

- Prez only alert 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- 72% say he's unfit for job
- Hunter tells him to stay

More questions about President Biden's cognitive state are emerging, including reports saying he's only sharp between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., as a new poll showed 72% of registered voters do not believe he is mentally fit for the job following last week's disastrous debate.

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OFF HIS CLOCKER

Aging trains, fund woes cause delays

By GEORGETT ROBERTS
and STEVE JANOSKI

Every day, radio producer Brandon Tagoe hops on an early morning train from Elizabeth, NJ, to Manhattan's Penn Station.

The short ride is supposed to give him more than enough time to get to his "dream job" by 5:15 a.m. But Tagoe, 28, said New Jersey Transit's recent string of problems and delays have made him chronically late, and that hasn't put him in his boss' good graces.

"I had to be spoken to," Tagoe lamented to *The Post* in Penn Station last week. "I had a meeting with my boss about the importance of being on time, and he has been threatened with repercussions if it continues."

NJT has frustrated its riders for years. But a series of holdups, slowdowns and outright cancellations in June — combined with aging train cars and infrastructure, and a 15% fare hike that starts Monday — has left Garden State commuters fuming.

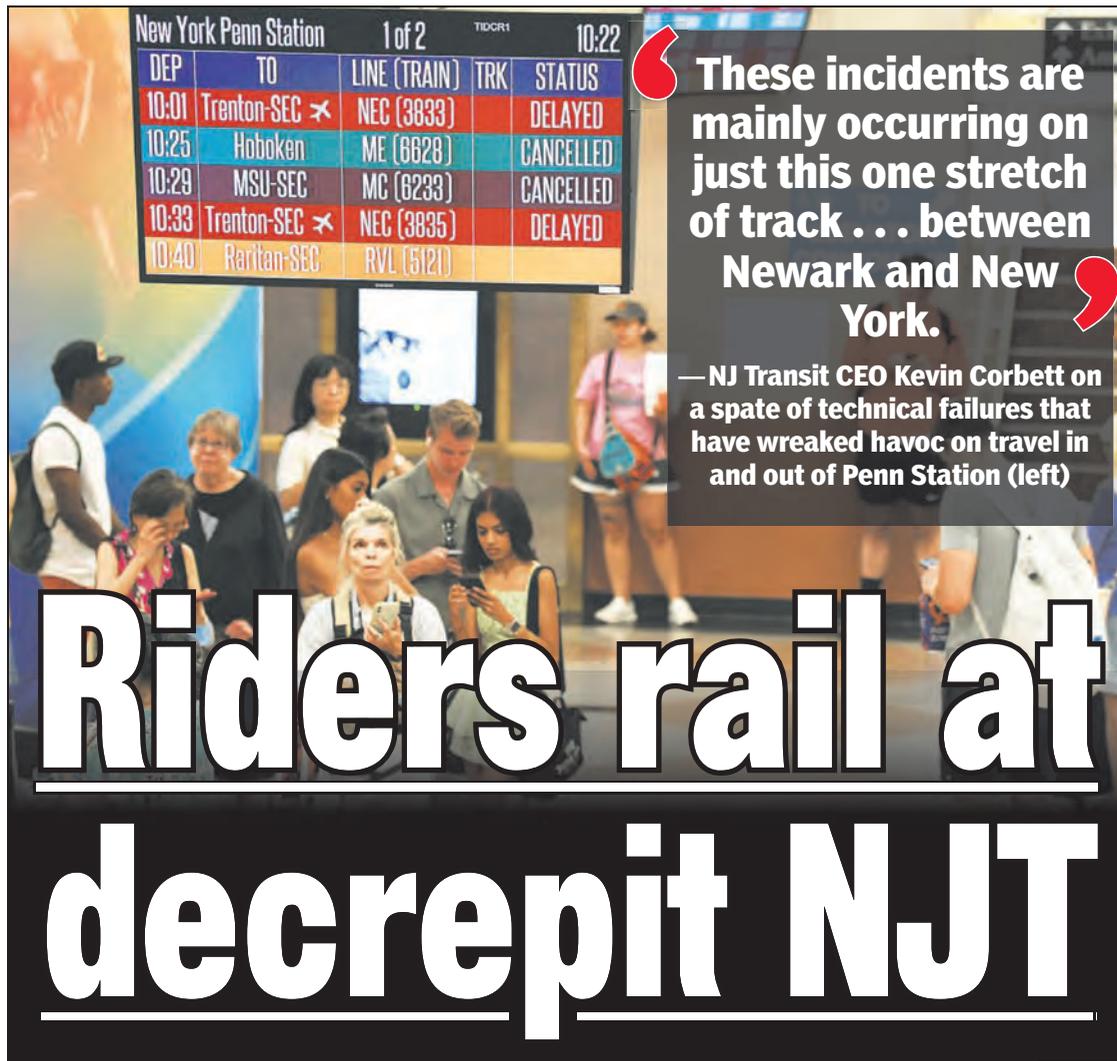
"They can do better for sure," Kanesha Hayes, 39, a sanitation worker, told *The Post* during the worst of last week's delays. "I've gotten written up for being late. My job is all about getting there on time, and I don't want to be out of a job."

Talia Crawford, advocacy and organizing manager for the New York-based Tri-State Transportation Campaign, said many of the problems stem from years' worth of financial shortfalls and budgetary neglect, although the agency was allocated \$2.9 billion in 2023.

"New Jersey Transit has been in a budget deficit for the past 10 years, and we're almost in a billion-dollar hole," she said.

The results of that chronic underfunding were on full display over the past few weeks, when already-frustrated commuters endured a series of nightmare delays caused by problems with Amtrak's overhead wires, electrical and mechanical issues with NJT trains, a wild brush fire in the Meadowlands and a blown circuit breaker that cut power between the stations in Newark and Midtown.

In a statement last week, NJT



DEP	TO	LINE (TRAIN)	TRK	STATUS
10:01	Trenton-SEC	NEC (3833)		DELAYED
10:25	Hoboken	ME (8828)		CANCELLED
10:29	MSU-SEC	MC (8233)		CANCELLED
10:33	Trenton-SEC	NEC (3835)		DELAYED
10:40	Raritan-SEC	RVL (5121)		

These incidents are mainly occurring on just this one stretch of track . . . between Newark and New York.

— NJ Transit CEO Kevin Corbett on a spate of technical failures that have wreaked havoc on travel in and out of Penn Station (left)

Matthew McDermott

Riders rail at decrepit NJT

President and CEO Kevin Corbett said, "We are as frustrated as our customers, and the frequency and impact these issues are having on our customers' quality of life is clearly unacceptable."

"These incidents are mainly occurring on just this one stretch of track on the [Northeast Corridor] between Newark and New York."

Amtrak — which owns the infrastructure, and charges NJT about \$200 million per year — also acknowledged problems.

In a June 21 letter to customers, Amtrak President Roger Harris said the problems appeared to be "unique to the equipment and area."

"We have established a joint team with NJT to identify the source of this damage and implement improvements," he wrote.

But some help appears on the horizon.

NJT said it will soon receive 138 new, multilevel train cars that will be much more reliable than others in the aging fleet.

And late last week, Gov. Phil Murphy signed a state budget that included a 2.5% tax hike on the state's largest corporations, the proceeds of which will go directly to closing NJT's nearly billion-dollar budget gap.

Then there's the \$16 billion Hudson Tunnel Project, which will

build a new, two-track rail tunnel between the Bergen Palisades and Manhattan, according to the project's website. It will also rehabilitate the existing North River Tunnel, which opened in 1910. But the new tunnel doesn't open until 2035, and the tunnel fix won't be finished until 2038.

Crawford said New Jersey's corporate tax boost, which is expected to bring in about \$800 million annually, will help keep NJT afloat, but won't fix it.

"This would just get them out of the hole," she said. "It doesn't address any of the service issues and improvements that NJ Transit needs. And it won't add service."

Council passes \$112B budget

The City Council adopted a massive \$112.4 billion spending plan Sunday by 46 to 3, with the dissenting votes coming from three Democratic socialist representatives.

Mayor Adams, who negotiated the deal with council leadership, applauded the action, which saw the only opposition from Tiffany Caban, Shahana Hanif and Alexa Aviles.

The new fiscal year 2025 budget runs from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025.

"Our administration's mission is clear: Protect public safety, rebuild our economy, and make this city more livable — and this budget is a direct testament to that mission," the mayor said in a statement.

The plan announced Friday increases spending by \$1 billion over the mayor's executive budget plan.

The budget includes the addition of \$2 billion in capital-construction spending to preserve and build more affordable housing while restoring funding to libraries, museums and other cultural institutions as well as student-support programs such as summer rising.

Both Adams and Council Speaker Adrienne Adams, who are not related, discussed an overhaul of the pre-K and 3-K programs to make sure classroom seats are going to areas where there is parental demand.

The three dissenting council members said too much money is spent on police and not enough on social services and education. *Carl Campanile*

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CHASTE DOWN AISLE

Culpo's 'modest' wedding

COMMITMENT: Olivia Culpo (left) often shows skin on Insta (right), but she married Christian McCaffrey (below) Saturday in a "timeless, covered dress."



Instagram/oliviaculpo

By GILLIAN KLEIMAN

Wedding season? Olivia Culpo has that covered. The model, whose frequent bikini shots keep social media abuzz, is known for her risqué styling — but for her Rhode Island wedding to 49ers running back Christian McCaffrey on Saturday, she transformed from stunning sextop to blushing bride.

Noting to *Vogue* that the couple's "number one priority" was to marry in a church, Culpo worked with Dolce & Gabbana to create a wedding gown that was as modest as it was beautiful.

"It's the union and bond of two people forever. I wanted something that felt as serious as that commitment," she said. "I didn't want it to exude sex in any way, shape, or form."

Culpo added, "When I think about Christian and what he loves and the moments that he thinks that I'm most beautiful, it's absolutely in something like this: timeless, covered and elegant."

But skipping skimpy doesn't have to mean skimping on the drama. The former Miss Uni-

verse matched the long-sleeved, collarbone-covering ballgown with a 16-foot veil.



Patrick Pios/BACKGRID



**Nikki:
Dems
will go
young**

GET SET: Nikki Haley says GOP should prepare for new Dem nominee.

By RYAN KING

Former GOP presidential hopeful Nikki Haley says Democratic leaders will finally ditch President Biden and replace him with a “younger” more “vibrant” candidate after last week’s trainwreck debate.

Haley told The Wall Street Journal in a weekend interview that Republicans had better get ready for a new presidential foe, echoing her well-worn insistence during the 2024 GOP primary that Biden would not be the Dem nominee.

“They are going to be smart about it: They’re going to bring somebody younger, they’re going to bring somebody vibrant, they’re going to bring somebody tested,” said Haley.

“This is a time for Republicans to prepare and get ready for what’s to come because there is no way that there will be a surviving Democratic Party if they allow Joe Biden to continue to be the candidate,” she said.

‘Talking head’ prez

President Biden used a teleprompter during a ritzy weekend fundraiser in East Hampton, according to supporter and former top Trump aide Anthony “The Mooch” Scaramucci on Sunday.

Scaramucci, 60, who has acknowledged he was rattled by a frail Biden’s widely panned debate performance against Donald Trump, 78, on Thursday, commended the 81-year-old president’s vigor, even if it was behind a teleprompter, at the Long Island fundraiser he attended Saturday.

Haley, the former governor of South Carolina and onetime US ambassador to the UN, had sought to impress upon her fellow Republicans during the 2024 GOP presidential primary that former President Donald Trump would fare weaker against the eventual Dem nod than she would.

Despite a bitter campaign between the two, Haley later backed Trump, the overwhelmingly presumptive GOP nominee, while the Biden camp tried to peel off her bloc of skeptical GOP voters.

Trembles of fear rocked Democrats inside and outside the Beltway after a feeble-appearing Biden mumbled his way through Thursday’s CNN debate against Trump at times and stared blankly off into space.

Some Dems have urged the party to reconsider him as standard-bearer, fearing that he’s doomed to lose to Trump because of voters’ apprehension over his age.

“I went to President Biden’s fundraiser in East Hampton and I thought he did quite well reading the teleprompter today and meeting with people,” he posted on X.

“However, that is not going to be enough to prove to the American people that he’s up for another 4 years,” said the pundit, Trump’s White House communications director for 11 days.

Scaramucci has backed Biden this campaign cycle. But even he felt that the president’s debate was “brutal.” *Ryan King*

Joe kept on 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

FRAIL TO THE CHIEF & CLOCK IS TICKING

By RYAN KING

More questions about President Biden’s cognitive state are emerging as a new poll showed a jaw-dropping 72% of registered voters do not believe he is mentally fit for the job.

While many Democrats were left flabbergasted and sent into a tailspin by Biden’s debate debacle on Thursday, the 81-year-old president’s cognitive slips have been nothing new to his inner circle.

White House aides worked meticulously behind the scenes throughout his presidency to minimize Biden’s exposure to situations where cognitive slip-ups could flare up in public, and to adapt the day-to-day of the presidency to the needs of an octogenarian.

The commander in chief is seen as prone to absent-minded gaffes and fatigue outside of six hours a day — between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. — and while traveling abroad, Axios said in a new report.

From shorter stairs when boarding Air Force One to guiding him on jaunts over concerns about his gait and proclivity for appearing lost, his team has reportedly been forced to step up its efforts over time to shield him more and more.

Coordinated coverup

“I know many of these people and how the White House operates,” said Chandler West, the White House’s former deputy director of photography under Biden, in an Instagram story after the debate, Axios reported.

“They will say he has a ‘cold’ or just experienced a ‘bad night,’ but for weeks and months, in private, they have all said what we saw last night — Joe is not as strong as he was just a couple of years ago,” West said.

“The debate was not the first bad day, and it’s not gonna be the last,” said West, who had a first-hand seat to the president’s behavior. “It’s time for Joe to go.”

The problem is, “A true succession plan does not exist,” a senior Dem campaign adviser admitted to CNN. “That’s what makes all of this not just heartbreaking but very problematic.”

In addition to mental issues, the president reportedly often wears orthopedic shoes and has undergone physical therapy to help combat stiffness, the White House physician previously disclosed.

After his hard fall at last year’s Air Force Academy commencement caused by him tripping over a sandbag onstage, aides have been careful to avert any repeats.

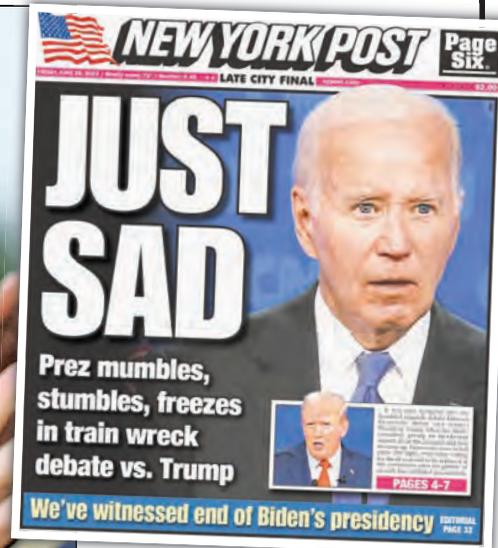
Video from after last week’s debate showed Biden being helped off stage slowly by First Lady Jill Biden after the 90-minute bout against former President Donald Trump, 78.

A former White House staffer who was tasked with helping to tend to the president’s accommodations in the executive mansion told Axios that senior officials often “wouldn’t let us do anything for them,” suggesting it is to keep

schedule – as 72% say he’s mentally unfit



DAMAGE CONTROL: President Biden and First Lady Jill Biden arrive in the Hamptons over the weekend for deep-pocketed fundraisers after the commander in chief was seen being helped from the stage by his wife (below left) following Thursday’s debate debacle.



Biden’s issues on the down-low. Press access in Biden’s White House also has been remarkably limited.

Ducking the press

Three-and-a-half years into his presidency, Biden has held the fewest solo press conferences of any president since the Reagan administration in the 1980s — despite several raging wars, a migrant border crisis and economic upheaval, according to data from the American Presidency Project.

Moreover, he rarely does sit-down interviews with news outlets. One rare interview he gave to Time that was published earlier this month featured him conflating Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin, as well as making a series of other factual blunders.

“I have been very critical of the campaign strategy and the White House and their decision to sort

of bubble-wrap him in the last year — you can’t run for president by duck and cover,” Michael LaRosa, a former spokesman for the first lady, recently vented on Fox News’ “Media Buzz.”

Several reporters have alleged that Biden campaign officials have sought to dissuade them from talking with rally attendees who were questioning the wisdom of having him as nominee.

At times, Biden has quipped about his handlers demanding that he limit his own question-and-answer sessions during press sprays. In September, an official was heard telling the press that the conference was over — while Biden was rambling on. Staffers appeared to turn on music to signal the end as well.

Behind the scenes, the first lady has reportedly lashed out at aides who failed to cut short press conferences where Biden was making gaffes.

Clips of Biden rambling in

hard-to-follow tangents, making glaring verbal mishaps, appearing to struggle on his way off stage and just appearing to wander around have swirled online.

‘Cheap fakes’ debunk

Earlier this month, the White House press team launched a full-throated effort to push back against many of those clips and bashed The Post’s reporting on several of them.

Underpinning the White House’s grievances were concerns that videos were heavily edited and therefore lacked complete context, thereby painting an unfair picture of him as infirm.

They called those clips “cheap fakes.”

