazy scams or drugs,” Andre added. *Joe Marino,*

*Steven Vago and
Amanda Woods*

Free tickets to fireworks

The city is giving away 10,000 free tickets to prime July Fourth fireworks viewing spots on the West Side.

The tickets — distributed on a first-come, first-served basis — will provide access to one of two key Manhattan viewing locations for the Macy’s Fourth of July Fireworks: Pier 45 in Hudson River Park near West 10th Street and Pier 84 near West 44th Street, Mayor Adams told reporters Tuesday.

Members of the public can register for the free city tickets starting at 10 a.m. Wednesday at NYCJuly4.com. Each person is allowed to register for a maximum of two tickets. *Haley Brown*

Biden aide got trans age limit nixed

A top Biden administration health official successfully pressured an international group of medical experts to scrap age limit guidelines for transgender procedures, including gender-changing surgery, for minors, unsealed court documents show.

Adm. Rachel Levine, the assistant secretary for health at the Department of Health and Human Services, feared that the World Professional Association for Transgender Health’s late 2021 draft guidelines would make it difficult for American transgender

youth to obtain access to the procedures, according to email excerpts between WPATH members included in an Alabama court filing.

WPATH guidance recommended age minimums of 14 for hormone treatment, 15 for mastectomies, 16 for breast augmentation and 17

for genital surgeries.

“Apparently the situation in the USA is terrible and [Levine] and the Biden administration worried that having ages in the document will make matters worse,” a WPATH member wrote in one internal email. “She asked us to remove

them,” the email continued, referring to Levine, who identifies as a transgender woman.

WPATH appears to have caved to the Biden administration’s pressure, with one member saying in an email: “Consequently, we have changes to the SOC 8 in this respect.” *Victor Nava*



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IT'S good to be the king," as Mel Brooks mischievously put it in "History of the World, Part I."

It's also good to be the president, as Joe Biden is proving with his disappearing act.

With his job and legacy on the line, Biden seized the moment to take a week off to prepare for his debate with Donald Trump. He's fled the White House for the rustic retreat of Camp David, where scores of aides have built a mock TV studio so he can feel at home on CNN's Atlanta stage Thursday night.

He's said to be blowing off debate rust with lots of practice, getting plenty of sleep and preparing both to pummel Trump and fight off the former president's attacks.

Leftist press accounts of Biden's summer camp adventure stress the talent and experience of his team, all part of an effort to make it sound as if a brilliant brain trust gives the incumbent a huge advantage.

Don't be fooled. The media are boosting their candidate because they hate Trump as much as Biden does.

Bitter Dem clingers

NBC News, for example, embarrassed itself by insisting that the president is "trying to hone a positive economic message that breaks through, even though many voters say they still don't feel the effects of his policies in their day-to-day life when it comes to the cost of basic groceries and gas."

Subtext: These stupid people are so much better off under Biden than they realize, so he has to explain it to them.

That's the media's sneaky way of calling Trump supporters deplorables and bitter clingers of God and guns.

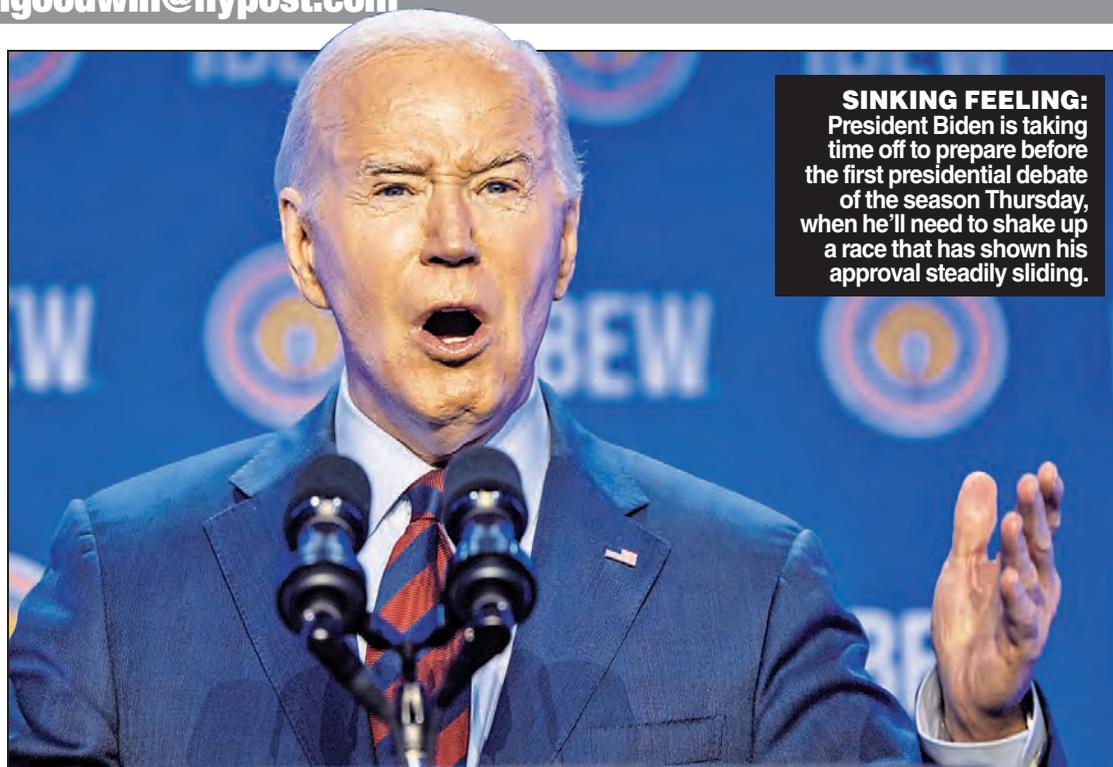
Some people never learn.

If NBC were honest, it would note how inflation under Biden wrecked family budgets, and that he has just a 41% approval for his handling of the economy against a staggering 58% disapproval, according to the RealClearPolitics average of recent polls.

The network might also add that, with far more Americans saying they were stronger financially when Trump was president than they are under Biden, the incumbent can't go near the question Ronald Reagan made famous: Are you better off now than you were four years ago?

Most Americans would answer no, hell no, which is why NBC won't touch it.

The answer would also be lop-



SINKING FEELING: President Biden is taking time off to prepare before the first presidential debate of the season Thursday, when he'll need to shake up a race that has shown his approval steadily sliding.

Prez is betting it all on debate

sided against Biden on questions about the southern border, foreign policy and crime.

All of which is relevant to the reason this debate is being held so early in the campaign. The timing is a sign of Biden's desperation and could mark his last stand.

He's unpopular and a semi-reclusive failure who hasn't aged well, to put it kindly. The overwhelming majority of voters already think he's too old to get a second term and want him off the stage.

With polls trending in Trump's favor, especially in most battleground states, and with some blue states suddenly in play, so many Democrats are demanding a fresh face or pledging to stay home that the president was forced to do something to try to shake up the race and prove he's still viable.

And so, after being dodgy about whether he would debate Trump at all, Biden suddenly demanded an early showdown to head off the possibility that his party would become so dispirited that Republicans would sweep Congress as well as the White House.

High-stakes gamble

It's a high-stakes gamble and if the president bombs in prime time, it's possible he will never formally get the nomination at the Dems' August convention.

Realistically, the only way that can happen is if he agrees to step aside, but a bad performance Thursday could leave him a very lonely man.

This is no Watergate, but a debate debacle could prompt a visit from party elders telling Biden he

should retire at the end of his term. That would echo the day a GOP delegation visited Richard Nixon in the White House 50 summers ago and told him he would be impeached and convicted if he didn't resign.

That's how bad things are for Biden and the party.

So don't be fooled by the rosy reports of his confidence and arduous debate prep. It's all aggro, an example of the party's free media wing amplifying a \$50 million Biden campaign ad buy targeting Trump in battleground states through June.

After that, it depends.

His shaky hold on the party is putting enormous pressure on the president, and a mediocre performance won't be good enough. He has to score a clear victory over Trump.

That's why viewers should ex-

pect a mudslide of negatives against the challenger. With no success of his own to run on, Biden must demolish Trump's character.

Count on repeated references to January 6th, the 34 felony guilty verdicts against Trump in the dirty Manhattan trial and dire warnings about MAGA Man wanting revenge.

Abortion will be another Dem attack line, with the president blaming Trump for the demise of Roe v. Wade because the three Supreme Court justices he nominated were part of the majority.

One aim of Biden's onslaught will be to get Trump angry and throw him off his game. Biden would love nothing more than getting Trump to lose his cool in front of what is certain to be a huge national audience.

The flip side of these calculations is that Trump has a lower bar to clear. He doesn't have to actually win the debate to remain on top. All he has to do is be sure not to lose it.

The network effect

If he can pull that off and make direct appeals to the roughly 10 to 15 percent of voters who are undecided or open to persuasion, Trump will be taking a giant leap toward a fall victory.

On the other hand, if Trump gets rattled and throws out red meat that appeals only to his base, he would be giving Biden a reprieve and an opportunity to take back the momentum.

Trump also faces another challenge in that he must contend with the two CNN moderators, who are guaranteed to discard any pretense of fairness. Dana Bash and Jake Tapper have been seized with Trump Derangement Syndrome for years, with Tapper likening Trump's language to Hitler's. Nothing says fairness like accusations of Nazi, Nazi, Nazi.

From the get-go, CNN has boosted the White House's disgraceful attempt to use the courts against Trump so Biden can win a second term. I would be shocked if the Bash-Tapper questions don't reflect that bias.

Indeed, the network is so one-sided that on the rare occasion when one of its cavalcade of analysts has criticized the Department of Justice or a judge for being unfair to Trump, it's created headlines elsewhere because it's unusual enough to fit the classic definition of news: man bites dog.

Don't expect any news of that sort Thursday. The moderators will be in the tank for Biden.

Bensimon says 'I don't, actually'

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Xmas retreat

OPRAH Winfrey admitted that she skipped **Don Johnson's** Christmas party 35 years ago because she thought she was "too fat." She told **Jamie Kern Lima** on her podcast that she lost 67 pounds from a liquid diet in 1988 and quickly regained it. "I didn't have a morsel of food for five solid months in losing that weight on Optifast," she said. She celebrated by wheeling a wagon full of fat onto the set of her famed TV show. "Three days later, I was 5 pounds heavier, and a week later I was 10 pounds heavier," Oprah said. By that December, she was so ashamed of the rapid gain, she dodged invites to holiday festivities, including the "Miami Vice" star's bash.



Life imitates art

LEGENDARY actress **Gena Rowlands** (above) has Alzheimer's, according to her son, director **Nick Cassavetes**. He shared the grave news with Entertainment Weekly at an event for the 20th anniversary of his hit film "The Notebook," in which his mother, 94, plays a woman who develops dementia. "We spent a lot of time talking about Alzheimer's and wanting to be authentic... and now, for the last five years, she's had Alzheimer's," said Cassavetes.

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KELLY Bensimon has called off her wedding to financier **Scott Litner** just four days before the ceremony was set to take place, Page Six has learned.

The former "Real Housewives of New York City" star — who's now a top real estate broker at Douglas Elliman — confirmed the shocking split to us exclusively.

"I have decided that my two daughters are my priority and I won't be moving forward with this wedding," she said in a statement.

Bensimon called it quits with the twice-divorced father of three yesterday afternoon — the same day she was set to pick up her three wedding dresses from Kleinfeld, we hear.

The former couple were set to say "I do" in Boston in Litner's mother's backyard in front of friends and family on Saturday.

Bensimon, 56, even just went on a mini bachelorette trip with her two daughters, **Sea**, 26, and **Teddy**, 24, at Sandals Dunn's River in Ocho Rios, Jamaica.

The bubbly socialite and Litner got engaged last year during a Fourth of July vacation to Lake Geneva, Wis., near where she grew up.

Along with the Beantown ceremony, the pair had planned to have a second blowout in the Hamptons.

"When I first met him, I didn't even say anything. I was speechless — which is not like me,

I always have something to say," Bensimon previously told People. "But he blew me away. He's just a really special human."

She was married to famed photographer **Gilles Bensimon** for 10 years, until 2007.

Soon after she and Litner got engaged, Bensimon put her luxe downtown pad up for rent — for a whopping \$28,500 a month — and moved in with her betrothed in September.

Just this month, she told Page Six she had almost wept while trying on wedding dresses.

"I'm getting married later in life and I never thought this would happen," she told us. "I just would not change this day and the leading up to it."



While temperatures in the city soared over weekend, so did tempers as Mayor Eric Adams fled for Southampton to party with birthday girl Sara DiOrazio (right) and Carastina DuBrovin.

casafina/instagram

JT cop a lifesaver

THE rookie Sag Harbor cop who pulled over **Justin Timberlake** for alleged drunk driving was a hero who saved someone's life days before the bust. A Hamptons insider tells us that officer **Michael Arkinson**, who turns 24 this month, administered Narcan to save a local who was overdosing. A source told Page Six of Arkinson: "This is a young officer who's done an excellent job... A week prior [to the Timberlake bust], he had actually saved a 25-year-old from an overdose. He had given him Narcan." Another source told us, "Most of the people in this village support our law enforcement." Arkinson stopped the singer last Tuesday after allegedly seeing him blow a stop sign and swerve, but he didn't recognize Timberlake.



Royal disunion

SUPERMARKET heiress **Andrea Catsimatidis** (above) and reality TV show royal "Prince" **Mario-Max Schaumburg-Lippe** have called it quits. "We went our separate ways," Andrea, 34, confirmed to Page Six yesterday. She didn't offer further details — and it's unclear why they ended things — but one source told us they broke things off "about a month ago." Mario-Max, 46, has appeared on several reality shows, earning him the title "King of Trash TV." They met uptown at Rampoldi restaurant in September, according to sources, and declared their love on Valentine's Day, posting: "We feel truly blessed to have found true love, it is everything we ever wanted and even more than we could have ever dreamed of."

Hizzoner lazes in Hamps as city languishes

WHILE there was a broad-daylight stabbing in the East Village last weekend, Mayor **Eric Adams** was out in the Hamptons. On Saturday, spies saw the NYC pol at Ketchy Beach — Southampton's hottest new spot and an outpost of the downtown club Ketchy Shuby. A spy told us of Hizzoner, "Adams showed up with a five-person security detail and wanted to hang out in a cabana by the pool." He posed for pics with patrons, and was seen sandwiched be-

tween two beautiful women. One posted a pic on Instagram with the caption, "Mayor Adams celebrating Sara's birthday," apparently referring to her pal in the fun-filled image (above). Some former supporters were rolling their eyes. "He's polling in the 20s, the perception of crime is out of control, no one feels like anyone is in charge and his answer is to skip town and go party... in the Hamptons?" said one former insider. "It was bad enough when it's [Noho club] Zero Bond, but now this?" We reached out to City Hall for comment.

Legal eagle flies off

BRITNEY Spears' lawyer, **Mathew Rosengart**, is no longer representing the pop star after bringing her conservatorship case to a close, Page Six can confirm. "Our goal together was always to suspend her father and restore her fundamental rights and civil liberties," the powerhouse litigator said. The news comes after Spears, 42, reached a settlement with her estranged father, **Jamie Spears**, in April that allowed the pair to end their lengthy legal battle without going to trial. "I will always be extremely proud of our work together," the litigator told Page Six. "As she desired, her freedom now includes that she will no longer need to attend or be involved with court or entangled with legal proceedings in this matter," Rosengart said in a statement at the time. Thirteen years into her controversial conservatorship, Britney replaced her court-appointed lawyer, **Samuel D. Ingham III**, with Rosengart in July 2021 after speaking out about her "abusive" situation for the first time publicly. The former federal prosecutor helped free the "Toxic" singer from her conservatorship within months.



Araya Doherty/FilmMagic

Halsey gets half-dressed for the premiere of her film "MaXXXine," at LA's TCL Chinese Theatre.

Already hawking merch

WARNING: If you're talented and unrepresented, this is going to hurt. Page Six hears "Hawk Tuah Girl" — a woman who shot to viral fame recently after advising the web on the secret of giving good oral pleasure — has signed an "all areas" deal with talent giant UTA. So prepare for a book ("Great Expectations"?), a movie ("Black Hawk ... Down"?), etc., in the near future. According to an insider, the *phlegm fatale* — identified as **Hailey Welch** — is being handled by literary power agent **Byrd Leavell**, who has also represented President **Trump** and **Cat Marnell**. It seems Welch — who dispensed her balls of wisdom on a TikTok on-the-street interview — has already finagled her own merch deal with Tennessee company Fathead Threads. It's selling signed, embroidered "Hawk Tuah" hats for \$43.70. **Howard Stern** addressed the matter on his show, saying, "I think if I'm analyzing it, the reason people like it so much, the girl, first of all, is so uninhibited and it's just so natural when she says it." He added, "And then, as a dad myself of three girls, that's every father's worst nightmare." A rep for UTA didn't get back to us.

Sightings

A-ROD and **Derek Jeter** having a reunion at Hunt & Fish Club ... **VIVICA A. Fox** and **Jussie Smollett** at Red Rooster in Miami at the American Black Film Festival premiere of their film "The Lost Holliday" ... **PUERTO** Rican musicians **Chayanne** and "King of Modern Reggaeton" **Rauw Alejandro** at Casa Vigil in Miami ... **SHIRLEY MacLaine** and **Andrew Stein** having lunch at **Larry Gagosian's** Kappo Masa on the Upper East Side.

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Not known for being demure, **Katy Perry** covers up — sort of — while in Paris.

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Explosive backstory



Cindy Adams

PATRICK Cyrana's a pyrotechnic specialist. His New Jersey store is Backyard Heroes Fireworks.

"July Fourth testing starts in April. The stuff's made mostly in China. Our agents there work constantly on our hundreds of thousands of containers. Each gets tested because moisture can create mishaps.

"Transport's by ship. No airplane. All safe unless some fire happens on-board — which doesn't happen. A ship crashing

could cause an issue. On the road heavily regulated by the Department of Transportation. Ensured by Lloyd's of London.

"Average July Fourth display costs about \$20,000. Large park, big municipality is \$50,000. Small town \$5,000. Nothing comes down from our zero debris fireworks. Eyes are safe. Cardboard casings. The stuff is biodegradable.

"Of course, you can always have a low break, misfire or something where a shell breaks low or sets off in the rack. Then the wood, plastic, every component flies everywhere.

"Primarily, it's black powder. Sulfur, charcoal, potassium nitrate form a powder that creates fire. Heavy metals create color. It's black powder inside a cardboard tube or round ball. That aerial shell becomes a rocket.

"Ships, containers, US

regulations make it too expensive to manufacture here. One container could hold \$60,000 worth. Then, \$30,000 to ship and that's risen recently."

Anything ever go wrong?

"Fires sometimes. Or hangs in the sky longer than it should. Or a shell rises only a short distance. We fire electronically. Set everything ahead of time, then press buttons.

"There's no crankiness to it. Won't pop off spontaneously. It needs an ignition. Forget a cigar or cigarette that has a flame."

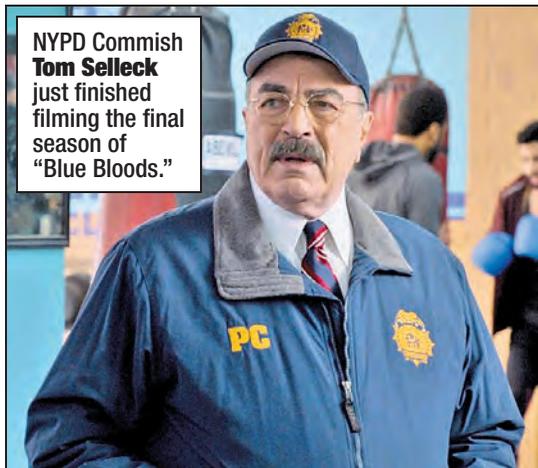
FYI: Before reaching his Jersey store, fireworks began in China, by 15th century widely used in Europe.

So everyone, have your July Fourth with its warm potato salad, friendly ants, crappy coffee and pesty relatives — and enjoy America's holiday.

No longer their Finest hour

NO advance picnicking, bathing or sunburning for **Tom Selleck**. He and his crew quietly marked the finale of his 15 TV years playing NYC police commish Frank Reagan. That glorious mustache wasn't ready to be shaved. He wasn't ready to stop filming. We loved it. He loved it. Audiences loved it. But CBS in its crankiness decided "Enough."

So, pasta for them all. The whole group. Monday night at Elio's.



Feeling peckish

BUT alright already with celebrating out. The indoor problem is: Tip or don't tip? Plus, do we also schmear the maître d' who in kindergarten learned to remove a bill from a hand before the teacher got it out of a money clip?

Plus: Dine outdoors in a

bus lane so petroleum goes with chicken or indoors where the air conditioner's broken? Also, think it's fair when they now suddenly, newly charge for bread? Or water? Those things are free even in prisons.

AMERICA'S so big who knows how Columbus al-

most could've missed it in the first place. He and his guys schlepped over in the Nina, the Pinta and the Santa Maria. And today? Pick one. Most of us are still in a similar leaky boat.

And not only in New York, kids, not only in New York — but happy July Fourth everyone.



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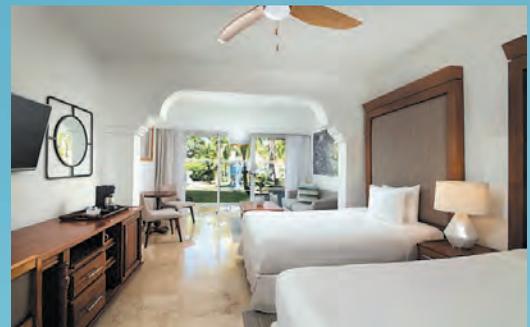
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MUSIC MEN: Greg “The Jingle Man” Princivil (inner left) and Jordan Simpson, flanked by Mr. and Mrs. Met, sometimes collaborate on remixed versions of songs to recap the team’s latest series.

By MATT CAPUTO

Meet the Mets — and their brazen legion of digital fans, whose dedication to the team is downright amazin’, if not occasionally certifiable.

Devotees of the “Loveable Losers” are well-acquainted with the roller coaster of emotions that comes with every baseball season, and they slide headfirst into social media in unique — and sometimes bold — ways.

“Mets Twitter is like being in a dive bar,” Mark C. Healey, editor of Gotham Baseball and a longtime dean of Mets Twitter, told The Post. “When the Mets are winning, it’s a lot of fun; when they are losing, it’s Rock’Em, Sock’Em Robots.”

Some fans have even managed to get themselves blocked by Mets owner Steve Cohen, a testament to the influence of social media in the world of sports fandom.

‘Feud with Cohen’

“Steve Cohen blocks me because he says I’m too negative,” said Frank “The Tank” Fleming, 48, of Belleville, NJ, an outspoken Barstool Sports blogger and one of the most polarizing Mets fans on social media. “He wouldn’t take a picture with me, he said, because I needed to be nicer to his players.”

Amid his ongoing feud with the Mets boss, Fleming posted a video last week asking for Francisco Lindor’s autograph — despite ripping the Mets shortstop as the “most [overpaid] and [overrated] bum in baseball” last month.

Fans around the league consider the Mets to have one of the most intense social media fanbases, and the fervor comes to a

fever pitch as the Subway Series kicks off against the Yankees at Citi Field.

“The Mets and their fans are star-crossed.

There’s always something to scream about even if it’s made up or fabricated,” said John Coppinger, 53, of Rego Park, the author of the widely respected “Metstradamus” blog since 2005. “There’s also a higher volume of fans commenting on things like rats or raccoons in the clubhouse, Jorge Lopez throwing his glove into the stands and getting released, Grimace, Bernie Madoff, Tony Bernazard ripping off his shirt and challenging his minor leaguers to a fight.”

‘Good luck Grimace’

When the ceremonial first pitch before a June 12 game against the Marlins was thrown by Grimace — the portly, purple McDonald’s character — and spawned an impressive seven-game win streak, fan reaction became online fodder.

@MetsGal, an X user from Long Island who declined to provide her real name, wasn’t shy about telling all of Mets Twitter where she’d like to get a tattoo of the team’s latest good luck charm in a viral tweet.

“I thought it would be funny to say I was going to get Grimace tattooed on my butt,” MetsGal said.

She may or may not follow through, but Brett Engleman of Scranton, Pa., already has.

Engleman, 26, got the Mets’ new idol from the land of the Golden Arches tattooed on his shin, in part to mark the birth of

Inside the weird &

ALL Mets ARE OFF!

his first son, Benjamin.

Shortly after he shared a pic of his new ink to his Instagram story, Engleman’s Grimace was posted on the main feed of The 7 Line, the Mets-centric clothing and support group with 118,000 followers.

“I’ll forever remember the Grimace run because of my son’s birth, so I gave the artist my idea, and he drew it,” Engleman told The Post. “There aren’t many Mets fans where I’m from, so I

wanted something different.”

In recent years, some Mets fans have outgrown taking witty digs at each other, instead expressing their views through song with musical jingles, both elaborate and impromptu.

“I’m a goofball and Mets fan,” said Greg “The Jingle Man” Princivil, 41, of Middle Island, LI. “Mets social media is such an eclectic place where anyone can find their avenue.”

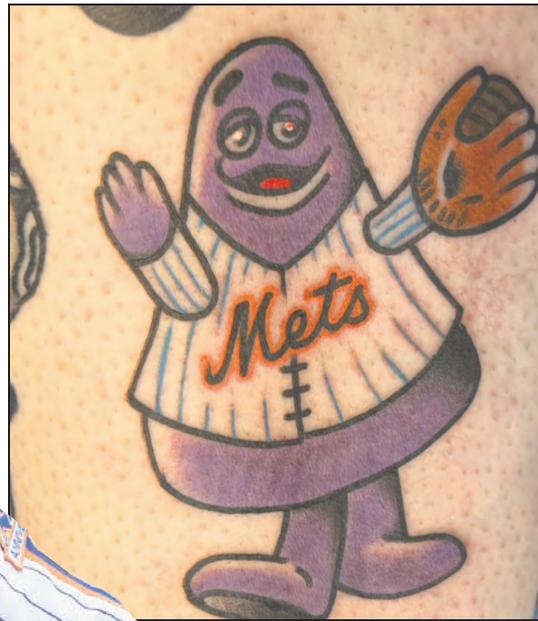
Princivil mostly posts jingles

“in-game during RBI situations.”

In one clip, he remixes the chorus of the Night Ranger song “Sister Christian” from “You’re motoring, what’s your price for flight” to “Alva-rez, watch the ball take flight” in response to Mets catcher Francisco Alvarez’s two-homer game May 9 against the Cincinnati Reds.

He sometimes collaborates with fellow Long Islander Jordan Simpson, a drummer who studied jazz at the New School. In one video, the duo jams to the tune of

wacky world of Amazin' fandom



INKED: Brett Engleman (above with son, Benjamin) commemorated the Mets' seven-game win streak with a Grimace tattoo on his shin.

Jason Sztnes



Stefano Giovannini

Michael Jackson's "Man in the Mirror." Princivil sings the lyrics, "I'm asking for the man J-D Martinez, Power hitter with a great BA [batting average]."

Simpson said it can take up to six hours to make custom jingle videos that recap each Mets series.

When the Grimace-charged winning streak ended against the Texas Rangers June 19, Simpson wore a full-body costume of the McDonald's character to record a

video of a clever jingle over Beyoncé's "Texas Hold'em."

"I was there when Grimace threw out the first pitch, so I wanted to make a song incorporating him, but I had zero purple in my wardrobe," Simpson said. "I didn't want it to be subtle, so I bought the costume for \$50, and it was well worth it."

Along with viral notoriety, many Mets fans say sounding off on social media has helped them find their own voices.

Between Uber fares, Hector Moquette, known as "Hector in Washington Heights," regularly posts his cannabis-fueled #BluntThoughts on Twitter and has been phoning in his takes to WFAN since 1999.

Rocco Bruzesse always talks Mets baseball with patrons visiting Café Dolce Vita, the pair of Long Island pizzerias his family owns.

Launched in 2022, Bruzesse's account, @PizzaSportsGuy, has grown to over 7,000 followers due in no small part to his consistent Mets posting.

"People are always coming in the shop and talking about the Mets," said Bruzesse, 33, of Plainview. "Those conversations led me to tweeting and podcasting about sports, and now my followers come to try our pizza."

'FAN'NING THE FLAMES: Hector Moquette (left) gives his cannabis-fueled Mets thoughts online. John Coppinger (above), author of the Metstradamus blog, says there's "always something to scream about" when it comes to the Amazin's. Barstool Sports blogger Frank "The Tank" Fleming (below) is blocked on X by Mets owner Steve Cohen.



Olga Grinzbung

Sally Brompton

Daily Horoscope

DISCOVER MORE ABOUT YOURSELF AND WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS AT SALLYBROMPTON.COM

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Like it or not you are going to be the center of attention over the next few days, so put on your game face and act as if you are super confident about what you are doing. This is one of those occasions when you may have to bluff it.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

Others may be inclined to use underhand methods to reach their goals but your sense of fairness won't allow you to do that. They may gain in the short-term but over time your integrity will be noted and it is you who will win.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

Trust what a friend has to tell you today, even if it goes against everything you think of as rational. There are times when the logical side of your brain can only reveal half the story and you need to rely on someone who is more naturally intuitive.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

Unsettling events may be making you wonder what on earth is going on in the world but don't let it worry you too much. There is something coming up just a little way ahead that will remind you that the universe is always in control.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

The more a work colleague or social acquaintance gets on your nerves today the more of an excuse you will have to put some distance between you. You are under no obligation to subject yourself to their negative outlook on life. Just get up and go.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

If you are in two minds about whether or not to take advantage of an opportunity that

could lead to a higher profile and more money in the bank then obviously it is not the right offer for you. The fact that you have doubts is evidence enough.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

If you reach out to someone you love today and let them know how much you care they will reciprocate and shower you with positive emotions. There is no good reason why you should be scared of their feelings, nor of your own.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

You may have to drop what you are working on today and focus instead on what a friend or family member is doing but it will benefit you in the long-term. If you find time for them now the universe will find even more time for you later on.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

There is precious little you can do to change all the bad things going on, so don't get uptight about them. What you most certainly can do though is to be loving towards the people you interact with on a personal level - that might actually change the world.