The motivation was obvious. The White House was endeavoring to disabuse the pesky narrative about Biden’s age that had long haunted his presidency.

Biden put on an energetic per-

formance during his State of the Union address (when he stood behind a teleprompter) in March that eased many concerns. The goal was to have him do it again.

Downplaying panic

On Thursday, Biden was on the debate stage unfiltered before an estimated 51 million Americans.

He had long sought to prove his naysayers on age wrong with the simple retort: “Watch me.” Media pundits and Democrats did just that. And it left them deeply rattled and panicked.

The president was onstage with a raspy voice, which he later attributed to a cold, and struggled to give coherent answers at times while staring blankly into the cameras at others.

CNN liberal analyst Van Jones appeared to be on the verge of tears afterward.

“This is no longer about Joe Biden’s family or his emotions,” an adviser in touch with the West Wing fumed to Axios. “This is about our country. It’s an utter f—ing disaster that has to be addressed.”

Meanwhile, top Dems such as National Committee Chairman Jaime Harrison as well as former Presidents Barack Obama and Bill Clinton have all sought to nudge the party to calm down.

“I think it’s unhelpful, and I think it’s unnecessary,” California Gov. Gavin Newsom vented after the debate to MSNBC regarding trepidations about keeping Biden at the top of the party’s ticket.

A staggering 72% of respondents in a CBS News/YouGov poll said after the debate that they don’t think Biden possesses the “mental and cognitive health necessary to serve as president.” It was 41% among Democrats.

AFP via Getty Images

NY, NJ in play for Don after Joe 'debacle'

President Biden's debate debacle has giddy New York and New Jersey GOP leaders believing former President Donald Trump could be the first Republican to win their states in four decades.

Even if carrying the blue states is a longshot, party insiders and independent analysts expect Trump will do strongly enough in the suburbs that he can help GOP House incumbents defend seats they won in 2022 — and maybe even make gains.

"Trump can win New York just like Ronald Reagan did in 1980," said New York state Republican Party Chairman Ed Cox.

A recent Siena College poll had Trump trailing Biden by single digits — 8 percentage points in the Empire State, 47% to 39%. The survey was taken a week before the June 25 debate.

A Trump campaign insider claimed internal polling also shows the contest in New Jersey is a "toss-up." A Trump May rally in Wildwood in South Jersey drew 100,000 supporters.

Cox said Reagan won because of "stagflation" under Democratic President Jimmy Carter and similarly, many voters have suffered from Bidenflation.

"New York, a Democratic stronghold for decades, is within reach for Trump. The conditions are ripe for political realignment with New York part of a Trump victory," he said.

"While New York is a blue

state, it is more blue-collar blue than Upper West Side blue."

He also said Trump's campaign focus — the border-migrant crisis, the economy and crime — is resonating with frustrated blue-leaning voters in the northeast.

"Biden's debate performance hurts the Democrats in New York running for swing seats," said O'Brien "O.B." Murray, a campaign strategist who has worked for Republicans and Democrats.

Biden's implosion makes it "more difficult" for moderate Democrat John Avlon — a former speechwriter for Rudy Giuliani — to topple first-term Republican Rep. Nick LaLota in the 1st District, which includes Long Island's East End and Suffolk County, Murray added.

Across the Hudson, New Jersey Republicans say that Trump could be the first Republican to carry the Garden State since George H.W. Bush defeated Michael Dukakis in 1988.

"Biden's debate performance was so bad that New Jersey is definitely in play," said Bill Palatucci, a National Republican Campaign Committee member from the Garden State and pal of former Gov. Chris Christie.

The New Jersey Republican Party blasted an e-fundraising blitz shortly after the debate claiming in bold letters, "NEW JERSEY IS IN PLAY."

Carl Campanile

Pritzker snubs blacks: report

Billionaire Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker failed to deliver jobs promised for black workers in the emerging cannabis and green energy industries, an economic advocacy group said in a scathing report.

Pritzker (inset) — considered a potential replacement for President Biden at the

top of the Democratic ticket — will be hosting the Democratic National Convention on his Chicago turf in August.

"The situation in Illinois cannot be blamed on national trends or factors outside the state's control. It's a direct result of the failed policies and neglect from the Governor, J.B. Pritzker," the report by the National Black Empowerment Action Fund said.

Carl Campanile

HUNTER'S

First son is leading Camp David charge for prez to stay in race

By NICHOLAS McENTYRE and KATE SHEEHY

Hunter Biden is pushing dad President Biden to stay in the presidential race as the family huddles with the 81-year-old Democrat at Camp David to discuss his options after Thursday's debate debacle, a report says.

Biden's disgraced convicted son, 54, is leading the charge to keep his father running against Donald Trump, claiming he wants the country to see his dad as the man he knows he still is: feisty and able to command, The New York Times said Sunday, quoting sources familiar with the family gathering.

President Biden's relatives — including his closest adviser, First Lady Jill — are under no illusions about the debate, the sources said. They know his performance was disastrous, with him mumbling and stumbling over words while also blankly staring into space at times, the sources said.

The Joe-spin zone

But many of them, including Hunter, believe he still has enough wits about him and the fight in him to win, the report said.

They are privately more upset about how he was prepared for the debate, expressing dismay over everything from how he was pumped with statistics to his being made up to look pale for TV although he walked into CNN's studio sporting a summer tan, the sources said.

Gathered with the president at the Maryland presidential retreat were his wife, kids and grandchildren, an event the White House

The only person who has ultimate influence with him is the first lady. If she decides there should be a change of course, there will be a change of course.

— A Biden family insider

claimed was pre-arranged for a photo shoot with famed shutterbug Annie Leibovitz.

At least one of Biden's grandkids offered to get involved in their elderly grandfather's campaign by landing interviews with social-media influencers to get out their message, the sources told the Times.

The president's advisers are also weighing if he should hold a general news conference or individual interviews with select reporters to try to change the narrative and ensuing deafening chorus of calls for him to resign from the campaign, including from the Times' own liberal editorial board.

A critical call with Dem fundraisers is scheduled for Monday, the newspaper noted.

People close to Biden believe that ultimately, only the president and his wife will determine the

future of his presidency, NBC News reported, citing several top Democratic sources.

"The decision-makers are two people — it's the president and his wife," one of the sources told the news network. "Anyone who doesn't understand how deeply personal and familial this decision will be isn't knowledgeable about the situation."

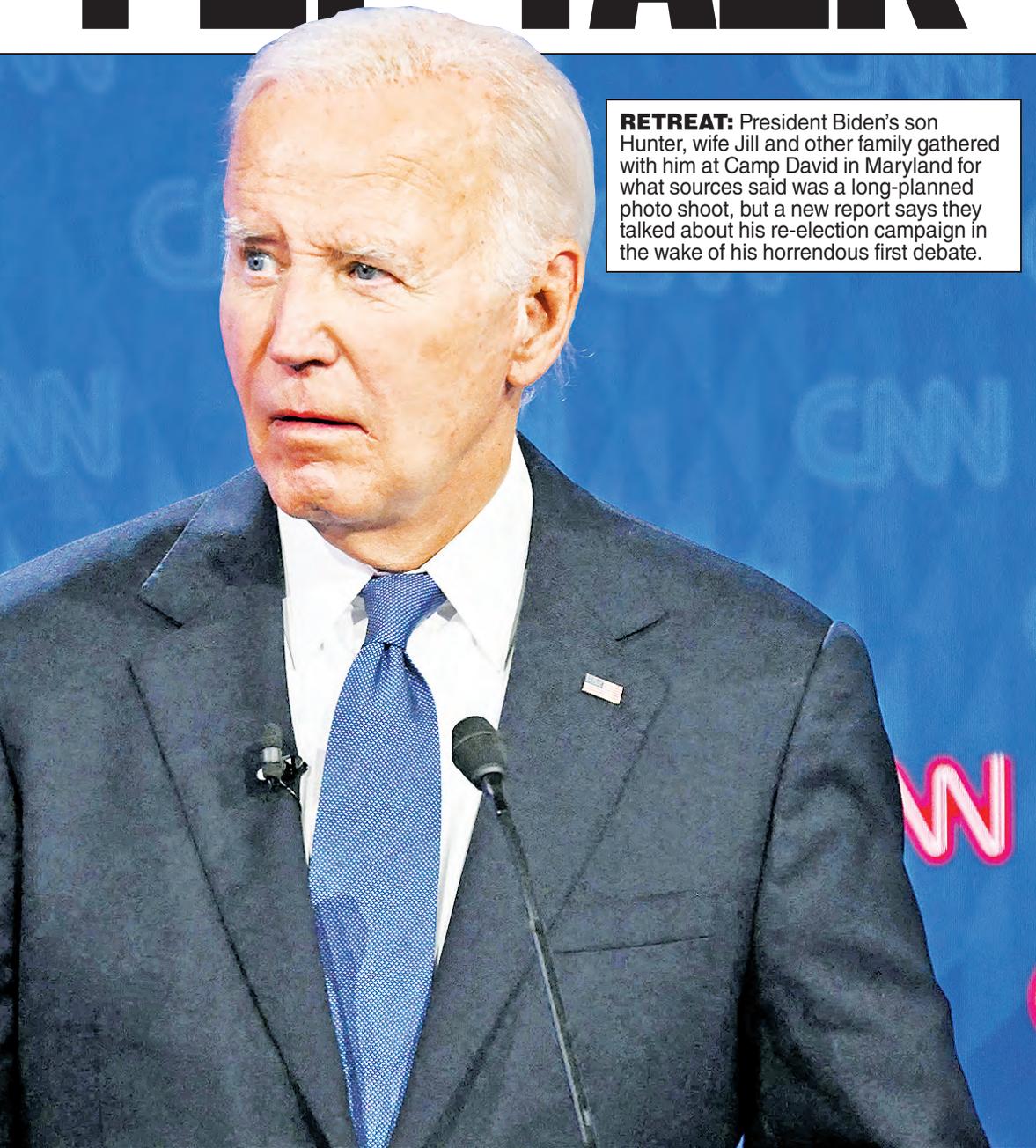
Another source added, "The only person who has ultimate influence with him is the first lady.

"If she decides there should be a change of course, there will be a change of course."

The trip to Maryland served as a break for Biden, who spent the weekend at posh fundraisers in the Hamptons and at New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy's mansion.

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PEP TALK TO POP



RETREAT: President Biden's son Hunter, wife Jill and other family gathered with him at Camp David in Maryland for what sources said was a long-planned photo shoot, but a new report says they talked about his re-election campaign in the wake of his horrendous first debate.

A new editorial nail in the coffin

Yet another major newspaper urged President Biden to step down after his disastrous debate against former President Donald Trump, saying "Retirement is now necessary."

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution published a front-page editorial Saturday asking Biden to pass the torch to another, more competent candidate, following the lead of The New York Times.

"The unfortunate truth is that Biden should withdraw from the race, for the good of the nation he has served so admirably for half a century," the AJC Editorial Board wrote.

Georgia's largest newspaper painted Biden's performance in Thursday's debate against convicted felon Trump as "excruciating," with the sitting president failing to convey any visions for a second term or his accomplishments from the current one.

The board didn't even touch on the incumbent's series of gaffes — which included saying his son Beau, who died from cancer in the US, "died in Iraq."

The president has shown

clear signs of the early stages of decline, the board wrote.

The AJC lamented the precedent set by George Washington, who bowed out after two terms at age 64: "Every day the increasing weight of years admonishes me more and more that the shade of retirement is as necessary to me as it will be welcome," Washington wrote.

"The shade of retirement is now necessary for President Biden," says the AJC board.

While the left-leaning newspaper admitted that it would "require a massive and unprecedented string of legal and regulatory actions" to have Biden bow out and name a successor, it emphasized that the Democrats have many viable candidates.

The AJC's admitted loss of faith in Biden comes just one day after the Times called on the sitting president to bow out.

The Post Editorial Board was the first major one to publicly air concerns about Biden's continued candidacy after his abysmal debate Thursday against Trump. *Katherine Donley*

Debate 'damage control' underway

The Biden campaign ripped the "bedwetting brigade" for panicking over the president's disastrous debate showing as it attempted to do damage control with supporters over the weekend.

In a fundraising blast to supporters, deputy campaign manager Rob Flaherty doubled down that Biden was here to

stay as the presumptive Democratic nominee for president.

"The bedwetting brigade is calling for Joe Biden to 'drop out.' That is the best possible way for Donald Trump to win and us to lose," Flaherty said in the email titled, "7 Things to Tell Your Friends After The Debate — And 4 Things You Can Do."

"Joe Biden is going to be the Democratic nominee, period. End of story," he continued.

Flaherty sought to allay the Dems' trepidations by citing polling data showing Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris as the most formidable Democrats against former President Donald Trump.

Ryan King

'Jail' or 'nursing home'?

Former Harlem Rep. Charles Rangel, who is 94 years old, wondered whether President Biden belongs in a nursing home instead of the White House following last week's disaster.

"I have never been more shocked and embarrassed by any presidential debate than I was last Thursday," Rangel (below), who served in Congress from 1971 to 2017, said Sunday on 770 WABC radio's "The Cats Roundtable."

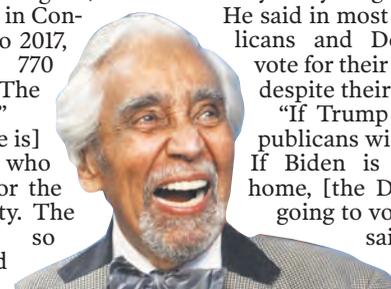
"One [candidate] is a convicted felon who has no respect for the truth, for morality. The other seemed so damned confused

I didn't even know whether he knew where the hell he was at in terms of responding to the moderator."

Rangel, a Democrat, told host John Catsimatidis he "would not object" to both candidates taking cognitive tests to determine their fitness. Donald Trump is 78, just three years younger than Biden.

He said in most states, Republicans and Democrats will vote for their party nominee despite their flaws.

"If Trump is in jail, Republicans will vote for him. If Biden is in a nursing home, [the Democrats] are going to vote for him," he said. *Carl Campanile*



Hidden under floorboards for 80 years



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Auschwitz chess set

By RONNY REYES

Eerie artifacts have been uncovered underneath the floorboards at the Auschwitz concentration camp — 35 well-preserved hand-made chess pieces.

Renovators at Poland's Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum found the incomplete set in the prison's first floor, hidden under a floorboard so as to avoid detection from the brutal Nazi guards who patrolled the cells.

Remarkably preserved

Elzbieta Cajzer, head of the Auschwitz Museum's Collections, said the hand-drawn chess pieces were in a "good state of preservation" despite being 80 years old.

The haunting items give the world a look at the daily lives of prisoners in the Holocaust's deadliest concentration camp.

"Several drawings may be a bit blurry, but the images of rooks, pawns, bishops, and knights are still easily distinguishable," Cajzer said.



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DAILY HORRORS: These handmade chess pieces would have been hidden under fear of punishment by death at the Nazis' Auschwitz death camp.

"Nevertheless, the set is incomplete, and some boxes no longer have any traces of the drawing," she added.

The museum chief said the chess pieces were crafted from cardboard, making them ideal for prisoners to hide them quickly and transport them to others who wanted to play.

"We assume the focus was not on the aesthetic qualities but on functionality, easy portability, and quick concealment," Cajzer said.

Given that Auschwitz guards would routinely beat, torture and execute prisoners for trivial matters, it's likely that any prisoner caught with the chess pieces would face horrific consequences.

Despite the risks, Cajzer said many prisoners would find ways to get their hands on pieces of cardboard, wood or even bread-crumbs to construct chess pieces or playing cards.

Survivor's recount

Jan Dziopek, a Holocaust survivor and former warehouseman at Auschwitz's carpenter shop, said he crafted such chess sets himself inside a secret attic.

Dziopek said Nazi officers would order him to create game pieces for them, but as he completed their orders, the craftsman would secretly build sets to sneak into the prison halls.

"I had to fulfill their orders because, under the guise of working for them, I could fulfill the requests of my colleagues, who paid me with rations of bread or camp soup," he said.

By the time the camp was liberated by Allied forces in 1945, the world learned that of the 1.3 million people sent to Auschwitz, 1.1 million were murdered. *With Wires*



'A QUIET PLACE'
Starring Lupita Nyong'o.

A not so 'Quiet' weekend

"A Quiet Place: Day One" made noise at the box office, as the prequel earned an estimated \$53 million in its first weekend in North American theaters, according to studio estimates Sunday.

It's a franchise best and significantly more than expected. Going into the weekend, tracking had "Day One" pegged for a \$40 million debut, but audiences were clearly more enthusiastic to see the action-horror starring Lupita Nyong'o and Joseph Quinn and released by Paramount.

"There's a lot of love for the 'A Quiet Place' franchise," said Chris Aronson, the head of domestic distribution for Paramount. "We listened to the fans who wanted to expand the universe."

In a rare feat for a third film of a series, it opened higher than both "A Quiet Place" (\$50.2 million opening in April 2018) and "A Quiet Place: Part II" (\$47.5 million opening in May 2021). John Krasinski, who wrote and directed the first two, is a producer.

Still, "A Quiet Place" was a close second to "Inside Out 2," which raked in a boffo \$57.4 million in its third week. Kevin Costner's epic western "Horizon: An American Saga — Chapter 1" was a distant No. 3, with \$11 million. *AP*

Gator to NC's Bravest: I got hosed

A 12-foot alligator that was lunging at cars in the middle of a dark road in North Carolina on Friday was encouraged to move on after firefighters deployed a unique method: spraying the massive reptile with a hose.