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

If what happens today forces you to scale back on your plans don't get uptight about it as what occurs later on will more than make up for it. This could in fact be one of those situations when you thank your lucky stars you were prevented from acting.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

No matter how reasonable your

point of view may be you will find that some of your colleagues refuse to see sense. That's okay though because those higher up the pecking order will recognize that you are in the right and will reward you accordingly.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

You must not allow anyone, not even your friends, to cut corners or bend rules. The planets warn if you let just one person get away with something they should really be punished for then everyone will start taking liberties at your expense.

BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY
A Mercury-Saturn link on your birthday means you will need to choose your words carefully over the coming 12 months, because what sounds reasonable to you won't always make sense to other people. Not all minds move as fast as your own.

Post Weather Report

Wednesday Today: Breezy, hot; a t-storm late in the p.m.. High 90 to 96. Tonight: Cloudy, heavy t-storms; humid. Low 66 to 72.Friday Mostly sunny. High 77 to 83. Evening Partly cloudy. Low 65 to 71.	Thursday Tomorrow: Mostly sunny and less humid. High 82 to 88. Tomorrow night: Clear. Low 60 to 66. Saturday A t-storm around. High 76 to 82. Evening A shower; humid. Low 68 to 74.
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Almanac

YESTERDAY'S CONDITIONS AT CENTRAL PARK THROUGH 6PM

Temperature
High: 90, Low: 69, Mean: 80

Departure from Normal
Yesterday: +5 degrees

Precipitation
Yesterday: 0.00", Month: 1.16", Year: 25.13", Normal year to date: 23.18"

Cooling Degree days yesterday 15
Total for the month (normal) 255 (174)
Total since Jan. 1 (normal) 364 (255)
Last year to date 207
Heat Index (at noon yest.) 84
UV index (for Wed.) 9 (Very High)
Humidity (at noon) 26%

AIR QUALITY
Pollen: Moderate Predominant pollen: Grasses
AQI rating: (for Wed.) Moderate

Peekskill 92/65
 White Plains 91/67
 Garden City 90/69
 La G 92/68
 JFK 88/71
 Long Beach 79/69
 Sandy Hook 85/70
 Asbury Park 88/70
 Manasquan 90/70
 Toms River 95/70
 Long Beach 84/71
 Atlantic City 95/74
 Ocean City 86/73

Stamford 91/68
 Huntington 92/70
 Deer Park 89/70

Bridgeport 89/69
 Riverhead 86/69

Montauk 84/69
 Southampton 82/69

Sussex 92/65

Paterson 95/68
 Newark 96/71

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Forecast data is current as of 6 p.m. yesterday. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, r-rain, t-thunderstorms, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice

Sun and Moon

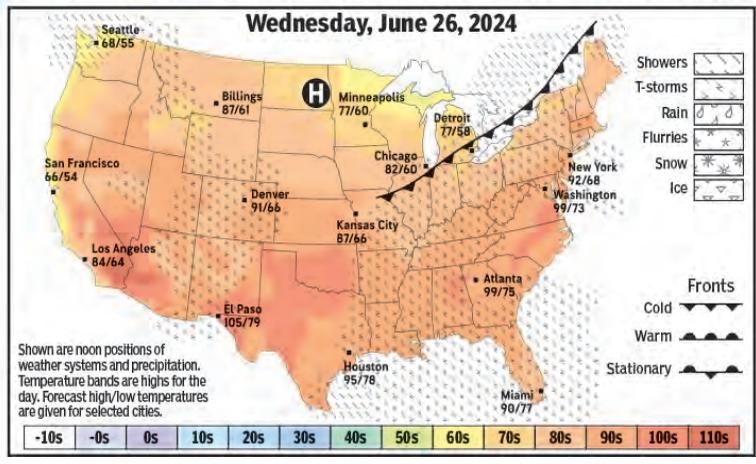
Sunrise today 5:26 a.m.
 Sunset tonight 8:31 p.m.
 Moonrise today none
 Moonset today 10:22 a.m.

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New York Tides	TODAY		TOMORROW	
	1st	2nd	1st	2nd
High Tide for	12:06p	---	12:19a	1:02p
Coney Island	12:06p	---	12:29a	1:02p
Fire Island	2:53a	3:30p	3:48a	4:26p
Hempstead	3:00a	3:35p	3:54a	4:29p
Huntington	11:50a	---	12:03a	12:46p
Jones Inlet	12:39a	1:24p	1:32a	2:20p
Montauk Point	2:51a	3:28p	3:46a	4:25p
Port Washington	12:10p	---	12:23a	1:06p
Sandy Hook				

Regional cities	TODAY	TOMORROW
Albany	90/63/pc	82/52/s
Danbury	91/66/t	85/56/s
Glens Falls	83/60/pc	74/47/pc
Gr Barrington	89/62/pc	80/51/s
Kingston	93/62/t	83/53/s
Liberty	86/60/t	75/51/s
Monticello	88/60/t	76/50/s
Newburgh	93/64/t	84/55/s
Poughkeepsie	93/63/t	83/55/s
Saratoga Springs	88/61/pc	81/49/s
Stroudsburg	91/63/t	84/54/s
Torrington	91/62/pc	83/54/s
Syracuse	87/64/t	75/52/sh

World cities	TODAY	TOMORROW
Athens	95/77/s	91/72/s
Baghdad	113/88/pc	110/84/pc
Beijing	97/73/pc	97/73/pc
Berlin	88/66/pc	88/68/t
Cairo	99/77/s	102/78/s
Dublin	69/54/pc	62/51/pc
Geneva	78/61/sh	86/64/c
Hong Kong	91/84/t	92/83/c
Jerusalem	91/69/s	93/70/s
Kabul	91/68/s	94/70/s
London	85/63/s	76/55/pc
Madrid	87/64/t	89/67/pc
Mexico City	73/57/sh	75/57/sh
Montreal	78/58/t	72/51/sh
Moscow	72/57/c	79/57/r
Paris	88/66/pc	88/58/t
Rio de Janeiro	83/73/s	77/69/sh
Rome	80/62/s	83/63/s
Sydney	69/48/c	65/46/s
Tokyo	88/74/c	85/72/pc



HAMAS CHIEF KIN KILLED

Israeli airstrike on Gaza refugee camp

By EMILY CRANE

An Israeli airstrike killed 10 family members of a top Hamas terror chief — including one of his sisters, Gaza health officials said Tuesday.

Hamas's Qatar-based chief Ismail Haniyeh's relatives were taken out when Israeli forces bombed their home in the Al-Shati refugee camp in the northern Gaza Strip, family members and medics said.

"There are 10 martyrs . . . as a result of the strike, including Zahr Haniyeh, sister of Hamas political bureau chief Ismail Haniyeh," Mahmud Basal, spokesman for the Hamas-ruled territory's civil defense, told Agence France-Presse.

He added that a number of bod-

ies were likely still buried under the rubble but they didn't have the necessary equipment to dig them out.

'Family lost'

Haniyeh, who leads Hamas' diplomacy and is the public face of the group that has been running Gaza, has lost a slew of family members in Israeli airstrikes since the Oct. 7 terror attacks.

Three of his sons and four grandchildren were killed in a single strike in central Gaza in April.

At the time, the terror chief said about 60 of his family members had been killed since the war broke out.

Meanwhile, the latest attack was among three separate air-



ISMAIL HANIYEH

Said 60 relatives have been killed.

strikes carried out by Israeli forces Tuesday that left at least 24 Palestinians dead, the Gaza health officials said.

The other airstrikes hit two schools in Gaza City, killing at least 14 people, local medics said.

The Israeli military confirmed two of the structures were school compounds but said the build-

ings "were used by Hamas as a shield for its terrorist activities."

Hamas, which has denied using civilian facilities such as schools and hospitals for military purposes, described the attacks on the two schools and the house in the Al-Shati camp as "massacres."

Meanwhile, Israeli tanks pressed deeper into western areas of Rafah in the south of the enclave overnight — blowing up homes there, too, according to residents.

The armed wings of Hamas and the allied Islamic Jihad group said in a joint statement that their fighters had fired mortar bombs overnight against Israeli forces in the Yibna neighborhood of eastern Rafah.

And in nearby Khan Younis, medics said Israeli tank shelling had wounded several people at a tent camp in the west of the city.

With Wires

Court KOs non-secular draft exempt

Israel's Supreme Court on Tuesday ruled unanimously that the military must begin drafting ultra-Orthodox men for compulsory service, a landmark decision that could lead to the collapse of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's governing coalition as Israel continues to wage war in Gaza.

The historic ruling effectively puts an end to a decades-old system that granted ultra-Orthodox men broad exemptions from military service while maintaining mandatory enlistment for the country's secular Jewish majority. The arrangement, deemed discriminatory by critics, has created a deep chasm in Israel's Jewish majority over who should shoulder the burden of protecting the country. AP

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Stonewall vs. Quantico truck attack probe



**TODD
BENSMAN**

REPUBLICAN lawmakers have lodged at least six information requests to President Biden's Department of Homeland Security for information that would enlighten the American public about a Jordanian border crosser's May 3 attempted attack on Marine Corps Base Quantico in northern Virginia.

DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas has stiff-armed every one of them.

The border crosser was one of two Jordanians claiming to be Amazon deliverymen who drove a large box truck to the base's front gate and then hit the gas when diverted for investigation and despite "halt" orders.

Marine sentries hit a button that deployed road obstructions, thwarting the base attack, then arrested the pair and turned them over to immigration officers.

Heat on Mayorkas

Rep. Mark Green (R-Tenn.), chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, which sent an information request with a long-blown June 6 deadline, seemed to suggest that subpoenas might be coming next, as did at least one other congressman.

"It's not surprising that Secretary Mayorkas and other top Biden officials don't want to tell us the truth about what happened at Quantico, but the fact is, they don't have a choice," Green exclusively told The Post. "I am tired of this administration stonewalling every investigation into its unlawful, irresponsible, and disastrous policies and decisions.

"We have given these departments plenty of opportunity to respond to our requests for documents to which we, as well as the people we represent, have a right — and we are going to get them. Whether they are compelled to provide them will be up to the Biden administration."

The committee's May 23 letter to Mayorkas, as well as to FBI Director Christopher Wray and Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, asked to simply provide even the names of the two Jordanian attackers, one of whom reportedly crossed the southern border only a month prior and the other a student visa overstayer.

The committee then wanted all records, text messages, internal memoranda and guidance that would reveal any motive behind



NEAR-DISASTER: President Biden's Homeland Security Department has rebuffed six inquiries from lawmakers since the May 3 incident at Marine Corps Base Quantico, where two Jordanians, one of whom illegally crossed the southern border, were stopped trying to drive a box truck (below) past the gates.



the attack, plus how the border crosser got in and was handled by DHS before the attack, and what has happened to them since.

The DHS Office of Public Affairs did not respond to an emailed request for comment about the agency's failure to respond to so many lawmaker requests.

Other House and Senate Republican lawmakers also demanded answers on deadline about a terrorism motive and details about the Jordanian attackers, including a group of 12 led by Rep. Chip Roy (R-Texas), the US House Judiciary Committee, and the office of Virginia Gov. Glenn

Youngkin.

The Biden administration has dissed Youngkin's urgent information request, too.

Lawmakers in the Senate have lodged requests, too. Sen. Ted Budd (R-NC) fired one off signed by 12 other senators.

'They ignore us'

South Carolina's Sen. Lindsey Graham sent one on behalf of the Senate Judiciary Committee's Republican minority, albeit with an "as soon as possible" deadline.

Biden officials have parried not just those information requests but every media inquiry ever since the attack, even at a White

House press conference, leaving the American public to stew in the dark about what happened.

"The leadership at DHS has no interest in answering questions from Congress about terrorists, criminals, and fentanyl pushers flooding our country because they don't have any," an angry Congressman Roy told The Post, two weeks after his group's deadline came and went. "So they ignore us because there are no consequences with a Congress hell-bent on funding them."

The House Judiciary Committee's June 7 deadline came and went without apparent response too. A border-state congressman who sits on the committee told

The Post the committee should compel testimony next.

"I think we need to bring them on in to answer questions publicly," Rep. Andy Biggs (R-Ariz.) said. "They don't want this out there. But I want the answers. The American people should get the answers and Congress should get the answers. We need to understand how this happened, what their intentions were, for the public to know and for law enforcement to know. Everyone needs to know this for how to best protect America."

'Now sharks are here'

Texas Republican Rep. Brian Babin, another border-state lawmaker, who authored yet another ignored letter signed by eight other members seeking information about border-crossing terrorism intelligence failures, had heard nothing by their June 21 deadline.

"Biden spent three and a half years chumming the water, now the sharks are here," a frustrated Babin told The Post. "Biden is deliberately enabling the next 9/11-style attack on US soil."

Todd Bensman, a senior national security fellow at the Center for Immigration Studies, is the author of "Overrun: How Joe Biden Unleashed the Greatest Border Crisis in U.S. History."

Tribeca facade ad woe

It's a sign of the times.

Tribeca residents are fresco-fretting over the fate of quirky paintings on the side of a historic building that the owners want to replace with trendy Fendi ads.

"It is an architectural crime," Lynn Ellsworth, chair of the local preservation nonprofit Tribeca Trust, said of the plan to replace the old artwork at the 109 Broadway.

"We'd sue if we had the means, but too many other lawsuits going," she told The Post. "But if someone in Tribeca wants to finance the suit, we'll manage it."

Ellsworth was just one of numerous Tribeca locals up in arms over the plans to paint over a pair of towering advertisements that reach three floors up the face of the building at the intersection of Reade Street. Megan O'Neil, a fashion designer, called plans to paint over the old signs "s--tty."

There are two faded signs on the building, one saying "Brush up business with paint paste paper and push" and the other depicting a giant hand holding a paint brush. They've been there for decades although no one's quite sure for how long, and they appear to advertise a business of some kind. *Dorian Geiger, Steven Vago and Alex Oliveira*

'Cop killer' setup claim

Karen Read's defense lawyer told a Massachusetts jury that the murder trial for the death of her cop boyfriend is an elaborate setup to "pin it on the girl" in order to protect the officer's police buddies.

"Pick your patsy, pin it on the girl," Read's lawyer, Alan Jackson, told a jury in Norfolk Superior Court in Dedham, Mass., during closing arguments Tuesday.

Read is accused of backing over her lover, Boston Police Officer John O'Keefe, with her SUV and leaving him to die during a snowstorm Jan. 29, 2022.

Priscilla DeGregory, With Wires

CHI BLOWHARDS

By OLIVIA LAND

The Windy City tried to take a bite out of the Big Apple.

Incensed Chicago newscasters were quick to reply when the Empire State Building shaded the Illinois city's most iconic landmark.

The Chicago Bean reopened over the weekend following 10 months of renovations, Millennium Park announced.

The Empire State Building's official X account responded to the news by sharing a clip of television host Wendy Williams looking disinterested while asking her audience to "clap if you care."

'Who cares?'

The New York landmark's towering ego offended some Midwesterners, including the hosts of "Good Day Chicago."

"Really? Because guess who cares. We do," anchor Natalie Bomke scoffed during Tuesday morning's show.

The camera then panned to show several other "Good Day Chicago" hosts clapping along with the studio audience.

"We're literally clapping back," Bomke's co-anchor, Brian Jackson, joked.

Bomke, however, had only just sunk her teeth into the re-
port.



Christopher Sadowski

Open.

Hit back at Bean slight with ESB rip



ILL. WINDS: In response to unexcited coverage from New York City of Chicago's reopening of its Bean sculpture (left), a Windy City newscaster tried to mock the Empire State Building.

fox32chicago.com

'Slave parents' charges

A wealthy white West Virginia couple are accused of forcing their adopted black children to work as slaves and sleep in a barn.

Donald Ray Lantz, 63, and Jeanne Kay Whitefeather, 62, pleaded not guilty to more than a dozen new charges on Tuesday including human-trafficking of a minor after two teens were

found locked in a crumbling shed in ratty clothing, MetroNews reported.

Lantz and Whitefeather were first arrested in October after a wellness check led to the discovery of the couple's five adopted children — aged 6, 9, 11, 14 and 16 — living in deplorable conditions on their Sissonville property. *Patrick Reilly*

Man drowns in cranberry pool

A New Jersey father known for his "crazy antics" has drowned in a cranberry reservoir.

The remains of Frank Guadagnini, 55, were retrieved Saturday from the body of water used in cranberry operations at Brendan T. Byrne State Forest in Whitesbog in Pemberton

Township, State Park Police said Monday.

First responders could not revive Guadagnini at the scene, NJ.com reported.

Manchester Township divers searched the reservoir alongside police and firefighters after responding to an initial call at 7:35 p.m. Saturday.

Guadagnini's daughter, Gianna, confirmed her father's passing on Facebook on Monday night.

"To those who knew Frank experienced his kind giving heart, and his crazy antics to make people laugh," she wrote.

A service will be Friday in Jackson. *Olivia Land*

Bx. worker brutally bashed by couple

BODEGA HAMMER HORROR

By STEVEN VAGO, JOE MARINO,
JORGE FITZ-GIBBON
and OLIVIA LAND

A Bronx bodega worker was bashed in the head with a “sledgehammer” in a fight over a hookah, leaving her so battered that she doesn’t want her children to see her, she told The Post exclusively on Tuesday.

Oralia Perez, 41, was at A&D Deli Grocery on East 188th Street in Fordham Heights at around 10:08 a.m. Saturday, when a man and woman came in and demanded a refund for a \$30 hookah, according to the victim.

She recognized the couple as the pair who allegedly stole \$40 worth of items from the bodega two days earlier, Perez said.

“They came up to me and told me they wanted their money back. It was a couple. I told them, ‘How could you want your money back if you stole all those things?’” Perez recalled.

“I told them not to take any more things. I told them, ‘Don’t do this again.’ They started grabbing me and then I was on the floor.”

Perez was attacked from behind with a hammer, United Bodegas of America spokesperson Fernando Mateo said at a press conference Monday night.



FRACTURED EYE: Oralia Perez lies in St. Barnabas Hospital with one eye swollen shut after she was attacked at a bodega in the Fordham Heights section of The Bronx with a sledgehammer (above).

She blacked out and when she came to, Perez said, “People were screaming and calling 911.”

“I thought I had fallen because I don’t remember anything. But they told me they hit me,” she said.

“I spoke to Oralia as she explained this was an unprovoked attack,” United Bodegas’ Mateo said. “She’s in a lot of pain . . . She didn’t deserve what happened to her.”

Perez is in St. Barnabas Hospital with deep cuts across her face, including a severe gash that caused



United Bodegas of America

her left eye to swell closed.

“I needed 20 stitches, my eye is fractured,” she explained, noting that her condition is still “a little delicate.”

The owners of the bodega are concerned that the suspects may return and wreak more havoc, the union said.

The mother has not allowed her 16-, 14- and 1-year-old children to visit her.

“I don’t want them to see me like this,” she said.

“I’m afraid now. I don’t know,” she added when asked about possibly returning to work.

Photos from the scene show the hammer abandoned on the floor of the bodega, as well as gruesome blood spatter.

The couple fled with three containers of Top Ramen noodle soup, valued at \$2, and are still at large, authorities said.

The police report does not mention the alleged scuffle over the hookah.

Grieving mother's plea to the seas

The grieving mother of one of two teens swept into the ocean off a New York beach last week begged the seas to return her boy to her Tuesday, saying, “You took the life out of them, give them back.”

Aminatu Noah, mother of Elyjha Chandler, 16, made the heartbreaking request four days after her son and his childhood friend, Christian Perkins, 17, vanished into the waters off Jacob Riis Park after a swim Friday evening.

The bodies have yet to be found, and the Coast Guard called off the search late Saturday after scouring more than 600 square miles of water, from Sandy Hook, NJ, to Long Beach, NY.

That’s left Noah with few options besides standing at the water’s edge and pleading with the cruel sea that snatched away her only son.

“You took them, give them back,” she said, her voice breaking. “You took the life out of them, give them back. I want him to just come to us. There is no closure when you don’t know where your kid is. Just come home.”

But he has not come back, and there is no respite for his shattered mom.

“I don’t sleep, I don’t eat,” she told The Post. “My friends forced me to eat, because they say I might end up in the hospital, and they don’t want to see that.”

The teens disappeared when a wave hit them, according to father Urshell Chandler. *Georgett Roberts,*

Haley Brown and Steve Janoski

M’hattan fire kills elderly couple NJ gamer flies to Fla. for attack

An elderly couple was killed when a fire ripped through their upper Manhattan apartment building early Tuesday, officials said.

A 77-year-old woman confined to a wheelchair and her 73-year-old husband were found inside their apartment on the top floor of the six-story building as

firefighters responded to the three-alarm blaze on West 178th Street near Broadway in Washington Heights at around 1:45 a.m., officials said.

“One [victim] was found in the front room,” FDNY Deputy Chief of Special Operation Malcolm Moore told reporters. “Once the

units were able to battle past the heavy fire condition, throughout a large portion of the apartment, there we found the second victim, we believe the male, in the back room.”

Both victims were taken to Harlem Hospital, where they were pronounced dead. *Amanda Woods*

A New Jersey man got so ticked off while duking it out in an online video game that he flew to Florida in the middle of the night to bash his rival with a hammer, authorities said.

Edward Kang, 20, allegedly hopped on an overnight flight at Newark Liberty International Airport,

landed at Jacksonville International Airport and booked a hotel room, before he showed up at the victim’s house at 2 a.m. Sunday swinging a hammer, officials said.

“This is a weird one,” Nassau County, Fla., Sheriff Bill Leeper said at a briefing Monday. “Some things make

you say hmm. Some things you just can’t make up.”

After buying a hammer Saturday, Kang on Sunday snuck into the victim’s house in Fernandina Beach, Fla., dressed in black and wearing a mask and gloves and attacked his rival with a hammer, Leeper said.

Jorge Fitz-Gibbon

Bragg Punts

Lame bid to build case v. antisemitic rioters

WHEN Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg dropped charges last week against most of the protesters who seized Hamilton Hall at Columbia University on April 30, the announcement left New York's Jewish community bewildered and angry.

The Columbia protests, rife with anti-Israel sentiments, exacerbated feelings of insecurity and vulnerability among Jewish students and faculty at Columbia and beyond, leaving deep scars. Meanwhile, Bragg's refusal — claiming a lack of evidence — to pursue criminal consequences for 31 of the 46 protesters charged with trespassing has broadly undermined trust in our legal institutions' ability to protect and serve all communities fairly.

But several pressing questions for Columbia and Bragg remain.

First, where is the security footage? In a world where surveillance cameras and smartphones are ubiquitous, it seems implausible that there was not ample video evidence to support charges against the trespassing protesters — after all, college campuses are typically outfitted with extensive security systems.

The fact that prosecutors cited "insufficient evidence" due to a lack of footage raises significant doubts about the handling of this case. If there was footage, was it all reviewed by Bragg's office? If not, why was such a crucial aspect of the investigation overlooked?

If Columbia chose not to provide footage to Bragg's office, the private school may be attempting to sidestep further conflict with faculty and students angered by police involvement. Meanwhile, Bragg's statement that Columbia is pursuing disciplinary action contradicts the assertion that his office could not determine who was present in Hamilton Hall.

Second, did Bragg issue a subpoena? If Columbia didn't voluntarily provide security footage to investigators, Bragg should have taken the necessary legal steps to obtain it. Subpoenaing the



Scot free: Pro-Hamas protesters arrested at Columbia on Apr. 30 are escaping criminal prosecution — sparking critics' suspicions.

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footage should be standard procedure in an investigation of this nature — so if that did not happen in this case, why not?

Thirdly, what about the masks? Wearing masks while committing crimes is not merely suspicious; it's illegal under New York state law. Many protesters wore masks during the takeover of Hamilton Hall, but Bragg has not explained why his office neglected this potential charge.

Finally, Columbia called the police — so why stop now? When the demonstrators stormed Hamilton Hall, Columbia President Minouche Shafik recognized that weeks of anti-Israel protests on campus had spiraled out of control and called in the NYPD to end the takeover. It was the right decision then, so why does she not want to hold those arrested criminally accountable for the damage they caused?

Columbia is facing serious accusations, including a pending lawsuit, alleging it has failed to provide Jewish students with access to educational opportunities in an atmosphere free from discrimination. The university has also demonstrated a willingness to unevenly apply its own standards of conduct in ways

that have disadvantaged Jewish students.

Columbia has failed to protect Jewish students and faculty, and those who support them, from exposure to harmful language, including calls for genocide — inaction that flies in the face of the school's stated concerns about the effects of harmful speech on other minority communities. It must take ownership of its abysmal record and ensure a fair and safe learning environment for all students, including Jews.

The implications of this case extend far beyond the confines of Hamilton Hall. They touch on broader issues of justice, community safety and the equitable application of the law.

It is time for Bragg and Columbia to demonstrate a commitment to upholding justice and accountability for all, regardless of the political or societal pressures that may surround any given case.

When last semester came to its merciful end, Shafik wrote to students, "It is going to take time to heal, but I know we can do that together." Given Columbia's and Bragg's clear refusal to seek justice in the riot's aftermath, it is hard to see how that can happen.

Josh Kramer is director of the American Jewish Committee office in New York.

FAST TAKES

Climate war: What 'Green-Energy Transition'?

"Despite extravagant hype, the green-energy transition from fossil fuels isn't happening," explains Bjorn Lomborg at The Wall Street Journal. "Achieving a meaningful shift with current policies is too costly. We need to change policy direction entirely." The problem: Adding renewable energy "does little to replace coal, gas or oil. It simply adds to energy consumption." In 2023, the world spent almost \$2 trillion "to force an energy transition," and over the past decade solar- and wind-energy use have soared — but so has fossil-fuel use. "The way to achieve an eventual transition is to improve green-energy alternatives" by investing more in R&D. "Bringing the costs of low-CO2 energy sources below those of fossil fuels is the only way that green solutions can be implemented globally."

Conservative: US Elites Choose Jew Hate

"The city of Los Angeles cannot say it didn't know" an antisemitic mob would blockade the Adas Torah synagogue, thunders Commentary's Seth Mandel. "The violence was planned and scheduled." Yet the mainstream media ignored the "weapon-wielding psychos in keffiyehs" who "stalked Jewish neighborhoods." Remember, "it is a choice by the media to treat" Jew-hatred "with kid gloves. It is a choice by universities to kowtow to it. It is a choice by congressional anti-Semites to egg it on. And it is certainly a choice by the president of the United States to join such figures at political events and praise them to the heavens. The leadership of America's political, media, and academic institutions have chosen this path." "And very few hands are clean."

From the right: Europe's Anti-EU Shift

The European Parliament election results signify "real elections," where "a self-governing people pronounced on its ideals, its history" and "its destiny," argues Christopher Caldwell at The New York Times. "Voters in most of the European Union's 27 countries rallied to parties that hold the union in contempt," like France's National Rally and Alternative for Germany. To "understand today's discontent with the European Union," look to pressing issues across Europe like "purchasing power, the price of diesel, the age of retirement and the shortage of housing (often taken by migrants awaiting asylum hearings)." Bigger picture: The EU project "has as its end point the extinction of France, Germany, Italy and the rest of Europe's historic nations as meaningful political units." And though the EU has been "concealing its nature," Europe's "younger generation appears to have seen through the dissembling. We are only at the beginning of the consequences."

Mideast watch: Biden's Disastrous Paralysis



Jake Sullivan

"We are on an Armageddon-like countdown in the Middle East, and the overall situation is fast devolving," warn Mark Toth & Jonathan Sweet at The Hill. "Hezbollah is dangerously nearing a point of no return in its ongoing cross-border war with Israel," and "Iran is drawing ever-nearer to producing and fielding nuclear weapons." Yet National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan "continues to pursue losing strategies." Meanwhile, "the Pentagon, stretched thin by Biden's tail-chasing Middle East strategy, is also warning Israel not to become embroiled in a wider war with Hezbollah." "Escalation paralysis continues to dominate Biden's White House, his State Department and now his Pentagon. Tehran, however, is not paralyzed. Nor is Hezbollah."

Tech beat: Google's Climate Censorship

"We predicted Google would demonetize it. We were right," grumble the editors of Issues & Insights of an editorial citing government data that contradict various claims about climate change. With no evidence, Google's AdSense said "it had 'disabled ad serving' on that page because the article contained 'unreliable and harmful claims.'" That is, Google censors "labeled official government data as 'unreliable and harmful.'" The tech giant defines "unreliable and harmful" as content that "contradicts authoritative scientific consensus on climate change" — yet there is "no 'consensus' about many of the claims made about global warming." Instead of "protecting the public against false information," Google "is attacking true information that undermines climate change dogma."

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Do Something, Joe

President Biden continues to tip the wink to America's new brownshirts — and their violence against Jews continues to spread.

A mob of crazed antisemites assembled Sunday at LA's Congregation Adas Torah, blocking would-be worshipers from entering — as city officials reportedly told the LAPD to stand down. The keffiyeh-clad thugs went on to assault Jews.

Pure evil.

Biden issued a mushy condemnation from Camp David: "I'm appalled by the scenes outside of Adas Torah synagogue in Los Angeles." But what's he going to do about it?

This same president, after all, sicced the FBI on school board moms and dads for daring to question woke curricula. When will the feds come down hard on the Palestinian Youth Movement and Code Pink, which reportedly organized this pogrom, er, protest?

Why isn't Joe hitting LA Mayor Karen Bass like a ton of bricks — after all, the huge policing failure here is ultimately her responsibility (or even her doing)?

We know why the media are largely ignoring what happened in Los Angeles: Many,

many journalists at mainstream outlets have signed on as unpaid PR reps for Hamas.

There's a direct line from allegedly "pro-Palestine" protests to violence against Jews: In November, a pro-Palestinian protester killed pro-Israel protester Paul Kessler in broad daylight in Thousand Oaks.

So why does Biden restrict himself to platitudes instead of demanding law and order?

He's plenty forceful when condemning Israel, accusing it of "indiscriminate" bombing (when the opposite is true) and sending out USAID head Samantha Power to lie about famine in Gaza (data show never happened, as even the United Nations admits).

Well, Biden clearly believes he has to thread the needle on the "pro-Palestinian" protests to win in November — that is, his electoral strategy depends on letting *juuust* enough Jew-hate fester out in the open. And it's by now unmistakable that huge chunks of the executive branch are ideologically aligned with the would-be genocidaires of Hamas and their stateside fifth columnists.

So the president will do nothing except mildly criticize. Guess Jewish lives don't matter when Democrats have an election to win.

Assange Is No Hero

Anarchists and America-haters might cheer the release of Julian Assange from his UK prison after striking a plea deal with US prosecutors, but make no mistake: He's no hero.

Nor is he a "journalist" whose participation in the theft and distribution of mountains of extremely sensitive information deserves First Amendment protection.

He and his WikiLeaks group didn't just publish stolen, highly classified and sensitive info; they sought it out, with Assange accused of actually *helping* then-US Army analyst Chelsea Manning get the material.

Nor did he use *any* discretion in publishing the documents, even when it put lives at risk by ID'ing Afghans who'd served as US informers in the war against the Taliban.

Yes, information from insiders looking to report real abuse by government agencies should have an outlet, and if not taken seriously by authorities, given to the media to galvanize public pressure for reform.

And the politicization of the Justice De-

partment and US intel agencies, and outright abuses by insiders, makes the press' role as a watchdog even more critical — though media insiders can and do collude with *intel* insiders to deceive the public, too.

But Assange wasn't interested in justice or exposing true abuse; he simply relished obtaining and releasing *any* secret government or political material, particularly if US-based.

Fact is, full transparency for government info, 100% of the time, is idiotic: Uncle Sam needs to keep some critical secrets, because the nation faces real threats — from other countries, terrorists, criminals.

No, at bottom, Assange is little more than a radical anarchist hacker who cloaks himself in righteousness. In 1996, he pleaded guilty to 24 counts of hacking in an Australian case. He faced a slew of US charges related to hacking and distributing material whose release dealt the United States a serious blow.

He can count himself lucky prosecutors let him plead guilty and walk free based on time served.

House *loves* criminals, with then-chief flack Jen Psaki (to pick one example) making fun of 2022 worries about crime driven skyward by progressive policies.

And Team Joe is still trying to "end the occupation" (i.e., make sure Hamas survives its war on the Jewish state). And the prez has even called "white supremacy" the "single most dangerous terror threat in our homeland."

Yes, having open extremists on-staff is awkward as Biden tries to snow the voters this fall. But we still think Ty should disavow his disavowal: Give Americans a chance to know what they're getting if they re-elect Joe.

Bragg's Big Betrayal: Radicals off the Hook

THE ISSUE: District Attorney Alvin Bragg's decision to drop charges against 31 anti-Israel protesters.



Alvin Bragg

Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg's refusal to prosecute antisemitic, anti-Israel protesters sends a clear message: Do as you wish, I have your back ("Free to hate under DA Bragg," June 25).

Were it any other ethnic or religious group, Bragg would have taken immediate action. He is simply a blip in a never-ending saga in which Jews are threatened and the perpetrators are never taken to task.

Sheldon Hersh
Lawrence

I think Bragg would win in a landslide if he runs for re-election.

He is representative of the Democrats of today, ignoring leftist crimes while simultaneously throwing the book at anyone who might be ideologically opposed to them.

David Bryant
Easton, Conn.

Antisemitism has become a game. Harass and accost Jewish students or storm a major university and the justice system does nothing.

The reason why? Bragg argues there was not enough evidence. Really? There are literally hundreds of videos of the perpetrators.

No consequences equals no change. One can only assume that both the Columbia administration and Bragg actually agree with these antisemites.

J.J. Levine
Miami Beach, Fla.

I'm not quite sure if it's hypocrisy, arrogance or stupidity that drives DA Bragg. It may be all three.

He said there was not enough evidence to convict the mask-wearing degenerates who used violence and looting to protest against Israel — yet he managed to put a bodega worker and Marine in jail for defending themselves.

Lorraine Fittipaldi
Apollo Beach, Fla.

Bragg let protesters off the hook because, whether he wants to admit it or not, he implicitly understands the importance of both free speech and protesting — yes, even if it means doing it on a college campus.

We aren't antisemites but rather anti-Israel. Many of our leaders are Jewish, so make it make sense.

Jon Sherman
Manhattan

Why weren't these people charged with hate crimes? These cases should have been prosecuted accordingly.

Ron Heimer
Yuma, Ariz.

MTA Halts LIRR ADA Project

THE ISSUE: The MTA's decision to stop an ADA accessibility project due to the congestion tax pause.

I think the MTA needs to come up with a better and more realistic crock of bull in its decision to stop work on making LIRR Forest Hills more accessible for handicapped riders ("MTA slams station brakes," June 24).

What the agency fails to tell you is that the project is 100% funded through grants by the Federal Transit Administration. That means revenue from congestion pricing would not even fund this project.

Adolfo Nappi
Massapequa

The folks at the MTA should be ashamed for saying that they need congestion pricing in order for a section of the LIRR to become ADA-compliant.

The Americans with Disabilities Act has been in effect since 1990. Unless my math is wrong, that's 34 years ago. Compliance should have been complete a long time ago.

To use that as one of the reasons for congestion taxing is just balo-

ney, and it's sickening.

At this point, the ADA project should not even be a topic of debate.

Joseph Susol
Ridgewood

The MTA decided to throw a tantrum by issuing stop-work orders at a project site because it won't get its congestion tax graft. The MTA and its outrageous union contracts are out of control.

Joseph DeRubeis
Westfield, NJ

Tyler's Perfect for This White House

New White House communications staffer Tyler Cherry, is wrong to worry about old tweets now resurfacing: They actually show he fits right in.

He's disavowed such posts as: "recall that the modern day police system is a direct evolution of slave patrols and lynch mobs." And "Cheersing in bars to ending the occupation of Palestine — no shame and f--- your glares."

He's embarrassed he accused the GOP of focusing on "white grievance politics" and demanded the abolition of ICE.

But those statements reveal he's perfect for President Biden's comms team. This White

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Trump, Do No Harm

In debate, play it cool — and let Biden founder

DONALD Trump may be a real estate guy, but his ethic in the first presidential debate should be the familiar rule from the medical profession: First, do no harm.

Trump was rejected by the voters and is getting a second chance — not after turning over a new leaf, not after disappearing on an image-boosting world tour, not after starting a new philanthropy.

Trump has simply remained himself, while Joe Biden has made people yearn for the pre-Biden years.

Trump's goal should be to continue to feed the Trump nostalgia that has been the defining feature of the early stages of the race.

Warren Harding once said, "I have no trouble with my enemies. I can take care of my enemies in a fight. But my friends, my goddamned friends, they're the ones who keep me walking the floor at nights!"

By the same token, what should worry supporters of Biden and Trump is what they each can do to themselves. If Biden wanders off, is obviously confused or repeatedly lapses into mumbly incoherence, it could lose him whatever ground he's made up in the race, and perhaps much more.

If Trump, meanwhile, reminds voters of what they disliked about him by November 2020, he risks kicking away the second look he is getting from the American public.

Trump doesn't need a knock-out blow against Biden, assuming one is even possible this early in a campaign involving the tectonic plates

of American politics that don't easily budge based on any one event. A victory by decision, or split decision, would suit his purposes just fine.

Trump is in the rare position of a challenger who doesn't need to take down the incumbent president — people are ready to fire Biden. The question is whether they are ready to hire the other guy.

Trump doesn't need to tell voters that Joe Biden is old, or that Hunter is a drug addict; he doesn't



RICH LOWRY

need to insult or interrupt him. He needs to keep himself under control, because the most important message he can send the public is about himself.

Trump's persona is the biggest reason that he grabbed Republican politics by the throat and hasn't let go since 2015. It's also the reason he's been a precarious electoral bet — narrowly winning in 2016, narrowly losing in 2020, and narrowly leading today.

The COVID briefings that Trump used as a free-floating communications platform in 2020 hurt him, and his first debate performance in 2020 hurt him, too.

The Democrats hope that the public hasn't truly absorbed that Trump is on the cusp of the presi-

dency again. Presumably, people have gotten the memo by now.

But they might not be focused on the japy and provocations with which Trump routinely entertains and energizes his most devoted followers at his rallies, and the Republican would be well-served by leaving all the rally material off the debate stage.

Trump is not going to fade to the background, nor should he. There's a reason that voters think that he's more tough, energetic and effective than Biden.

Trump should be forceful in defense of himself and aggressive in prosecuting the substantive case against Biden, but bombast, anger, cross-talk and idle boastfulness will make the debate about Trump, which is exactly what the Biden team wants.

A CBS/YouGov poll from a couple of weeks ago asked Biden supporters why they were with him: 54% said to oppose Trump, and only 27% said because they like Biden.

The incumbent's job approval is atrocious and he's trailing badly on most of the issues. He can only win if people who disapprove of his job performance — and think he's too old for a second term — vote for him anyway for fear of something worse.

So it's in Biden's interest to make the race about Trump, and it's Trump the showman's natural instinct to also make the race about him. For one night, at least, he should play against type.

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How It Feels To Be A Wikipedia 'Villain'

WHEN I first meet someone, I can often tell if they've taken the time to Google my name and read my Wikipedia entry.

Having a Wikipedia page devoted to you is an unsettling experience for anyone: Strangers are able to glean a great deal of information about you at a glance, without ever meeting you. And if you're conservative, that Wikipedia portrait is rarely the first impression you'd choose to make.

Being a conservative with a Wikipedia entry means everyone who meets you has already read a hit piece about you, crowdsourced by potentially hundreds of people who are determined to promote the worst possible vision of you for the world to see. If you look at my Wikipedia entry, for example, there's an outsized emphasis on a single tweet I posted ten years ago about nuking Hamas in the wake of a particularly brutal attack against Israeli teenage boys — framed to paint me as a genocidal lunatic.

It's part of a well-documented trend. Conservative public figures, as well as right-leaning organizations, regularly fall victim to an ideological bias that persists among Wikipedia editors.

Even Larry Sanger, one of the site's co-founders, acknowledges that long-standing slant. "Since 2020, he has criticized Wikipedia for what he perceives as a left-wing and liberal ideological bias in its articles," Sanger's own Wikipedia page notes.

A new report from the Manhattan Institute confirms that perception, based on a computerized language study of thousands of Wikipedia articles. As author David Rozado explains, the study found that "Wikipedia articles tend to associate right-of-center public figures with somewhat more negative sentiment than left-of-center public figures."

Rozado's analysis further found

Being a conservative with a Wikipedia entry means everyone who meets you has already read a hit piece about you.

"prevailing associations of negative emotions (e.g., anger and disgust) with right-leaning public figures and positive emotions (e.g., joy) with left-leaning public figures" — and noted how that very same slant appears to be "percolating into" artificial intelligence systems and products.

But the bias goes beyond Wikipedia's phrasing tendencies. Last week Wikipedia's editors declared that the Anti-Defamation League, an organization that was founded to combat antisemitism, cannot be trusted as a reliable source on the Israel-Palestine conflict — and more shockingly, that the ADL is an unreliable source on antisemitism itself.

Who do the site's editors find reliable? Organizations with well-documented issues of not just bias, but of ideologically-driven unreliability in their reporting. Amnesty International and B'Tselem, for example, have longstanding and well-documented biases against Israel — but are frequently used by Wikipedia as trusted sources.

Another reliable resource, according to Wikipedia editors: the South-



BETHANY MANDEL

ern Poverty Law Center, which has taken a sharp turn against conservatives in recent decades. "The SPLC took the program it used to bankrupt organizations associated with the Ku Klux Klan and weaponized it against conservative groups," writes Tyler O'Neil of The Daily Signal, whose upcoming book "Making Hate Pay" examines the SPLC's overwhelming bias.

As antisemitism scholar Izabella Tabarovsky quipped on X, "What [Wikipedia's editors] are basically telling us is that in their eyes, a source is 'objective' if it shares the editors' antizionist and anti-Israel views."

Sanger deemed the site's editors "clowns" in response to news about

its war on the ADL. He's not wrong.

Just take a look at the edit history of my own Wikipedia entry to examine some of this clownish behavior close up. Editors argue back and forth about the extent of my genocidal intent, not to mention my supposed Islamophobia and racism, as they make repeated changes to the text.

It would be absurd and laughable — if these strangers with axes to grind didn't have such an enormous influence over the public perception of me and other subjects covered on the site.

Recently, one of my daughter's friends was telling me how her grandfather was famous, and had become unfortunately infamous, online. I took out my phone as she was speaking. "Don't look at his Wikipedia," she begged me, thinking I was looking him up.

My daughter kindly tried to reassure her friend.

"Don't worry," she said. "The internet hates my mom, too."

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Both sides vulnerable

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EAST
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inert	miter	timer	unmet	
inter	niter	tinge	untie	
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Quick Crossword

- Across**
- 1 "Good heavens!"
 - 5 Novelize, perhaps
 - 10 Old-school cool
 - 13 Star-nosed diggers
 - 15 Skin care brand
 - 16 United
 - 17 *Swimmer that can expand to three times its normal size
 - 19 Boy of the fam
 - 20 Not needing an MD's script
 - 21 "Black-ish" father
 - 22 Like some arcade games
 - 24 Ego
 - 26 *Dreamhouse occupant
 - 29 Prognosticator
 - 30 Bath bathroom
 - 31 Skilled
 - 32 Put in a little oil, say
 - 35 Back tooth
 - 38 *Employee responsible for minimizing negative outcomes
 - 41 Front-end alignment
 - 42 "Veep" role for Louis-Dreyfus
 - 44 Many a Jordanian
 - 47 CGI-heavy superhero franchise
 - 49 Intl. oil cartel
 - 51 *Greek salad component
 - 55 "The Possibilities Are Beautiful" retailer
 - 56 Contributing element
 - 57 Catan resource
 - 59 Century divs.
 - 60 That, in Spanish
 - 61 Postshow cast celebrations, and what can be found in the answers to the starred clues
 - 65 Trig function
 - 66 One holding things back?
 - 67 Gulf of Suez peninsula
 - 68 Explosive material
 - 69 Reproduce like salmon
 - 70 Boot camp figs.
- Down**
- 1 Create a design that stands out?
 - 2 Small beards
 - 3 Safe call
 - 4 "Doin' Time" singer Lana ___ Rey
 - 5 Strengthen, in metallurgy
 - 6 "What's the ___?"
 - 7 Pic above a username
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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Tech rebound

The tech-heavy Nasdaq rallied 1.3% on Tuesday, snapping a three-session streak of declines. The Dow, however, slipped nearly 300 points, or 0.8%, as retailers weighed and investors waited for crucial inflation data due Friday.

Not confident

American consumers lost some confidence in June as expectations over the near-term future fell again. The Conference Board's consumer-confidence index fell in June to 100.4 from 101.3 in May.

Jolt for Rivian

Shares of Rivian jumped more than 50% after hours after Volkswagen said it is investing \$1 billion in the EV-truck maker, with plans to spend up to \$5 billion as part of a software-development partnership.

FedEx delivers

FedEx reported a quarterly profit above expectations and called for revenue growth for its upcoming fiscal year, sending the stock 14% higher in after-hours trading.

July shopping

Target, Walmart and Amazon announced their competing summer shopping events. Target and Walmart events will take place the week of July 7, while Amazon's Prime Day is set for July 16-17.

Sources: Reuters, Dow Jones, AP



TAKING ON BIG TECH

EU hits M'soft with antitrust rap after Apple slap

By THOMAS BARRABI

Microsoft allegedly violated European Union antitrust rules by bundling its Teams software with apps such as Office 365 and Microsoft 365 — an aggressive business strategy that the regulator said was “possibly abusive.”

The European Commission said Tuesday it informed Microsoft of its preliminary view that the US tech giant has been “restricting competition” by bundling Teams with its core office productivity applications.

On Monday, the commission took aim at another American tech behemoth: Apple. It accused the iPhone-maker of preventing other app developers from offering their customers cheaper options outside of its App Store in violation of rules designed to encourage competition.

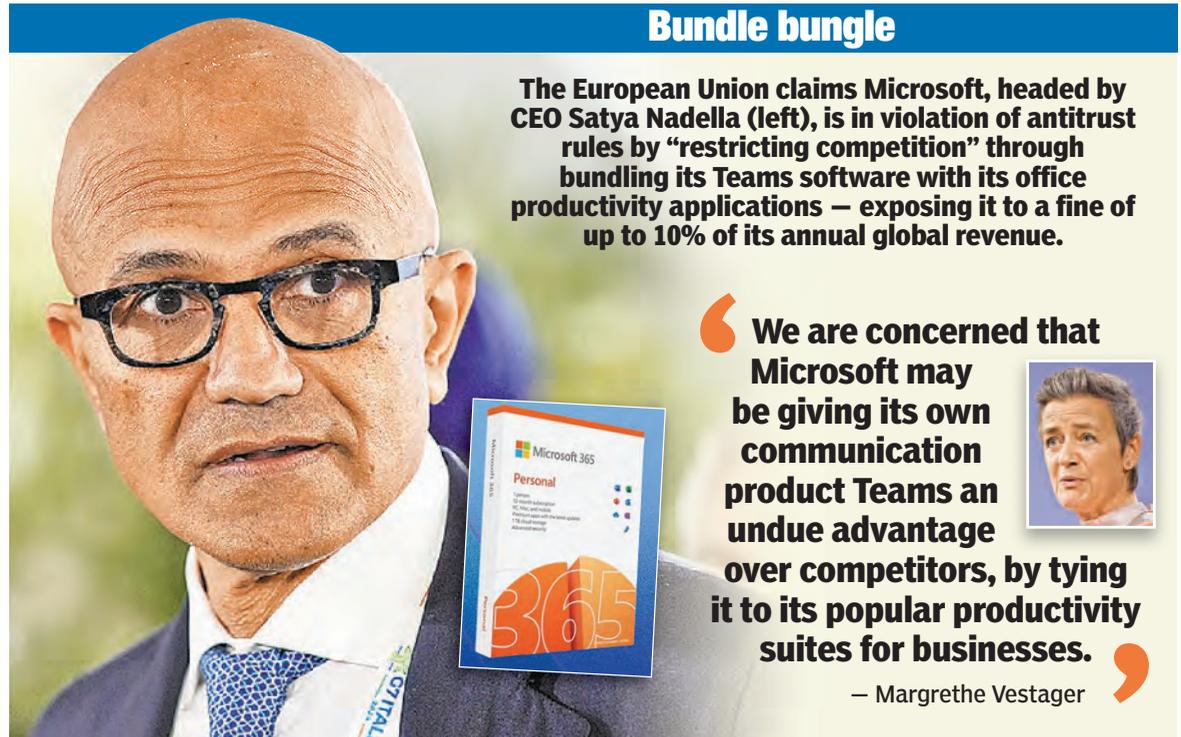
‘Distribution advantage’

The commission, which is charged with enforcing the EU's antitrust laws, alleges that Microsoft gave Teams a “distribution advantage” by not giving customers a choice on whether to have Teams when they purchased the software.

Microsoft, headed by CEO Satya Nadella, also stood accused of limiting rival messaging apps' ability to work with the company's own software.

“We are concerned that Microsoft may be giving its own communication product Teams an undue advantage over competitors, by tying it to its popular productivity suites for businesses,” Margrethe Vestager, the commission's executive vice president for competition policy, said in a statement.

“And preserving competition for remote communication and collabo-



Bundle bungle

The European Union claims Microsoft, headed by CEO Satya Nadella (left), is in violation of antitrust rules by “restricting competition” through bundling its Teams software with its office productivity applications — exposing it to a fine of up to 10% of its annual global revenue.

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— Margrethe Vestager

ration tools is essential as it also fosters innovation on these markets.”

Last year, Microsoft began marketing Office 365 and Microsoft 365 to European customers without Teams in an effort to head off an antitrust clash with the EU.

The company then extended the same offer to its global customer base.

The two software suites include programs like Word, Excel and Outlook.

But the commission said Tuesday that the changes were inadequate and that the Windows-maker must do more to “restore competition.”

“Having unbundled Teams and

taken initial interoperability steps, we appreciate the additional clarity provided today and will work to find solutions to address the Commission's remaining concerns,” Microsoft President Brad Smith told The Post.

Hefty fine possible

Microsoft faces a fine worth up to 10% of its annual global revenue. In the 12 months ending March 31, Microsoft generated nearly \$212 billion in revenue globally.

The EU could also force Microsoft to enact “remedies” that would bring it into compliance

with antitrust laws.

In July of last year, Slack Technologies filed a complaint against Microsoft with European authorities. A subsequent complaint against Microsoft was initiated by video-conferencing software-maker Alfaview.

Slack, a subsidiary of business software-maker Salesforce, alleged that Microsoft abused its market dominance to stifle competition by illegally bundling Teams with its Office suite.

The Justice Department filed a sweeping antitrust lawsuit against Apple this year, accusing it of illegally monopolizing the smartphone market. *With Wires*

Judge nixes charge-card fee settlement

A federal judge Tuesday rejected a \$30 billion antitrust settlement in which Visa and Mastercard agreed to limit fees they charge merchants that accept their credit and debit cards.

District Judge Margo Brodie in Brooklyn said she was not

likely to grant final approval to the settlement, and therefore denied the request by a group of merchants, primarily small businesses, for preliminary approval.

Many merchants and trade groups including the National Retail Federation op-

posed the accord, saying card fees would remain too high, while Visa and Mastercard would retain too much control over card transactions.

The decision could force Visa and Mastercard to negotiate a settlement more favorable to merchants, or go to trial.

Brodie will issue a written opinion explaining her reasoning after giving merchants and the card networks until Friday to propose redactions.

Visa and Mastercard said they were disappointed with the outcome. Lawyers for merchants that wanted to

settle did not respond to requests for comment.

The settlement announced March 26 was intended to resolve most litigation that began in 2005 over fees that merchants pay to accept Visa and Mastercard, and which the card networks set. *Reuters*

More Cybertruck recalls

Tesla issued a pair of recalls for its futuristic Cybertruck electric pickup to fix issues related to faulty windshield wipers and trim in the truck bed, filings showed on Tuesday.

Billionaire Elon Musk's firm issued the physical recall to fix an issue in which "the front windshield wiper motor controller may stop functioning due to electrical over-stress to the gate driver component" on affected vehicles, according to a

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration filing.

A separate NHTSA filing showed Tesla will repair an issue in which a piece of trim in Cybertruck trunk beds could potentially come loose.

Both recall notices impact more than 11,000 Cybertrucks.

In both cases, Tesla will make the repairs free of charge and owners will be notified by Aug. 18.

Since the Cybertruck (right) has yet to enter mass production, that

likely encompasses most pickups sold in the US since the vehicle's debut last fall.

Tesla has yet to reveal how many Cybertrucks have been sold to the public so far.

With the latest filings, the electric car firm has issued a total of four recalls for the Cybertruck.

In April, Tesla voluntarily recalled

thousands of Cybertrucks to fix a problem with faulty accelerator pedals that risked causing fatal accidents. *Thomas Barrabi*



US home prices at new high

Home prices in the 20 biggest US metro areas set another record high, as the housing market suffers from a dearth of property listings.

But the pace of appreciation has slowed from the previous month, reflecting the toll of 7% mortgage rates and low inventory.

The S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller 20-city house-price index rose 0.4% in April compared with the previous month.

Home prices in the 20 major US metro markets were up 7.2% in the last 12 months ending in April. That's down from an increase of 7.5% the previous month.

A broader measure of home prices, the national index, rose 0.3% in April and was also up 6.3% over the past year.

The 20-city and the national index are at an all-time high.

San Diego posted the biggest year-over-year home-price gains in April, with prices up 10.3%. Prices grew the slowest in Portland, by 1.7%.

A separate report from the Federal Housing Finance Agency also showed home prices rose 0.2% in April from the previous month, and were up 6.3% in the past year. Compared with last year, home prices were up the most in the New England and Middle Atlantic regions. The median price of a resale home was \$407,600 in April, and a newly built home was \$433,500. *Dow Jones*

Hey, no fare Uber!

NYC drivers outraged at slash of idle-time pay

By ARIEL ZILBER

Uber is shutting its New York City drivers out of its app during periods of low demand in order to lower minimum pay, and rival Lyft is on the verge of doing the same, according to a report.

Last month, Uber began locking drivers out of the app's system in order to limit the amount the company pays drivers when they don't have a passenger. Uber drivers are fuming over the move, saying their income has dropped by as much as 50%, according to Bloomberg News.

Nikoloz Tsulukidze, who drives full-time for Uber, told the outlet that he has been shut out of the app as often as five times each day.

"I used to work 10 hours and make \$300 to \$350," Tsulukidze said. "Now, I just worked 10 hours and barely made \$170. I'm pay-

Driven to poor house

City drivers for Uber say they have lost income because the company has locked them out of its app during low-demand periods to reduce their pay when they don't have passengers.



ing for my gas and cannot make money."

The move by Uber is in response to a 6-year-old rule issued by the city's Taxi and Limousine Commission which requires ride-share apps to pay a

minimum to drivers during idle periods so they can cover expenses.

According to the TLC, Uber and Lyft are on the hook for what it calls a "minimum per-trip payment formula" which takes

into account "drivers' total working time" — encompassing "time spent driving passengers as well as time waiting for a dispatch and then traveling to pick up passengers."

To calculate the "utiliza-

tion rate," the TLC divides the time drivers spend transporting passengers on trips by the time they are available to accept dispatches.

The longer the wait time before drivers pick up a passenger, the more Uber and Lyft must pay in order to meet the TLC-mandated minimum.

Since TLC calculates wait times based on the industry average, it requires Uber, the most dominant company in the market, to pay more when Lyft drivers are idle.

Uber, which has three times the number of drivers as Lyft, said it is unfair that it must pay more because Lyft has fewer customers.

Lyft said the current city pay formula is broken.

"It forces rideshare companies to limit when drivers can earn, and therefore how much they can earn," Lyft said.

Wegovy OK'd by China Bounce-back for Nvidia

Blockbuster obesity drug Wegovy was approved in China, opening the door for maker Novo Nordisk to begin selling it in the world's second-largest economy, where the appetite for similar treatments is surging.

The Danish pharmaceutical giant said in March that it expected a decision on Wegovy's approval in the country sometime this year. The initial focus of a volume-capped launch would be on Chinese patients willing

to pay out-of-pocket for the once-weekly injection, it said at the time.

No launch date was announced Tuesday, nor were any details of volumes.

Novo's Ozempic drug — which contains the same semaglutide active ingredient as Wegovy — was approved to treat diabetes in China in 2021. Sales of the drug in the country more than doubled on year in 2023, reaching \$693.6 million. *Dow Jones*

Shares of Nvidia surged nearly 7% on Tuesday, snapping out of a three-session tailspin that had erased about \$430 billion from the artificial intelligence chipmaker's market value.

Nvidia's shares finished at \$126.09, after a tumble that saw them lose around 13% from their June 18 close of \$135.58. The drop followed a rally that accelerated after a 10-for-1 stock split that took effect on June 10.

"The bounce today is a normal technical bounce after a 15% drop in three days; you're not going to go straight down every single day," said Tom Hayes, chairman at Great Hill Capital in New York.

"It's a great company, it's a great CEO," Hayes added.

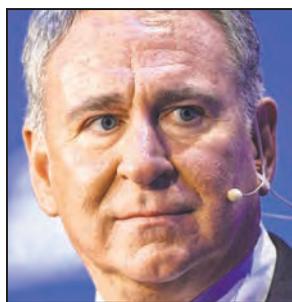
Shares of Nvidia, which last week briefly became the world's most valuable company, are up 154% this year. *Reuters*

KKR makes big apt. buy

KKR completed its largest-ever purchase of apartment buildings, the latest in a string of big-ticket deals, signaling that some of the most prominent investment firms are betting on a broad rebound for multifamily housing.

The private-equity firm paid \$2.1 billion for more than 5,200 apartment units across the country, from California and Texas to New Jersey.

Quarterra, the apartment development arm of the home builder Lennar, sold the portfolio of 18 new mid- and high-rise buildings. *Dow Jones*



KEN GRIFFIN
Tax records exposed.

Investor gets IRS apology

The Internal Revenue Service apologized to billionaire investor Ken Griffin for the release of his tax returns, saying the government is addressing the data-security lapses exposed by the damaging leak of Griffin's information and that of many other wealthy Americans.

The apology followed Griffin's withdrawal Monday of a lawsuit against the government. Griffin, along with Jeff Bezos and Elon Musk, was one of the wealthy taxpayers whose tax records were disclosed by IRS contractor Charles Littlejohn to the news organization ProPublica and revealed publicly in news articles starting in June 2021.

Griffin, who founded the investment firm Citadel, sued the IRS in December 2022 over the breach, with the aim of prodding the government to improve data security and acknowledge its mistakes rather than getting the modest monetary damages he could likely claim in court.

Dow Jones

Car dealers' cyber woes

CDK Global does not expect the cyberattack-led ongoing outage in its dealer-management software, which car dealers across the US use, to be restored before the end of the month, according to a memo issued Tuesday.

The car-industry technology and software provider would not be able to get all dealers live before June 30 and has asked them to make alternate plans for their month-end financial closing processes, according to the memo CDK sent to dealers.

Reuters

IT'S A 'BAWL' WORLD

By ARIEL ZILBER

Visitors to Walt Disney World will soon be able to book a seat for rides a week ahead of time — but the change only sparked anger among some of the theme park's fans.

The House of Mouse announced on Tuesday that it will rename its "Genie+" feature — which allowed guests access to "Lightning Lanes" that bypass lines for shorter wait times — to "Lightning Lane Multi Pass."

Beginning next month, the paid service will give park-goers the option of booking as many as three attractions a week in advance at one of the four theme parks — Magic Kingdom, Hollywood Studios, Animal Kingdom and EPCOT.

Under the Genie+ system that was introduced three years ago, guests are forced to log onto a site each morning to grab spots for rides, with many guests griping about getting up at 7 a.m. for the stressful ritual.