The giant gator was re-

ported to be blocking traffic at around 1 a.m. in Boiling Spring Lakes, a town in Brunswick County.

"This angry interloper was laying in the middle of the road," Boiling Spring Lakes Fire Rescue said.

The fire department said

the Brunswick County Sheriff's Office requested its help. But firefighters found that even they were no match, until they tried a different approach.

The department posted photos of firefighters dousing the gator with a firehose.

"With a gentle shower deployed to encourage a retreat, the gator finally decided he was done with civilization for the time being and finally moved on back into his more natural habitat," the department said.

Fox News



CHEESE! The 12-foot alligator flashes his pearly whites for firefighters, who used a firehose to "encourage a retreat" from a North Carolina highway.

Boiling Spring Lakes Fire Rescuer/Facebook

Bravest hurt in sign fall

Three FDNY firefighters were hospitalized over the weekend after a pair of large shop awning signs collapsed on them while they battled a Manhattan blaze.

Harrowing incident video shows the firefighters standing by a burned-out storefront along St. Nicholas Avenue in Washington Heights on Saturday afternoon as the metal awnings hanging above them come loose.

The burnt signs for Tumblr Snack Shop and Rosie's Beauty Salon then come crashing down on at least five firefighters, pinning several of them to the ground as the signs break into pieces.

A wave of firefighters immediately rushes over to the wreckage, with the first responders working together to try to quickly free the trapped individuals, the footage shows.

One of the firefighters underneath the snack shop sign is freed within seconds, but it takes a group of at least a dozen of New York's Bravest working together to lift the beauty salon sign off their colleagues.

Three firefighters were rushed to a hospital as a result of the collapse, and they were treated for minor injuries, FDNY officials said.

Ronny Reyes

Tragic Qns. beach finds

The bodies of two teenagers swept into the ocean at a Queens beach have been recovered, grieving family confirmed to The Post Sunday.

"I called the precinct this morning and I went down there and they showed me pictures. I know for sure it's him," said Ushell Chandler, whose son Elyjha Chandler, 16, was swept away at Jacob Riis Park in the Rockaways on June 21.

Elyjha's body was recovered around 9 p.m. Saturday near Beach 114th Street, just up the beach from where he disappeared. The body of lifelong friend Christian Perkins, 17, was found the next morning.

Georgett Roberts



Right wing up big in first vote

By STEVE JANOSKI

A right-wing party could seize power in France for the first time since the Nazis occupied the country in World War II — with Marine Le Pen's National Rally making huge gains in the first round of a high-stakes snap election Sunday.

The two-round ballot — which wraps up July 7 — could have a seismic impact on the European political landscape and alter the continent's financial markets, its support for Ukraine and how France manages its military and nuclear capabilities.

In Sunday's first round of voting, Le Pen's anti-immigration party National Rally outpaced President Emmanuel Macron's centrist alliance, gathering 34% of the vote while Macron's backers

won just 20%, according to Politico.

"The French people have shown that they want to draw a line under seven years of [Macron's] disdainful rule," Le Pen said in the town of Hénin-Beaumont, adding, "We haven't won yet, the second round will be crucial."

The New Popular Front, a left-wing coalition, had a stronger showing than Macron's group, earning about 28% of the vote.

But National Rally's victory could hand the party between 230 and 280 seats in France's 577-seat assembly, Politico said.

The left-wingers could get between 125 and 165 seats, while Macron's people would only take between 70 and 100.

LE PEN IS MIGHTIER IN FRANCE



THEN AND NOW: Marine Le Pen's (left) anti-immigration National Rally had supporters ecstatic Sunday as it took 34% of the first vote in France's two-round ballot. A right-wing party hasn't ruled France since the Nazis.

Macron, whose leadership has been criticized as out-of-touch, will retain power until the end of 2027 regardless.

"People don't like what has been happening," said Cynthia Justine, 44. "People feel they've lost a lot in recent years. People are angry. I am angry."

Should Le Pen's party win a parliamentary majority, Macron would likely have to name as prime minister Jordan Bardella, National Rally's 28-year-old president, in an awkward pow-

er-sharing system that might derail Macron-backed initiatives.

Bardella has already said he'd stop France from supplying long-range weapons to Ukraine. His party has also questioned birthright citizenship.

Macron called for the early elections after conservatives won in the European Parliament election earlier this month, in hopes that voters would be jerked out of complacency and choose a more moderate party. His gamble appears to have failed.

Wires

Terror high alert at US Euro bases

Several US military bases in Europe were put on high alert this past weekend over a possible terror attack in the region that could target American personnel, according to multiple reports.

The alert is the second-highest state of alarm issued by the US Army.

The US Army garrison in Stuttgart, Germany, where

the US European Command has its headquarters, was one of many bases that raised its status to the alert level Force Protection Condition "Charlie," on Sunday, officials told CNN.

Charlie "applies when an incident occurs or intelligence is received indicating some form of terrorist action or targeting against person-

nel or facilities is likely," according to the Army's policy.

Officials at EUCOM declined to elaborate, but the office said in a statement that it's "constantly assessing a variety of factors" in terms of security and safety.

"For operational security reasons, we will not get into specific measures, but we remain vigilant," EUCOM said.

One US official stationed at a base in Europe told CNN they have not seen the alert level raised to Charlie "in at least 10 years," claiming such a move likely means the military has received an "active-reliable threat."

Along with several facilities in Germany, US Army bases in Italy, Romania and Bulgaria have also received

the alert, according to Stars and Stripes, an independent military publication.

European authorities have been vigilant over potential terror threats on the continent during the ongoing European soccer championship in Germany, with Berlin deploying 580 international police officers to assist with security.

Ronny Reyes

ISRAEL UNDER ATTACK

Hamas hostage's selfless concern



By NICHOLAS McENTYRE

Rescued Israeli hostage Noa Argamani revealed her “biggest worry” during her eight months in captivity was for her parents as she spoke publicly for the first time about the horrifying ordeal on Saturday.

Argamani, a 26-year-old China-born Israeli citizen, was abducted by Hamas terrorists at the Supernova music festival on Oct. 7 and held captive in the Gaza Strip for 246 days before she was rescued.

“As an only child to my parents, and a child to a mother with a terminal illness, my biggest worry in captivity was for my parents,” Argamani said in a video released by the Hostages and Missing Families Forum.

“It is a great privilege to be here after 246 days in Hamas Captivity. It is great privilege to be by my mother’s side after eight months of uncertainty,” she said.

The two-minute video was played at a protest in Tel Aviv on Saturday calling for the return of the remaining hostages.

Argamani’s mother, Liora, is fighting an advanced form of brain cancer and was worried she wouldn’t see her daughter again before losing her battle.

In December, she pleaded for President Biden and the US to help rescue her daughter.

“I am terminally ill with stage 4 brain cancer,” Liora wrote in a letter to Biden. “All that’s running through my mind before I part ways with my family forever is the chance to hug my daughter, my only child, one last time.”

In the video message, Arga-

‘Worried’ for

mom

and

dad

REUNITED: Noa Argamani (right), whose mom is battling cancer, gets a hug from dad after being rescued.

mani said that her partner, Avinatan Or, remained captive in Gaza.

“I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone that there are 120 more hostages in Hamas captivity, and among them is Avinatan Or, my partner from whom I was separated at the moment of the abduction.”

Or was seen being manhandled by Hamas terrorists in a video during the attack at the music festival, where Hamas slaughtered 364 civilians, as his girl-

friend was rushed away on the back of a gunman’s motorcycle.

Argamani feared that she was going to be killed when the terrorists stormed the music festival.

“Don’t kill me! No, no, no!” Argamani can be heard screaming in the video, which has become the symbol of the terrorist attack on the Jewish state.

Operation Arnon, the name given to the mission that brought Argamani back to Israel, also rescued Almog Meir Jan, Andrey

Kozlov and Shlomi Ziv.

Argamani thanked the Israeli security forces and army who were a part of the daring operation that rescued her from the apartment of a well-off family in central Gaza’s Nuseirat refugee camp.

“A huge thank you to my family and friends, and everyone who voiced out when we couldn’t speak. I’m grateful to all the wonderful people who supported my family during the difficult times.”



HILLEL FULD
“Read the writing on wall.”

Ex-NYer tells Jews ‘get out’ of the US

A former New Yorker whose brother was stabbed to death by a Palestinian in the West Bank is begging his Jewish brethren to “wake up” and ditch the land of bagels and lox in favor of the land of milk and honey.

Queens native Hillel Fuld, who moved to Israel at 15, believes Israel is the safest place for Jews as antisemitic crimes soar in the US.

“Jews, get out now. Get the hell out while you still can,” Fuld warned in an interview with The Post.

The 45-year-old married father of five who lives between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem called the recent spate of violent attacks in his native New York and around the US “heartbreaking” — and labeled last week’s Los Angeles attack at an anti-Israel rally a “legitimate modern-day pogrom.”

“Read the writing on the wall,” pleaded Fuld, whose older brother, Ari, 45, was stabbed to death near his home in Efrat by a 17-year-old Palestinian. “Nobody has to lecture me on terrorism — I know.

“You are no longer safe on the streets of New York or Los Angeles.”

The latest statistics are grim as antisemitic hate crimes are up 45% in 2024, per NYPD data obtained by The Post in April — and the emboldened nature of recent attacks, many captured on shocking video, raise more alarm. *Lia Eustachewich and Doree Lewak*

Turkish turbulence over Israeli flight

Turkish officials allegedly refused to let an Israeli flight evacuate or refuel after it made an emergency landing in Antalya because of a medical crisis onboard, Israeli

media reported.

El Al Flt. LY5102 was flying directly from Warsaw, Poland, to Tel Aviv, Israel in the morning when the airline said the plane had to land at Turkey’s An-

talya International airport after a passenger fell ill, the Jerusalem Post said.

“After consulting with the doctor who treated the passenger on the plane, it was decided that it should

land urgently in order to evacuate the passenger to the hospital as soon as possible,” El Al said in a statement.

Although the flight crew initially received permis-

sion to de-board and refuel, Turkish officials then delayed the decision, claiming permits were required to fuel the plane, Israeli broadcaster KAN reported. *Ronny Reyes*

RIOT SQUAD LET IN

By JENNIE TAER

They took part in a riot at the border — and then were welcomed into the US.

Dozens of migrants who were accused of violently storming the border at El Paso, Texas, on March 21 have been released into the country, an Immigration and Customs Enforcement spokesperson confirmed to The Post.

It's the latest shocking gut punch to accountability after The Post caught 211 migrants on video rushing toward the US border and attacking Texas National Guardsmen who tried to turn them back to Mexico.

At least one migrant was seen stomping on a service member's knee during the melee.

In May, an El Paso judge dismissed the criminal charges against all of the border-crossers on a technicality.

The migrants accused of taking part in the riot were then released from state custody and handed over to ICE, which set 43 of them free, a spokesperson said.

'Case by case'

ICE determines who to release on a "case-by-case basis," the spokesperson said.

"ERO [Enforcement and Removal Operations] officers make decisions on associated enforcement actions and apply prosecutorial discretion, where applicable, in a responsible manner, informed by their experience as law enforcement professionals and in a way that best protects the communities we serve."

However, a Homeland Security source said the reality is much more arbitrary. ICE releases migrants into the US because it can't deport them fast enough and because authorities need to



FENCE OFFENSIVE: More than 200 migrants rushed the US border with Mexico on March 21 and battled with Texas National Guardsmen. Many rioters were later released into the US.

James Breeden for the NY Post

Border attackers gain entry

make room at detention centers for the worst of the worst, according to the source.

"Sometimes we arrest a child molester and he gets released because of housing space. Or the charge is not egregious enough to keep him or her in custody," the source said.

While ICE has released dozens of migrants who allegedly took part in the riot, the agency has kept 32 others in custody pending

court hearings and 105 in detention pending removal from the US.

Another 43 alleged rioters have been deported, the spokesperson said.

9 'ringleaders'

Texas authorities labeled nine migrants as ringleaders of the riot and intended to file felony rioting charges. But two were re-

leased by Border Patrol.

Authorities were able to nab one of them, but the other, Venezuelan national Gabriel Enrique Angarita Carrasquero, 22, who allegedly used a "rope to pull the gate down which subsequently led to the migrant rush" remains at large.

In an effort to prevent future violence at the border, Texas has armed its soldiers and state troopers with nonlethal pepper-

ball guns.

Soldiers now have "thousands" of pepperballs and have been told not to hold back when trying to stop illegal incursions, a National Guard source previously told The Post.

The source said the new tool "has made a massive difference out here on the border," adding that "soldiers are so much safer now."

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Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities

ANCIENT BURIAL GROUND: It is believed that 30-40% of the remains belonged to infants and adolescents.

'City of the Dead' discovery

An ancient cemetery with more than 300 tombs of mummies was unearthed in Egypt in a discovery that scientists have since dubbed the "City of the Dead."

Archaeologists have spent five years digging at a site once located on the hill near the modern Mausoleum of Aga Khan III. The burial

grounds reportedly span 270,000 feet and with tombs ascending up to 10 terraces.

More recently, a team of international researchers — led by University of Milan archaeologist Patrizia Piacentini — uncovered 36 new tombs at the site which they estimated had been in use for some 900 years, be-

tween the 6th century BC and 9th century AD, with each tomb containing the remains of 30 to 40 people.

According to Ayman Ashmawy, who heads the Supreme Council of Antiquities' Egyptian Antiquities Division, 30-40% of the remains belonged to infants and adolescents, many of

whom died of infectious diseases and other life-threatening disorders.

"This was a really spectacular find, very unique in Egypt," Piacentini told the Daily Mail. "[The people of Aswan] covered the hill with tombs. It is kind of a City of the Dead."

Hannah Sparks

WELL, HELL'S BELLS!



Stefano Giovannini

What's ringing, MTA?

By VALENTINA JARAMILLO
and ALEX OLIVEIRA

They're on a Stairway to Bell.

A noisy bell has been relentlessly ringing at a Manhattan subway stop for nearly two weeks straight, leaving business owners baffled — and reaching for earplugs.

The shrill ringing — which resembles a classic school bell — has consumed the stairway to the downtown 1 train platform at the 50th Street subway station (above), though it's not clear where exactly the noise is coming from.

No tolling bell is visible anywhere in the immediate area, and its volume seems to ebb and wane without obvious sense throughout the tunnel.

"You hear it strongly only right here," said Adrien Gallo, who owns three storefronts in the subway tunnel and has to endure the noise all day at work. "And then once you go there, it's super faint."

Gallo descended some steps to show how the bell becomes suddenly indistinct in those few feet. Back up the stairs, the bell grows louder, and then after a couple more, it's suddenly ringing from behind.

"To be completely honest, it's really odd," Gallo said, noting that the bell can't be heard at all around the corner from the stairs.

It's unclear exactly when the ringing at the Broadway and Eighth Avenue station started. Some sharp listeners said they first noticed it on June 23, but others estimated they'd been hearing it for at least a week before.

Employees at Gallo's shop, See No Evil Pizza, now keep their door closed to block out the racket.

"It's a nuisance, but we keep the door closed so you can't hear it," one employee said.

"I called my landlord and talked to the old tenant Duane Reade, and they can't figure it out," they added, referring to storefronts on the street level next door.

The MTA did not know about the bell when contacted by The Post on Thursday, and did not respond to follow-up questions when the bell was still ringing Sunday.

At Tiny Dancer, a coffee shop across from See No Evil Pizza, the bell is less audible.

"It doesn't really bother me that much," said barista Katie King, who started a week ago.

Regular commuters passing through the station have noticed the bell, but most have written it out as part of the city scenery.

"I didn't think anything of the ringing. That's just the ambiance of New York. You tune these things out," one said.

Megan Thee stylish in LA

Megan Thee Stallion / Instagram



"Barely got any pics last night," Megan Thee Stallion laments on Instagram, but thankfully other photographers had the 29-year-old hip-hop vixen well covered as she arrived draped like a green goddess to the launch party for her third album, "Megan," in Downtown LA over the weekend.

The old man & the punk

A "Mr. Tough Guy" Florida thief got "his butt whipped" by the 66-year-old man whose truck he was robbing, authorities said.

The unidentified truck owner called 911 early Thursday morning after he heard 29-year-old Blake Robinson attempting to break into his truck outside his Brevard County home, authorities alleged.

The older man went outside to confront Robinson, who punched him in the head before throwing him to the ground and kicking him in the head, the Brevard County Sheriff's Office said on social media.

But the truck owner quickly sprang into action, hitting Robinson and forcing him to the ground — where cops ultimately found him.

Robinson was taken to the hospital for treatment before being released to the police. The victim only required brief medical treatment and was not seriously injured. *Isabel Keane*



Miranda Devine

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In the aftermath of Joe Biden's debate debacle, there is one constant: Dr. Jill's delusional self-belief that she can save the day.

Under the thrall of her Rasputin-like adviser Anthony Bernal, the first lady is acting as if she is the candidate — at the expense of her husband and the country.

She is the keeper of Biden delusions.

"Joe, you did such a great job," she shrieked after commandeering the microphone at the debate after-party in Atlanta, as her downcast husband stood on stage gaping at her uncomprehendingly.

"You answered every question!" she gushed in a gratingly patronizing tone, like a nursery school teacher who hates kids.

The whole world knew he did a terrible job. Even Joe knew.