The change is designed to enable guests to "do more of their planning before theme park day," Disney said in a statement. During the peak travel season, Disney guests can wait as long as 85 minutes for attractions based on the surge in demand.

'Online frustration'

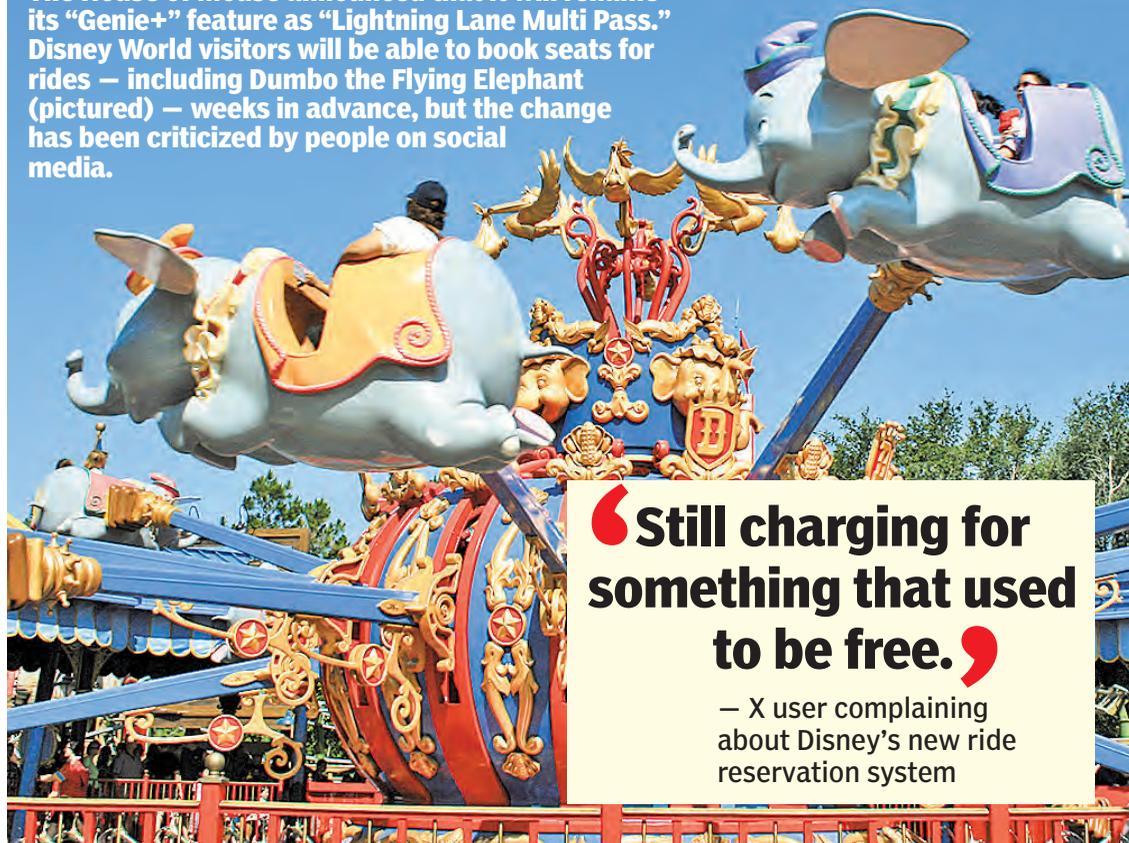
The week-ahead reservations, however, will only be available to guests staying at a Disney Resort hotel. All other guests will be able to book three days in advance.

Disney World visitors paid an extra \$15 per ride for "Genie+" while Disneyland guests paid \$20. The prices of the revamped tiers vary depending on when guests book their trips to the theme park.

Visitors to the Magic Kingdom can choose from a group of rides and experiences that includes "Peter Pan's Flight," "Space Mountain," "It's a Small World," "The Magic Carpets of Aladdin," "Pirates of the Caribbean," "Dumbo

A Dumbo move

The House of Mouse announced that it will rename its "Genie+" feature as "Lightning Lane Multi Pass." Disney World visitors will be able to book seats for rides — including Dumbo the Flying Elephant (pictured) — weeks in advance, but the change has been criticized by people on social media.



Still charging for something that used to be free.

— X user complaining about Disney's new ride reservation system

Tribune News Service via Getty Images

Fans fume at Disney reservation alteration

the Flying Elephant" and "Mickey's PhilharMagic" — among others.

EPCOT rides that can be booked in advance through the "Multi Pass" system include "Mission: SPACE" and "The Seas with Nemo & Friends."

On social media, frustrated Disney fans were upset over the new plan. Some said it was confusing

while others resented the fact that the tiered system excluded some of their favorite rides. Disney visitors who opt for the Lightning Lane Single Pass — formerly known as the individual Lightning Lane entry — can purchase up to two selections per day in advance for in-demand attractions such as "Guardians of the Galaxy: Cosmic Rewind" and "TRON Lightcycle."

"They don't even let you pick the 3 you want... having 'different tiers' to pick from is trash," wrote one user on X.

Others noted that reserving rides in advance was once part of the forerunner of the "Genie+" system — the "FastPass," which Disney once offered for free. Under the old "FastPass+" system, guests who stayed at Disney resorts were able to book rides 30 days in advance.

"Still charging for something that used to be free," another X user wrote. An X user added: "So is it like how FastPass+ was but now you pay for it?"

Others said the revamped system will put annual pass holders at a disadvantage.

TikTok ban would drain us: Oracle

Software giant Oracle warned investors that a US ban of TikTok will likely damage its bottom line if it takes effect.

In April, Congress passed a bill that would require TikTok's Beijing-based parent ByteDance to divest from the app entirely within 12 months or face a total US ban.

Oracle, co-founded and

chaired by billionaire tech executive Larry Ellison (right), said the law "will make it unlawful to provide internet hosting services to TikTok," Oracle said in its annual report published Monday.

"If we are unable to provide those services to TikTok, and if we cannot redeploy that capacity in a timely manner, our

revenues and profits would be adversely impacted," Oracle said in the report.

Oracle provides cloud infrastructure support for TikTok. The firm partnered with TikTok on a data-security initiative called "Project Texas" as part of a failed effort to dispel Congress' concerns about the security of US user data.

The TikTok partnership may contribute anywhere from \$480 million to \$800 million in annual revenue for Oracle, according to estimates from Evercore ISI analyst Kirk Materne cited by Bloomberg.

Thomas Barrabi



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England advances, but doesn't impress

Associated Press

England advanced to the knockout stage of Euro 2024 as group winner after a 0-0 draw against Slovenia on Tuesday in Cologne, Germany.

The result at Cologne Stadium also saw Slovenia, as the third-place finisher in Group C, reach the round of 16 for the first time and Croatia, which finished in third place in Group B a day earlier, was eliminated.

England had already been assured of advancing but doing so as Group C winner means it will play one of the qualifying third-placed teams in the round of 16 and is on the opposite side of the draw to Spain, France, Germany and Portugal.

EURO ROUNDUP

"That was the aim before the start of the tournament. Come top of the group and control our destiny," England captain Harry Kane said. "I thought we played a lot better than the other two games. We just couldn't find that final finish. We look forward to the next one."

Denmark 0, Serbia 0

In Munich, Denmark advanced to the last 16 with a scoreless draw in Group C.

The Danes finished Group C with three points, the same as Slovenia, but ended up in second place based on disciplinary points.

Denmark had most of the chances even though Serbia needed a victory to reach the next round. And almost all of those Danish opportunities came through Christian Eriksen, who was making a record 133rd appearance for his country.

Group B

France 1, Poland 1

In Dortmund, Kylian Mbappé, wearing a mask to protect his broken nose, marked his return at Euro 2024 with a goal. It wasn't enough for a victory on Tuesday, though, and it's not enough to solve France's growing problems at Euro 2024.

Mbappé removed his protective mask to celebrate in front of his team's fans after converting a 56th-minute penalty. But Robert Lewandowski secured a 1-1 draw for Poland with a 79th-minute spot kick that he got to take twice, leaving the French as the runners-up to Austria in Group D and dropping them into the same half of the draw with Portugal, Germany and Spain — three of the continent's heavyweight nations.

Austria 3, Netherlands 2

In Berlin, Marcel Sabitzer scored late for Austria to advance to the knockout stage.

Austria topped Group D thanks to France drawing with Poland 1-1 in the other game. The Netherlands were already assured of advancing.

European Championship

FIRST ROUND
Top two in each group advance.
Round of 16 begins Saturday

GROUP A	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
+Germany	3	2	1	0	8	2	7
+Switzerland	3	1	2	0	5	3	5
Hungary	3	1	0	2	2	5	3
Scotland	3	0	1	2	2	7	1

June 14
Germany 5, Scotland 1

June 15
Switzerland 3, Hungary 1

June 19
Germany 2, Hungary 0

Scotland 1, Switzerland 1

Sunday

Switzerland 1, Germany 1

Hungary 1, Scotland 0

+Advanced to Round of 16

GROUP B

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
+Spain	2	2	0	0	4	0	3
+Italy	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
Croatia	3	0	2	1	3	6	2
Albania	3	0	1	2	3	5	1

+Advanced to Round of 16

June 15

Spain 3, Croatia 0

Italy 2, Albania 1

June 19

Croatia 2, Albania 2

June 20

Spain 1, Italy 0

Monday

Spain 1, Albania 0

Croatia 1, Italy 1

+Advanced to Round of 16

GROUP C

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
+England	3	1	2	0	2	1	5
+Denmark	3	0	3	0	2	2	3
Slovenia	3	0	3	0	2	2	3
Serbia	3	0	2	1	1	2	2

June 16

Slovenia 1, Denmark 1

England 1, Serbia 0

June 20

Slovenia 1, Serbia 1

Denmark 1, England 1

Tuesday

England 0, Slovenia 0

Denmark 0, Serbia 0

+Advanced to Round of 16

GROUP D

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
+Austria	3	2	0	1	6	4	6
+France	3	1	2	0	2	1	5
Netherlands	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
Poland	3	0	1	2	3	6	1

June 16

Netherlands 2, Poland 1

June 17

France 1, Austria 0

June 21

Austria 3, Poland 1

Netherlands 0, France 0

Tuesday

Austria 3, Netherlands 2

France 1, Poland 1

+Advanced to Round of 16

GROUP E

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Romania	2	1	0	1	3	2	3
Turkey	2	1	0	1	3	4	3
Belgium	2	1	0	1	2	1	3
Slovakia	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Ukraine	2	1	0	1	2	4	3

June 17

Romania 3, Ukraine 0

Slovakia 1, Belgium 0

June 21

Ukraine 2, Slovakia 1

Belgium 2, Romania 0

Wednesday

Slovakia vs. Romania, noon

Ukraine vs. Belgium, noon

GROUP F

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
+Portugal	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
Turkey	2	1	0	1	3	4	3
Czech Republic	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Georgia	2	0	1	1	2	4	1

+Advanced to Round of 16

June 18

Turkey 3, Georgia 1

Portugal 2, Czech Republic 1

June 22

Georgia 1, Czech Republic 1

Portugal 3, Turkey 0

Wednesday

Georgia vs. Portugal, 3pm

Czech Republic vs. Turkey, 3pm

Round of 16

Saturday

Switzerland vs. Italy, Noon

Germany vs. Denmark, 3pm

Sunday

England vs. TBD, Noon

Spain vs. 3rd Place winner from Groups D, E, F., 3pm

Monday

France vs. TBD, Noon

Portugal vs. TBD, 3pm

Tuesday

TBD vs. TBD, Noon

Austria vs. TBD, 3pm

Yonkers for Wednesday

Post Time: 7:00 p.m.

FIRST: Mile pace; \$15,000; claiming

1	ShotgunPersuasion (JMarhn)	2-1-8	4-1
2	Lyons Miki (DDube)	3-6-7	12-1
3	Whitneedisaman (Holland)	8-7-6	9-2
4	Unity (ASiegelman)	7-1-6	2-1
5	ThatsAHugeBeach (JStratton)	4-5-6	15-1
6	Just Rosas Luck (SZeron)	1-3-1	5-2
7	Teracita (JBongiorni)	4-8-3	10-1

SECOND: Mile pace; \$15,000; cond

1	Rock This Way (DDube)	2-1-8	7-5
2	Somebeach Baron (Stratton)	1-4-3	5-1
3	Just AWrangler (Siegelman)	6-6-5	15-1
4	Victor Hic (JMarohn)	4-6-3	4-1
5	HurrikaneGeorge (BHolland)	7-6-6	4-1
6	Imbeachboy (JBongiorni)	8-2-2	9-2

THIRD: Mile pace; \$15,000; claiming

1	Larjon Leah (JBongiorni)	4-1-1	5-2
2	Sunset Soph (BHolland)	1-5-1	7-2
3	Dandy's Showtime (SZeron)	2-2-5	2-1
4	Roll With Shorty (JMarohn)	4-7-3	5-1
5	Princess Arona (JStratton)	8-5-2	9-2
6	Aintnohollbackgrl (ASiegelman)	3-5-2	15-1

FOURTH: Mile pace; \$24,000; cond

1	My Ultimate Byron A (Dube)	1-6-2	9-2
2	Century Heineken (Stratton)	2-5-2	6-1
3	Shazam Blue Chip (SZeron)	1-2-3	4-1
4	Semi Tough (JBongiorni)	6-2-4	5-2
5	Splash Brother (JMarohn)	5-6-7	8-1
6	Komodo Beach (BHolland)	5-1-3	10-1
7	CaptivateHanver (Segelmn)	3-2-2	4-1

FIFTH: Mile pace; \$15,000; claiming

1	Western Rosie (BHolland)	6-7-4	9-2
2	Tyra Makes Bank (JStratton)	2-1-2	9-5
3	Bluebird Graf (DDube)	5-6-7	6-1
4	Pleasure Seeker (JMarohn)	3-2-3	8-5
5	Itty Bitty (SZeron)	7-6-7	12-1
6	TuapekaJessieN (ASiegelman)	5-6-6	20-1
7	EvasSportsCzech (Bongiorn)	7-7-1	15-1

SIXTH: Mile pace; \$18,000; cond

1	Aflame Hanover (Bongiorni)	4-1-3	3-1
2	Eminem Hanover (BHolland)	8-8-5	20-1
3	Soho Lennon A (SZeron)	2-1-4	2-1
4	Ignatius A (ASiegelman)	3-5-4	7-2
5	Gamblingterror (DDube)	7-4-2	20-1
6	Sling Shock (JStratton)	2-7-4	9-2
7	Slip The Hundy N (JMarohn)	1-5-3	5-1

SEVENTH: Mile pace; \$15,000; cond

1	MyCarbonCopyN (Dauplaise)	5-6-3	5-1
2	Purple Poet (ASiegelman)	1-4-5	8-5
3	Carabao A (JStratton)	4-4-3	5-1
4	Great Somewhere (Holland)	8-2-2	3-1
5	Rayray (JBongiorni)	3-8-6	8-1
6	Shadow Cat (DDube)	7-5-2	20-1
7	B Cool Fool (SZeron)	1-4-5	10-1

EIGHTH: Mile pace; \$15,000; claiming

1	Java (ASiegelman)	4-5-3	3-1
2	Kathy's Moment (JMarohn)	5-2-3	6-1
3	AcefourtyfourAlex (BHolland)	5-4-4	12-1
4	Bettorhighlight N (SZeron)	4-3-6	6-1
5	Jillian Jiggs (DDube)	1-4-9	20-1
6	SheikhYabootyN (JBongiorn)	2-4-1	9-5
7	Pink Ruby (JStratton)	1-5-2	4-1

NINTH: Mile pace; \$18,000; cond

1	Arden Messi N (DDube)	1-5-4	7-2
2	Levine (SZeron)	3-4-2	7-2
3	Benhope RuizN (ASiegelman)	3-8-4	9-2
4	SouthbeachHanover (BHolland)	6-1-3	8-1
5	Fearful Intent (JStratton)	1-2-6	2-1
6	Casino Action N (JMarohn)	4-1-7	10-1
7	Melanion N (JBongiorni)	1-X-X	12-1

TENTH: Mile pace; \$21,000; cond

1	Greg The Leg (BHolland)	2-2-6	4-1
2	Save America (SZeron)	1-1-3	9-5
3	Trin Station (ASiegelman)	8-2-1	10-1
4	TwinBHeartThrob (JStratton)	1-5-2	9-2
5	This Is The Plan (DDube)	7-6-4	6-1
6	AnothrmastrpieceN (Marhn)	2-4-3	8-1
7	Rockin Jukebox (JBongiorni)	7-7-3	12-1
8	HighVoltageDeo (Dauplaise)	5-5-4	20-1

ATP World Tour Mallorca Championships
At Santa Ponca; Mallorca, Spain;
Purse: Euro932,135; Surface: Grass;
Tuesday (seedings in parentheses):
Men's Singles - Round of 32

Paul Jubb, Britain, def. Maximilian Marterer, Germany, 6-1, 6-2.
Adam Walton, Australia, def. Yannick Hanfmann, Germany, 7-5, 6-2.
Jakub Mensik, Czechia, def. Christopher Eubanks (8), United States, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1.

Men's Singles - Round of 16
Alex Michelsen, United States, def. Adrian Mannarino (3), France, 7-6 (5), 6-4.
Sebastian Ofner, Austria, def. Luciano Darderi (5), Italy, 6-3, 7-5.
Roberto Bautista Agut, Spain, def. Ugo Humbert (2), France, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Gael Monfils (7), France, def. Roberto Carballes Baena, Spain, 6-3, 6-4.

NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of 4theBOYS-med LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/31/2024. Office location: Nassau County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Cara Hristoforatos : 21 Salem Lane, Port Washington, NY 11050. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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AL Standings

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Yankees	52	29	.642	—	—	3-7	L-2	24-14	28-15
Baltimore	49	30	.620	2	+6½	4-6	L-5	25-16	24-14
Boston	43	37	.538	8½	—	8-2	L-1	19-21	24-16
Tampa Bay	40	40	.500	11½	3	7-3	W-3	21-23	19-17
Toronto	36	43	.456	15	6½	3-7	W-1	18-19	18-24

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Cleveland	51	26	.662	—	—	7-3	W-7	26-9	25-17
Minnesota	43	36	.544	9	+½	6-4	L-1	23-16	20-20
Kansas City	43	38	.531	10	½	3-7	L-1	26-15	17-23
Detroit	37	42	.468	15	5½	4-6	W-1	19-21	18-21
Chicago	21	60	.259	32	22½	3-7	L-3	13-27	8-33

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Seattle	45	37	.549	—	—	4-6	L-3	27-12	18-25
Houston	39	40	.494	4½	3½	8-2	W-6	23-19	16-21
Texas	37	42	.468	6½	5½	4-6	L-2	20-19	17-23
Los Angeles	32	46	.410	11	10	6-4	W-2	14-25	18-21
Oakland	29	53	.354	16	15	3-7	L-4	18-23	11-30

*WGB: Games behind third-place team in wild-card race

Tuesday

Mets 9, Yankees 7
 Detroit 4, Philadelphia 1
 Cleveland 10, Baltimore 8
 Tampa Bay 11, Seattle 3
 Toronto 9, Boston 4
 Milwaukee 3, Texas 1
 Miami 2, Kansas City 1
 Houston 5, Colorado 2
 L.A. Dodgers 4, White Sox 3
 Arizona 5, Minnesota 4
 L.A. Angels 7, Oakland 5
Wednesday
Yankees at Mets, 7:10
 Seattle at Tampa Bay, 12:10

Philadelphia at Detroit, 1:10
 Colorado at Houston, 2:10
 Miami at Kansas City, 2:10
 Texas at Milwaukee, 2:10
 Oakland at L.A. Angels, 4:07
 Cleveland at Baltimore, 6:35
 Toronto at Boston, 7:10
 L.A. Dodgers at White Sox, 8:10
 Minnesota at Arizona, 9:40

Thursday

Yankees at Toronto, 7:07
 Minnesota at Arizona, 3:40
 Atlanta at White Sox, 4:10
 Texas at Baltimore, 6:35
 Cleveland at Kansas City, 8:10
 Detroit at L.A. Angels, 9:38

NL Standings

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Philadelphia	52	27	.658	—	—	5-5	L-1	31-12	21-15
Atlanta	43	33	.566	7½	+4	7-3	L-1	24-13	19-20
Mets	38	39	.494	13	1½	8-2	W-2	19-23	19-16
Washington	38	41	.481	14	2½	5-5	L-2	17-19	21-22
Miami	28	51	.354	24	12½	5-5	W-1	16-27	12-24

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Milwaukee	47	33	.588	—	—	6-4	W-3	24-12	23-21
St. Louis	40	37	.519	5½	+½	7-3	W-4	21-15	19-22
Pittsburgh	38	41	.481	8½	2½	5-5	W-1	19-20	19-21
Cincinnati	37	42	.468	9½	3½	3-7	L-1	20-22	17-20
Chicago	37	43	.463	10	4	4-6	L-3	22-18	15-25

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Los Angeles	50	31	.617	—	—	7-3	W-3	25-16	25-15
San Diego	43	41	.512	8½	—	6-4	W-2	23-22	20-19
Arizona	39	40	.494	10	1½	6-4	W-1	20-18	19-22
San Francisco	38	42	.475	11½	3	4-6	W-2	22-17	16-25
Colorado	27	52	.342	22	13½	3-7	L-2	16-24	11-28

*WGB: Games behind third-place team in wild-card race

Tuesday

Mets 9, Yankees 7
 Detroit 4, Philadelphia 1
 Pittsburgh 9, Cincinnati 5
 Milwaukee 3, Texas 1
 Miami 2, Kansas City 1
 Houston 5, Colorado 2
 L.A. Dodgers 4, White Sox 3
 Arizona 5, Minnesota 4
 San Francisco 5, Cubs 1
 San Diego 9, Washington 7
 Atlanta at St. Louis, ppd.
Wednesday
Yankees at Mets, 7:10
 Philadelphia at Detroit, 1:10
 Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 1:10

Atlanta at St. Louis, 1:45, 1st game
 Colorado at Houston, 2:10
 Miami at Kansas City, 2:10
 Texas at Milwaukee, 2:10
 Washington at San Diego, 4:10
 Atlanta at St. Louis, 7:15, 2nd game
 L.A. Dodgers at White Sox, 8:10
 Minnesota at Arizona, 9:40
 Cubs at San Francisco, 9:45

Thursday

Minnesota at Arizona, 3:40
 Cubs at San Francisco, 3:45
 Atlanta at White Sox, 4:10
 Miami at Philadelphia, 6:20
 Cincinnati at St. Louis, 7:45

Mets 9, Yankees 7

Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Volpe ss	5	1	1	0	0	3	.270
Soto rf	3	2	1	1	2	0	.305
Judge cf	3	1	2	5	1	0	.304
Torres 2b	4	0	0	0	1	2	.215
Verdugo lf	4	0	0	0	1	2	.244
Davis 1b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.000
Rice ph-1b	2	1	1	0	0	0	.316
LeMahieu 3b	4	0	0	0	1	1	.174
Jones dh	3	0	0	0	0	1	.190
Grisham ph-dh	0	1	0	0	1	0	.138
Trevino c	2	0	1	0	0	1	.250
Wells ph-c	1	1	1	0	0	0	.211
Totals	34	7	7	7	7	12	

Mets	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Lindor ss	5	1	2	0	0	1	.244
Nimmo lf	4	2	1	3	1	1	.245
Martinez dh	5	0	1	1	0	0	.288
Alonso 1b	2	0	0	1	1	0	.240
Alvarez c	2	0	1	0	2	0	.290
Taylor rf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.238
Vientos 3b	4	2	2	2	0	1	.297
Iglesias 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.400
McNeil 2b	4	2	2	0	0	0	.216
Bader cf	4	2	2	1	0	0	.272
Totals	34	9	12	9	4	3	

Yankees	000	010	150	—	7	7	2
Mets	120	303	00x	—	9	12	1

E: Torres (12), LeMahieu (1), Núñez (1). **LOB:** New York (A) 9, New York (N) 6. **2B:** Judge (23), Lindor (21), Martinez (13). **HR:** Soto (19), off Peterson; Judge (29), off Garrett; Vientos 2 (9), off Cole; Bader (5), off Cole; Nimmo (12), off Cole. **RBIs:** Soto (57), Judge 5 (75), Wells (11), Taylor (17), Vientos 2 (20), Bader (28), Nimmo 3 (46), Martinez (33), Alonso (43). **SB:** McNeil (4), Bader (11). **SF:** Alonso. **RISP:** New York (A) 2 for 10; New York (N) 3 for 9. **DP:** New York (A) 1 (Volpe, Torres, Davis); New York (N) 1 (Vientos, McNeil, Alonso).

Yankees	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Cole, L, 0-1	4.0	7	6	6	4	0	72	9.00
Bickford	1.1	3	3	2	0	1	29	6.00
Tonkin	0.2	1	0	0	0	0	7	5.14
Hill	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	15	0.00
Kahnle	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	20	3.18

Mets	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Peterson	4.1	3	1	1	5	8	103	3.67
Núñez, W, 1-0	2.2	1	1	0	0	2	28	2.53
Ottavino	0.1	2	2	1	0	0	13	5.10
Young	0.1	1	2	2	1	1	11	2.53
Garrett	1.1	1	1	0	1	1	14	3.08

T: 3:05. **A:** 42,824 (42,136).

Rays 11, Mariners 3

Seattle	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Crawford ss	3	0	1	0	1	0	.211
Moore ss	0	0	0	0	0	0	.212
Rodriguez cf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.254
Raleigh lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.202
Raley lf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.253
Garver dh	4	1	1	1	0	0	.176
Polanco 2b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.192
Canzone rf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.224
France 1b	3	1	2	2	0	0	.238
Rojas 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.256
Totals	32	3	6	3	1	11	

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Díaz 1b	5	1	1	1	0	1	.272
J.Lowe dh	4	1	1	0	1	2	.240
Caballero 2b	5	1	0	0	0	2	.233
Paredes 3b	5	1	2	0	2	2	.275
Palacios lf	4	3	1	1	0	0	.249
Siri cf	1	2	1	1	3	0	.215
Walls ss	4	1	3	2	0	0	.175
Rortvedt c	3	1	2	4	1	0	.274
DeLuca rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.151
Totals	35	11	11	11	6	8	

Seattle	000	020	100	—	3	6	2
Tampa Bay	110	004	32x	—	11	11	0

E: Raley (1), Bolton (1). **LOB:** Seattle 3, Tampa Bay 6. **2B:** Crawford (10), Palacios (7). **3B:** Walls (1). **HR:** France (8), off Littell; Garver (10), off Maton; Díaz (7), off Castillo; Rortvedt (3), off Baumann; Paredes (12), off Bolton. **RBIs:** France 2 (29), Garver (31), Díaz (39), Siri (27), Walls 2 (3), Rortvedt 4 (23), Palacios (16), Paredes 2 (41). **SB:** J.Lowe 2 (4), Palacios (12). **RISP:** Seattle 0 for 2; Tampa Bay 6 for 13. **DP:** Seattle 1 (Crawford, France); Tampa Bay 1 (Díaz, Walls, Díaz).

Seattle	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Castillo, L, 6-9.5-1	5.4	4	4	4	4	103	3.79	
Baumann	0.1	2	2	2	0	0	9	5.84
Bazardo	1.0	1	3	3	2	3	18	7.88
Bolton	1.1	3	2	0	0	2	37	4.34

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Littell	5.0	4	2	2	1	6	72	4.17
Cleavinger,	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	18	3.00
W, 5-1	1.0	1	1	1	0	1	18	5.17
Maton	1.0	1	1	0	0	2	23	0.00
Uceta	2.0	1	0	0	0	2	23	0.00

T: 2:42. **A:** 14,034 (25,025).

Pirates 9, Reds 5

Pittsburgh	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
McCutchen dh	3	1	0	0	2	0	.239
Reynolds lf	5	2	2	2	0	2	.280
O.Cruz ss	5	1	1	0	0	2	.243
Tellez 1b	4	2	2	1	1	1	.228
Olivares rf	5	0	1	2	0	1	

Astros 5, Rockies 2

Colorado	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Doyle cf	4	1	0	0	0	3	.261
Tovar ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.285
McMahon 3b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.281
Rodgers 2b	3	0	2	1	1	0	.284
Jones dh	3	0	0	0	1	2	.189
Cave lf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.250
Toglia 1b	4	1	1	1	0	0	.196
Goodman c	4	0	1	0	0	2	.198
Hilliard rf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.000
Stallings ph	0	0	0	0	1	0	.293
Totals	32	2	6	2	4	11	

Houston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Altuve 2b	4	1	2	0	0	0	.301
Bregman 3b	3	1	1	1	1	1	.258
Alvarez dh	4	1	1	0	0	0	.288
Diaz c	4	1	1	1	0	1	.264
Peña ss	3	0	0	0	1	0	.277
Meyers cf	4	1	3	1	0	1	.260
Dubón 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.292
McCormick rf	4	0	1	2	0	0	.219
Loperfido lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.327
Totals	33	5	9	5	2	4	

Colorado	000 000 011	— 2 6 0
Houston	500 000 00x	— 5 9 1

E: Peña (8). **LOB:** Colorado 8, Houston 6. **2B:** Meyers (10). **HR:** Toglia (8), off Hader. **RBIs:** Rodgers (26), Toglia (22), Bregman (35), Diaz (38), Meyers (29), McCormick 2 (17). **SB:** Altuve (11), McCormick (5), McMahon (2). **RISP:** Colorado 2 for 6; Houston 4 for 11. **Runners moved up:** Peña. **DP:** Houston 1 (Altuve, Peña, Dubón).

Colorado	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Gomber, L, 1-5	5.1	8	5	5	4	0	89	4.63
Lawrence	1.2	0	0	0	1	0	17	5.74
Molina	1.0	1	0	0	1	0	14	5.76

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Brown, W, 5-5	6.0	2	0	0	3	7	94	4.37
Scott	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	16	1.63
Martinez	0.1	2	1	1	0	1	22	2.39
Pressly, H, 11	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	5	4.40
Hader	1.0	1	1	1	3	18	3.79	

T: 2:28. **A:** 35,976 (41,000).

Dodgers 4, White Sox 3

Los Angeles	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Ohtani dh	4	2	2	2	1	2	.320
Smith c	5	0	0	0	0	1	.264
Freeman 1b	4	1	1	2	0	1	.300
Pages cf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.254
Heyward rf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.229
Rojas ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	.277
Lux 2b	3	1	2	0	1	0	.225
Vargas lf	2	0	1	0	1	0	.344
Taylor lf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.142
Biggio 3b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.200
Totals	34	4	7	4	3	7	

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Pham rf	2	1	0	0	3	1	.271
Benintendi lf	3	1	1	2	2	1	.203
Robert cf	5	1	1	0	0	0	.198
Jiménez dh	5	0	1	1	0	0	.231
Sheets 1b	4	0	2	0	0	0	.241
DeJong ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.235
Lee c	3	0	1	0	1	1	.242
Lopez 2b	2	0	1	0	0	0	.247
Mendick ph-2b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.193
Sosa 3b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.212
Totals	34	3	8	3	6	4	

Los Angeles	102 100 000	— 4 7 0
Chicago	300 000 000	— 3 8 0

LOB: Los Angeles 7, Chicago 10. **2B:** Heyward (7), Jiménez (6), DeJong (12), Lee (7), Sheets (16). **HR:** Ohtani (24), off Flexen; Freeman (12), off Flexen; Benintendi (6), off Miller. **RBIs:** Ohtani 2 (60), Freeman 2 (48), Benintendi 2 (22), Jiménez (13). **RISP:** Los Angeles 1 for 6; Chicago 0 for 9. **DP:** Los Angeles 1 (Lux, Rojas, Freeman).

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Miller	2.0	4	3	3	3	1	60	6.75
Petersen, W, 2-0	2.0	1	0	0	2	0	31	1.80
Ramírez, H, 3	0.2	2	0	0	0	0	12	2.79
Banda, H, 1	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	13	2.06
Treinen, H, 6	1.1	1	0	0	0	1	16	2.16
Hudson, H, 12	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	14	1.71
Phillips, S, 13-13	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	14	1.59
Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Flexen, L, 2-7	5.2	6	4	4	3	3	106	5.13
Banks	2.0	1	0	0	0	1	23	4.25
Anderson	0.1	0	0	0	1	9	4.24	
Brebbia	1.0	0	0	0	2	9	5.52	

T: 2:49. **A:** 23,662 (40,241).

Diamondbacks 5, Twins 4

Minnesota	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Castro 2b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.271
Larnach dh	4	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Lewis 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.329
Kepler rf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.251
Correa ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	.298
Santana 1b	3	1	0	0	1	0	.244
Buxton cf	4	2	3	1	0	0	.255
Jeffers c	3	1	1	3	1	0	.236
Martin lf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.267
Totals	33	4	6	4	2	3	

Arizona	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Carroll cf	4	1	2	0	0	0	.215
Marte 2b	4	1	2	3	0	0	.280
Pederson dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.289
Walker 1b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.252
Gurriel lf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.259
McCarthy rf	4	1	1	0	0	0	.287
Suárez 3b	3	1	1	1	0	0	.194
Barnhart c	3	0	1	1	0	2	.178
Perdomo ss	2	1	0	0	1	0	.276
Totals	32	5	8	5	1	6	

Minnesota	000 010 300	— 4 6 0
Arizona	220 000 10x	— 5 8 1

E: Marte (3). **LOB:** Minnesota 4, Arizona 4. **2B:** Buxton (12). **3B:** Suárez (2). **HR:** Buxton (6), off Pfaadt; Jeffers (13), off Pfaadt; Marte (16), off Ryan. **RBIs:** Buxton (26), Jeffers 3 (41), Marte 3 (46), Suárez (32), Barnhart (6). **RISP:** Minnesota 1 for 4; Arizona 2 for 3. **DP:** Arizona 1 (Marte, Perdomo, Walker).

Minnesota	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Ryan	6.0	6	4	4	0	5	86	3.31
Alcala, L, 1-3	1.0	2	1	1	1	1	19	2.03
Sands	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	9	4.37

Arizona	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Pfaadt	6.1	5	4	4	2	2	80	4.45
Ginkel, W, 6-1	0.2	0	0	0	0	1	5	3.30
Thompson, H, 1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	13	1.12
Sewald, S, 10-10	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	17	0.61

T: 2:09. **A:** 21,485 (48,359).

Angels 7, Athletics 5

Oakland	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Cameron rf	4	0	1	0	1	2	.170
Díaz ss	0	0	0	0	0	0	.111
Bleday cf	4	0	1	1	1	0	.253
Andujar lf	4	0	1	1	1	1	.321
Rooker dh	4	1	1	1	1	0	.257
Nevin 1b	1	0	0	1	1	0	.211
Soderstrom ph-1b	2	0	1	0	0	0	.239
Langeliers c	5	1	0	0	0	1	.197
Gelof 2b	4	1	1	0	0	0	.196
Alvarez 3b	4	1	3	1	0	1	.600
Schuemann ss	2	1	0	0	1	0	.221
Butler ph-rf	0	0	0	1	0	0	.181
Totals	34	5	9	5	6	5	

Los Angeles	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Schanuel 1b	5	0	2	0	0	0	.223
Rengifo 3b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.305
Ward lf	4	2	2	1	0	2	.245
Calhoun dh	3	1	2	0	0	0	.285
Sanó ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	0	.258
O'Hoppe c	3	1	1	1	1	1	.269
Neto ss	2	1	0	0	1	1	.252
Moniak cf	2	2	1	4	1	0	.197
Pillar ph-cf	1	0	0	0	1	0	.319
Adell rf	3	0	1	1	1	0	.183
Gillormo 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.277
Totals	32	7	9	7	4	7	

Oakland	002 010 020	— 5 9 0
Los Angeles	000 501 10x	— 7 9 2

E: Rengifo (6), Joyce (1). **LOB:** Oakland 10, Los Angeles 6. **2B:** Alvarez (1), Cameron (2), Calhoun (12), Ward (14), Adell (6). **HR:** Rooker (14), off Anderson; Moniak (4), off Spence; Ward (14), off Newcomb. **RBIs:** Bleday (29), Nevin (13), Rooker (45), Alvarez (1), Butler (8), O'Hoppe (34), Moniak 4 (21), Adell (34), Ward (41). **SB:** Neto (10). **CS:** O'Hoppe (1). **SF:** Butler. **RISP:** Oakland 2 for 7; Los Angeles 4 for 11. **DP:** Los Angeles 1 (Neto, Schanuel).

Oakland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Spence, L, 4-4	5.1	8	6	6	1	6	80	4.35
McFarland	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	6	3.23
Newcomb	1.1	1	1	1	2	1	23	6.00
Alexander	0.2	0	0	0	1	0	6	3.86

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Anderson, W, 7-5	5.0	3	3	5	2	109	2.63	
Strickland, H, 5	1.0	0	0	0	1	11	4.36	
García, H, 9	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	13	4.50
Marte	0.1	2	2	1	0	0	14	1.93
Joyce, H, 2	0.2	0	0	0	1	0	10	4.82
Estévez, S, 15-18	1.0	1	0	0	2	18	3.24	

T: 2:47. **A:** 26,473 (45,517).

Giants 5, Cubs 1

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Hoerner 2b	3	1	1	0	1	1	.242
Busch 1b	3	0	1	1	1	1	.260
Bellinger rf	3	0	1	0	1	1	.273
Suzuki dh	4	0	1	0	0	2	.263
Happ lf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.226
Morel 3b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.201
Swanson ss	3	0	0	0	0	2	.217
Crow-Armstrong cf	3	0	0	0	0	3	.202
Amaya c	3	0	0	0	0	0	.191
Totals	29	1	4	1	4	11	

San Francisco	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Wisely ss	4	1	2	0	0	0	.301
Ramos cf	3	1	0	0	1	0	.295
Bailey c	4	1	0	0	0	0	.290
Soler dh	3	1	1	1	0	1	.224
Chapman 3b	3	1	1	2	1	0	



BETMGM

The *POST* Line

WNBA

	Thursday	
Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
Aces	8 (167.5)	SKY
STORM	8 (166.5)	Fever

Home Teams In CAPS

NFL

	Thursday, Sept. 5	
Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
CHIEFS	2.5 (46.5)	Ravens

Friday, Sept. 6

*Eagles	1.5 (48.5)	Packers
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*Sao Paulo, Brazil

CFL

	Thursday	
Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
LIONS	7.5 (52.5)	Elks

Friday

Alouettes	3 (50.5)	ARGONAUTS
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Saturday

Blue Bombers	3 (47.5)	STAMPEDERS
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Sunday

REDBLACKS	1.5 (51.5)	Tiger-Cats
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MLB		
	Wednesday	
Favorite	Money Line	Underdog
Yankees	\$118-138	METS
RAYs	-108-108	Mariners
REDS	\$104-122	Pirates
Phillies	\$148-176	TIGERS
BREWERS	-108-108	Rangers
ASTROS	\$164-198	Rockies
PADRES	\$160-190	Nationals
ORIOLES	\$152-180	Guardians
RED SOX	\$136-162	Blue Jays
Dodgers	\$168-200	WHITE SOX
Twins	-102-116	D'BACKS
Braves- Gm. 1	\$108-126	CARDINALS
Braves- Gm. 2	\$154-184	CARDINALS
ROYALS	\$188-225	Marlins
ANGELS	\$102-120	Athletics
GIANTS	OFF	Cubs

SPORTS SHORTS

MLB: Nats, Padres benches clear

A wild scene unfolded Tuesday night when the Nationals and Padres benches cleared in the first inning in San Diego after Washington catcher **Keibert Ruiz** jawed at San Diego's **Jurickson Profar** and put a hand on his shoulder just before his at-bat.

Manny Machado, who was on deck, then put a hand Ruiz's shoulder as he got in between them, and players and coaches from both teams swarmed onto the field. It didn't appear that any punches were thrown and no one was ejected. Profar had four RBI's in the Padres' 9-7 victory.

● In Baltimore, **Jose Ramirez's** three-run homer in the fourth inning lifted Cleveland to a 10-8 victory over the Orioles. The Guardians have won seven straight to wrest the top spot with the best record in the major leagues at 51-26.

● In St. Petersburg, Fla., **Ben Rortvedt** hit a two-run homer and finished with four RBIs, and the Rays beat the Mariners, 11-3, for their seventh win in nine games.

● In Phoenix, **Ketel Marte** hit a two-run homer in the first inning and drove in the go-ahead run with an infield hit in the seventh as the Diamondbacks beat the Twins, 5-4.

● In Boston, **Vladimir Guerrero** hit pair of two-run doubles, **George Springer** added a two-run homer, and the Blue Jays snapped a seven-game skid with a 9-4 win over the Red Sox.

● The Brewers added some depth to their injury-riddled pitching staff Tuesday by acquiring 2015 AL Cy Young Award

winner **Dallas Keuchel**, who has spent all of this season in the minor leagues. Milwaukee added the 36-year-old left-hander from the Mariners in exchange for cash.

NHL: Roenick headlines HOF class

The Hockey Hall of Fame announced its next seven members — with NHL stars **Jeremy Roenick**, **Pavel Datsyuk** and **Shea Weber** among the Class of 2024.

Women's hockey stars **Natalie Darwitz** and **Krissy Wendell-Pohl** were also elected in the player category, and executives **Colin Campbell** and **David Poile** were chosen from the builder category to round out the group.

● Avalanche forward **Casey Mittelstadt** signed a three-year, \$17.25 million contract that spans through the 2026-27 season.

SOCCER Canada beats Peru

Jonathan David scored in the 74th minute, and Canada beat Peru, 1-0, in the Copa America held in Kansas City, Kan., for its first victory over a South American opponent in 24 years. Canada got its first win in four matches under **Jesse Marsch**, the American hired as coach last month

WNBA: Clark-Reese gets big ratings

The **Caitlin Clark-Angel Reese** rivalry continues to be a goldmine for the WNBA and its TV partners. Sunday's matchup between the Chicago Sky and Indiana Fever drew 2.302 million viewers on ESPN, the most-watched WNBA telecast in 23 years. The Sky erased a 15-point deficit to win, 88-87.

ACTION TOP PLAY

Gil will thrive through 5

By SEAN TREPPEDI
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Even amidst the Yankees' midseason growing pains, Luis Gil remains a comforting option in the starting rotation.

He'll take the mound at Citi Field on Wednesday seeking a rebound from the worst start of his career. Prior to getting thumped for eight earned runs in 1 1/3 innings against Baltimore last week, Gil possessed the fourth-best ERA in MLB and was the No. 1 pitcher in opponents' batting average entering Tuesday.

If we set this blooper aside, Gil's dominance has been a product of his con-

sistent command inside the zone. He's striking out 10.73 hitters per nine innings, which is highlighted by his fastball that's averaging 96.6 mph with a 25.9 putaway rate.

Mets starter Sean Manaea has struggled with allowing men on base early via walks, a tendency that's inflated his pitch counts and has caused shorter outings.

Juan Soto, Anthony Volpe and Aaron Judge are all hitting .276 or higher against lefties, opening the door for the Yankees to snag an early lead in Queens.

THE PLAY: Yankees first five innings.

Sean Treppedi handicaps baseball 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
Yankees	Gil (R)		9-2	2.77	12-3	—	—	0-0	1-1	12.0	8.25
Mets	Manaea (L)	(7:10pm)	4-3	4.16	8-6	—	—	1-3	1-1	14.1	6.28
Phillies	Turnbull (R)		3-0	2.63	5-1	—	—	0-0	1-0	17.1	1.56
Tigers	TBD	(1:10pm)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rockies	Feltner (R)		1-6	6.02	5-10	—	—	0-0	0-1	17.0	5.29
Astros	Arrighetti (R)	(2:10pm)	3-6	6.36	6-7	—	—	0-0	0-1	11.1	8.74
Marlins	Bellozo (R)		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Royals	Singer (R)	(2:10pm)	4-4	3.29	9-6	—	—	—	0-2	16.2	5.40
Rangers	Eovaldi (R)		4-3	3.14	7-5	—	—	0-5	2-1	16.0	4.50
Brewers	TBD	(2:10pm)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dodgers	Stone (R)		8-2	3.04	11-3	—	—	—	2-0	18.0	3.50
White Sox	Fedde (R)	(8:10pm)	5-2	3.05	6-10	—	—	1-0	1-1	20.0	2.25
Twins	Woods Richardson (R)		2-1	3.26	8-4	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-1	16.1	3.86
D'Backs	Nelson (R)	(9:40pm)	5-5	5.18	5-7	0-1	18.00	0-1	2-1	16.1	4.41
Mariners	Kirby (R)		6-5	3.47	8-8	1-0	4.05	1-0	1-0	20.0	1.35
Rays	Pepiot (R)	(12:10pm)	4-4	4.61	7-6	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-2	14.0	7.07
Athletics	Estes (R)		2-2	5.53	4-4	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-1	13.2	7.24
Angels	Contreras (R)	(4:07pm)	1-0	3.90	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Guardians	Carrasco (R)		3-6	5.40	5-8	0-0	0.00	4-2	1-1	15.2	4.60
Orioles	Rodriguez (R)	(6:35pm)	8-3	3.82	9-4	0-0	3.60	0-0	2-1	17.2	5.60
Blue Jays	Rodriguez (R)		0-2	5.94	3-2	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-2	9.0	9.00
Red Sox	Crawford (R)	(7:10pm)	3-7	3.59	4-12	1-0	2.57	1-1	1-2	18.1	3.93
Pirates	Ortiz (R)		3-2	3.45	—	—	—	0-0	—	—	—
Reds	Ashcraft (R)	(1:10pm)	4-3	5.05	6-6	—	—	1-0	1-0	13.2	7.90
Nationals	Herz (L)		1-1	4.50	3-1	0-0	0.00	0-0	1-0	14.0	3.21
Padres	Cease (R)	(4:10pm)	6-6	4.14	9-7	0-0	0.00	0-0	1-1	14.1	7.53
Braves	Lopez (R)	Game 1	5-2	1.57	9-4	—	—	0-0	1-0	18.1	1.96
Cardinals	Gibson (R)	(1:45pm)	5-2	3.44	7-7	—	—	2-1	2-0	16.0	3.38
Braves	Sale (L)	Game 2	10-2	2.91	10-4	0-0	1.12	0-0	2-1	19.0	2.37
Cardinals	Pallante (R)	(7:15pm)	3-3	5.24	3-2	0-0	9.00	0-1	2-1	13.2	3.95
Cubs	Imanaga (L)		7-2	2.96	11-3	0-0	0.00	0-0	2-1	16.2	7.02
Giants	TBD	(9:45pm)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

*REC: Won-lost record of pitcher's team in games he has started.

STITCHES

Texas, Stitches need Nathan's best

"I'm an old school, down in the boiler room bookie. Hey, I know how impossible it is. Especially today with the way they strangle us with warped baseball lines. So I appreciate that you (unlike these other characters) have the "gullions" to show your up/down tally."

— Dave Kane

Thank you, Dave. We've been kicked in the gullions more than a few times this season.

So have the defending champion Texas Rangers. And so has Nathan Eovaldi. He went 12-5 last year but has

been inconsistent at best. We saw Nathan's best in his last start (2 runs, 4 hits in a win over the Royals). The Rangers are in Milwaukee. The Brewers' Colin Rea gave up five runs in 5 1/3 innings to the Padres in his latest. Play \$50 on the Rangers.

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Pass the Tylenol. Seems we got kicked in the nutellas again. Yandy Diaz hit a leadoff homer off Luis Castillo and the rout was on. The Rays marinated Seattle, 11-3. Down -841 richiesexsons.

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Home Team Lineups HOME AWAY

	TODAY June 26	THU June 27	FRI June 28	SAT June 29	SUN June 30	MON July 1	TUE July 2
	Mets 7:10 Prime Video WFAN 660 AM/ 101.9 FM	Tor. 7:07 YES WFAN	Tor. 7:07 YES WFAN	Tor. 3:07 YES WFAN	Tor. 1:37 YES WFAN	NO GAME	Cinn. 7:05 YES WFAN
	Yankees 7:10 SNY WCBS 880 AM	NO GAME	Hou. 7:10 Apple TV+ WCBS	Hou. 4:10 PIX11 WCBS	Hou. 1:40 PIX11 WCBS	Wash. 6:45 SNY WCBS	Wash. 7:00 SNY WCBS
	NO GAME	NO GAME	NO GAME	NO GAME	Atl. 1:00 ESPN	NO GAME	Minn. 7:00 Ch. 5
Saturday		Friday			Sunday		
	D.C. United 7:30 Apple TV+		Orlando City SC 7:30 Apple TV+		Seattle Reign 1:00 ESPN2		

Today's Sports on the Air

MLB	1 p.m.	Phillies at Tigers	MLBN
	4 p.m.	Rockies at Astros (in progress)	MLBN
	7 p.m.	Braves at Cardinals	MLBN
	7:10 p.m.	Yankees at Mets	SNY, Prime Video, WCBS (880 AM), WFAN (660 AM/101.9 FM)
	11 p.m.	Twins at Diamondbacks (in progress)	MLBN
NBA	8 p.m.	NBA Draft: 1st Round	ABC, ESPN
Soccer	Noon	Euro Group Stage: Ukraine vs. Belgium	Fox
	Noon	Euro Group Stage: Slovakia vs. Romania	FS1
	3 p.m.	Euro Group Stage: Georgia vs. Portugal	Fox
	3 p.m.	Euro Group Stage: Czech Republic vs. Turkey	FS1
	6 p.m.	Copa Am.: Ecuador vs. Jamaica	FS1
	7 p.m.	USL Championship: Birmingham at Detroit	CBSSN
	9 p.m.	Copa Am.: Venezuela vs. Mexico	FS1
Tennis	6 a.m.	ATP/WTA Eastbourne, ATP Mallorca, WTA Bad Homburg- Early Rounds	Tennis
	5:30 a.m. (Thurs.)	ATP/WTA Eastbourne, ATP Mallorca, WTA Bad Homburg- Early Rounds	Tennis
H.S. Lacrosse	Noon	Naptown Boys Tournament	ESPNU
	2 p.m.	Naptown Boys Challenge 2027 Division Championship	ESPNU
Horse Racing	2 p.m.	FanDuel Racing	MSGSN
Water Polo	10 p.m.	United States vs. Spain	ESPNU
Rugby	6 a.m.	NRL: Queensland at New South Wales	FS2
	5:30 a.m. (Thurs.)	NRL Women: New South Wales at Queensland	FS2

NHL

Odds to win 2024-25 Stanley Cup

TEAM	ODDS	TEAM	ODDS	TEAM	ODDS
Panthers	+900	Lightning	20/1	Flyers	50/1
Avalanche	10/1	Canucks	20/1	Flames	66/1
Stars	10/1	Jets	22/1	Kraken	80/1
Oilers	10/1	Wild	35/1	Capitals	100/1
Hurricanes	11/1	Predators	35/1	Utah H.C.	100/1
Golden Knights	12/1	Red Wings	40/1	Canadiens	150/1
Devils	13/1	Islanders	40/1	Blue Jackets	250/1
Rangers	13/1	Senators	40/1	Ducks	300/1
Maple Leafs	16/1	Penguins	40/1	Blackhawks	300/1
Bruins	20/1	Blues	40/1	Sharks	300/1
Kings	20/1	Sabres	50/1		

ODDS & ENDS

NBA DRAFT

First-overall selection

PLAYER	ODDS
Zaccharie Risacher	-250
Donovan Clingan	+240
Alexandre Sarr	+600
Stephon Castle	15/1
Reed Sheppard	66/1
Matas Buzelis	100/1
Ronald Holland	100/1
Robert Dillingham	150/1
Nikola Topic	250/1
Dalton Knecht	250/1
Cody Williams	250/1
Bronny James	300/1
Zach Edey	300/1

Bronny James draft position

RESULT	ODDS
First	300/1
Second	250/1
Third	200/1
Fourth	200/1
Fifth	200/1
Sixth	200/1
Seventh	200/1
Eighth	200/1
Ninth	150/1
10th	200/1
Top 5	150/1
Top 10	100/1
Top 20	50/1
First round	+220
Over 50.5 (1st-50th)	-145
Under 50.5 (51st or later)	+110

Favorites to draft Bronny James

TEAM	ODDS
Lakers	-160
Suns	+700
Mavericks	+900
Timberwolves	11/1
Raptors	11/1
76ers	22/1
Cavaliers	25/1
Thunder	25/1
Jazz	25/1
Knicks	30/1
Spurs	30/1

Head to head: Selected first

MATCHUP	ODDS
Stephon Castle	-155
vs. Matas Buzelis	+120
Robert Holland	-130
vs. Rob Dillingham	+100
Zach Edey	-250
vs. Kel'el Ware	+185
Reed Sheppard	-210
vs. Donovan Clingan	+160
Dalton Knecht	-185
vs. Cody Williams	+135
Devin Carter	-130
vs. Tidjane Salaun	+100
Jared McCain	-275
vs. Isaiah Collier	+200

ACTION BET SMART



Making launch money at Rocket

PICKING UP THE \$CRAPS: The stars are skipping the Rocket Mortgage Classic after a busy month, but Maverick McNealy (above) is among three golfers at 28/1 at BetMGM who are worth a wager to win the tournament this weekend in Detroit.

By DEREK FARNSWORTH
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This is a week on the PGA Tour where perspective comes into play. The Rocket Mortgage Classic is following two signature events and the U.S. Open, and it doesn't have a strong field. Many bettors will take the week off or be lazy with their selections.

But this provides us with an opportunity. If we put in the same effort and research as every other week, perhaps we'll find something that isn't accounted for in the betting market.

This week's event will be held at Detroit Golf Club, which is a par-72 course that measures 7,370 yards. Based on reports, the course will play a bit longer than it looks on the scorecard. It is already soft and there's rain in the forecast. If golfers aren't getting roll-out on their drives, it will lengthen the course and widen the fairways. This was already a good spot for bombers and the conditions should only amplify that this week.

Detroit Golf Club has been one of the easiest courses on tour in each of the past five years. The average winning score during that stretch has been 23-under par, so we can expect a lot of birdies this week. And based on the forecast, there's a chance we could see a winning score of 30-under.

The fairways are wide, and while the greens are small (5,150 square feet), they are easy to hit. In 2023, the field hit 73 percent of greens in regulation. This increases the importance of putting and decreases the importance of scrambling.

Keep it simple this week — look for long drivers, good iron players and golfers who can have splash weeks with the putter. Here are my best bets, (odds via BetMGM):

Maverick McNealy (28/1)

McNealy already has three top-10 finishes this year and hasn't missed a cut

since January. He's been excellent off the tee, around the green and putting. In fact, he's top-20 in all three of those strokes-gained categories in the field.

However, iron play has kept him from being in contention, but he seems to have figured something out on that front. Over his past five events, he has gained nearly eight strokes on approach. I love the way his game is trending and the fact that he already has two solid finishes at this event in his career (T21 and T8).

Stephan Jaeger (28/1)

Jaeger picked up his first win on the PGA Tour earlier this year on a course that is similar to Detroit Golf Club.

Over the past few years, he's transformed from one of the worst drivers on tour to one of the best. He's both long and straight off the tee. He's excellent on approach and routinely gains strokes around the green. The putter has cooled off a bit, but he's still been able to post quality finishes in fields much stronger than this one. He's also finished T9 and T5 at this event the past two years.

Taylor Pendrith (28/1)

I was able to snag this bet at 45/1 early Monday morning, but I still view the 28/1 odds as a good bet. Much like Jaeger, Pendrith picked up his first career win on a long and easy course earlier this year. He's one of the longest drivers of the ball in the field and is currently riding a red-hot putter. He has gained strokes on the greens in 14 of his last 15 events and has gained more than 16 strokes putting in his past four events alone.

Like my first two selections, Pendrith has experienced success at this course in the past, finishing second to Tony Finau in 2022 and followed it up with a T14 finish last year.

Derek Farnsworth analyzes golf for Action Network.

By ETHAN SEARS

They came for Lionel Messi.

They came and packed MetLife Stadium on Tuesday night to the tune of a full sellout, for the chance to see this once-in-a-generation superstar play for Argentina in a 1-0 victory against Chile.

After the Argentines won their first World Cup since 1986, 18 months ago in Qatar, and with Messi now 37 years old and approaching the twilight of his career — it's not clear whether this Copa America will be his last major tournament — there is a rock concert farewell tour vibe to his matches.

Fans wearing No. 10 blue and white jerseys filled the parking lots hours before the 9 p.m. kick-off as if this was a fall Sunday. Before the game started, they were bouncing in the lower bowl, belting out lyrics. This didn't feel like New York taking in Messi, it felt like Buenos Aires taking over New York — from the belting rendition of the Argentine national anthem to the video that surfaced Monday night of Messi waving out his hotel window to fans camped out, as if he was in the royal family.

“For a football player, there is nothing better than this atmosphere around you,” Argentina coach Lionel Scaloni said via interpreter. “The one that we saw today, that motivates you to do the best, to compete, to do more. To us, our fans are happy or joyful and that is transmitted to you.”

If you walked into this stadium without knowing a thing about what was happening, you still would have been able to tell when Messi had the ball at his feet because of how the noise changed. At no other point was the audience so rapt, so fixated. When Messi slalomed through two defenders to set up a scoring chance 38 minutes into the game, there was applause in the press box.

This building hosted Taylor Swift last summer. Tuesday may

STARS IN THEIR EYES: Fans hoping to catch a glimpse of Lionel Messi got what they paid for on Tuesday at MetLife Stadium, as the World Cup dry run that is the Copa America went off without a hitch.

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MESSI MANIA

Star's possible international farewell tour makes stop at MetLife, leaving fans, organizers happy

be the closest it'll get this year to an encore.

Instead of Messi, though, what they got was Lautaro Martinez, the Argentine striker who scored 24 goals in Italy's Serie A last year.

For all the parking lot and pregame atmosphere, this game took until the second half to come alive. Chile, for 70 minutes, took a defensive posture that Argentina largely struggled to break down. Finally, after Rodrigo Echeverria recorded Chile's first shot — after 17 mostly listless attempts from the Argentines — the game opened up.

After a series of chances marked the late stages of the game, Martinez finally broke through for Argentina off a corner kick in the 88th minute, kicking in a rebound off the initial header.

That proved to be the only scoring, meaning the closest anyone got to witnessing Messi's magic was more subtle than anything that will end up on highlight reels. That hardly mattered.

“Messi is very active and decisive,” Chile coach Ricardo Garcia said via interpreter. “He's back and he's a really dangerous

player. There's nothing else I can say. He's focused and our players did a great job defensively, but it is of course painful to lose this way.”

Everyone who came to see Messi was just as happy to see an Argentina victory, which will likely secure a Group A victory with one match remaining.

And the tournament organizers, after this match, should have been as thrilled as anyone. This Copa America has produced fine attendance numbers, but those have been overshadowed by the image of empty seats — a product of an insistence on playing

these games in football stadiums.

When Bolivia and Uruguay meet in New Jersey on Tuesday, that's liable to be a problem. Tuesday, Messi was a one-man solution. The last Argentina fans didn't leave until 11:27, more than 30 minutes after the final whistle

Copa America is run by a different federation, CONMEBOL, than the World Cup. But this was in essence the first, very early, dress rehearsal for the 2026 World Cup final that will be held at MetLife Stadium.

Propelled by Messi, the atmosphere passed with flying colors.

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Davis grateful for 'unreal' chance to join Bombers

By GREG JOYCE

J.D. Davis lost his job for a few days, but when he landed on his feet, he did so at the opposite end of the standings and on a much bigger stage.

After the Yankees acquired Davis from the last-place Athletics on Sunday to bolster the middle of their hurting lineup, he arrived at Citi Field on Tuesday as part of a first-place team and started at first base in the first iteration of the Subway Series.

“It's kind of unreal because

last week, I didn't really have a job and then all of a sudden I'm back here in New York playing with the Yankees [against] the Mets,” Davis said Tuesday afternoon inside the visiting clubhouse of the stadium he called home as a Met from 2019-2022. “It's pretty surreal. It's a great opportunity.”