But that's the problem with habitual lying. It swallows you in delusion eventually.

You could see the emergence of Jill's rival court in recent months as Joe faded and she embarked on a frenetic round of solo campaigning, always with Bernal, whom she calls her "work husband."

Bernal was by her side when she swanned into Hunter's gun trial in Wilmington in her finest designer threads last month to project presidential power on the yokels in the jury.

You can see how she depends on Bernal by the knowing glances they exchange when Joe is going off the rails, as he did at Waffle House where they dragged him after the debate when he should have been in bed.

As Joe babbled to random customers, Bernal turned to look at Jill and raised both eyebrows in an expression of alarm.

Iron control

These days Joe always plays second fiddle to his wife.

Jill makes it clear she has more important things to do than play exasperated nursemaid to her doddering husband.

You could see it in France when she left a disoriented Joe to the mercies of a reluctant Brigitte Macron while she strode ahead with French President Emmanuel Macron. You saw it over the weekend when she was having the time of her life hobnobbing with the rich and famous in East Hampton while Joe's face seemed locked in a rictus grimace.

Naturally, she spoke first at the fundraiser at the \$147 million mansion of a hedge-fund billionaire, where reporters were instructed to wear shoe covers.

The problem is that the reality

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No debate: First lady is in charge

of Dr. Jill doesn't measure up to her delusions of grandeur.

She will never be the candidate, no matter how many upbeat polls Bernal shows her about her popularity with suburban women. She's not helping her husband or the country. She increasingly is being blamed for Joe's decision to run for re-election and refusal to step aside, as stories start filtering out about the iron control she and Bernal keep over Joe, not even allowing White House residence staff near him.

They were so delusional they thought they could keep his cognitive decline a secret.

But you have to ask why Jill and the rest of the insular group of family and aides who know Joe best chose a 9 p.m. debate time and

left him on stage without notes. They knew he couldn't sustain 90 minutes on what's left of his wits.

Minutes into the debate his campaign issued the excuse that he was suffering from a cold. When that excuse fell flat, the new talking point was that Joe is able to do the job of president between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. each day. But "outside that time range or while traveling abroad, Biden is more likely to have verbal mis-cues and become fatigued," aides told Axios.

Now they tell us?

The same people who have lied to us for four years that Joe is sharp and on his game 24/7, and in fact is a "super-ager," as University of Illinois longevity researcher S. Jay Olshansky

claimed, now admit he exhibits signs of sundowning, a common symptom of dementia.

Two weeks ago they dismissed as "cheap fakes" videos showing Joe acting disoriented and lost at the G-7 in Italy and having to be led off stage by Barack Obama in LA.

But instead of being chagrined when their lie was exposed to the world Thursday night, they are busy weaving new lies.

Now they claim Joe crashed and burned in the debate because Donald Trump is a liar and Biden is too honest. They're trying to portray Joe, a pathological liar, as a truth-teller.

Sure, Trump exaggerates — his crowds are the biggest, his economy was the best, the typical braggadocio of a Queens property

developer.

But as Scott Adams, the author and cartoonist, says on X, "Trump's hyperbole is directionally accurate and benign. Biden's lies (Fine People Hoax, J6 insurrection Hoax, stealing your democracy, dictator for a day) are dangerous."

Joe and his boosters pretend that he is "decent" while Trump is morally deranged. Yet Trump has five well-adjusted adult children who adore him, while Biden's two adult children are drug addicts, and Hunter got his widowed sister-in-law hooked on crack when he had an affair with her.

No happy family has to stage constant public displays of affection.

No "honest Joe" is involved in habitual lies, plagiarism and corruption.

No "modest Joe," the "poorest man in Congress," lives in a Dupont mansion with a ballroom or a custom-built mansion on a lake in Chateau country in Greenville, Del., or pays cash for a beach house in Rehoboth.

Everything Joe has ever told you about himself for 50 years is a lie.

Joe has lied for so long that he has come to believe his own lies — his uncle was eaten by cannibals, he was top of his class, he grew up in the black church, his father was a coal miner.

'Lies' in wait

The problem is that lies are contagious. Clearly the Biden family is afflicted, as we saw when his son Hunter and brother Joe allegedly lied under oath to Congress. Jill lies about Joe when she goes on "The View" and declares he has "integrity, he's strong . . . smart . . . energetic." Yet she knows the truth as well as anyone.

Worse still, there is contagion for all of us when we have a commander in chief who is a habitual liar. It sickens a nation and turns it towards totalitarianism.

Ultimately lies become self-delusion and the habitual liar loses the ability to discern fact from fiction. It gets worse as the brain ages. Lies eventually impair the memory because it is too hard to keep track.

A lifetime of lies came crashing down on Biden Thursday night in a display that can never be unseen. Lies have consequences.

FLOWERS & TEARS



By KEVIN SHEEHAN, LARRY CELONA and JORGE FITZ-GIBBON

New Yorkers have turned a Long Island nail salon where a newlywed NYPD cop and three others were mowed down Friday into a community memorial — as new details emerge about the accused drunken driver charged with their senseless deaths.

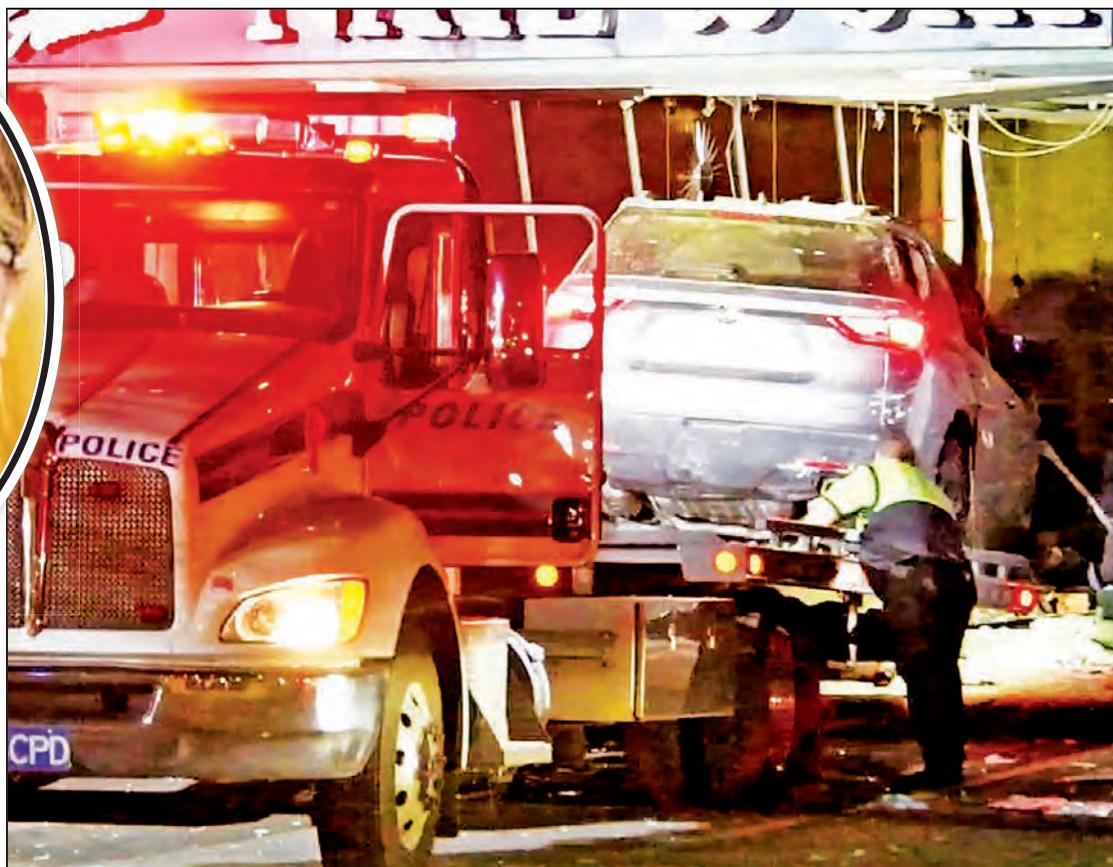
Steven Schwally, 74, already had at least one drunken driving conviction on his record following an arrest on March 25, 2013 — but pleaded guilty and got a slap-on-the-wrist three-year probation.

He also had an arrest in 2001 but details of that case were not immediately available.

Neighbors and strangers alike flocked to Hawaii Nail & Spa in Deer Park, where Schwally is accused of plowing into the building and leaving a trail of death.

On Sunday, rows of flowers and candles piled up outside the boarded-up storefront in memory of off-duty NYPD Police Officer Emilia Rennhack and three others who were killed in the tragic afternoon crash — Jiancai Chen, 37; Yan Xu, 41; and Meizi Zhang, 50.

Nine others were injured, includ-



TRAGIC: LI workers tow away the car in Friday's salon crash that killed cop Emilia Rennhack (oval) & three others.

Mourning after deadly LI 'DWI'

ing a 12-year-old girl, when cops said Schwally plowed his SUV into the small shop. He has been charged with drunken driving and is expected to face other charges.

'Hearts are heavy'

Rennhack, 30, who married fellow NYPD cop Carl Rennhack in September, was having her nails done in anticipation of a friend's wedding that night, according to sources.

"Emilia was a great cop and an even better person," one cop told The Post. "She always went the extra mile to help cops and everyday people that she came across.

"No" wasn't in her vocabulary," the officer said.

She joined New York's Finest in 2018 and was most recently assigned to the 102nd Precinct in Queens.

On Friday, Rennhack was at the nail salon on Grand Boulevard around 4:30 p.m. when the SUV plowed into the shop, killing or critically injuring more than a dozen customers and employees.

Sources said Schwally was driving aggressively and yelling from behind the wheel before the crash.

"Our hearts are heavy as we mourn the loss of Police Officer Rennhack, whose life was taken too soon," NYPD Commissioner Edward Caban said on X.

"We offer our support to Emilia's family, friends and co-workers during this incredibly difficult time," Caban wrote. "Please keep our officers and her loved ones in your thoughts and prayers."

In another post, Mayor Adams, a former NYPD captain, also offered his condolences.

"It is never easy to get word that we have lost one of our own dedicated public servants — no matter the circumstances," he wrote. "Rest in peace, Officer Rennhack."

A wake will be held for her on Friday at the New Hyde Park Funeral Home on Lakeville Road, followed by a funeral service at noon on Saturday.

Violent protest vs. Israel draft rule

Thousands of Jewish ultra-Orthodox men clashed with Israeli police in central Jerusalem on Sunday during a protest against a Supreme Court order for them to begin enlisting for military service.

The landmark decision last week ordering the government to begin drafting ultra-Orthodox men could lead to the collapse of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's governing coalition as Israel wages war in Gaza.

Tens of thousands of men rallied in an ultra-Orthodox neighborhood to protest the order. But after nightfall, the crowd made its way toward central Jerusalem and turned violent.

Israeli police said protesters threw rocks and attacked the car of an ultra-Orthodox Cabinet minister, pelting it with stones.

Water cannons filled with skunk-scented water and police mounted on horses were used to disperse the crowd.

But the demonstration was still not under control as of late Sunday.

Military service is compulsory for most Jewish men and women in Israel.

But politically powerful ultra-Orthodox parties have won exemptions for their followers to skip military service and instead study in religious seminaries.

The long-standing arrangement has bred resentment among the broader public, a sentiment that has grown stronger during the eight-month war against Hamas.

Ultra-Orthodox parties and their followers say forcing their men to serve in the army will destroy their generations-old way of life.

Earlier Sunday, thousands of men crowded a square and joined in mass prayers.

Many held signs criticizing the government, with one saying "not even one male" should be drafted.

The ultra-Orthodox parties are key members of Netanyahu's governing coalition and could potentially force new elections if they decide to leave the government in protest.

Wayne Carrington

Caught in NYC after 13 years on lam

He had a good run.

A California inmate who escaped a prison camp almost 13 years ago was finally recaptured in the Big Apple last month, officials recently revealed.

Eduardo Hernandez, 42, was in the middle of his prison term for an armed

carjacking when he broke out of the Delta Conservation Camp before dawn on Nov. 15, 2011, according to the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

Hernandez was taken into custody after more than a decade without incident in New York City on May 20,

and is expected to be hauled back to California where he will again land in prison, corrections officials said.

More details about his arrest were not provided.

Hernandez's case will be turned over to the Solano County District Attorney's Office for possible escape

charges, authorities said.

The fugitive started a 13-year prison rap on Aug. 4, 2005, and served six years before his escape.

He and another inmate were last seen at around 4:30 a.m. on Nov. 15, 2011, at the minimum security Delta Conservation Camp in Su-

isun City wearing orange-colored jeans and shirts with "CDCR prisoner" across the back, CBS News Sacramento reported at the time.

The inmate who escaped with him, Jose Padilla, is still on the lam, the Los Angeles Times reported.

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Pride parade 'block'-heads

Anti-Israel demonstrators busted through barricades at the NYC Pride parade Sunday, threw fake blood at a Human Rights Campaign float and temporarily blocked the march.

The disrupters, including some in masks, included about a dozen people who ended up cuffed by cops.

Red paint could be seen splattered all over Christopher Street in Greenwich Village as the group sat cross-legged, blocking the roadway at the intersection with Waverly Place.

Some of the protesters also wore keffiyehs and carried a large banner reading, "No queer liberation without Palestinian liberation" and displayed a large Palestinian flag (near right).

The demonstration unfolded not far from the historic Stonewall Inn, considered the birthplace of the modern gay rights movement.

After several minutes, about 20 cops and NYPD Special Operations officers placed the protesters in zip-ties (far right). Some people in the crowd shouted, "Shame!" and hurled epithets at the police.

Before the disruption, tens of thousands braved sweltering humidity and gloomy skies along the parade route.

Big smiles were plastered across the faces of marchers and attendees of the annual event, at which rainbow banners and flags were displayed as far as the eye could see as participants danced in the streets, with bubbles and confetti floating up from the crowd.

The parade, now in its 54th year, kicked off at noon at 25th Street and

Fifth Avenue near Madison Square Park in Manhattan, led by a LGBTQ motor club and followed close behind by a lively marching band and color guard.

The theme for this year's parade, "Reflect. Empower. Unite," was selected by organizer NYC Pride to encourage advocates and their allies to reflect on challenges the community has faced in

the past while empowering them to shape their future.

A few hundred marchers showed their support for Israel, waving flags that combined the Star of David and the Pride rainbow. A flatbed truck bearing large "FREE PALESTINE" banners on either side also carried a group of about a dozen anti-Israel marchers.

Valentina Jaramillo and Chris Nesi



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Reheating NY cold case

Podcast revives mystery of '77 missing teen

By MATT CAPUTO

Nearly 50 years since a 19-year-old Queens woman disappeared with a killer once eyed in the "Son of Sam" murders, the cold case may be heating up, thanks to a popular crime podcast.

The mysterious case of Judith Brown (inset) was recently resurrected by "The Vanished Podcast," drawing new attention to the story of the city teen who, while battling mental health issues, disappeared in 1977 with her murderous fiancé, Richard Riesenber.

"It's a strange set of circumstances when somebody disappears with a guy who was in Creedmoor [Psychiatric Center in Queens Village]," said host Marissa Jones, who has featured Brown's case twice on her show. "It appears that Judith and Richard probably intentionally disappeared together, but

perhaps at some point, Judith's disappearance was no longer intentional."

In the past 47 years, Brown's family has struggled to find clues, claiming they have received little help from the NYPD or the media, until Jones stepped in.

"The support from the podcasters has been invaluable," Brown's cousin Julian Quiterio told The Post. "No one else has tried to help us."

A Bronx native and one of eight children, Brown graduated from Evander Childs HS in 1975. That summer, she moved in with extended family in Kew Gardens, Queens, after choosing to stay when her parents and five younger siblings moved

to an inherited farm in Kansas. But the bookish teen's behavior raised alarm bells among her relatives.

In August 1976, Brown was a student at LaGuardia Community College in Long Island City. She wrote to her family in Kansas that she was taking classes that might help her better understand her mental health issues.

One day, a faculty member contacted Another cousin, Maureen Drew, informing her that Judith was hiding under a desk and refused to come out.

Drew and Brown drove with the unidentified staff member to Elmhurst Hospital. But staff there said Brown could not be admitted due to a doctor's strike.

The next option was Creed-

moor, where Brown had herself admitted, although she was advised not to by Drew, who worked there as a student nurse and witnessed older patients who she says were abandoned for decades.

That's where Brown is believed to have met Riesenber, a notorious Creedmoor patient 11 years her senior who was given free roam there despite killing his wife and son, during an approximately two-night stay.

"I went home and told my parents that she didn't belong there," Drew said. "My parents went and got her out of there as soon as they could."

But Brown and Riesenber carried on a relationship while he was institutionalized, even visiting Brown's aunt's house in Flushing on at least one occasion.

Riesenber also spent a lot of time with Allan Lahoff of Provi-

dence, NY, a former attendant at Creedmoor. Lahoff, now 75 and a retired judge upstate, said that the NYPD once considered Riesenber a suspect in the "Son of Sam" murders, but the notion was ultimately dismissed.

However, in early 1977, Riesenber fled when authorities recommended he be transferred to a more secure facility.

Brown announced her intentions to marry Riesenber in a letter addressed to her "Mom, Dad and The Family" in January 1977, and was never seen again.

New information uncovered by The Post has found that Riesenber was living in Colorado in the mid-'90s.