Davis' first impression was not a strong one, as he struck out twice and then grounded into an inning-ending double play before being pinch-hit for by Ben Rice in the eighth

inning of a 9-7 loss.

“Not much to show for it,” manager Aaron Boone said. “He's kind of been inactive for a few days now so just getting here and getting accustomed.”

But the Yankees are hoping that Davis, once he gets settled, can make more of an impact at a time when they are without Anthony Rizzo (arm fracture) and Giancarlo Stanton (hamstring strain). They were already expected to be in the market for a corner infielder by next month's

trade deadline, but in the meantime, Davis will get a runway to see if he can be a helpful piece for them.

In the short-term, that means starting against left-handed pitchers, which the right-handed hitting Davis has generally excelled against. He batted sixth against Mets lefty David Peterson on Tuesday night and is expected to be back in the lineup on Wednesday against lefty Sean Manaea.

Boone indicated that he will bounce Davis around be-

tween first base, third base and DH, though he won't be a straight platoon with the left-handed hitting Rice.

“I want him to get here and get settled, get comfortable,” Boone said. “But hopefully just a presence. Right-handed presence, see him in there a lot probably against left-handed pitching.”

The 31-year-old Davis was batting .236 with a .670 OPS in 135 plate appearances for the A's this season. But he attributed that to a lot of stops-and-starts.

Davis was starting to get into a rhythm — hitting .275 with a .727 OPS in his final 24 games — before A's general manager David Forst called him last week and told him the team was going to give more at-bats to their younger players. Davis said he understood, even if it meant him being designated for assignment last Tuesday.

By Sunday, he had gone from last place in the AL West to first place in the AL East.

What was mostly a bust of a night all-around for the Yankees nearly turned ridiculous because of Aaron Judge.

The end result was still a 9-7 loss to the Mets on Tuesday night at Citi Field, but Judge made it a game late by crushing a grand slam in the eighth inning for his 29th home run in the 81st game of the year.

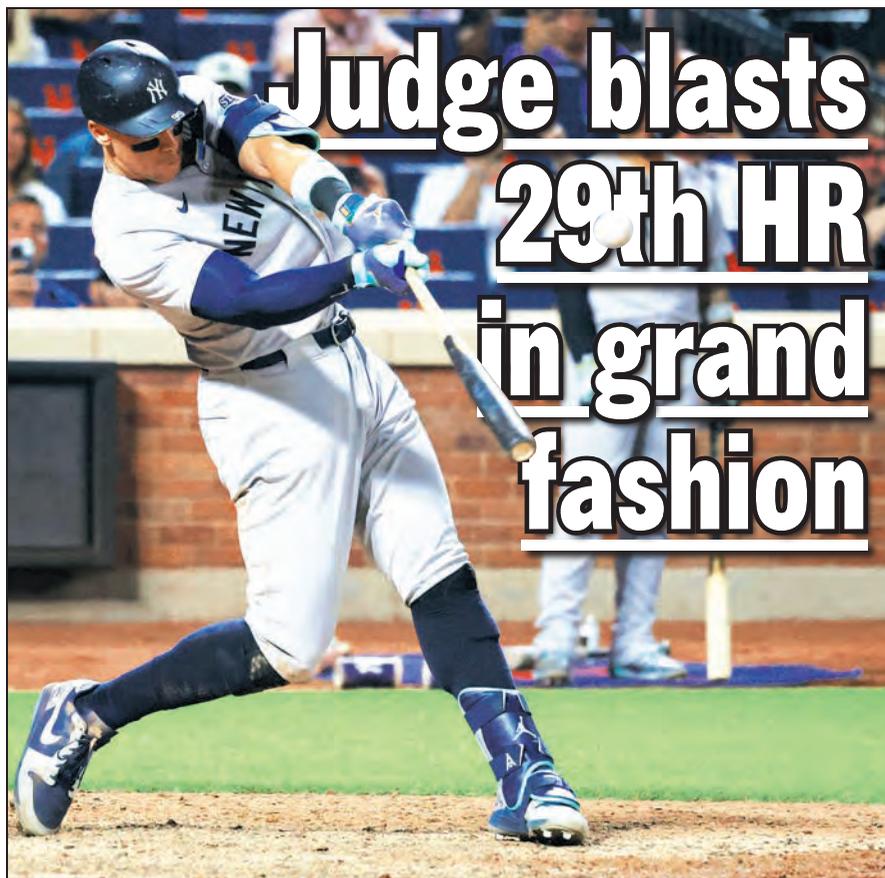
"Every time he steps in that box, you know something good is going to happen," said Juan Soto, who clubbed his 19th home run in the fifth inning to make it a 6-1 deficit. "He's an unbelievable player. That's why I try to be on base for every time he's hitting because I know something is going to happen."

Judge said former teammate Harrison Bader gave him a scare by looking like he was going to track down the ball in right-center field, but it kept carrying into the bullpens for a 390-foot shot off Reed Garrett.

Judge also added an RBI double, a walk and a hit by pitch, reaching base four times for the league-leading ninth time this season.

At the halfway point of the season, even after a quiet first month, Judge is batting .304 with a 1.128 OPS and on pace for 58 home runs.

"It's insane. It's absolutely insane," Pete Alonso said before the game. "Obviously he's known for his power, but the thing that's most impressive is his plate discipline and his ability to consistently hit line drives. I think that's one of the most underrated things about him. Obviously he's one of the best in the world. But I



TOWERING SHOT: Aaron Judge, who went 2-for-3 with five RBIs, hits a grand slam off Reed Garrett in the eighth inning of the Yankees' 9-7 loss to the Mets.

Robert Sabo

think his ability controlling the strike zone gets overlooked. He's a line-drive hitter with tremendous strength. That's why he's been not just able to hit a bunch of homers but a good average as well."

➤ The arrival of **J.D. Davis** does not mean the end of **Ben Rice** against left-handed pitchers.

While the Yankees traded for the right-handed hitting

Davis to hit against lefties and play some first base, manager **Aaron Boone** said it will not be a straight platoon between Davis and the left-handed hitting Rice.

"Because I've liked Rice's at-bats," Boone said Tuesday before the Yankees fell to the Mets. "I think he's held his own against lefties here. This is a tough draw for him this week, but I don't want to run him out there against every

lefty in his first two weeks in the big leagues. But I've been really pleased with his at-bats."

Rice, called up last week after veteran first baseman **Anthony Rizzo** landed on the injured list with an arm fracture, came into Tuesday batting 5-for-17 (.294) with a .675 OPS. He entered the game as a pinch-hitter in the eighth inning and singled against righty **Adam Ottavino**.

— Additional reporting by Mark W. Sanchez

YANKEES NOTES

Senga eyes minor start next week

By MIKE PUMA

Kodai Senga's hope is he will be pitching in a minor league game next week.

The Mets right-hander will face hitters during a live batting practice on Thursday, after which if all goes well he anticipates he will be ready to take the last big step in his rehab by pitching in minor league games.

"Everything feels really good, so I don't think there will be any hiccups," Senga said through his interpreter before the Mets' 9-7 win over the Yankees at Citi Field on Tuesday.

Senga faced hitters on Sunday for the first time since incurring a setback last month in his rehab from a right shoulder. Asked about the possibility he would need five or six starts in the minor leagues to prepare for his Mets' season debut,

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Senga said his hope is the number would be fewer so he can return to help the team sooner.

"It really depends on how my body feels," Senga said.

➤ **Sean Reid-Foley** had an MRI exam that confirmed a right shoulder impingement, according to manager **Carlos Mendoza**. The right-hander received a shot and is expected to resume throwing within the next few days.

➤ **Ben Gamel** was selected from Triple-A Syracuse to take **Starling Marte's** roster spot after the veteran outfielder was placed on the injured list with a bone bruise in his right knee. Gamel, a former Yankees player,

brings another left-handed bat to the mix.

Gamel recalled playing in the Subway Series in 2016 and sacrifice bunting in his lone plate appearance. He said part of his reason for signing with the Mets in the offseason was his relationship with Mendoza, who was his manager in his first full year in the Yankees' minor-league system in 2012.

➤ The Mets played a video tribute to remember **Willie Mays**, who died last week at age 93. Mays' son **Michael** will throw out the first pitch before Wednesday's game at Citi Field. Willie Mays played for the Mets in 1972-73 and had his No. 24 retired by the team two years ago as the fulfillment of a promise to the Hall of Famer by former Mets owner **Joan Whitney Payson**.

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CUP & DOWN

By ANDREW CRANE

Libs drop in-season tourney to Lynx in possible Finals preview

There were plenty of moments in the second half when the Liberty were out of sorts, when they were far from the version of the superteam that made everything — at times — seem simple, but this one, late in the fourth quarter, was the dagger.

Betnijah Laney-Hamilton had missed her second free throw. Kayla Thornton had collected the rebound. But as she looked to reset the offense, Breanna Stewart had started setting a screen, and when Thornton tried to connect with Stewart, the Lynx stole possession. Bridget Carleton hit a 3-pointer at the other end to stretch their lead to 11. The turnovers, a number that ended the night at 21 for the Liberty, kept thwarting any attempt at a late comeback.

“I think they executed better than us,” Stewart said, “and really, that’s it. ... Twenty-one turnovers is never gonna win the game.”

What started as a promising Commissioner’s Cup — with the chance to repeat as champion and win the larger share of the \$500,000 prize — turned disastrous for the Liberty with their turnovers and a silenced Jonquel Jones (three points, all on free

throws) en route to a 94-89 loss Tuesday at UBS Arena. Carleton led the Lynx with 23 points, while Napheesa Collier added 21 and six rebounds. Liberty players will make around \$10,000 each for the runner-up finish, according to the Associated Press.

“I think we were our worst enemy and just trying to kinda reinvent the wheel and not go to what was working,” Sabrina Ionescu said of the third quarter, when the Liberty managed just 10 points. “... Obviously, we were trying to get JJ going, and I think we kinda shot ourselves in the foot with that in terms of kind of going away from what really worked.”

The Lynx had successfully contained Jones earlier this season, too. She connected on just 1-of-5 free throws May 25 to finish with four points, and on Tuesday, the Lynx used a strategy of “three-quarter fronting,” coach Sandy Brondello said, to deny entry passes. That caused the Liberty spacing to become discombobulated. Turnovers happened when they tried to

force passes toward Jones.

“They just kinda exposed us with their defense,” Jones said.

That was a stark difference from the first half, when the Liberty’s offense’s clicked with Ionescu at the center. She led the way with 18 points at halftime. She hit a 3-pointer from the Commissioner’s Cup logo, connected on a deep

floaters and stole a pass that allowed her to race

down the court for an uncontested layup. Courtney Vandersloot returned to the Liberty lineup for the first time since June 4 — and the first time since her mother died 11 days later — and she connected on her first shot attempt while finishing with four points, four assists and one steal.

But then it all flipped near the end of the second quarter. It stayed that way, too. A 33-13 run by the Lynx lasted until the first two minutes of the fourth. By that point, it was the Liberty that trailed by 10. Stewart led the Liberty with 24 points and pulled them back into the game with a per-

sonal 9-0 run. Jones didn’t score altogether until taking free throws with 80 seconds remaining.

The game was also accompanied by an underlying storyline that it needed to get moved from Barclays Center, with the frustration palpable ahead of the Liberty’s morning shootaround. Stewart brought it up unprompted. Jones used the words “frustrated” and “annoyed” to express the Liberty’s displeasure for not hosting the title game, and a crowd of 7,015 eventually filtered into the home of the Islanders in Long Island.

They watched the Lynx establish themselves as a serious contender for the WNBA title. They watched the Liberty’s bid for a championship fall short — just as it did in October. That missed chance to achieve the type of forever that has evaded the Liberty since its creation left a scar, Brondello said pregame. “It’s a memory, but scars heal, too,” she said.

Less than a year later, though, the Lynx gave the Liberty another one.

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SAD-BRINA: Sabrina Ionescu looks on during the Liberty’s 94-89 loss to the Minnesota Lynx in the Commissioner’s Cup Final at UBS Arena on Tuesday.

Corey Sipkin

Plenty of possibilities for Clingan as he awaits draft fate

By PILAR ROSSI

On the eve of the NBA draft, Donovan Clingan remains uncertain of his destination.

“It doesn’t feel real. It’s gonna be a long 24 hours,” Clingan said Tuesday during pre-draft media availability in Midtown.

The former UConn standout and Connecticut native has been projected as a top-three pick in the draft, and has worked out with the Hawks — who hold the first pick in Wednesday’s first round and can pair their selection with star point guard Trae Young.

“I think it’d be a great connection, something that could work out really well,” Clingan said about the possibility of playing with the three-time All-Star. “We’d be able to space

the floor in the ball screen game defensively and offensively. I just feel like it’d be a very special connection, for sure.”

Though The Post’s recent mock draft has the Hawks selecting French star Zacharie Risacher at No. 1 overall, Clingan has been mentioned as a contender for the first overall pick, too.

Risacher has a 73 percent chance of going in the top spot, according to ESPN’s draft predictor, with Alex Sarr as the next candidate at 23 percent and Clingan at 6 percent.

Clingan also mentioned a Zoom meeting he had with the Spurs — who have the No. 4 and No. 8 picks — who could combine the 7-foot-2 Clingan with Victor Wembanyama, the 7-4 big man who was named Rookie of the Year after being picked

first overall by the Spurs in 2023.

“That’d be crazy,” Clingan said. “He’s such a well-rounded player. He can play one through five. Two 7-footers in a ball screen would be pretty scary I feel like.”

“On the defensive end, two high-level rim protectors and two people who can move I feel like is something that can really work out,” he added.

Clingan was a likely selection in the 2023 draft but decided to return to UConn for his sophomore season.

The center appeared in 35 games last season with the Huskies — averaging 13.0 points, 7.4 rebounds, 1.5 assists and 2.5 blocks in 22.5 minutes per game. He recorded six double-doubles, including a pair in the NCAA Tournament on the way to UConn’s second consecutive championship — the first back-to-back

men’s titles since Florida in 2006 and 2007.

Clingan attributes much of his college success to UConn head coach Dan Hurley, who just turned down a \$70 million contract with the Lakers to chase a third consecutive national championship with the Huskies.

“He knew what he saw in me. We built that great relationship and I’ll be forever grateful for it,” Clingan said.

Stephon Castle, Clingan’s UConn teammate, is projected to join him as a top-10 pick on Wednesday.

“That’s my guy,” Clingan said. “I love Steph. From Day 1, when I met him on his recruiting visit, we’ve had a great relationship ever since. He’s a special dude and a special player. He’s going to go into an organization and have a big-time impact.”



1 & DON’: Donovan Clingan could go as high as No. 1 to the Hawks in the NBA draft on Wednesday.

Jason Szenes

Brooklyn finally enters true rebuilding mode

By BRIAN LEWIS

The Nets traded Mikal Bridges. And turbo-charged their rebuild.

Bridges got shipped over the East River to the rival Knicks, and Brooklyn brought back a king's ransom of draft picks reminiscent of the haul they got for Kevin Durant. In a separate deal they got several of their own natural picks back from Houston, signaling a pivot to a full-on rebuild.

The Nets agreed to send Bridges and a 2026 second-round pick to the Garden for four unprotected first-round picks (2025, 2027, 2029, 2031), a 2025 protected first-round pick via Milwaukee, a 2028 unprotected pick swap, a 2025 second-round pick and veteran shooter Bojan Bogdanovic.

"This is crazy lol," Bridges tweeted as the news broke, first reported by ESPN and confirmed by The Post.

In a different move Tuesday night, Brooklyn got back their own 2026 first-rounder from Houston and saw the Rockets give up the right to swap the Nets' 2025 first-rounder. Brooklyn had to give up a 2027 first-

round pick via Phoenix and the right to swap for the Suns' 2025 first-rounder. Houston also got the more favorable of the Dallas and Phoenix picks in 2029.

Since being the centerpiece of the Durant deal, Bridges had been one of the more coveted assets in the entire league. The Nets had already turned down an offer of four first-rounders from Memphis and another of most of their own traded picks back from Houston. But this haul showed why general manager Sean Marks and Nets owner Joe Tsai had been reluctant to move Bridges ... until now.

Sources told The Post during the season that Bridges not only wanted to get to the Knicks, but quietly angled to make that happen so he could reunite with former Villanova teammates Jalen Brunson, Josh Hart and Donte DiVincenzo. Still, the Knicks had to blow the opposing offers out of the water to pry Bridges out of Brooklyn, and they did. It marked the first trade between the Nets and Knicks since 1983.

In April, Bridges had insisted he expected to be back in Brooklyn.

"Yeah, 100 percent. I don't think I look at anywhere else," Bridges said. "I don't think about my contract at all. Just try and come back, and my biggest thing this summer is to be better than I was this year. Take a lot from what I learned.

"Obviously it was not what I wanted and what we wanted as a team, but you can't really sulk about it. Didn't play your best. That's cool. Might get some hate for it, but just get in the gym, get better and learn from it. My intention is definitely to stay here. I got nowhere else to be."

Now he'll be in Manhattan while Brooklyn will be rebuilding.

The small forward is owed \$23.3 million next season and \$24.9 million in the final campaign of his current four-year \$90.9 million contract. Bridges is eligible to sign a two-year extension on Oct. 1, and can ink a three-year, \$113 million extension in six months. The closer he gets to the end of that pact, the more his stock would plummet. Marks cashed in Tuesday.

Bridges had been critical of the team's direction right before coach Jacque Vaughn



STARTING FRESH: New Nets coach Jordi Fernandez will have some building blocks for the future after GM Sean Marks (rear) made a pair of trades to collect future draft picks.

Corey Sipkin

got fired over the All-Star break, and the Nets struggled to a 32-50 finish under interim Kevin Ollie. It marked their worst record since 2017-18.

Now, after hiring Jordi Fernandez — voted the best assistant in the NBA by league GMs — Brooklyn have a cache with which to rebuild.

The Nets will be flush with salary-cap space next summer when Ben Simmons' \$40 million albatross of a contract comes off the books. Now they'll not only have money but the richest trove of draft assets in the entire league over the next several years.

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Top of NBA draft could have a French flavor

By PETER BOTTE

Vive la France, before we live LeBron's son.

Those figure to be among the primary international and domestic storylines as the two-round NBA draft shifts to a two-day format this year.

With USC freshman Bronny James' destination expected to provide an intriguing reason to watch Thursday's second round, French teenagers could be selected with the first two picks of the draft Wednesday night at Barclays Center.

French center Alex Sarr has been surpassed in most recent mock drafts — including Brian Lewis' latest pick-by-pick predictions in The Post — by countryman Zaccharie Risacher, a 6-foot-9 wing now widely projected to be selected with the first-overall pick by the Hawks.

If either player is taken at No. 1, that would mark a historic first after French wunderkind Victor Wembanyama was tabbed first overall one year ago by the Spurs. No European country ever has boasted the first-overall selection in back-to-back years in NBA history.

"That's amazing to see we're growing as a nation. ... It's special to see," Risacher said at Tuesday's pre-draft media availability in Manhattan. "That would be cool, that would be an accomplishment for me

and also for the country."

The first back-to-back international players who went first overall in consecutive years were Australia's Andrew Bogut (Bucks) and Italy's Andrea Bargnani (Raptors) in 2005-06.

But the only other country outside the U.S. to have two straight No. 1 selections was Canada in 2013-14, when the Cavaliers picked Anthony Bennett and Andrew Wiggins. Bennett was among the biggest busts ever atop the draft — playing only 151 NBA games — while Wiggins was dealt for Kevin Love before playing a game for the Cavaliers.

There also have been reports of the Hawks entertaining trade offers for this year's No. 1 spot, possibly in a trade down with the Spurs, who own the No. 4 and No. 8 picks. That could mean Risacher and Wembanyama joining forces in San Antonio.

"Anything can happen on draft night," Risacher noted. "You can be drafted and traded a couple minutes later, so it's kind of crazy how things work. ... I have to wait and see what team I'm gonna play for. That's a lot to think about."

Sarr, who has played for the Overtime Elite developmental league in the United States plus one season in Australia, seems less likely to be selected and retained by the Hawks after he reportedly did not work out for them in the lead-up to the draft.

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THE POST'S NBA MOCK DRAFT

By **BRIAN LEWIS**

The 2024 NBA Draft may be without generational talent, but that doesn't mean it's going to be without drama.

In the final days leading up to the draft, there has been some rethinking and reshuffling at the top of the board. While there is no locked-in top pick like Victor Wembanyama was last year, there are a couple of fellow Frenchman duking it out to see who gets the top honor this time around in Brooklyn.

The Post gets you ready for the festivities:

1 HAWKS

G/F Zaccharie Risacher
JL Bourg-en-Bresse (France), 6-9, 215
 In most mock drafts, Risacher has leapfrogged countryman and presumed top pick Alex Sarr. Despite Sarr having actually spent two years in Atlanta with Overtime Elite, he hasn't worked out for the Hawks yet while Risacher had his last workout Wednesday. Risacher has a high floor and high ceiling, thanks to a solid two-way game that should fit however the Hawks build their roster.

2 WIZARDS

F/C Alex Sarr
Perth Wildcats (Australia), 7-0, 224
 While Sarr hasn't worked out for the Hawks, he did for the Wizards last week. Washington, finally starting a long-overdue rebuild, has no real long-term centerpieces to build around. Just how much risk is it willing to take, in terms of a high-floor prospect or a high-ceiling one?

3 ROCKETS

G Reed Sheppard
Kentucky, 6-2, 182
 Nets fans watched this pick they owed Houston as part of the James Harden trade jump up all the way up from the ninth-best lottery odds to No. 3. While it's unlikely to haunt them as much as the last time they traded a pick that ended up third (Jayson Tatum in 2017), the Rockets can get a solid player. Sheppard is a dead-eye shooter who can play off the ball, or even play backup point.

4 SPURS

G Stephon Castle
UConn, 6-6, 210
 If Risacher doesn't go No. 1 overall, it's possible to see him falling to the Spurs, for whom he was slated to work out Friday. They desperately need to add both playmaking and shooting around Wembanyama, and getting Murray back or dealing for Cleveland's Darius Garland seem to be goals. But assuming neither are attainable, landing Castle from the two-time defending NCAA champion Huskies seems like a good alternative.

5 PISTONS

F Matas Buzelis
G League Ignite, 6-9, 197
 His height has been measured at 6-8, 6-10 and even 6-11. Buzelis has been viewed as a top-10

pick who could someday possibly be the best player to come out of this weak draft.

6 HORNETS

G/F Dalton Knecht
Tennessee, 6-5, 212
 Behind Brandon Miller and the oft-injured LaMelo Ball, the Hornets could use reliable backcourt help. They've worked out both Sheppard and Castle, but if they're already snapped up by this point, Knecht's offense (21.7 points and 39.7 percent from deep) could be a good fit with Ball and Miller.

7 TRAIL BLAZERS

C Donovan Clingan
UConn, 7-2, 282
 Portland already drafted their point guard of the future in Scoot Henderson, and also has youngsters Anfernee Simons and Shaedon Sharpe in the backcourt. Considering Robert Williams III's injury history, the Blazers would benefit from a rim-protector backing up DeAndre Ayton. Clingan — who anchored consecutive NCAA champions at UConn — fits the bill.

8 SPURS

G Robert Dillingham
Kentucky, 6-1, 164
 Measured with a 6-3 wingspan at the combine, he won't bring size or length. But Dillingham will definitely bring outside shooting. He's a walking bucket and showed that in Lexington, even if an ankle injury kept him from showing it in workouts.

9 GRIZZLIES

F Ron Holland
G League Ignite, 6-7, 197
 All the chaos, drama and injuries in Memphis handed the Grizzlies an opportunity to add more lottery-type talent. Holland could be that. Yes, his stock took a hit after a so-so G League campaign rife with turnovers and poor shooting. But he's an explosive, athletic wing who can get downhill, defend and fit the Grizzlies.

10 JAZZ

G Nikola Topic
KK Crvena Zvezda (Serbia), 6-6, 190
 Seen as a potential top-five pick, Topic partially tore his left ACL in January, came back in April and re-injured his knee in the Adriatic League playoff finals. But even after imaging at the NBA draft combine in Italy confirmed the diagnosis, the fact he was invited to the green room shows his stock hasn't bottomed out.

11 BULLS

G Devin Carter
Providence, 6-2, 193
 The junior already exhibits NBA-level defense, thanks to a staggering 7-1 wingspan for a combo guard. Can he develop on the other end enough to fit the 3-and-D archetype? He's helped his stock by playing at the combine, has shown well in workouts.

12 THUNDER

G/F Cody Williams
Colorado, 6-7, 178
 Williams' brother Jalen is already a Thunder prodigy. Could OKC become a family affair? The teenager has the skills, defense and body (7-1 wingspan) to be a fit on just about any team.

13 KINGS

PF Tidjane Salaun
Cholet (France), 6-9, 207
 The Kings have dangled this pick, but presuming they actually hold onto it, could just go for the best athlete available, especially after re-signing scorer Malik Monk. The fast-rising Salaun, 18, would fall into that category. His length, shooting and extreme youth make him an attractive prospect, recent ankle sprain and all.

14 TRAIL BLAZERS

G/F Ja'Kobe Walter
Baylor, 6-4, 198
 Walter — a green room invite — can defend, which is always key for a rookie. He's a movement shooter who is dangerous coming off screens and even draws fouls, too. He can ease into improving his passing, but his length will be useful right out of the gate.

15 HEAT

C Zach Edey
Purdue, 7-4, 299
 Edey, 22, could step right in with a small learning curve and offer a different look to Bam Adebayo's rim rolling. He has a 7-10½ wingspan and averaged a gaudy 25.2 points for Purdue. Yes, Edey's defense might limit him to being a role player, but when that role is post-up scoring, screening for Jimmy Butler and finishing, Miami could do worse.

16 76ERS

PG Jared McCain
Duke, 6-2, 203
 Another green room invite, McCain is expected to go somewhere near the tail end of the top 20. It's unclear how the Sixers plan to use their cache of



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cap space, but the diminutive 20-year-old scorer would be a good result from the draft here.

17 LAKERS

F Tristan da Silva
Colorado, 6-8, 217
Expect the Lakers to first dangle this pick to get another veteran to play alongside LeBron James. If that fails, they'll likely look for the closest thing they can find to a plug-and-play rookie. Da Silva is the closest thing they can find, a two-way 23-year-old who hit 39.5 percent from deep.

18 MAGIC

G/F Johnny Furphy
Kansas, 6-8, 189
Despite the early playoff exit, the future is bright in Orlando. With the Magic's roster, it might be a while until they have a high pick again. Expect them to take a shot on a high-upside prospect they can give some time to develop. Tall and offensively skilled, Furphy is just that.

19 RAPTORS

G/F Kyshawn George
Miami, 6-7, 209
Toronto spent years winning based on a bevy of wings who used their long wingspans to defend. George — who has sprouted up 9 inches in the past five years — fits the mold physically, with his 6-9 wingspan.

20 CAVALIERS

G/F Carlton Carrington
Pittsburgh, 6-4, 195
Clearly Cleveland has some things to decide. It's desperately trying to hold onto superstar Donovan Mitchell (and Darius Garland). For a team in flux, they could go for upside. The 18-year-old Carrington is blessed with that in spades, even if he didn't play at the combine.

21 PELICANS

G Isaiah Collier
USC, 6-3, 205
Once considered a top-10 pick — and certainly still capable of going in the lottery — the needs of teams 10 through 20 could result in Collier taking a slight fall through the first round. Solidly built, Collier has the size and strength to bully his way through the paint.

22 SUNS

F/C Kyle Filipowski
Duke, 6-11, 230
Much has been made about the Suns' situation, as they're very much in win-now mode. They need point guard help but also size, rebounding and defense. With the lead guards gone, the skillful Filipowski is a better value.

23 BUCKS

C Yves Missi
Baylor, 6-11, 229
For a team that finished as high as Milwaukee did, they actually have several needs. The Bucks will likely go best available, and Missi would be that.

Despite conditioning questions and being raw after playing organized basketball for just three years, he provides a 7-10 ¾ wingspan, verticality and rim protection.

24 KNICKS

F Ryan Dunn
Virginia, 6-6, 214
The 21-year-old is shooting up draft boards and may not be around when the Knicks get to pick. But if he is, it's hard to picture a more prototypical Tom Thibodeau player. He's guarded one through five in workouts with impressive versatility, is well-schooled on that end of the floor and will play hard all the time ... and for a long time. Thibs would be in love.

25 KNICKS

G/F Terrence Shannon Jr.
Illinois, 6-6, 219
If they stand pat, Shannon, 23, fits the Knicks' mold of grit and defense. He faced charges of felony rape and aggravated sexual assault, but was found not guilty two weeks ago and has worked out for teams in the top 20. If he slides out of it, the Knicks could snap him up.

26 WIZARDS

C Kel'el Ware
Indiana, 7-0, 230
This could be a good landing spot as an upside pick who has already added a much-needed 20 pounds. The Wizards can afford to wait on that promise.

27 TIMBERWOLVES

G Tyler Kolek
Marquette, 6-1, 197
Kolek is a plug-and-play backup who already has a seasoned pick-and-roll game, as evidenced by his 7.7 assists playing a strong Big East slate.

28 NUGGETS

F Daron Holmes II
Dayton, 6-9, 236
More than his 7-foot wingspan it was his much-improved 38.6 percent from deep and impressive shooting at the combine that lifted him into first round contention.

29 JAZZ

G/F Baylor Scheierman
Creighton, 6-6, 202
A solid showing at the combine — one of the stars during live play — has shot Scheierman up draft boards from the bottom of the second round to the tail end of the first.

30 CELTICS

G/F Pacome Dadiet
Ratiopharm Ulm (Germany), 6-9, 187
Yet to turn 19, Dadiet has a combination of age, shooting and size that makes him an intriguing gamble at this late stage.

Besieged by critics, Class of '24 ready to prove haters wrong

By ZACH BRAZILLER

Matas Buzelis has heard the criticism. He's aware of the narrative. The notion that the 2024 NBA Draft is one of the weakest in years, without a franchise-changing prospect.

The projected top-10 pick, who spent this year with G League Ignite, has a response to the negativity from scouts, talking heads and analysts.

"How do they know? How do they know what we're going to be? That's the question," the Lithuanian-American forward said Tuesday at the Lotte New York Palace hotel in Manhattan, where the draft prospects met the media on the eve of the first round. "They can say what they want, but how do they know what we're going to be at the end?"

Buzelis was one of a handful of players to push back on the doubters, to question those who are questioning these prospects. Kentucky guard Reed Sheppard, in play to go as high as third overall to the Rockets, was a vocal defender of this group. He's played with many of them through the years, and knows the potential of this class.

"At the end of the day, people say what they say, I'm not going to let what they say bother me," Sheppard said. "I know how good all these guys are in this draft class, growing up with them and playing against them. I think this whole draft class is really good. Everyone's kind of excited to prove [the detractors wrong]. ... This draft class is really good, and everyone in here is really good at basketball. There's going to be a lot of people surprised."

This draft is considered the worst since 2020, when there wasn't a clear No. 1, similar to this year. Frenchmen Alex Sarr and Zaccharie Risacher are the two favorites to be called first by the Hawks. Four years ago, the debate surrounded two one-and-done stars, Anthony Edwards and James Wiseman. That draft, in hindsight, turned

out to be pretty solid.

Edwards has emerged as one of the best guards in the league. Though Wiseman has been a bust, that draft produced stars such as Tyrese Haliburton (12th) and Tyrese Maxey (21st) — along with quality players such as LaMelo Ball (third), Devin Vassell (11th) and Desmond Bane (30th).

This draft, one NBA scout said, lacks that big star — there is no Victor Wembanyama or Zion Williamson, he

said — but otherwise, there are quality players to be found throughout the first round, much like the one in 2020. The scout said there are also similarities to the 2013 class that was led by No. 1 overall flop Anthony Bennett. But there are players from the draft who are still quality NBA players — from Kentavious Caldwell-Pope (eighth) to CJ McCollum (10th) to Steven Adams (12th).

It also included some guy named Giannis Antetokounmpo, the two-time MVP who went 15th overall.

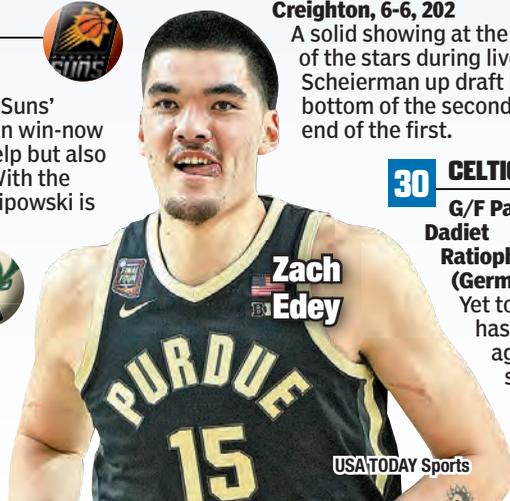
After the top few picks, it's like any other draft.

"There's a lot of depth. It's a tricky draft," the scout said, speaking on condition of anonymity. "There's not the top-end talent. You're still going to be able to get a good rotational-type player. ... People are freaking out [because there might not be stars]. To be blunt, people [are] covering their ass."

The real answers won't be known until years down the road. It's all guesswork for now, projections that sure seem to be pushing the players who will realize a lifelong dream Wednesday night. Soon, they will be able to prove everyone wrong.

"I feel like people can't tell you what's going to happen in the future," likely lottery pick Rob Dillingham of Kentucky said. "It definitely motivates me a little bit, but also it doesn't really matter to me because who is saying that? Even if they are [important], we haven't played yet."

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CROSSING BRIDGES!

Knicks-Nets blockbuster sends Mikal to Manhattan

By STEFAN BONDY

Mikal Bridges crossed the bridge to complete the Nova gang, beginning an earnest Knicks pursuit of the championship. Leon Rose pried Bridges away from Brooklyn on Tuesday night by finally sacrificing his draft picks and going all-in with a squad that now features four members of Villanova's championship teams.

The trade was a surprise for several reasons, most notably because the Nets, who have lived in the shadow of their rival's popularity, were seen around the league as too reluctant to assist the Knicks' championship pursuit.

But Sean Marks' construction was bottoming out after their failures with Kyrie Irving and Kevin Durant. Bridges became their best player by default but demonstrated last season he wasn't good enough to carry the torch on a playoff squad.

Brooklyn's haul for Bridges — four unprotected picks (2025, 2027, 2029, 2031), one protected (Milwaukee's 2025 first-rounder), an unprotected 2028 pick swap and a 2025 second rounder — was hefty considering his shortcomings in the top role. The Knicks kept their picks — 24th and 25th overall — for Wednesday's draft.

The Knicks had been sitting on their chest of picks for years waiting for the right opportunity, stopping just short of completing a deal two years ago for Donovan Mitchell. Now they believe they finally found the right target because of Bridges'

two-way versatility, his durability, his kinship with the roster core and after the 27-year-old reportedly made it known he preferred the Knicks.

Bridges is on a team-friendly deal with two years and roughly \$48 million remaining.

From Rose, who has been cautious throughout his tenure, the trade is the message that he's going for it after consecutive trips to the conference semis. Bojan Bogdanovic, who recently underwent foot and wrist surgeries, was dealt by the Knicks to match salaries. In other words, they didn't give up one player who was projected as a significant part of the rotation.

Bridges doesn't need to be the No. 1 with the Knicks, who have two All-Stars — Jalen Brunson and Julius Randle — plus a stout supporting cast that helped lift Tom Thibodeau's squad to the second-best record in the East.

Bridges also clearly desired to join his college friends on the Knicks. Josh Hart even turned

Bridges' jealousy into a meme last season while watching the Nova trio — Brunson, Hart and Donte DiVincenzo — succeed at MSG with much attention and fanfare.

The wing's arrival also comes as other big questions are being asked about the Knicks' roster. OG Anunoby and Isaiah Hartenstein are both unrestricted free agents this summer. The Knicks can go up to the max to resign Anunoby, but are limited to a four-year,

\$72.5 million offer for Hartenstein.

Assuming Anunoby returns, Bridges will likely replace DiVincenzo in the starting lineup. The involved players seemed to be excited.

After the trade was leaked Tuesday, Hart tweeted, "YO OOOO @mikal_bridges FINALLY HIT MY LINE!!!!!" and "YO WE F--KIN LIT."

Brunson kept it simple with an "omg" tweet.

Bridges added, "this is crazy lol."

Earlier this season, Bridges was a guest on Brunson and Hart's podcast, "The Roommates Show," and the conversation was steered by Hart to the Knicks' immense popularity compared to the Nets.

"No matter how big the Nets get, that's Knicks city," Hart said. "I was in LA. No matter how good the Clippers are going to be, LA is always going to be Lakers."

Bridges mostly nodded along, looking annoyed at the reality of generational fandom in New York. Hart then said the "vibes got to be tough" in Brooklyn given the fan dynamic, and asked if Bridges ever looked across the river to play.

That was Bridges' chance to emphatically declare his allegiance to the Nets and defend their fans, and he instead made a joke about looking at Brooklyn from across the river because he lives in Manhattan.

That was followed by awkward silence, and, months later, a trade to the Knicks.

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The trade

KNICKS RECEIVE

- F Mikal Bridges
- 2026 second-round pick

NETS RECEIVE

- F Bojan Bogdanovic
- 2025 first-round pick (unprotected)
- 2027 first-round pick (unprotected)
- 2029 first-round pick (unprotected)
- 2031 first-round pick (unprotected)
- 2025 first-round picks (from Milwaukee, protected)
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- 2025 second-round pick



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BUDDY SYSTEM: Much to the delight of his former Villanova teammate and good friend Jalen Brunson (inset), Mikal Bridges is now a Knick, as the Nets traded the wing to their crosstown rivals on Tuesday night.

Robert Sabo; N.Y. Post: Charles Wenzelberg

HERE'S the thing: the Knicks are no longer in position to wait for Giannis Antetokounmpo's patience to run out in Milwaukee. They are no longer in a place where it makes sense to throw assets after older players like Kevin Durant or Paul George, no matter how much gas is left in the tank.

Joel Embiid? If that was an assumed option at the start of this year it can't be any more, not after he spent another year plagued by injury, not after he expended as much energy becoming Public Enemy No. 1 in the playoffs as he did trying to eliminate the Knicks in them.



The Knicks are no longer working on spec. They are no longer about tomorrow, next year, three years from now. Everything they do now, better or worse, is for now. The Knicks are going for it. And on Tuesday, the picture of going for it officially became Mikal Bridges, imported from the Nets for Bojan Bogdanovic and a boatload of draft picks. It's a steep haul for a player with a high ceiling coming off a disappointing season. It also makes all the sense in the world.

The Knicks are a team whose success is based on chemistry. That has been Leon Rose's careful calibration the last few years, ever since he signed Jalen Brunson to kick-start them into contention. He's had all these picks in his pocket, waiting for a chance to strike, and was determined to make sure the fit was right. That meant saying no to Donovan Mitchell. It meant allowing Dejounte Murray to go to Atlanta. It meant never getting involved with the Damian Lillard sweepstakes last year.

They weren't fits. Josh Hart was. Donte DiVincenzo was. OG Anunoby was. And Bridges is. There were some who lament the exodus of so many draft picks, but draft picks — especially for good teams, who pick in the mid and low 20s — are decidedly unknown commodities. You can tell me two or three who rose from there to become All-Stars; I'll give you a couple of dozen who are playing in Eu-



REUNITED: Mikal Bridges (from left), Donte DiVincenzo and Jalen Brunson, along with Josh Hart, won a title together at Villanova, and now the Knicks are counting on them for one more.

Paul J. Bereswill

Right time, right fit for Rose & Co.

rope four years later.

We know what Bridges is. And we know how he plays on good teams, as evidenced by his blossoming in Phoenix and the way he played upon first arriving in Brooklyn before the Nets blew up.

And, of course, you know how he plays with the three other guys from Villanova, because we've seen them reach the highest highs together in college. We saw how first Hart, and then DiVincenzo, immediately re-bonded with Brunson. For most of last year it sure felt like Brunson and Hart were quietly wooing him on their podcast; Bridges was less subtle, all but blinking out in Morse code "TAKE ME WITH YOU" the two times the Knicks visited Brooklyn this year.

You swap known for unknown every time.

Does this put the Knicks directly into Boston's line of sight? Not quite. Not yet. First on the docket is getting OG Anunoby's signature affixed to the bottom of a rich extension. That is Priority One for the Knicks, a commitment that doesn't come without a strain of concern given Anunoby's injury history but one they have little choice but to make given both the cost of bringing him here and the staggering success they enjoyed

with him in the lineup.

Center has to be addressed. Unless Isaiah Hartenstein decides he wants to take a steep hometown discount he's almost certainly gone. Are the Knicks ready to recommit to Mitchell Robinson? His name has been floated in some trade talk and he's always been sensitive to such things. There may be damage to control, and another, cheaper version of Hartenstein to acquire.

That'll shake out in the days to come.

For now, #Knicksanova has never been more of a thing. The Knicks were already in for a penny — a few pennies, actually — on seeing if the Villanova basketball culture can translate up a level. Now they're in for a pound. On a night when baseball's Subway Series crackled all across nine innings at Citi Field, the big story turns out to be from the basketball Subway rivals, turns out to be Bridges heading west over the Manhattan Bridge and landing in his safe place.

We wondered for years what the Knicks were going to look like when Leon Rose was ready to finally cash in his assets. We have a pretty good idea now. No more working on spec anymore. This is about today. This is about right now.

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The Knicks finally pulled the trigger on a blockbuster trade by swapping out five first-round picks for Mikal Bridges on Tuesday night. It was the shocker of the summer (at least thus far), the first trade negotiated by the Knicks and Nets since Len Elmore went from New Jersey to New York in 1983.

The Post's Stefan Bondy answers five important questions about the deal:

Q: Why did the Knicks do this?

A: First, Mikal Bridges is the type of plug-and-play wing that every team covets. He upgrades the defense, helps mask Jalen Brunson's defensive deficiencies on the perimeter and adds depth to a rotation that ran out of healthy bodies in the playoffs. Bridges is a minutes-eater. And the Knicks needed a minutes-eater to get through a season after their three best players — Brunson, Julius Randle, OG Anunoby — all underwent surgery. They're fighting an uphill arms race against the Celtics. Just as important, it seems, is that the Knicks discovered the power of chemistry through college friendships and they're leaning into it. Perhaps this will even help push Brunson to sign his extension this summer.

Q: What does this mean for OG Anunoby?

A: I still expect the Knicks to re-sign him. They own his Bird Rights and can exceed the cap to re-sign him, even going as high as a max deal if necessary (though I don't think it will be). Remember, the Knicks sacrificed a lot to get Anunoby (RJ Barrett and Immanuel Quickley) so they don't want to lose him for nothing. He's also a versatile defender — capable of guarding 1 thru 5 — so the addition of Bridges won't push Anunoby out of the lineup.

Q: Is this too high a price?

A: Probably. But it's the cost of going for it. Bridges, while a borderline All-Star, showed he's probably best as the No. 3 on a team like

he was in Phoenix. He'll recreate that role in New York behind Jalen Brunson and Julius Randle. He's also extremely durable, and availability is something worth paying for in today's NBA. When I say he never misses a game, it's not an exaggeration. His consecutive games played

streak is impressive in the load management era. Plus, his contract is team-friendly and tradeable if necessary. However, the Knicks leave themselves open to criticism if they're now unable to afford a better star if or when he becomes available.

Q: Who is taken out of the starting lineup for Bridges?

A: Assuming Anunoby and Randle return, the logical move is for Donte DiVincenzo to move back to the bench. That's where he started last season, although he was much better as a starter. We have to wait and see what other moves are made before the season begins, but, just based on what happened Tuesday, DiVincenzo will see reduced minutes and opportunities.

Q: Seriously, does this mean Jay Wright?

A: That would be the second Villanova shocker this summer, and that would be even more shocking than Mikal Bridges jumping over the river. Tom Thibodeau is expected to return but we keep waiting for news about his extension.

Perhaps the Knicks were prioritizing this massive trade first. I'm sure Wright is a tremendous coach. But it would be silly to remove Thibodeau from this team.



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TORRES IN A TAILSPIN

Gleyber huddles with Boone after another dreadful outing

By MARK W. SANCHEZ

After a poor game in virtually every area during what has been a poor season in virtually every area, Gleyber Torres accepted blame in a brief interview with media. He left the visiting clubhouse at Citi Field and might have been headed home before he got sidetracked. Manager Aaron Boone asked to talk with him.

The two had a talk after the Yankees' 9-7 loss to the Mets in the Subway Series opener Tuesday, in which Torres had a disappointing day at the plate, in the field and running the bases.

Torres' batting average — which sat at .267 through his first six major league seasons — is down to .215. A 38-homer hitter in 2019 has knocked seven in his first 80 games this season. He brought a .789 OPS into this season — an enormous one for a to-be free agent — and his 2024 OPS (.627) has fallen off a cliff.

The first out of Torres' 0-for-4 night

was a bases-loaded, no-out strikeout in the first inning, a frame in which the Yankees would not be able to push across a single run.

"I just wanted to put the ball in play, but I didn't do anything," said Torres, who struck out again in the third inning, walked in the fifth then might have taken his struggles at the plate to the field in the sixth inning.

The Yankees were trailing, 6-1, and on the ropes. The Mets put runners on first and third, and the Yankees' infield was drawn in. Phil Bickford got what he wanted, a ground ball from Brandon Nimmo that was hit toward Torres. But the hard-hit grounder skipped under Torres' glove and into right field to score the first run in an inning the Mets would score three.

"Just a play you got to make," Boone said after Torres' 12th error of the season. "Ball's hit sharply, just didn't make a play."

A very bad day got worse in the

eighth inning. Aaron Judge's grand slam brought the Yankees within two runs in a game in which they suddenly had momentum. Up stepped Torres, who hit a softly struck, many-hop ground ball to Francisco Lindor at shortstop. What might have been a close play wasn't, Torres not running hard out of the box.

Torres is playing with a tight groin that cost him a game last week. He said it felt tight during the at-bat.

"There's certain spots where he's been a little bit careful with it," Boone said of Torres, who added he is getting treatment and does not want to miss time.

But Torres — at least this version of Torres — is not helping the club.

"I think it's bad," Torres said of his first half. "Have to figure out [how] to get better. I'm working really hard."

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BAD MOJO: Gleyber Torres walks back to the dugout after striking out with the bases loaded in the first inning of Tuesday's 9-7 loss to the Mets at Citi Field.

Latest injury sends Marte to IL, out at least month

By DAN MARTIN

Starling Marte won't be back with the Mets for a while.

The outfielder was diagnosed with a deep bone bruise in his right knee and placed on the 10-day injured list on Tuesday, and manager Carlos Mendoza said Marte would not do baseball activities for two weeks, meaning he'd be out for a month.

It's a blow to the Mets and the 35-year-old Marte, who

was in the midst of one of his best stretches of the season.

"It's a big loss for us," Mendoza said. "But we feel good with what we have in here."

Before leaving Saturday's game against the Cubs in Chicago with knee discomfort, Marte had an OPS of .937 in his previous 15 games, since May 29.

To take his spot on the roster, the Mets selected ex-Yankee prospect Ben Gamel from Triple-A Syracuse, but

with Gerrit Cole on the mound for the Yankees in the Subway Series opener Tuesday at Citi Field, Tyrone Taylor started in right. He went 1-for-4 and knocked in the game's first run in the Mets' 9-7 win.

Mendoza said the team would be without Marte for at least four weeks, and he would rely on Taylor, DJ Stewart, Gamel and Jeff McNeil, if needed.

None will be as productive as Marte when he's playing well — which he

has at times after an ugly 2023 season, when he missed most of the second half due to migraines and groin discomfort.

Marte's play in the outfield this season has not been good, perhaps due in part to the knee injury, which he indicated has bothered him for several weeks. He's scheduled to be examined again in two weeks to determine if he's ready to begin baseball activities again.

How he exactly got the in-

jury remains something of a mystery.

"That's a good question," Mendoza said.

The manager said he asked Marte if there was one play in particular when he might have suffered the bruise and pointed to a play at Washington when Marte went after a ball, went back to his position and "felt something."

"We've been very careful with him, giving him days off," Mendoza said. "It got to a point Friday, after the

game we talked about him needing a couple games and he said he wanted to be in there."

But after taking his first at-bat Saturday, Mendoza knew a move needed to be made.

"Something didn't look right, and he came out," Mendoza said.

The Mets will also be playing a man short while closer Edwin Diaz serves his 10-game suspension for using a sticky substance, a ban that began Tuesday.

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HE'S MAKING HIS MARK

Vientos credits Beltran for recent power surge

Diaz doesn't appeal ban

By MIKE PUMA

The sooner the better. Rather than appeal his sticky substance case, Edwin Diaz chose to begin serving a 10-game suspension Tuesday, according to Mets manager Carlos Mendoza, to bring resolution to the matter.

The Mets closer was ejected from Sunday's game against the Cubs for violating MLB rules on foreign substances following an examination of his right hand by umpires before he threw a pitch. The ejection carried a 10-game suspension, and Diaz would have likely been fighting a losing battle in an appeal to MLB officials.

"We don't want this cloud to be hanging over the team for too long," Mendoza said. "He talked to his people and we thought it was best to just move forward, get it over with and then move on from it."

Diaz was unavailable for comment before the Mets' 9-7 win in the Subway Series opener at Citi Field. A team spokesman said Diaz will speak to reporters on Wednesday.

Max Scherzer had vowed to appeal a similar suspension with the Mets last season before deciding against it when he realized his case would be heard by MLB officials and not an independent arbitrator.

Diaz's suspension left the Mets one short on the roster for the next 10 games. If there isn't a postponement beforehand, Diaz will be eligi-

ble to return for the Mets' game in Pittsburgh on July 6.

Tuesday, the combination of Adam Ottavino, Danny Young and Reed Garrett put a 9-1 lead in jeopardy, giving up six runs in the late innings, including five in the eighth.

The lead already shaved to 9-3 against Ottavino and Young, Garrett entered with the bases loaded in the eighth and gave up a grand slam to Aaron Judge. But Garrett recovered for a three-up, three-down ninth to finish the game.

During his ban, Diaz counts toward the 13-pitcher maximum — meaning the Mets can't option a position player to fill his spot in the bullpen. Before Tuesday's game the Mets filled the roster vacancy created by Starling Marte's placement on the injured list with a bone bruise in his right knee by selecting outfielder Ben Gamel from Triple-A Syracuse.

Following his ejection, Diaz said the sticky substance on his right hand was nothing more than the usual mixture of rosin, sweat and dirt he employs. But umpiring crew chief Vic Carapazza said in his judgment the substance was something other than those cited by Diaz.

The Mets will "mix and match" in the closer's role during Diaz's suspension, according to Mendoza.

By DAN MARTIN

Mark Vientos has done everything the Mets could have asked for after being recalled from Triple-A in the middle of May.

But there was an inevitable lull a week ago, when Carlos Mendoza said the third baseman was chasing pitches, and the manager credited Vientos for adjusting quickly to the adjustments opposing pitchers made against him.

After hitting two more homers in Tuesday's 9-7 win over the Yankees, following a home run in his final at-bat in Chicago against the Cubs on Sunday, Vientos credited a familiar face for the turnaround: Carlos Beltran.

Now a special assistant to president of baseball operations

David Stearns, Beltran said before

Tuesday's game that Vientos was one of the team's young hitters he

was trying to help. He was on the team's recent trip to Chicago and Vientos said Beltran gave him some useful advice.

"He said, 'You should think center and right-center [when approaching an at-bat]," Vientos said. "That will simplify the game for you."

It worked against Cole, as Vientos turned on a four-seam fastball for a homer to left in the second then hit another four-seamer just out to right-center in the fourth.

"When he stays short and keeps it simple, and when he's thinking less, he can still drive the baseball," Mendoza said. "Pull side, opposite field, the power is real."

Vientos said both blasts came with that mindset: "I was legit trying to simplify, trying to put the bat to the ball. When I get myself in trouble is when I try to do too much."

The fact that the home runs came off Cole, the reigning AL Cy Young Award winner making his second start of the season, made it a bit sweeter.

"It feels good to hit two off of Joe Schmo," Vientos said. "Gerrit Cole is a great pitcher. I have nothing but respect for him."

The Mets still have questions about Vientos' defense at third, replacing him with Jose Iglesias in the ninth, but Vientos' bat will likely continue to be part of their season turnaround should it last.

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SEE YA! Mark Vientos smacks the first of his two home runs in Tuesday's 9-7 win over the Yankees at Citi Field. Robert Sabo



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ANTHONY Volpe singled on the first pitch David Peterson threw in the Subway Series, and Peterson had a clock violation before throwing another en route to walking Juan Soto and then Aaron Judge. Bases loaded. No out. Citi Field half abuzz and half in dread.

Then a Yankees team with many issues suddenly revealed the most disturbing: They are a top of a batting order in search of a lineup.

Gleyber Torres, who hasn't hit all year (or fielded); Alex Verdugo, who stopped hitting a week ago; and J.D. Davis, who was just enlisted off the street, all struck out to strand three runners. The Yankees didn't score. The Mets — suddenly with the longer, more fierce lineup in New York — pounded Gerrit Cole, who allowed four homers and struck out none, in a 9-7 Mets shellacking.

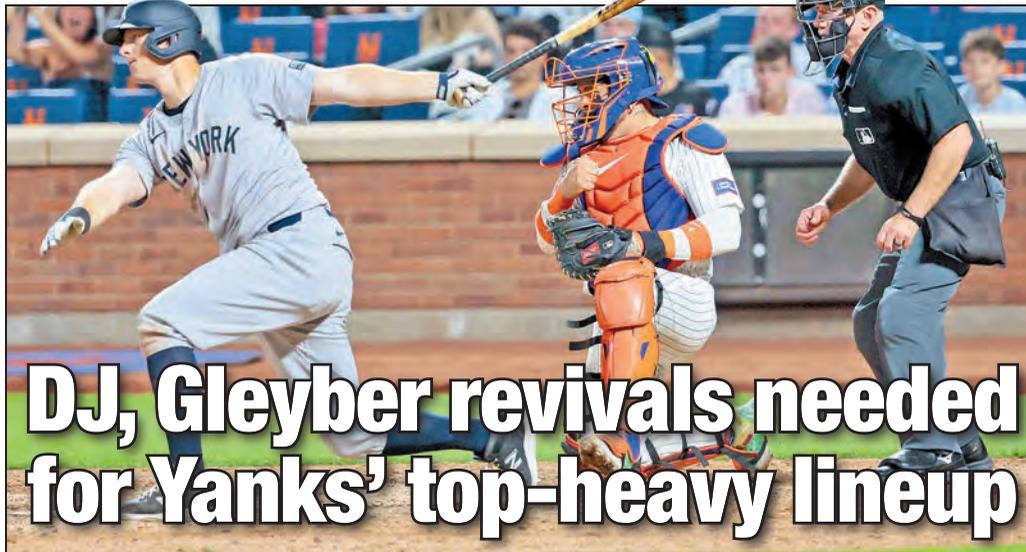
The best item right now about the Yankees, aside from Soto and Judge, is that the Orioles also have stopped winning. Because pretty much every other phase is troubling — from Jose Trevino's inability to slow running games to a lack of trustworthy bullpen arms. But nothing sticks out like the length of the offense — which became more vulnerable, especially against lefties, with the loss of Giancarlo Stanton.

Peterson did not pitch particularly well and certainly not efficiently (103 pitches to get 13 outs). But the Yanks have now lost their past five games when the opponent starts a lefty, and Sean Manaea goes Wednesday for the Mets.

The Yankees tried to counteract lefties with the addition of Davis, who struck out twice in his debut and grounded into a double play. Verdugo fell to hitless in his past 20 at-bats. And in what felt like a cry for help more than a decision, Jahmai Jones, who has made four previous starts all year, was the DH.

But the problem with the lineup is Torres and DJ LeMahieu. They have pedigree. They

HIT A SNAG



DJ, Gleyber revivals needed for Yanks' top-heavy lineup

TAKE A WHIFF! DJ LeMahieu, who went 0-for-4, strikes out for the final out of the Mets' 9-7 win over the Yankees. Gleyber Torres (right) walks back to the dugout after striking out in the first inning.

earn significant dollars. Yet the Yanks had the fifth-worst OPS at second- and fourth-worst at third — and it feels like that doesn't even do justice to the emptiness of the at-bats.

And it isn't like the Yankees have many places to turn for offense, with their best alternative, Jasson Dominguez, out with an oblique injury and Oswald Peraza on the Miguel Andujar losing all value superhighway.

Ben Rice has had strong at-bats since arriving, and Aaron Boone should play him until that stops. Austin Wells needs to play regularly to get the best offense out of him, and Boone should not be hesitant to use him at DH when he is not catching.



Joel Sherman

But this lineup is desperate most for Torres and LeMahieu to awaken. They combined Tuesday for no hits and two errors — Torres' 12th (second most in the majors) was particularly costly in negating all that was done by Soto, who homered, and the otherworldly Judge, who had an RBI double and a grand slam. Judge has 29 homers in 81 games, or the same pace as 2022 when he hit 62 homers. The Yanks were mainly

a one-man offense, especially in the second half that season, and are mainly a two-man operation now.

Torres, put in the cleanup spot against the Mets, had his batting average fall to .215 and his slugging percentage to .333 while his strikeout percentage went to 23.9 (it was 14.6 last year). He trotted to first on a groundout to close the eighth. Both he and Boone referenced that he is still nursing a groin issue.

Boone said the Yankees need Torres, especially against lefties, but when asked if Torres will be in the lineup Wednesday, Boone offered an initial yes, then, "We'll see." And just at the point at which the clubhouse was closing

to reporters, Boone called "G.T." to Torres, and they went into his office. So stay tuned.

As he has all year, Torres insisted that looming free agency is not impacting him. But I think he loves being a Yankee, and as one club official said, "He's human," meaning how can he not be thinking that the sand is running out on his time in pinstripes?

"What's most important right now is we are still winning and are in first place," Torres said. "So I basically still have a couple of months to figure out how to help my team."

Both him and LeMahieu seem to be feeling for the ball as opposed to swinging confidently. Boone and hitting coach James Rowson talk about a two-time former batting champ like they are trying to encourage a Little Leaguer — about how there have been hard-hit balls that haven't gone for hits. But he is at 81 plate appearances without an extra-base hit. He is like another former batting champ, Jeff McNeil, looking totally lost and pop-less.

Soto and Judge can cover for a lot. But this is not basketball. You can't win with a two-man offense. The Yanks need more. Especially from LeMahieu and Torres. But it is literally half a season now, 81 games. It has become harder to believe that either will revive.

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Soto on future in pinstripes: 'We will see' in offseason

By JON HEYMAN

Superstar outfielder Juan Soto called his Yankees experience "great" and offered only praise for his pinstriped stay, but in an interview with The Post before the Subway Series opener he also strongly suggested he still plans on becoming a free agent.

Yankees owner Hal Steinbrenner said in an interview with Jack Curry of YES Network that they hope to talk about an extension with Soto in season to make him a "Yankee for life." However, there's no indi-

cation Soto plans to forgo free agency. In response to a suggestion that the Mets might make a big play for him, Soto indicated all those career decisions will be made in winter — not now.

"We will see. In the offseason we will figure it out," Soto told The Post. "I'll let [agent Scott Boras] do his thing. We're going to see."

As much as the Yankees are loving having Soto in their lineup (entering Tuesday night, he was hitting .305 with a .994 OPS, including a league-leading .431 on-base percentage), Soto left no doubt he's very

much enjoyed his time here.

"It's been great, it's been a great experience," Soto said. "It's been fun — great teammates, great players. It's been great so far ... It's nice to hit in front of [Aaron Judge]. It just makes my job easier, and hopefully I can make his job a little easier, too."