The Post has learned that Riesenber was believed to have been alive around 2000.

If alive, he will turn 78 on July 9, and Brown would be 66.



Cannabis b4 sex? It's her pleasure

Wanna light her fire? Try sparking up.

A new study published this week in the journal *Sexual Medicine* suggests that the psychoactive plant and other tetrahydrocannabinol (THC)-based derivatives can help women with sexual dysfunction achieve orgasm. Female participants who consumed cannabis before sexual activity with a partner were able to reach climax more frequently and with greater ease, and felt overall more satisfied with their orgasms, researchers found.

This research was personal for author Suzanne Mulvehill, executive director of the Female Orgasm Research Institute and founder of the Women's Cannabis Project.

"I was interested in this topic because it was cannabis that helped me overcome my own orgasm difficulty, something I tried to overcome for more than 30 years, seeing four sex therapists in this time frame and trying other treatment modalities," Mulevehill said in a recent statement.

"I wanted to research if other women who had orgasm difficulty were also benefiting from cannabis."

Researchers analyzed questionnaire responses, submitted anonymously online, from more than 1,000 women who had engaged in partnered sex within the past month. After weeding out ineligible participants — those who were pregnant or breastfeeding, under the age of 18 or had used other intoxicants alongside cannabis before sex — Mulvehill's team was left with 387 individual surveys on which to draw their conclusions.

According to the data, women who previously struggled to orgasm benefited from a nearly 40% increase in climax frequency overall thanks to cannabis, and 88.8% of participants said they reached orgasm more frequently with cannabis, compared to 63.3% without it. The number of women who said they seldom or never climax decreased from 36.6% to just 11.4% with cannabis use. *Hannah Sparks*



TRIUMPHANT: Michael J. Fox (with Chris Martin and Coldplay) made a surprise return to the stage Saturday night at the UK's Glastonbury Festival, sitting in with the band for two encore songs for the first time since his July 2016 appearance with the band at MetLife Stadium, where he played "Johnny B. Goode" in its entirety.

JOHNNY (& MIKEY) B. GOODE

Coldplay rocks with 'hero' Fox at fest

By NICHOLAS MCENTYRE

Michael J. Fox returned to the stage Saturday night for a surprise performance with Coldplay in front of an estimated 100,000 fans at the Glastonbury music festival in England.

The "Back to the Future" star joined the band for two of their songs during the encore section, when frontman Chris Martin launched into a free-style riff in the middle of their 2021 hit "Humankind."

"Here is another legendary Michael," Martin said about Fox after also introducing festival founder Sir Michael Eavis. "One who just totally rocks. With his Chuck Berry riff and the way he punched Biff, ladies

and gentlemen, please welcome Michael J. Fox."

Fox, 63, who has been battling Parkinson's disease since 1991, was in a wheelchair as he held a guitar in his lap during the band's headlining set.

'Go, go, go!'

While leading the large crowd in singing the 2005 smash hit "Fix You," Martin knelt next to Fox, who was strumming away.

During the song's interlude, Martin sang "Go, Johnny, go, go, go," a callback to "Back to the Future," where Fox's character Marty McFly performed Chuck Berry's "Johnny B. Goode" at his parents' high

school dance.

As Fox left the stage, Martin revealed the actor was the reason the seven-time Grammy-winning band formed in the first place.

"Especially thank you to the main reason why we're in a band is because of watching 'Back to the Future,'" he said.

"So thank you to our hero forever, and one of the most amazing people on Earth, Mr. Michael J. Fox," Martin added. "Thank you so much, our hero."

Fox also performed with Coldplay in July 2016 at MetLife Stadium, where they performed "Johnny B. Goode" in its entirety.

The band first performed in 1999 before making its headlin-

ing debut in 2002, as a last-minute replacement for The Strokes, according to *Variety*.

They returned to the farm in Pilton, Somerset, in 2005, 2011, 2016 and 2024.

Might act again

Fox retired from acting in 2020 but revealed in April that he is open to returning if he were offered.

"If someone offers me a part and I do it and I have a good time, great. I mean, the documentary was a big thrill," Fox told "Entertainment Tonight" at the Michael J. Fox Foundation's "A Country Thing Happened on the Way to Cure Parkinson's" event.

Mom arrested after girl, 8, dies in hot car

A North Carolina mom is facing manslaughter charges after police said she left her 8-year-old daughter locked inside her car during last week's heat wave, killing the youngster.

Ashlee Stallings, 36, was being held at the Mecklenburg Detention Facility on a

\$250,000 bond on involuntary manslaughter and child neglect charges for leaving the girl locked inside in blistering heat while she was at work Wednesday, police said.

According to police records reviewed by WCNC-TV News, Stallings admitted to cops that she

left her daughter inside the car while the outside temperature was 94 degrees so she could go to work.

She allegedly told police she left the car running outside the Amazon Fulfillment center where she works with the air on but said her daughter may have

shut it off because she was cold, the outlet reported.

Stallings returned to the car about 90 minutes after last getting a text from the girl and saw her lying motionless on the floor of the car — and smashed the window with a hammer to reach her.

The girl, whose name was

not released, was taking shallow breaths and was foaming at the mouth.

Cops said they were called to the scene shortly before 6:30 p.m. and found the girl unresponsive. She was rushed to a local hospital, where she was pronounced dead. *Jorge Fitz-Gibbon*

Kelce & H'wood's bad boys

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JT's laugh track

WELL, he ain't cryin' any rivers after his DWI arrest. **Justin Timberlake** appeared to mock his recent legal troubles behind the wheel during his concert in Boston Saturday, according to a fan video that hit X. Timberlake, 43, was talking to the crowd inside the TD Garden during the latest stop on his — oddly appropriately titled — Forget Tomorrow world tour when he alluded to his June 18 arrest in the Hamptons with a quip. While onstage, he mused, “So, uh, is there anyone here tonight that is driving and . . . no I'm just kidding.” When the crowd erupted in laughter, the singer said in more stereotypical stage banter: “On a serious note . . . I hope that you feel the fellowship and the love” at the gig.



Eyes on a 'Hawk'

COUNTRY star **Zach Bryan** brought out the viral “Hawk Tuah” girl, **Hailey Welch**, onstage to perform at his latest tour stop in Nashville, Tenn. Welch (above) is the TikTok phlegm fatale who got her onomatopoeic nickname because of her slippery suggestions to followers on how to perform oral pleasure. On Saturday, the 23-year-old made a surprise appearance at the crooner's show where they sang Bryan's tune “Revival” per a video posted to X. The crowd went wild for the unlikely pair, as Welch even gave a loud “Hawk Tuah” to the crowd.

NFL star **Travis Kelce** — better known as **Taylor Swift's** boyfriend — had a boys' night out in Hollywood with LA party dudes **Tristan Thompson** and **Leo DiCaprio**, while his girlfriend was on tour in Ireland.

The unlikely (or is it?) trio hit up celebrity hot spot the Bird Streets Club in West Hollywood, Calif., Friday.

Sources initially blabbed to gossip blog Deuxmoi that the group chatted inside the club before slowly trickling out of the spot around 1:30 a.m.

Thompson, 33, was the first to leave the club as he flashed a smile for paps outside. He wore a white crew neck sweater and black pants for

the outing.

Kelce, 34, and his friend **Joe Oravec** left a few minutes later. The Super Bowl champ attempted to lay low as a photo captured the big lug ducking down in the back seat of an SUV while his security drove him off.

He appeared to be wearing a matching shirt and pants set — though not much of the tight end was seen, due to the ducking an' all.

As for DiCaprio, 49, he departed shortly after with two women, but it turns out he was hanging with family. Sources exclusively told Page Six that DiCaprio left with his stepsister and a pal of hers.

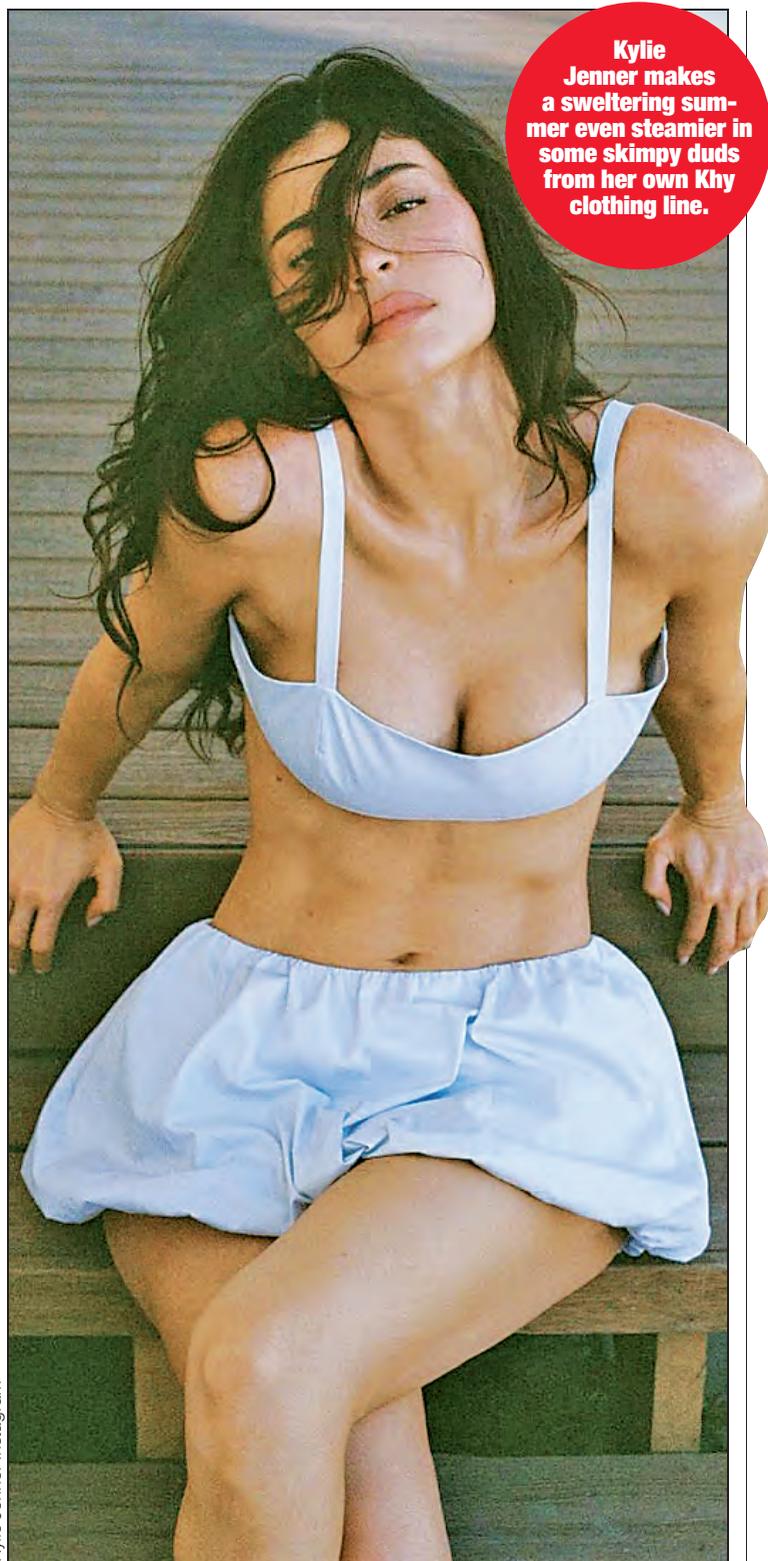
The “Wolf of Wall Street” star has been a

regular at the LA club.

We previously reported that he and **Timothée Chalamet** had dinner together there in 2022 and were seen leaving together in the Oscar winner's car afterward.

Meanwhile, Swifties weren't too happy to learn about Kelce's night out, with several alluding to the many times Thompson has cheated on ex-girlfriend **Khloé Kardashian** and the long list of younger models whom DiCaprio has dated.

“Not the company to be keeping, Uncle Travy,” one person commented online. “Oh man . . . Been loving Travis, but in this company that's nothing but trouble,” another added.



Kylie Jenner makes a sweltering summer even steamier in some skimpy duds from her own Khy clothing line.

A steep in Klein

MADONNA and **Lady Gaga's** fave photographer **Steven Klein** launched a new project just in time for NYC's Pride parade yesterday. Klein partnered with Equinox on a show called “Between You & Me: The Disappearance of the Binary” — an exhibition and auction curated by artistic director **Shai Baitel** as presented by Christie's. The initiative features works by edgy, high-end artists including Klein, **David LaChapelle**, **Marina Abramovic** and more. We hear Klein and Baitel are working on a trio of exhibits of Klein's work, plus three books to be published by art imprint Skira.

Sightings

ALEC and **Hilaria Baldwin** with friends — including Hamptons International Film Festival artistic director **David Nugent** — Saturday at the 1770 House in East Hampton, while **Cynthia Nixon** dined at a different table . . . VILLAGE People cowboy **Randy Jones** doing an impromptu performance of “YMCA” at KGB Bar's Red Room . . . PARK Avenue dermatologist Dr. **Howard Sobel** at La Goulue.



Hello 'Stranger'

TWO years ago, **Bronson Pinchot** had a moment of clarity while helping his 94-year-old mother get up after she'd fallen to the floor. “She still had all her marbles and then some,” he told The Post's **Nicki Gostin** in an exclusive interview. “But she was upstairs on the floor and I couldn't get her up and she didn't have any core strength to help me. I had to call the paramedics, which was bad.” The “Perfect Strangers” alum, 65, said the upsetting incident made him start working out and building his core. After his mom passed, Pinchot (above) documented his new wellness journey with trainer **Ameer Barbour** on Instagram. He's starring in “Beverly Hills Cop: Axel F,” reprising his scene-stealing role as Serge.

He's a literal globe-trotter

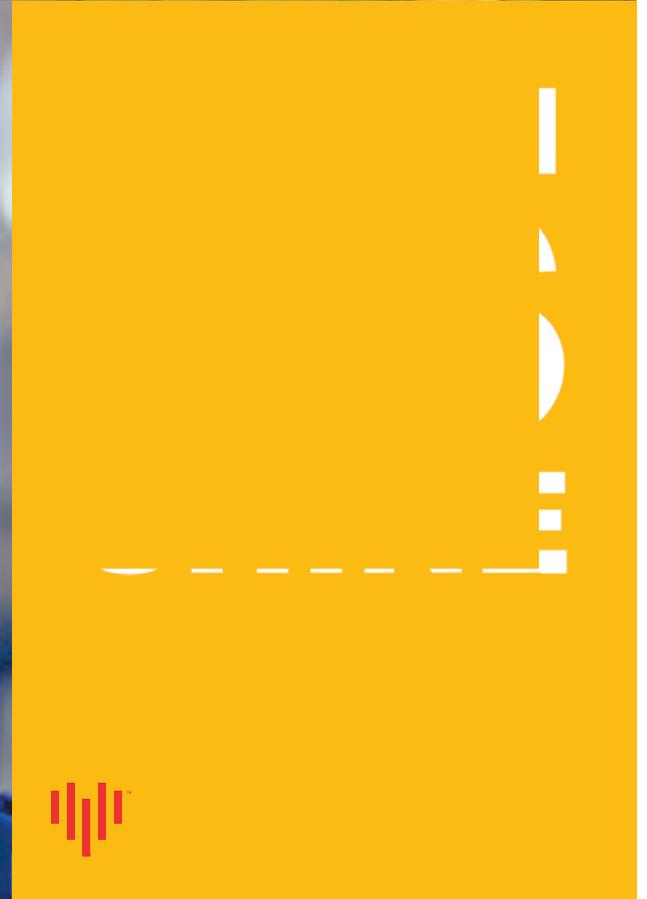
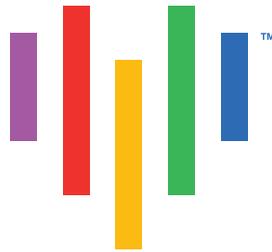
GARY Janetti has a new book of essays, “We Are Experiencing a Slight Delay,” unsurprisingly centering around his love of travel. He even offered Page Six some tips he's gleaned over his years hopscooting the globe, including never, ever check luggage. “I'm away from home three weeks right now and I only have a carry-on,” he proudly said, promising, “I will always look like I'm wearing different clothes. We take too much s--t with us when we travel. It's not a f--king fashion show.” The “Family Guy” writer says the trick is to find a local laundromat, and never use your hotel's service. “Laundry in a hotel is one of the biggest scams in the world that people don't talk about,” he said. The Queens-raised scribe, who's married to celeb stylist **Brad Goreski**, said of his book, “A lot of it ended up about me and Brad and how we met, how I kind of feel about him” after 23 years together, he said with a laugh. “I have never in my life written Brad a love letter, except this book, this is the love letter.” Janetti admits to constantly asking for a better table in restaurants or a hotel upgrade, and has taught Goreski to do the same. He'll appear at Powerhouse in Brooklyn on July 8 and Union Square Barnes & Noble on July 9.

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CANCER
(June 22-July 23)
Don't just sit back and wait for life to bring good stuff your way - get out there in the world and make it happen! The approaching new moon will bring opportunities that most people hardly dare dream about, but for you they are there for the taking.

LEO
(July 24-Aug. 23)
You will have to juggle several tasks at once as the new week begins but that won't worry you in the slightest, in fact you will enjoy the challenge. Your self-belief is such that the thought of failure won't enter your head for a single moment.