Soto has no interest in discussing any other team now, but considering he's 25, no one should be surprised if the Yankees have huge competition for him in winter. The Mets are seen by some as perhaps the biggest threat to take him away from the

Yankees, thanks to owner Steve Cohen's deep pockets and Soto's enjoyable year in New York, but the Dodgers, Phillies, Red Sox and others would make sense, too.

Soto's focus now seems pretty single-minded, however.

On his way out to the field for his first Subway Series matchup, Soto even passed on a Subway Series marketing opportunity. "It's another series, another team we've got to beat to go all the way to the World Series."

Soto is all Yankee — at least for today.

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N.Y. Post/Charles Wenzelberg (2)

By GREG JOYCE

Gerrit Cole came into Tuesday's start with few expectations given that he was still building up his pitch count.

But he couldn't have expected this.

The Mets clobbered Cole for four home runs across four innings on Tuesday night, putting the Yankees in a six-run hole that turned into a 9-7 loss in the first game of the Subway Series at Citi Field.

"Disappointing," Cole said after throwing 72 pitches as he continues to increase his workload. "I didn't really give us a good chance to win tonight. Didn't execute enough good pitches as a whole."

Cole had looked sharp in his first start of the season last week against the Orioles after missing the first two and a half months with elbow nerve inflammation, but he was much more pedestrian on Tuesday on a night when he struggled with fastball command and fluctuating velocity.

"Trying to find the blend of intensity and command, being able to put it where we want both inside the strike zone and out,"

Cole said. "It's a bit like driving a car. Too much clutch or too little clutch can slip you out of gear a little bit."

The reigning AL Cy Young winner walked four batters, three of which came in a 28-pitch first inning, while giving up seven hits and not recording a single strikeout. It marked only the second time in his career that Cole has not struck out a batter.

Cole only generated five whiffs on the night, just one of



Cole hammered in 'disappointing' start

ACE OF CLUBBED: Gerrit Cole, who walked four and allowed four home runs over four innings, speaks with pitching coach Matt Blake on the mound during the first inning. N.Y. Post: Charles Wenzelberg

which came on his fastball that had a noticeable drop in velocity after the first inning, when he came out flashing 97-99 mph.

Mark Vientos was responsible for two of the home runs off Cole, which came on fastballs of 91.5 mph and 92.3 mph. Cole did not throw a fastball slower than 92.3 mph all of last season.

By the end of his night, Cole's fastball averaged 95.4 mph — up from the 95 mph it averaged in his season debut, but with a wider range of 91.5-98.9 mph and still down from his 96.7 average last season.

Cole's 12 hardest fastballs all came in the first inning Tuesday, ranging from 96.5 mph to 98.9 mph, and the velocity was also down on the rest of his pitches.

"I was very encouraged by the first inning," Cole said. "That was free and easy. But there's a certain point where it's like, my objective is to get deep into the ballgame and I'm not quite sure I'm ready to just keep sitting 97-99. And we're not in the strike zone enough with it."

"So not only is it an effort of we're trying to get to 75 pitches, but it's also like, 'It's not really going where you want it to Gerrit, so is that the most efficient fastball you can be throwing tonight?' I think we settled in a good spot later in the game. If the first inning goes a little different, that may change some of the metrics and the strategy of it going forward as well."

After Vientos' first homer in

the second inning, Harrison Bader took his former teammate deep two batters later on a 93 mph fastball, putting the Mets up 3-0. Vientos then led off the fourth inning with a solo shot before Brandon Nimmo crushed a changeup for a two-run shot that made it 6-0.

Most importantly, Cole said he felt good physically. But Aaron Judge compared this to Cole's spring training — which he was mostly robbed of because of the elbow issue — which the ace said was fair.

"As he builds up here, it's finding those gears," manager Aaron Boone said. "When you are less, you gotta get it to the spots you want to get it to."

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Bombers not panicking over one bad Gil outing

By MARK W. SANCHEZ

Every starting pitcher in the majors will stumble in what is a marathon of a season. The poor games are written off as duds and generally moved past.

A dud from Luis Gil, though, is worth noting.

The Yankees rightly had been enjoying a magical and dominant beginning to his season, replacing Gerrit Cole in the rotation then pitching like the ace, owning a 2.03 ERA through 14 starts.

Start No. 15 spiked his ERA all the way to 2.77. Gil had allowed seven runs total in his previous nine games before he was torched for seven runs while recording four outs in an eventual 17-5 loss to the Orioles on Thursday.

Maybe it was an isolated bad day against a powerful Baltimore offense that jumped Gil early in counts. Maybe it was a sign that Gil — whose professional career-high in in-

nings was the 108 ²/₃ he logged in 2021 and who threw just four minor league innings last season after 2022 Tommy John surgery — is beginning to tire.

"I would say it's a one-off concern currently, and you just keep monitoring," pitching coach Matt Blake said before the Yankees' 9-7 loss to the Mets at Citi Field on Tuesday. "If you see it again, then it's a two-off concern. It's one of those things where, all right. It's a hiccup. How do we adjust from there? How do you bounce back?"

You begin by evaluating what went wrong. During the outing, the stuff — both in movement and velocity — was about on par with Gil's norms. The Yankees are not placing a firm innings limit on Gil's season, but instead are evaluating whether his arm and body show that the workload has become too great.

One of those areas to monitor is the slot at which Gil throws, because a tired pitcher's slot tends to drop.

"We have seen a little bit of a lower arm slot maybe the last few outings, but some of that I think is his mechanics wandering on him a little bit more so than fatigue," Blake said. "But obviously it's something we want to be on top of."

Gil, who will get the ball for Wednesday's series finale, walked two and hit a batter in his 1 ¹/₃ innings Thursday. Blake said the righty's command was "not great" and pointed out that Gil is typically now facing teams for a second time — he had shut down the Orioles over 6 ¹/₃ innings in early May.

There are plenty of alibis for Gil's rare dud. The Yankees will hope the fairly correctable factors — those not related to the possibility that his arm is growing fatigued — are to blame.

"I think the biggest thing is just being ready for [opposing teams] to do stuff like that to him now that guys are starting to get a better read on him," Blake said.

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INJURY REPORT

■ Yankees RHP Nick Burdi (right hip inflammation) was transferred to the 60-day IL to make room for J.D. Davis on the 40-man roster.

■ Mets OF Starling Marte was placed on the injured list Tuesday with a bone bruise in his right knee.



Yankees at Mets

Wednesday, 7:10 p.m., Amazon, SNY, WFAN, WCBS

RHP Luis Gil



2024 stats: 9-2, 2.77 ERA

Career vs. NYM: First start

Last start: Thur., vs. BAL;

1.1 IP, 8 H, 7 ER

PITCH BREAKDOWN

55% 29% 16%
4-seamer Changeup Slider

LHP Sean Manaea



2024 stats: 4-3, 4.16 ERA

Career vs. NYY: 1-3, 4.46 ERA

Last start: Wed., at TEX;

5.2 IP, 2 H, 3 ER

PITCH BREAKDOWN

39% 16% 14%
Sinker Sweeper Changeup

UP NEXT

YANKEES: Thur., at Blue Jays, 7:07 p.m., YES, WFAN
TBD vs. TBD

METS: Fri., vs. Astros, 7:10 p.m. Apple TV+, WCBS
TBD vs. TBD



TAKEN 4 A RIDE

Mets blast quartet of HRs off Cole to take Subway opener

By MIKE PUMA

METS 9
YANKEES 7 **Boxscore Page 38**

Either Gerrit Cole is still rusty or the Mets are just swinging the bat that well. Maybe it's a combination of both.

The Mets bashed four homers over four innings against the star right-hander Tuesday night and held on late for a 9-7 victory over the Yankees in front of a Citi Field sellout crowd of 42,824.

"You are talking about the Cy Young award winner from last year," Mets manager Carlos Mendoza said, referring to Cole. "But we went out there with a real good plan, with conviction and executed. But that's a tough night when you are facing Gerrit Cole and I was pretty pleased with our at-bats."

It came on a day Edwin Diaz began serving a 10-game suspension following his ejection Sunday for violating MLB's foreign substance rule. Another significant Mets player, Starling Marte, was placed on the injured list with a deep bone bruise in his right knee.

The Mets won for the 14th time in 18 games and are assured of an eighth straight non-losing series since they were swept by the Dodgers last month. The slumping Yankees lost for the eighth time in 11 games.

"I didn't really give us a good chance to win tonight," Cole said. "I didn't execute enough good pitches as a whole."

The Yankees infused drama late, with five runs in the eighth — Aaron Judge's grand slam sliced the Mets' lead to 9-7 — before Reed Garrett got the final four outs. Garrett was

summoned to face Judge with the bases loaded and two outs and got ahead in the count 0-2 on two straight cutters before Judge cleared the fence in right-center for his MLB-leading 29th homer of the season. The grand slam was the seventh of his career.

Cole, in his second start off the injured list, allowed six earned runs on seven hits and four walks over the four innings. Mark Vientos went deep twice against him and Harrison Bader and Brandon Nimmo also homered against Cole.

"It feels good to hit two [homers] off Joe Schmo, but Gerrit Cole is a great pitcher," Vientos said.

The shorthanded Mets — they aren't allowed to replace Diaz on the roster during his suspension — got to the finish line using four relievers behind David Peterson, who needed 103 pitches to get through 4 1/3 innings.

Tyrone Taylor, starting in right field in Marte's spot, stroked an RBI single in the first that gave the Mets a 1-0 lead. Pete Alonso was thrown out at the plate by Alex Verdugo trying to piggyback Francisco Lindor on the play. Lindor doubled to open the inning and Nimmo walked before J.D. Martinez's double-play grounder appeared to squelch the inning. But Alonso and Francisco Alvarez walked before Taylor delivered.

Vientos homered leading off the second and two batters later Bader cleared the fence in left field to extend the Mets' lead to 3-0.

Vientos' second homer of the game, a shot to right field leading off the fourth, placed the Yankees in a 4-0 hole. But Cole wasn't finished with the gopher ball; after Jeff McNeil singled,

Nimmo smashed a two-run homer with two outs, widening the deficit to six runs.

Juan Soto homered leading off the fifth and David Peterson never got through the inning. After walking Gleyber Torres and Verdugo, he was removed at 103 pitches. Dedniel Nunez replaced him and got J.D. Davis to hit into an inning-ending double play.

Peterson had an interesting night, striking out eight and walking five, with two hit batters, over 4 1/3 innings. He appeared in trouble right from the start, loading the bases on Anthony Volpe's single and walks to Soto and Judge before striking out Torres, Verdugo and Davis in succession.

"I knew I needed a strikeout," Peterson said. "Once I got that I knew I had an opportunity to end the inning there if I got a ground-ball double play or something like that."

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FOUR-GONE CONCLUSION: Mark Vientos celebrates the first of his two home runs — and the first of four by the Mets — with first-base coach Antoan Richardson as the Amazin's blasted Gerrit Cole (inset).

Robert Sabo; N.Y. Post: Charles Wenzelberg

Raking Amazin's are all the rage in Citi again

THE Yankees looked like the best team in baseball for a long while, and they still own the most wins (tied with the Phillies). Meantime, the Mets couldn't beat the likes of the Marlins six weeks ago and they still possess a losing record.

Yet, there's some question — at least for today — where the better team resides. It just may be in Queens.

The Mets are still only 38-39 even after blowing most of an eight-run lead and barely hanging on to beat the Yankees 9-7 in the first game of the Subway Series. But the Mets have the majors' best record in June, and they are starting to steamroll some very good pitchers, including the best in the game Tuesday night.

The Mets blitzed defending AL Cy Young winner Gerrit Cole for four home runs before a celebrity-studded gathering at Citi Field, including Kenny Smith, Bill O'Reilly, Donovan Mitchell, Guy Fieri and Grimace. I'd venture to say most in the celeb sections would tell you the Mets resemble a serious threat now while the Yankees look fairly questionable — at least for now (I'm not counting Grimace, who's obviously biased).

The Mets should be a playoff team (especially if they add some relievers). Yes, you heard they were October-bound here back on May 18 when I wrote they'd make the playoffs while watching them lose 8-0 to the Marlins, the worst team in the National League. But this time I really mean it.

The Mets will still need to make better pitches out of the pen, I get that. For nine more games they don't have their banned closer Edwin Diaz, who put himself (and them) in a sticky situation. But with a six-run lead they simply can't walk Juan Soto to load the bases for Aaron Judge. And they can't throw an 0-2 pitch down the middle to Judge for a grand slam. We can't pick on Reed Garrett for that one.

He's been a revelation. But geez.

The real story of the day once again was a Mets lineup that's been remade into a terror order, with threats nearly beginning to bottom.

"They're clicking one through nine, and it's special," Mets manager Carlos Mendoza said.

The lineup continues to kill it. It feels like a long time ago when Francisco Lindor was struggling to get above the Mendoza (the other Mendoza) line. But Lindor, settled into the leadoff spot (good move, Carlos Mendoza!), is playing like a \$341M player, and everyone behind him is raking, too.

Mark Vientos is the man right now. He always thought he could hit major league pitching, and now he's getting the chance to prove it.

Apologies, Mark, we all under-rated you. The 451-foot home run at Wrigley Field the other day was beautiful. But it's hard to top the night he had Tuesday when he hit two home runs against Cole, likely the best pitcher he's ever faced.

Vientos continues to be the spectacular Met. But they are all contributing. J.D. Martinez was a late-spring, \$12M (pro-rated) bargain. Not only does he hit two line drives a game, he hands out tips for free to the younger guys (which is everyone else).

The Mets look great now. And compared to the Yankees lately, well, it's no contest.

While the Mets' lineup is deep, the Yankees' order seems to hit a wall three or four batters in. They still have the two best hitters in baseball, but things are precarious. If Soto or

Judge goes down, they are in serious trouble.

Gleyber Torres, in a bit of wishful thinking or perhaps flashback to 2019, was the cleanup hitter. He went zero for four, and made an error to boot.

DJ LeMahieu, he of two batting titles, now has a batting average of .174 and a slugging percentage of .174, which as you mathletes have guessed, means he still has zero extra-base hits. Manager Aaron Boone said pregame that they intend to be patient with LeMahieu, and they probably have no choice.

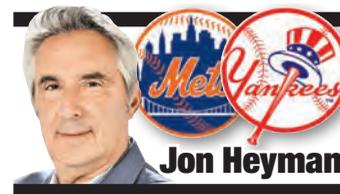
Third base looks like a rotation of maybes. Former Met J.D. Davis, a sensible pickup since the team currently needs help at all three roles he plays — first base, third base and DH — fit right in, contributing two strikeouts and a double-play grounder in his debut.

But enough negativity. Let's get back to the Mets, who look ready to fulfill baseball president David Stearns spring suggestion to The Post that they are a "playoff caliber" team. If they were planning to sell back in May, you can hardly blame them if they were. But they better not now.

If anything, they need to add. Their bullpen numbers look OK, but they've blown way too many leads late (they lead the majors blowing a lead heading into the ninth inning six times).

Even assuming Diaz can unstick himself and be effective when he returns after his 10-game ban, they look short in the pen. It's surely an issue for them, but it's a small one compared to all the Yankees are experiencing now.

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Jon Heyman



KEN-ERGY Scott Evans (left), who was a Ken in “Barbie,” has been cast in Mindy Kaling’s upcoming basketball comedy series “Running Point.” In this Netflix show about a family that owns a professional basketball team, the actor will play Charlie, the secret boyfriend of Sandy Gordon (Drew Tarver).



SECRET SPOOK Oscar nominee Michael Fassbender (left) is set to star in Paramount+’s “The Agency,” a remake of the acclaimed French series “The Bureau.” The “Inglourious Basterds” star will play a CIA agent who is told to ditch his undercover existence, leading to new complications in his professional and personal life.

TV Wednesday

By SAM NUNGESSER

Caroline Stanbury always delivers on Bravo’s ‘Real Housewives of Dubai’

We watched Caroline Stanbury wed former soccer player Sergio Carrallo in a beautiful ceremony during the first season of Bravo’s “**Real Housewives of Dubai**” (Tuesdays at 9pm on Bravo). Now, the couple is looking toward their future — but before Stanbury can have another baby, she wants to learn how to stop micro-managing her husband, as she says in the show’s most recent episode.

“No!” she told DECIDER with a laugh when asked if she’d made any progress in cutting the umbilical cord. “I can’t even go to the loo on my own.”

The reality star, 48, recently opened up about her fertility journey in an essay for “Today,” revealing that she and Carrallo, 29, have one baby boy embryo. However, she said she is unsure whether she wants to carry the baby herself or use a surrogate, given her past bouts with preeclampsia.

While the future is unknown at the moment, Stanbury told us that she’s “excited” to give Carrallo his first child.

“I’ve got three, so I’ve done it all before,” she said. “If he wants to do this journey, then he’ll have to do all the nappies and the feeding ... I don’t know, I might be more fun as a mum in my older age. I didn’t see any of this happening to be honest, you know, in my life, so every time I say no to something, it happens.”

Stanbury also weighed in on the drama in “The Real Housewives of Dubai” Season 2. While the “**Ladies of London**” alum agrees to



Caroline Stanbury (left) and her husband Sergio Carrallo (below left)

when you’re in boarding school for so many years by yourself, you learn just to deal with everything on your own. Whereas I think other people need an army. I’m my own army.

Since the show started, you have found yourself in some drama with Lesa, Ayan and now Brooks. Why do you think everyone is always coming after you? Are they just obsessed?

They’re obsessed. I think Lesa can’t get a headline without my name, so that’s a big thing for her I think. And Brooks — I didn’t see it coming. But I think when you have a strong person it’s natural to try and take them down. But I’m not going anywhere. And I told them in the first season — wrong girl, wrong time.

We know you’re pals with Dorinda Medley and Chanel Ayan is also on the show. Who do you think will do better on “Traitors”?

I mean, it’s so awful to say but it’s going to be Dorinda. As I said, Chanel is a terrible liar. She has no poker face. I will be shocked as she makes it through the first week. Shocked.

What else can you tease about the rest of the season?

Just wait for my housewarming. Wait. That was a disaster. The house looks amazing. The behavior was not.

This interview was edited for space. To read the whole conversation, please visit decider.com/rhodubai

move forward with Lesa Milan in the first episode, their alliance seemingly sours amid Milan’s fallout with Chanel Ayan, who is now close pals with Stanbury.

“When you have a strong person it’s natural to try and take them down. But I’m not going anywhere,” she promised, before adding that “everyone knew” it would “game over” if she and Ayan became friends. “Chanel and I are remaining as friends and I don’t care who doesn’t like it nor does she and that’s great, because we’re very strong together. And we’re really enjoying being friends.”

Stanbury recently paid a visit to DECIDER’s offices,



where she also talked about that wild conversation she had with Caroline Brooks, using Princess Diana’s hypnotherapist and whether she thinks Ayan or Dorinda Medley will do better on

“The Traitors” Season 3.

DECIDER: You are no stranger to reality TV fame. Before “Dubai,” you starred on “Ladies of London.” Aside from location, how have the two experiences differed?

It was different because it was my friends and family in “London,” so I think it’s more emotionally charged when it’s your friends, your family and you have to go home to them. This one, I’ve understood, you know, Dubai is a melting pot of people. So everyone’s kind of new to the city and everything. So this one is more — it doesn’t hurt as much if you have the row, you’re like, okay, whatever.

It was pretty cool that

you got a hold of Princess Diana’s hypnotherapist. Have you kept up with hypnotherapy since that first session? And what is the biggest thing you learned about yourself in doing it?

I haven’t been able to do many more, but Marisa [Peer] and I are good friends and I get along really, really well with her. I think the biggest thing I learned is the way I am today — and actually, it came from another therapist as well as her. Both said it’s all down to boarding school and that’s why I react to everyone the way I do. That’s why I am the way I am. That’s why I deal with things the way I do, because

Baby, You’re a Firework

This year’s “Macy’s 4th of July Fireworks” special will be hosted by “Access Hollywood” correspondent Zuri Hall (left) and four-time Grammy-nominated country singer Mickey Guyton. The special will air on Thursday July 4th beginning at 8pm ET on NBC and Peacock.



Hole in One

“Your Honor” actress Lilli Kay is set to star opposite Oscar nominee Owen Wilson (left) in an upcoming untitled comedy series from Apple TV+. The show will see Wilson as an over-the-hill golfer who is trying to help a young golfer make it big, with Kay playing a teenage social justice warrior that helps Wilson on this journey.



What's on Tonight



THRILLER

Mission: Impossible: 3 p.m. on PARSHO. **Tom Cruise, Jon Voight.** A agent, under false suspicion of disloyalty, must discover and expose the real spy.



ADVENTURE

The Magnificent Seven: 5 p.m. on TNT. Seven gunmen from a variety of backgrounds are brought together by a vengeful young widow to protect her town.



SCI-FI

Back to the Future: 7 p.m. on AMC. **Michael J. Fox, Christopher Lloyd.** Marty McFly is accidentally sent 30 years into the past in a time-traveling DeLorean.

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4	WNBC	4	4	4	NBC Nightly News	News 4 New York at 7	Access Hollywood	Chicago Med: Spin a Yarn, Get Caught (R)	Chicago Fire: On the Hook (R)	Chicago P.D.: Survival (R)	News 4 New York at 11	(11:35) Tonight Show			
5	WNYW	5	5	5	Family Feud (R)	Extra (R)	TMZ (R)	MasterChef: Back to the Future - Mystery Box	(9:02) Gordon Ramsay's Food Stars: Mars Attacks	The 10 O'Clock News	Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)			
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A&E	46	46	181	181	First 48 (R)	The First 48 (R)		The First 48: Sliders	Killer Cases	(10:01) Murder at Motel		The First 48: Deadly Rap			
AMC	54	43	231	231	Future III	Back to the Future (1985, Science Fiction) Michael J. Fox. PG-13					Back to the Future Part II (1989, Science Fiction) Michael J. Fox.				
BET	37	54	270	270	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	(7:48) The Neighborhood	Neighbor.	Tyler Perry's Sistas	Ms. Pat (R)	Tyler Perry's Sistas (R)	Love? ★★			
BBCAM	71	101	189	189	Bones	Bones: Girl in Fridge		Bones: Fallout Shelter	Bones: Woman Airport	Bones: Woman in Car			Bones: Superhero Alley		
BRAVO	18	44	185	185	Housewives	Real Housewives (R)		Real Housewives (R)	Real Housewives (R)	Watch What	Real Housewives (R)	Housewives			
CNBC	15	24	102	102	Money	Last Call		Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank			
CNN	78	25	100	100	Situation	Erin Burnett OutFront		Anderson Cooper 360°	The Source with Kaitlan	CNN NewsNight	Laura Coates Live				
COM	45	50	190	190	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Daily Show	South Park		
DIS	49	31	250	250	Big City (R)	Big City (R)	Big City (R)	Frozen (2013, Adventure) Kristen Bell.	(9:45) Kiff	(10:10) Kiff	(10:35) Kiff	Jessie	Jessie		
DSC	66	27	120	120	Exp Unkwn	Expedition Unknown (R)		Expedition Unknown (R)	Expedition Unknown	(10:07) Alien: Fact		(11:07) Exp. Unknown (R)			
E!	24	51	196	196	Below Deck	Below Deck		Below Deck	Step Brothers (2008, Comedy) Will Ferrell. R-13	E! News			Sex & City		
ESPN	28	36	70	70	Sports Live.	Sports Live.	NBA Draft	2024 NBA Draft: Round 1: from Barclays Center in Brooklyn, N.Y.. Live.					SportsCenter Live.		
ESPN2	29	35	74	74	ESPN BET L	NFL Live		Pickleball: PPA Tour: San Clemente	Live.	The Ultimate	The Ultimate	The Ultimate			
FBN	43	106	117	117	Bottom	Kudlow (R)		Legends & Lies	Legends & Lies	Legends & Lies	Legends & Lies	Legends & Lies			
FNC	44	26	118	118	Sp. Rpt.	The Ingraham Angle		Jesse Watters Primetime	Hannity	Gutfeld!	Fox News @ Night				
FOOD	50	97	164	164	Grocery (R)	Guy's Grocery Games (R)		Guy's Grocery Games (R)	Guy's Grocery Games (R)	Guy's Grocery Games (R)	Guy's Grocery Games (R)	Guy's Grocery Games (R)			
FREFRM	38	49	199	199	The Princess Diaries ★★½	The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement		(2004, Comedy) Anne Hathaway. ★★½	Royal Rule	The 700 Club (R)					
FS1	400	99	83	83	(6:00) Copa America 2024 Live.	Copa America 2024 Live.		Copa America 2024: Jamaica at Ecuador. Live.	UEFA Euro 2024 Taped.						
FX	10	40	53	53	Transformers: Age of Extinction (2014)	Transformers: The Last Knight (2017, Action) Mark Wahlberg. PG-13		Transform							
HALL		191	240	240	In Niagara	The Professional Bridesmaid (2023) Hunter King.		Two Scoops of Italy (2024, Romance) Hunter King.	Golden	Golden	Golden	Golden			
HGTV	64	98	165	165	Home Town	Home Town (R)		Home Town (R)	Backed by the Bros	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters (R)	Hunters (R)		
HIST	40	47	128	128	Am. Picker	American Pickers (R)		American Pickers (R)	American Pickers	(10:03) American Pickers	(11:05) American Pickers				
ID	23	171	123	123	Murder (R)	In Heartland (R)		Lt. Joe Kenda (R)	Detective with Lt. Kenda	Fear Thy Neighbor	Fear Thy Neighbor (R)				
LIFE	62	45	140	140	Castle	Castle: XY		Castle: XX	Castle: PhDead	(10:03) Castle: What Lies	(11:03) Castle: The Nose				
MeTV	33	33	3	3	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Andy	Andy	Hillbillies	Acres	Hogan	Hogan	Burnett	P. Mason
MSG	27	87	78	78	Pride (R)	The Bettor		The Juice	NHL Hockey Replay.	MSG Shorts	MSG Shorts	Club 30: Mika Zibanejad			
MSG Plus	48	88	80	80	(2:00) FanDuel	Racing Live.		NHL Hockey Replay.	PokerGO Tour	PokerGO Tour	PokerGO Tour				
MSNBC	14	23	103	103	Ari Melber	The ReidOut		All in with Chris Hayes	Alex Wagner Tonight	Lawrence O'Donnell	The 11th Hour				
MTV	20	53	210	210	Catfish (R)	Catfish: The TV Show (R)		Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous		
NATGEO	65	162	121	121	Smuggler	Smuggler: Rome (R)		Smuggler: Rome (R)	Smuggler: Rome (R)	Smuggler: Rome (R)	Smuggler: Rome (R)				
NICK	6	121	252	252	SpongeBob	No Time to Spy: A Loud House Movie		SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends		
OWN	173	180	145	145	Dr. Phil	Dr. Phil: 20 Years of		Love It or List It	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	Love It or List It			
PARMT	36	56	54	54	Men	Men	Men	The Hangover Part II (2011, Comedy) Bradley Cooper. R-13			(10:25) The Hangover Part III (2013) R-13				
SNY	26	60	77	77	Pre Game	MLB Baseball: New York Yankees at New York Mets from Citi Field. Live.		Post Game	Sports Live.	Sports Live.	Sports Live.	Sports Live.			
SYFY	17	48	180	180	The Dark Tower (2017)	Twister (1996, Drama) Helen Hunt. PG-13		Reginald the Vampire	2012 (2009) John Cusack.						
TBS	8	39	52	52	Bang	Bang	Bang	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite	Family	Family	Family	Family			
TCM	82	41	230	230	(6:00) M (1931, Thriller) Peter Lorre. NR	Moulin Rouge! (2001, Musical) Nicole Kidman. PG-13		The Others (2001) Nicole Kidman. R-13							
TLC	52	28	139	139	Fat Life (R)	Welcome to Plathville (R)		Welcome to Plathville (R)	Welcome to Plathville (R)	90 Day Fiancé (R)	90 Day Fiancé (R)				
TNT	3	37	51	51	(5:00) The Magnificent Seven (2016)	Crossfire Trail (2000, Western) Tom Selleck. NR		Last Stand at Saber River (1997) Tom Selleck. NR							
TVLAND	85	34	241	241	Andy	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Raymond	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Queens	Queens		
USA	16	38	50	50	(6:00) SVU	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU			
VH1	19	52	217	217	(5:00) Insurgent (2015, Action) R-13	The Divergent Series: Allegiant (2016, Science Fiction) Shailene Woodley. ★★½		Hannibal (2001) R-13							
WE	59	42	149	149	(6:00) NCIS	NCIS: Borderland		NCIS: Patriot Down	NCIS: Rule Fifty-One	NCIS: Spider and the Fly	NCIS: Worst Nightmare				
YES	53	89	76	76	Yankees	Star Boxing Rockin Fights: Rockin' Fights 47 Replay.		18 Holes	Jimmy	Yankees Postgame Live.	Moments of	MLB Game			
HBO	511	301	400	400	Fantasmas	(7:03) San Andreas (2015, Action) Dwayne Johnson.		One South: Portrait of a Psych Unit	(10:28) Of the Dragon (R)	One South					
MAX	531	371	420	420	Get Hard (2015, Comedy) Will Ferrell. R	Kingpin (1996, Comedy) Woody Harrelson. PG-13		(9:54) White Men Can't Jump (1992) R-13	Green						
MGM Plus	595	395	(6:05) Hotel	(7:05) Billy the Kid (R)	Bob Marley: One Love (2024) PG-13	(9:50) Backdraft (1991, Action) Kurt Russell, William Baldwin. R-13									
PARSHO	551	321	365	365	(4:50) M:I-2	Mission: Impossible III (2006, Action) Tom Cruise. R-13		Mission: Impossible Ghost Protocol (2011) PG-13	(11:15) The Firm (1993) R						



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The Knicks made a huge pre-draft splash Tuesday night as they completed a stunning deal for Mikal Bridges — reuniting him with Villanova pals (inset from left) Donte DiVincenzo, Jalen Brunson and Josh Hart. It cost the Knicks big, as they sent five future first-rounders to the Nets. **P. 48-49, 45**

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