VIRGO
(Aug. 24-Sept. 23)
If you know what you want there is no doubt at all that you can find a way to get it. Keep reminding yourself of that fact over the next few days and don't be surprised when what you get is even more fantastic than you had hoped for.

LIBRA
(Sept. 24-Oct. 23)
Go out of your way to be nice to people today, because the more you give of yourself now the more the universe will give back to you around the time of Friday's new moon. Being agreeable is not only good manners, it's good business too.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
If a colleague suggests that you work together on something that you suspect may not be entirely legitimate then you must be mentally and morally strong enough to say "no thank you". You don't need to break the rules to be a success.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)
You may think you don't have enough money in the bank to do everything you want to do

today but is that true or are you looking for excuses? Forget about how much your activities may cost and just go for them. You'll find ways to pay.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)
The more someone tries to persuade you to tone down your ambitions the more obvious it will be that you are doing the right thing. The only reason they are trying to hold you back is because they fear your efforts will outshine their own - and they will!

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Why are you trying so hard to live up to the expectations that other people have of you? Why put yourself under that sort of strain? The planets urge you to be your own person and do your own thing every minute of every day. Ignore everyone

else.
PISCES
(Feb. 20-Mar. 20)
Good fortune is heading your way and if it hasn't arrived by the time the moon is new on Friday then your parents must have forgotten your correct date of birth. Be positive in thought and decisive in action and you WILL experience some kind of magic.

ARIES
(March 21-April 20)
You need to get your act together quickly, because there is a danger that you will be too laidback in your attitude and miss out on opportunities that are perfect for you. There is still plenty of time to do something amazing - or even several somethings!

TAURUS
(April 21-May 21)

It may look as if you are in a state of hibernation at the moment but just because you are not active in a visible sense does not mean your brain is not working. On the contrary, your mind will be on the go every single second today.

GEMINI
(May 22-June 21)
The pace of life may be hectic now but you have what it takes to stay ahead of the game. Your enthusiasm for one project in particular can take you to new heights of accomplishment over the coming week. Settle for nothing less than total success.

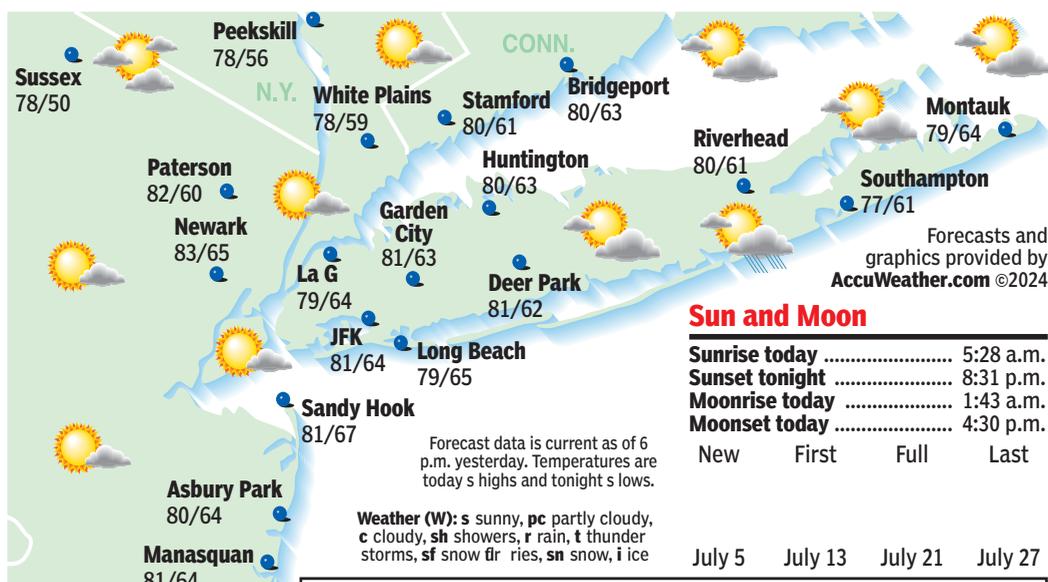
BIRTHDAY MONDAY
Don't withdraw from the world and retreat into your shell. The message of your birthday chart is that the more you get out and about and get involved both personally and professionally the more of an impact you will make, and the happier you will be.

Post Weather Report

Monday	Tuesday
Today: Sunshine, breezy and less humid. High 77 to 83.	Tomorrow: Mostly sunny. High 80 to 86.
Tonight: Clear. Low 61 to 67.	Tomorrow night: Partly cloudy. Low 62 to 68.
Wednesday	Thursday
Clouds and sun. High 78 to 84.	T storm possible. High 84 to 90.
Evening: A shower late. Low 67 to 73.	Evening: Humid. Low 70 to 76.

Almanac
YESTERDAY'S CONDITIONS AT CENTRAL PARK THROUGH 6PM
Temperature
High: 85, Low: 72, Mean: 79
Departure from Normal
Yesterday: +2 degrees
Precipitation
Yesterday: 0.17 , Month: 1.70 , Year: 25.67 , Normal year to date: 23.83
Cooling Degree days yesterday14
Total for the month (normal)312 (227)
Total since Jan. 1 (normal)421 (308)
Last year to date253
Heat Index (at noon yest.) 86
UV index (for Mon.) 10 (Very High)
Humidity (at noon) 76%

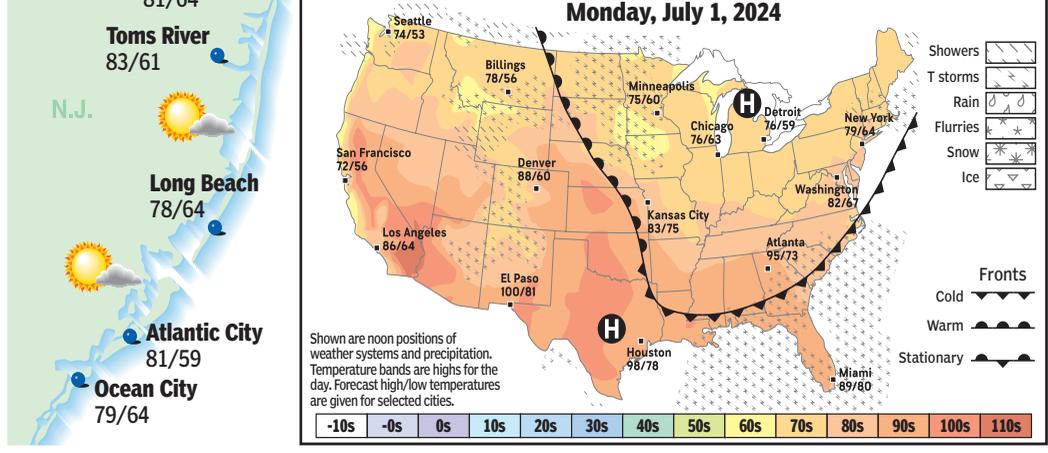
AIR QUALITY
Pollen: Moderate Predominant pollen: Grasses
AQI rating: (for Mon.) Good



Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	5:28 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:31 p.m.
Moonrise today	1:43 a.m.
Moonset today	4:30 p.m.

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July 5				
July 13				
July 21				
July 27				



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New York Tides

	TODAY	TOMORROW
High Tide for	1st 2nd	1st 2nd
Coney Island	4:08a 4:45p	5:12a 5:44p
Fire Island	4:19a 5:08p	5:19a 6:01p
Hempstead	8:22a 8:43p	9:28a 9:43p
Huntington	8:06a 8:28p	9:11a 9:28p
Jones Inlet	3:52a 4:29p	4:56a 5:28p
Montauk Point	5:27a 6:11p	6:27a 7:03p
Port Washington	8:31a 8:51p	9:37a 9:52p
Sandy Hook	4:12a 4:49p	5:16a 5:48p

Regional cities

	TODAY	TOMORROW
Albany	79/54/pc	85/63/s
Danbury	78/55/pc	85/59/s
Glens Falls	75/49/s	80/58/s
Gr Barrington	76/51/pc	83/56/s
Kingston	79/54/pc	82/59/s
Liberty	72/51/pc	79/56/s
Monticello	73/50/pc	81/55/s
Newburgh	79/54/pc	84/57/s
Poughkeepsie	78/53/pc	83/58/s
Saratoga Springs	77/53/pc	83/60/s
Stroudsburg	77/53/s	82/57/s
Torrington	77/54/pc	83/56/s
Syracuse	74/53/pc	82/67/s

World cities

	TODAY	TOMORROW
Athens	93/74/s	92/76/s
Baghdad	115/89/pc	109/87/pc
Beijing	82/71/t	76/62/c
Berlin	69/55/r	66/54/c
Cairo	98/77/s	95/77/s
Dublin	65/49/c	63/51/c
Geneva	75/57/r	73/55/c
Hong Kong	92/85/t	92/85/t
Jerusalem	85/68/s	86/67/s
Kabul	94/65/s	93/65/s
London	70/55/pc	68/54/pc
Madrid	85/60/pc	87/61/s
Mexico City	69/57/c	73/56/r
Montreal	79/59/s	83/65/s
Moscow	88/68/c	91/70/pc
Paris	72/57/c	69/55/c
Rio de Janeiro	72/66/r	76/68/s
Rome	83/68/pc	83/64/s
Sydney	59/51/sh	60/52/r
Tokyo	84/75/t	87/74/r

HERO'S MOM ROYALLY P.O.'D Rips ESPN on Harry award

By RONNY REYES

The mother of US hero and former NFL player Pat Tillman slammed ESPN's decision to honor Prince Harry with the award named after her son.

Mary Tillman said she was never consulted by the sports network to give the Duke of Sussex the Pat Tillman Award, which honors the late NFL safety-turned-Army Ranger who enlisted after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

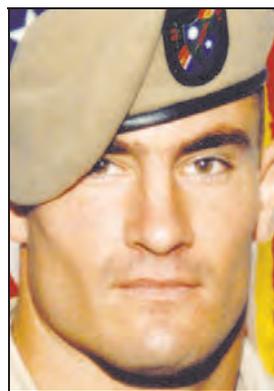
"I am shocked as to why they would select such a controversial and divisive individual to receive the award," Mary told the Daily Mail.

"There are recipients that are far more fitting," she added. "There are individuals working in the veteran community that are doing tremendous things to assist veterans."

The baffled mother also pointed out that Harry is already famous and has received plenty of awards in his life, so ESPN should have chosen someone else who's never been in the spotlight.

The Pat Tillman Award has often been given to unsung heroes, with last year's recipient being the Buffalo Bills training staff who revived Damar Hamlin, who had suffered a cardiac arrest in the middle of a game.

Mary's condemnation was echoed by ESPN analysts Pat McAfee, who accused his own network on Friday of "trying to piss people off" for picking Prince Harry.



BAFFLED: Pat Tillman's (left) mom slammed ESPN for giving an award named after her son to Prince Harry.

"It's going to Prince Harry," McAfee said on his talk show, "who I don't even think is a prince anymore, right? He said don't call me that? See, why does the ESPYs do this s--t?"

"This is like actually the most embarrassing thing I've seen in my entire life," he added.

'Salute to service'

In picking The Duke of Sussex and others to receive honors during the upcoming ESPY Awards (Excellence in Sports Performance Yearly), Kate Jackson, VP, Production at ESPN, touted the recipients as those who have changed the world.

"These honorees have used their platforms to change the world and make it more inclusive for marginalized and suffering communities, demonstrating incredible resilience, positivity and perseverance, and we're thrilled to celebrate them at the 2024 ESPYs," Jackson said.

Despite being mired in controversy over his royal life, Harry — who served the British military for 10 years, including two tours in Afghanistan as a helicopter pilot — has been lauded for his role in launching the Invictus Games.

The Games, created in 2014, serve as a multi-sport, Paralympic-styled games for wounded or injured servicemen and veterans.

"This one is for our entire service community," Harry said after learning that he will receive the Pat Tillman Award.

The Pat Tillman Award was created in 2014 and has been given to a person who has served in ways that echo the legacy of Tillman.

Tillman, a former safety for the Arizona Cardinals, served in Iraq and then Afghanistan before he was killed by friendly fire in 2004, with the soldier posthumously awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart for his service.

Beryl now a Category 4 storm

Hurricane Beryl strengthened into what experts called an "extremely dangerous" Category 4 storm as it approaches the southeast Caribbean, which began shutting down Sunday amid urgent pleas from government officials for people to take shelter.

Hurricane warnings were in effect for Barbados, St. Lucia, Grenada, as well as

St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Beryl's center is expected to pass about 70 miles south of Barbados on Monday morning, said Sabu Best, director of Barbados' meteorological service.

Beryl is now the earliest Category 4 Atlantic hurricane on record, hurricane specialist Michael Lowry said. AP



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Doom & gloom forecasts just a new type of bias

WE seem to be staggering toward the abyss. As in a Roger Corman horror movie, ghostly voices can be heard prophesying that the end is near: we must tumble in. The signs of doom are everywhere, but since punishment for our sins is the point of the exercise, we'll have to take our medicine and endure a whole lot of tribulations before the final fall.

Donald Trump is the beast of this particular apocalypse. His evil number isn't 666 but 270 in the Electoral College. Although he's been virtually tied with President Biden in the opinion polls, those who hate him most feel certain he will regain the presidency in 2024 — if only because those ungrateful humans, the voters, deserve to get stuck with him.

Trump is a destroyer of worlds. He will destroy democracy for sure. How? We are told he will unleash the FBI on his political enemies and prosecute them as common criminals. That, we must admit, is almost completely unheard of.

Trump is a dictator who aims to smash the constitutional government of the United States. Immediately after, he'll move the White House to the Mar-a-Lago golf course and appoint bearded reality-TV characters to the Cabinet.

But what, one may ask, is his subversive plan? We are told that he will fire 25,000 federal bureaucrats and bend the rest to his presidential will. And that would be completely unheard of.

It might occur to some that the man was president for four years and none of these horrors happened. In fact, except for the shouting and gnashing of teeth, the impeachments and the pandemic,

it was a fairly peaceful time.

But that was Trump playing the dictator's apprentice. We are told that this time he really means it, because this time he knows what he's doing — there will be no escape from his clutches. He will deport everyone whose name ends in a vowel.

He will force little school kids to eat fossil fuels. He may even cut taxes again.

The sense that we are approaching the end of days extends

beyond the egregious Trump.

In Europe, the "far right" is advancing. Populism is on the rise. The old political parties we knew and loved — the Tories, the Gauls, the Social Democrats — have disintegrated. How can democracy survive?

Totalitarian tales

Evidently, it can't. Hitler and Mussolini, we are told, are rising from their graves. Their names and aspects have changed most strangely, however, as the old totalitarians have reincarnated in a rather tame and uncharismatic crowd: Britain's Nigel Farage, Italy's Giorgia Meloni and France's Marine Le Pen, among many others.

Still, they are far right, says the media over and again. Extreme works too — just like the people who built the concentration camps. See how that works?

Of course, as always, there are doubters. Can a Brit called "Nigel Farage" even give a proper Hitler salute? Will Meloni really invade Ethiopia and Greece to honor Mussolini's memory? And Le Pen — let's face it, isn't she a bit too stodgy and bourgeois to start a coup?

Never mind that. Those questions reveal your inner Nazi. To

all right-thinking persons, the populists are way too popular, the right has become way too far and extreme, and the end of European civilization must be all too near.

In any case, it won't be politics that bring about the end of the world. Instead, we'll be killed off by the weather — or as we now prefer to call it, the climate.

The thing about the climate, we are told, is that it changes, something that, apparently, it never did before.

In the good old days, clouds stood frozen in the sky and it was always a balmy noontime. Then industrial capitalism intervened, spewing particles everywhere for no good reason and turning the green unchanging Earth into a hellish hothouse.

Nature's revenge will be biblical. Stupendous events will assail the human race. Miami Beach condos will lose their beachfront. Siberia will lead the world in resort hotels. Sunblocker manufacturers will surpass Amazon in capitalization.

Change has come to the climate, and nothing will be as it once was.

The science of climate change, we are told, is settled, in a loose and flexible way.

Greta Thunberg, for example, told us that we had exactly five years to fix the climate if we wished to survive — but she said that six years ago, and here we are. Glacier National Park put up warnings that the glaciers would disappear by 2020 — then quietly took the signs down in January of that year, because the damned things were still there.

Without a doubt, these delays caused much disappointment, since as consumers of industrial products we all deserve a holocaust. But never mind that. If we can celebrate moveable feasts, we can suffer a moveable Doomsday. Given enough time, all things will pass away.

Other modes of annihilation are less popular in the literature but still plausible. Artificial intelligence could take over the machines so we'll be slashed to bits by our blenders while making a mango milkshake. We've seen that movie — too many sequels and they all end badly.

Alternately, the youngest generation, the Zoomers, may simply stop reproducing — it wouldn't take much of a change — and we'll fall off a demographic cliff.

Try to imagine the desolation: one morning you wake up to learn that everyone else forgot to be born.

We could also go out the old-fashioned way, from nuclear devastation. Russia will nuke Ukraine, China will nuke Taiwan, and we will nuke somebody because we don't like being left out.

Or these catastrophes can come together into one terrific Terminator/zero population/glow-in-the-dark apocalypse — plus Trump!

Facing extinction causes no end of stress, and most of us are still in the denial stage of the process. Who will save us from certain doom?

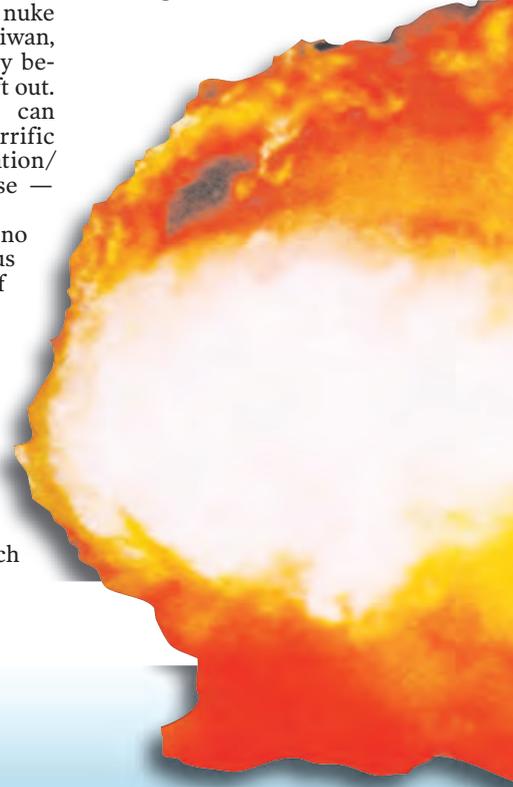
A lonely nation turns its eyes to the White House, where the buck stops and the leader of the free world resides — only to remember, with growing panic, that we're talking about President Biden here.

Hope shrivels as we watch

videos of the president inexplicably head-butting the pope, contracting rigor mortis during a boisterous musical celebration, wandering off to nowhere at a meeting of heads of state. We



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Trumpocalypse

are told by White House staff that these episodes are “cheap fakes”: a fitting epitaph for the Biden

presidency.

Maybe the federal government, with its thousands of self-evidently superior experts and mastery over technology, can step in to save the day — yes? But no. The federal government was allocated \$7.5 billion to build new charging stations for electric vehicles — in three years, it has

managed to build eight. It was given \$42 billion to deploy high-speed connectivity in rural areas — and after three years, not a single additional farmer can access Joe Rogan online.

Fever-brained

Conspiratorial minds might suspect that Biden and the federal government, for perverse reasons of their own, are actually promoting the advent of Doomsday — that they don't really mind doing away with the entire deplorable population of this country, so long as men are allowed to wear sexy dresses at the end.

That's only partly true.

Given the hysteria surrounding the subject, it's probably a good idea to take a deep breath and count to ten. Is the US in the grip of a psychotic episode? No question. The output of our finest minds adds up to an incomprehensible babbling. Is the human race, at the moment, stuck in

multiple simultaneous messes? It sure feels that way.

But before we ratchet things up to a Doomsday scenario, let's ask: Whose world is it, exactly, that's about to be demolished?

It certainly isn't the one I grew up in. In the last few years, a sect of political mystics, with dotty Joe Biden as their nominal head, have tried to erect a New Jerusalem out of climate fundamentalism, racial stereotypes, sexual weirdness, monkish poverty (“de-growth”), censorship of the truth (“malinformation”), wooing fentanyl startups from Honduras, feeding children to butchers, and making it a capital crime to be Trump.

To succeed, they had to try to abolish society as it actually exists. Hence the recurrent pain normal people today feel in their hind parts.

But behold: the normies are making trouble. The New Jerusalem, it turns out, resembles a Hollywood set: all front and no depth. And piece by piece, it's being torn down.

The last scraps still standing have collapsed in a heap following Biden's thudding flop at the presidential debate, in which he alternately froze, gargled, and lapsed into fluent Esperanto in front of a bewildered audience of 100 million.

The debate was the president's Captain Kirk moment: when you lose *The New York Times*, you are going where no Democratic candidate has gone before.

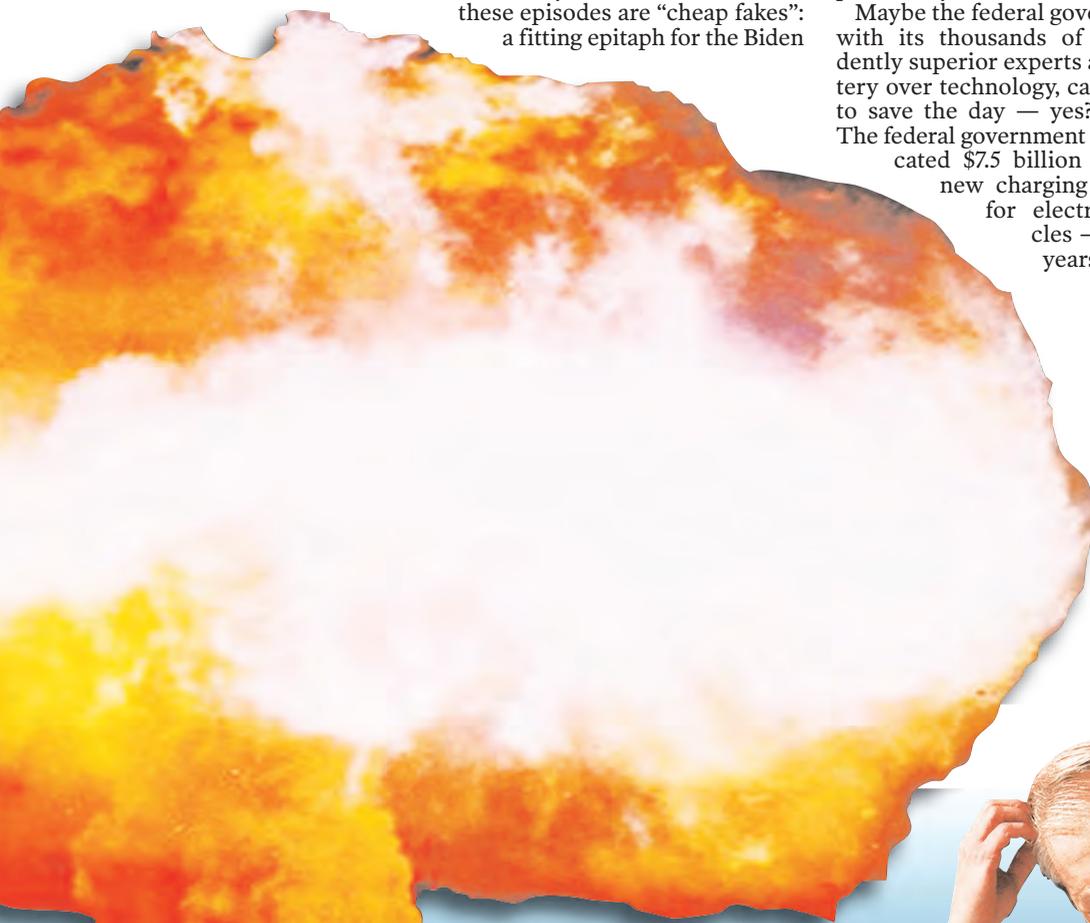
Everyone now senses that the show is over. The participants, who thought it would go on forever, can be heard shrieking in their costumes and greasepaint — and because they own all the big amplifiers, it's an apocalyptic noise.

But it's less Doomsday and more like pulling down the big tent on the last day of the circus.

An old joke tells of a scientist who, after analyzing his data, confidently predicted that the world would end on the following Wednesday. And for him, it did — he was run over by a car.

A similar situation has played out with those eager to transform American society: they've confused the big picture with the fate of their pet project.

Sometimes, the end of the world is just a matter of where you stand.





That's rich: Prosperity calf on lam

Well, this can't be a good omen.

Yellowstone National Park's mystical white bison calf — which fulfills a Native American prophecy of prosperity to come — is missing.

Wakan Gli, which means “Return Sacred” in Lakota, has not been seen since its birth on June 4, the National Parks Service said Friday.

“To date, park staff have been unable to locate the calf,” the agency said in a statement.

The tiny prophet was first spotted earlier this month grazing a field in the lush Lamar Valley, sticking close to its mother.

Park officials declined to comment on where the rare white bovine could have gone, but said in the release that each spring, about one in five calves dies shortly after birth due to natural hazards.

NPS' statement comes just days after hundreds attended a Lakota tribe naming ceremony where they bestowed the name Wakan Gli on the baby bison.

Katherine Donlevy

AP

4 kids among 7 shot

By ISABEL KEANE

Seven people, including four children — all of whom are believed to be Hispanic — were shot by a Nebraska man who had previously told them to “go back to where they came from” and to “speak English,” cops say.

Billy Booth, 74, fired shots at his neighbors from inside his Crete home just before 7 p.m. Friday before fatally turning the gun on himself, Nebraska State Patrol said.

There were about 15 people inside and outside the home, though most of the victims were outside when they were shot. Three of the victims were adults between the ages of 22 and 43 while four were children ranging in age from 3 to 10, police told KETV and NBC News.

Some of the victims have been treated and released. One is receiving treatment in Lincoln, while two are being cared for at Children's Nebraska in Omaha. None of the victims suffered life-

Gunman told vics: 'Speak English'

threatening injuries.

All of the victims are believed to be Hispanic, police told NBC.

When police arrived, they found victims suffering from gunshot wounds outside the residence, as well as the suspect inside his own home. A shotgun was recovered nearby.

Police said they did not believe there was a dispute in the moments leading up to the shooting but that Booth and the family had a prior history, including disputes over parking and other nuisances — as well as a report from someone who said the suspect “told them to go back to where they came from and

to speak English.”

The Crete police have responded to “several complaints” in the neighborhood since 2021, most of which came from Booth regarding “driving behavior” in the area, Crete Police Chief Gary Young Jr. said during a Saturday news briefing.

“Not necessarily associated with the victims’ house, but cars driving too fast in the neighborhood, improper parking, nuisance properties, quality-of-life type issues,” Young said. “There was a single report from the victims that the suspect had flipped them off, told them to, ‘Go home’ or ‘back to where they

came from,’ to ‘speak English.’”

Police said the family decided not to take the matter further at the time, and the situation had been resolved.

One of the victims’ friends, Joshua Morales, told the KETV he knew of the previous incidents involving the neighbor — and that he believed the shooting was racially motivated.

“[Booth] was supposedly telling [the friend’s] parents to go back to their country, and they got into problems. And I guess until now the dude just shot the house up. I guess it was just a racist thing that happened,” Morales said. “So, I guess the dude that shot them was just racist ‘cause he shot a Hispanic family and he told a Hispanic family to go back to their country.”

Morales said the shooter shot his friend and his friend’s mom, who took four bullets to the back.

A motive for the shooting remains under investigation, police said.

NASA: Astros delayed but not stranded

NASA officials said Sunday that despite an indefinite delay in their return to Earth due to mechanical issues with their spacecraft, the Boeing Starliner crew are not “stranded” at the International Space Station.

Butch Wilmore and Sunita Williams have been confined to the ISS for weeks after their June 5 launch on Boeing’s first manned space flight. They were due to return June 13.

Boeing and NASA engineers want to study the failed systems and hardware before the astronauts return.

“Our plan is to . . . return them on Starliner . . . at the right time,” Steve Stich, NASA’s commercial-crew program manager, told reporters. He insisted that Wilmore and Williams are not stranded or in danger.

Patrick Reilly

'Horror' visit to hospital

In an incident captured on a viral photo, a terminally ill British woman was forced to sleep on a hospital floor due to a lack of beds.

Madeleine Butcher, 62, was taken to the hospital at around 3 a.m. Sunday by her husband, John, 61, and was told she was likely suffering from sepsis.

Despite the diagnosis, Madeleine, who was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 2022, was told she potentially would have to wait for 36 hours.

She explained that sitting down any longer was uncomfortable due to a hernia from her hysterectomy and the position of her tumor.

But she was told there was not a bed, gurney or even a reclining chair she could use.

Her husband said the doctor instead gave her a blanket and a pillow so she could lie on the Blackpool Victoria Hospital floor.

Butcher, a garden-center worker, of Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancashire, said: "I was absolutely horrified. I didn't realize how angry I was until I got home and I looked at the picture of her on the floor."

Butcher said the nurses took action once they saw his wife on the floor and got her a gurney within 30 minutes. *Wires*

Auto crash kills airman

An airman was killed and five more were injured in a vehicle crash at a Montana Air Force base Saturday, according to officials.

Four victims, including the fatality, were injured in the initial crash on the Malmstrom Air Force Base, and another two were injured responding to the scene, the base said. The five injured were taken to hospitals. The deceased airman was not identified.

"We will need time to grieve for our teammate that we lost and for our injured members to heal," said Col. Dan Voorhies, 341st Missile Wing commander. *David Propper*

Fla. wife 'poisoned' several times

By RONNY REYES

A bigshot Miami-Dade, Fla., developer and his estranged wife had one toxic marriage: She claims in divorce proceedings that he poisoned her multiple times with fentanyl, as the FBI investigates him for alleged threats against her life.

Tatiana Pino, who has been married to Century Homebuilders Group president Sergio Pino for 32 years, said in a sworn deposition that doctors found fentanyl in her system after she was hospitalized several times. Tatiana, who filed for divorce in April 2022, said she believed her husband, 67, was the culprit behind her poor health after the filing.

"Do you believe that your husband poisoned you?" Sergio's attorney asked her.

"I believe that he did," she answered.

Tatiana claimed she suffered breathing issues and other symptoms in 2022, and that a doctor at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore detected fentanyl in her system after she was intubated six times.

The doctor allegedly told her to stay with her sister rather than her "normal surroundings," according to the deposition.

Home, office raided

Last week, the FBI conducted a raid on Sergio's \$4.2 million Cocoplum estate and Coral Gables office as part of an investigation over the alleged threats, a bureau spokesperson said.

The FBI is investigating if Sergio recruited a part-time worker at his home to hire three men to threaten his wife after she filed for a divorce, sources familiar with the case told the Miami Herald.

Sergio has yet to be charged with any crime, but his attorneys deny the allegations against their client.

"To be clear, Mr. Pino is devastated by these attacks against him and his family and denies any suggestion that he is responsible for them," attorney Deanna Shifrin told the Herald.

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'TIL DEATH... Tatiana Pino, in happier times with husband Sergio, claims he tried to poison her with fentanyl after she filed for divorce.



Boys killing girls tests Chinese courts

China is being rocked by a series of murders of little girls committed by boys as young as 12.

But, nearly as shocking is how the communist nation deals with juvenile killers — usually letting them go without jail time.

Often, they are sent to

mental institutions for just a few years. In one case, a killer was allowed to return to school soon after his crime.

As China struggles to answer how to hold children accountable for heinous killings, the most notorious of which are committed

against other kids, the parents of victims find themselves waiting for justice that might never come.

Gong Junli, whose 8-year-old daughter was allegedly stabbed to death by a 13-year-old boy, is among the latest heartbroken parents waiting to see if the Su-

preme People's Court will sentence his child's killer to prison.

The single father's plight made headlines in March when prosecutors agreed to pursue criminal charges against the teen, who allegedly coaxed the girl into Xinjing Township woods in

September 2022, according to Red Star News.

Investigators said the boy allegedly prepared knives, blades, disposable gloves, plastic ropes and other tools for the crime, placing them in the woods where he invited the victim to play. *Ronny Reyes*

Deadly police stop

Vid of upstate teen's last moments

By ISABEL KEANE

Shocking bodycam footage captured upstate New York police asking to pat down a 13-year-old boy moments before he ran off and allegedly flashed a pellet gun at cops who fatally shot him.

Footage released by Utica Police shows the horrifying moments leading up to the death of Nyah Mway, who was stopped alongside a friend Friday night as part of a police investigation into recent armed robberies.

"Can I just pat you down to make sure you've got no weapons on you?" Officer Bryce Patterson asks Mway in the bodycam footage, obtained by the Rome Sentinel.

Mway, who was born in Myanmar, spoke with the officer in English and can be seen raising his hands before quickly running off,



Utica Police

'DROP IT!' Cop bodycam footage shows the sequence leading to the death of Nyah Mway, 13.

prompting the three police officers to chase him.

A weapon

The blurry footage taken from Patterson's bodycam then shows Mway pulling out what appeared to be a handgun before pointing

"the weapon directly at Officer Patterson and the other officers," police said.

Patterson tackles Mway to the ground before Officer Patrick Husnay fires a single shot, fatally shooting the teen, according to the Sentinel.

Husnay can be heard

shouting, "Drop it! Drop it!" as he moves to Patterson and Mway.

Patterson then attempts to provide medical care to Mway, telling his fellow officers, "I don't know if he shot me," as he tends to the teen's gunshot wound.

The other officers call in

for backup and an ambulance while reporting shots fired. The third officer involved, Officer Andrew J. Citriniti, can be heard telling neighbors who were watching and shouting, "Back up, back up."

Shocked bystanders can also be heard shouting throughout the chaos, including one who exclaimed "Oh my God! Yo! He just shot him!"

The boy was shot in the chest and died from his wounds at Wynn Hospital in Utica, cops said over the weekend.

The New York State Attorney General's Office is investigating the shooting to determine if it was justified. The weapon Mway was armed with was determined to be a replica Glock and a pellet gun.

Jail for words, not rape

A German woman was handed down a harsher sentence than a convicted rapist after she called him a "disgraceful rapist pig."

Maja R., 20, was jailed for a weekend after she was found guilty of defaming the man, who was one of nine attackers who had gang-raped a 15-year-old girl in a Hamburg park four years earlier, reports said.

The man had been given only a suspended sentence and served no time due to his age, the New Zealand Herald reported.

Maja R. reportedly did not know the rapist, but was one of at least 140 people who sent him disparaging messages via WhatsApp, after his name and number were leaked on Snapchat.

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Cindy Adams has the day off.

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Debt Burden

Biden utterly lapped Trump on big spending

PROJECTION is blaming someone else for your own bad behavior.

We saw a classic case of projection in Thursday's presidential debate, when President Biden — who is overseeing annual budget deficits of \$2 trillion — asserted that his predecessor, Donald Trump, added more to the federal debt than anyone else.

It's part of the latest leftist argument: that if Trump wins the election, he will run deficits twice as large as Biden would.

Debate moderator Jake Tapper joined the chorus of federal finance falsehoods when he claimed Trump had "approved \$8.4 trillion in new debt," while Biden's actions will increase the debt by (merely) \$4.3 trillion over a decade.

Tapper was referencing a recent report by the left-leaning Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, which twisted and turned

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the debt statistics in every contortious way it could to reach its incredible conclusion.

CRFB, by the way, is a group that opposed the successful Trump tax reform in 2017 — yet supported several of Biden's multitrillion-dollar spending bills. It's not nonpartisan, but a front group for the policies of the political left.

The fundamental flaw of the CRFB analysis is revealed if we examine the projections of the Congressional Budget Office. The CBO's projection for 2021, the last fiscal year of the Trump administration, forecast the federal debt to reach about \$35.3 trillion by 2031, that is, over the next decade.

Today, 3½ years into the Biden administration, the latest estimates from the CBO project the debt will hit over \$42.5 trillion by 2031.

In other words, the CBO now expects the debt to be \$7.2 trillion higher than it had projected when Trump left office — all be-

cause of Biden's reckless spending policies.

Treasury Department figures also show the debt growing much faster under Biden.

Over Trump's entire term, including the 2020 spate of emergency COVID spending, the debt increased by \$7.7 trillion — a staggering total, to be sure.

However, about 15% of that debt total was the result of Treasury's choice to keep additional cash on hand during the pandemic.

Former Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin, unsure how much tax revenue would be collected, borrowed well over \$1 trillion — but kept it in reserve, without ever spending it.

Biden, though, spent that reserve, then borrowed another \$7 trillion on top of it.

Instead of simply allowing that one-time emergency COVID spending to expire, Biden and the Democratic Congress continued spending at that same COVID-era level, thus institutionalizing multitrillion-dollar deficits.

Accounting for the changes in cash balances at the Treasury, the debt actually rose \$6.5 trillion during Trump's entire term — and is up \$7.9 trillion in less than four years of Biden's tenure.

Worse, the Treasury has announced that it anticipates needing to borrow another \$800 bil-

lion from July through September of this year, followed by hundreds of billions more from October to December as federal finances further deteriorate.

All told, Biden will likely oversee a net increase in the debt of more than \$9 trillion in a single term — a new record.

Biden wanted to spend \$2 trillion more in the last year and a half, but conservatives in the House blocked the added bloat. You can bet the farm that if the radical left wins the White House and Congress in 2024, that \$2 trillion outlay will be first on their legislative agenda.

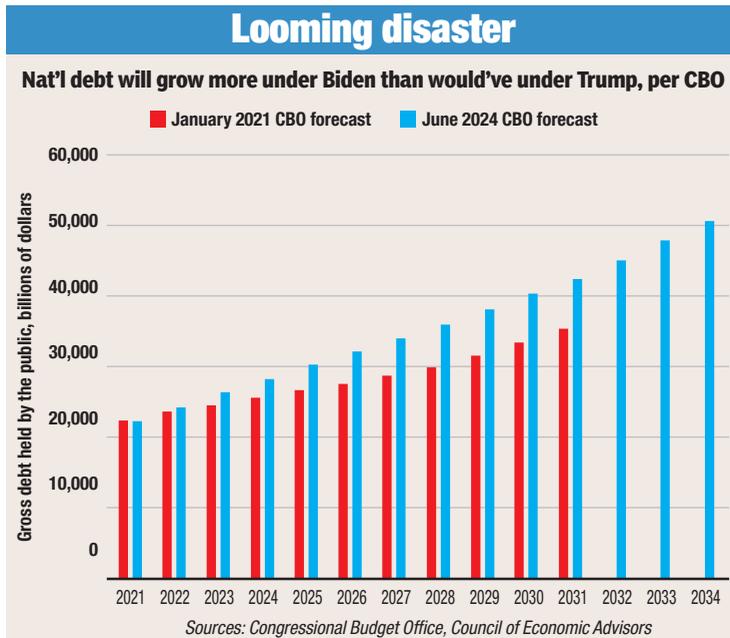
Biden's other big lie, backed by the CRFB analysis, is that extending Trump's tax reform will drown the economy in debt. Yet federal tax revenues have increased since that tax reform was enacted — and federal revenues as a share of GDP have not fallen.

All of the increase in today's debt has been due to massive, out-of-control federal spending — by both parties.

Trump spent and borrowed too much, full stop.

But with a debt headed to \$50 trillion if reelected and a political agenda that stifles economic growth, Biden has set America on an unsustainable fiscal path that will lead to financial oblivion.

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FAST TAKES

Debate beat: New Rules Helped Trump

"Staged by CNN in an audience-free soundstage in which even competing reporters were banned, the Biden-Trump debate had more ground rules than an Ultimate Fighting match," grumbles Politico's Jack Shafer. In advance of the debate, "many assumed that these new rules would hurt Trump" given that "he feeds off live audiences." That wasn't the case as the new format "prodded him in a relatively measured and dignified direction." In contrast, Biden's "halting speech and inanimate affect were on obvious display." On-screen, the men "occupied conjoined video squares," which meant Biden's "wrinkled, aged face was on display all evening." While the Biden-Trump debate "reset the form, returning it to its 1960s origin," it did nothing to help Biden. "The enduring image of the night is a hollow-eyed Joe struggling to keep up with the kinetic Trump."

Tax expert: Treat Big Nonprofits Like Biz

Rather than hiking corporate income taxes to help offset the cost of extending the 2017 tax cuts, Republicans should push to tax "business enterprises that masquerade as nonprofit entities," argues Scott Hodge at The Wall Street Journal. In 2019, such groups pocketed "\$186 billion in net income from sources such as royalties, broadcast rights, insurance reimbursements, ticket sales and membership fees — much of it untaxed." Though many nonprofits are true charities, "most of the largest" ones "function like businesses," including "credit unions, hospitals, universities, athletic associations and consulting firms." Should such groups be considered "nonprofit" when most of their income comes from business-like transactions? "Broadening the corporate tax base" to include nonprofits' business income can "raise new revenue in a less economically damaging manner."

Foreign desk: Macron's Gamble Failed

French President Emmanuel Macron "shocked the nation" by calling snap parliamentary elections "after a humiliating defeat in June's European parliament election," reports Politico's Clea Caulcutt, in "an audacious move designed to stop the far right advance." But: "On the strength of the early projections so far, his gamble looks set to fail." In the first round, the rightist National Rally seems to have won 34% of the vote, while "Macron's centrist alliance suffered staggering losses, coming third" with 20.3% as "the left-wing alliance" pulled 28.1%. Depending on maneuvers in advance of next Sunday's second round, National Rally "stands a good chance of forming a 'cohabitation' government under Macron's presidency."

From the right: Assange Is No 'Hero'

Julian "Assange and his operation are hostile actors who collaborate with clandestine agents, rogue regimes, and sundry hackers to damage the United States," fume National Review's editors. "The charges" against



Julian Assange

Assange "describe how the willfully damaging leaks exposed to grave danger many Afghans, Iraqis, and Iranians, among others, who had provided our government with information." Yet "the Wikileaks founder became a cult hero for the radical Left and libertarians of an anarchist bent — and, disturbingly, for a vocal faction on the right as well." "To safeguard and advance freedom and security, a great nation that has taken on great responsibilities must be able to protect intelligence secrets and the sources who provide them." And "a serious nation deals firmly with enemies and traitors who undermine those efforts."

Mideast watch: Israel's Three-Front War

"Defeat, deter and dissuade — that is how Israel manages its three-front war against Iran and its proxies," explain Jonathan Sweet & Mark Toth at The Hill. "Tehran is the immortal head of this hydra. But Israel will have to eliminate its other two heads to get to it." And: "It does not help that the Biden administration is slow-walking or decreasing shipments of weapons to Israel." This "strategy encompasses decisive offensive operations to defeat and remove Hamas from Gaza" while also "defending itself from rocket, missile and drone attacks," as well as "self-defense strikes and proactive defense actions to deter Hezbollah from entering the war with Iranian support. All the while, the Israelis must keep Iran in focus as it continues its pursuit of nuclear weapons."

— Compiled by The Post Editorial Board

Dems' Desperate Scramble

Democrats haven't stopped scrambling since President Biden's disaster Thursday night — publicly rallying behind him while leaking about their own fears and excuses amid a furious rush to figure out what to do now.

The absolute worst butt-covering has to be the White House aides who recounted to Axios that the prez is actually functional from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., which is apparently their excuse for hoping he'd somehow manage to survive the debate. That is, they're finally admitting *part* of the truth, in hopes they don't have to reveal more of it (at least, not until they pitch their tell-all memoirs).

But what a reveal: Hillary Clinton's famous attack ad against Barack Obama in the 2008 primaries asked viewers to think about whether he could field a "3 a.m. phone call" about some global crisis. Now the *sitting president's* staff is admitting he couldn't reliably handle a 6 p.m. call.

Other press stories recount the (mostly anonymous) fears of Democratic congressional candidates and leaders that Biden (should he stay in the race) will be a huge drag on the entire party come November — dashing their hopes to retake the House and not lose the Senate. Oh, and aides to various foreign leaders opened up to The Wall Street Journal about how Biden's decline this past year has been unmistakable.

So far, no one's offered any apologies for all the months of gaslighting, attacking The Post and Wall Street Journal for "cheap fakes" and "Republican misinformation" blaring the truth about the blatant, shocking evidence of the president's incapacity.

Publicly, it's all circle-the-wagons, with ex-President Barack Obama disingenuously tweeting, "Bad debate nights happen. Trust me, I know." No, Barack: You just lost that 2012 debate with Mitt Romney. Joe's performance Thursday was a complete disaster, confirming all the voters' fears about

Hope Trump Heed's Haley's Warning

We totally get why Donald Trump hasn't brought Nikki Haley into his inner council after he trounced her during the primaries, but we hope he heeds her warning in the wake of Joe Biden's implosion.

Trump did a fine job in the debate, keeping his cool and steadily scoring points — reassuring voters about his own ability to lead the nation even as Biden's performance showed the world that *he* no longer can.

With that, he shored himself up among the independents who'd been Haley's base in the primaries, work he'll need to keep up no matter who's the Democratic nominee.

But if Biden does drop out, his replacement is guaranteed to be someone much "younger" and "more vibrant," Haley notes. (They certainly can't find anyone *older* or *less* vibrant.) Add: faster on his or her feet.

Yes, even Kamala Harris, 59, who'll surely benefit from heavy coaching. Heck, Gavin Newsom's 56 and has been auditioning to be the backup to Biden for the last year.

Biden's mental incapability.

The gaslighting, in short, will continue unless and until Biden drops out.

The president and his clan were said to be discussing just that on Sunday, having gathered at Camp David for a long-planned Annie Liebovitz (!!) family photo shoot.

Of course, having the whole family shot by the ultimate celebrity lenswoman is exactly the kind of perk and prestige that First Lady Jill Biden revels in; her desire to keep revealing is overwhelmingly seen as *the* reason her hubby didn't announce he'd retire rather than run again.

Getting Jill to admit reality has to be the No. 1 goal of every Democratic insider at this point. We expect they're all also rushing to assure Hunter that he'll get a pardon as long as *any* Democrat holds the White House after the election — and telling him and First Brother Jim that the party's donors will keep the whole clan flush even if the influence-peddling biz dries up forever once Joe quits.

If the clan agrees to end the elder abuse, the actual announcement will follow soon enough: Democratic insiders want time to plan whatever comes next, but they must see if they can engineer a fast consensus on the replacement and then how to pull it off.

There won't be a shred of democracy in that decision, of course: The power-brokers may *pretend* to leave it up to the convention delegates, but they already ignored all grassroots doubts in greasing the wheels so Joe wouldn't have to do any *primary* debates.

If they actually allow a democratic competition among Kamala Harris, Gavin Newsom, etc. now, they'd be weeks without a nominee — and the candidates would covertly work to destroy each other; all that further endangers the party's hopes of winning.

And keeping the Democrats in power matters far more than democracy to the party that keeps accusing Donald Trump of aiming to destroy it.

Dems and their enablers will pull out all the stops the rest of the way, both in assailing Trump (the odds that Judge Juan Merchan sentences him to prison time just soared) and in propping up Biden or his replacement.

In the next debate, don't expect the ABC moderators to be as generally fair as CNN's were: The left is already screaming for them to do in-debate "fact checking," for starters.

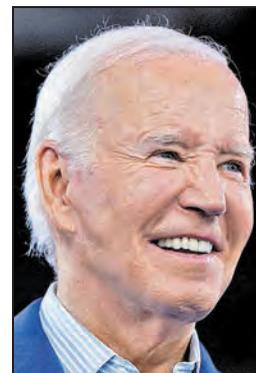
The more Trump can keep upping his game, the better he'll do in November — and the more support he'll have in Congress.

Meanwhile, as Haley also notes, the nation's in for rough sledding before Trump can take office: "Our enemies just saw that they have between now and Jan. 20 to do whatever it is they want to do."

Trump was on his way to an Electoral College landslide even before the debate, but the stakes got even higher that night: Let's hope he can keep it up to unite as much of the nation as possible behind him, because the job facing the next president is now even larger.

The Top Debate Lesson: Dems Must Replace Joe

THE ISSUE: Pressure for President Biden to leave the race after his debate performance last Thursday.



Joe Biden

•For the Democrats, the soul-searching is already underway ("Exasperated Dems: Time to go, Joe," June 28).

While some made politically necessary statements about Biden's ability to recover from Thursday night's debacle, they should be concerned about not only losing the White House, but also scores of other down-ballot congressional, state and local races across the country.

They have very little time, as they have only eight weeks until their nominating convention to determine whether Biden has a realistic chance of winning in November. And, if not, who are their options: Vice President Kamala Harris, Sen. Cory Booker, Sen. Amy Klobuchar, Sen. Joe Manchin or Gov. Gavin Newsom?

The question for Biden is: What is more important — his ego, or his often stated concern for the country and our democracy if Trump was to be reelected?

Dick Newbert
Langhorne, Pa.

•As despicable as I believe President Biden is, I don't see any other choice than to replace him on the ticket.

The Democrats don't have a bench like Casey Stengel did with the Yankees, and Vice President Kamala Harris is even more lowly regarded than Biden.

And even the 2½ months between Nov. 5 and Jan. 20 could be agonizing with Biden still able to do more damage.

Warren Goldfein
Mount Arlington, NJ

•I am currently a moderate Democrat. I have voted in 17 presidential elections, mostly for Democrats. I voted for President Biden in 2020.

But I will not be voting for Biden in 2024.

Why? Because I'm 85 years old and in very good condition for my age. But I also know how much I, and my contemporary friends, have physically and mentally deteriorated within the last decade.

Should Biden run and win, the physical and mental condition he'll be in five years from now is frightening.

That goes for former President Donald Trump too, but that's not for me, but rather for Republicans, to tell him.

Alan Leader
Wayne, NJ

•The Democrats know President Biden is mentally incompetent. Just watch: A prominent Democrat will be invited to replace him.

But either Biden or any replacement would be disastrous for our country. For example, look at what California Gov. Gavin Newsom's policies have done to his state. **Elizabeth Tebeaux**
College Point, Tex.

•Thursday night, the Democrats intentionally sacrificed one of their own, so that they can appear to search and draft a hesitant savior — who

will only come forward to save their party and our country from "evil" Trump. Their hatred isn't for the Republicans, it's almost exclusively for Trump. **Michael Kukura**
New City

•Be careful what you wish for. Trump can easily beat Biden, but another Democratic candidate can likely beat Trump — for two reasons.

First, a majority of Americans prefer candidates other than Biden or Trump. And second, the liberal media's extreme dislike of Trump will push voters to a new Democratic candidate.

Robert Berk, Manhattan

•Democratic strategists have been worried for a long time about President Biden's senility.

They've been searching for a pretext to ditch him, and his dismal debate performance provides them with an excuse to persuade him to resign.

This presidential debate was held at an unusually early date, precisely so that the Democratic Party could test whether Biden could still keep it together before the Democratic National Convention.

Now, they can ease him out before he is locked in as the official November candidate, and they can debut someone younger and quicker at the convention. **Robert Frazer**
Lancashire, U.K.

•President Biden looked and performed as he is — burned and aged out. For the benefit of America, he should immediately resign in honor.

Joe Schwarz
Penticton, Canada

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On Course To Crash

Mayor's budget 'plane' trouble



NICOLE GELINAS

MAYOR Adams stood with his toy airplane Friday, boasting about his \$112.4 billion budget agreement with the City Council. “We guided the plane through all the turbulence,” he said, borrowing City Council Speaker Adrienne Adams’ metaphor of the contentious budget deal and describing themselves as co-pilots landing the aircraft.

But in fact, the mayor entirely ceded the plane’s joystick to the speaker. He had no flight plan and seemed happy to have been taken for a bumpy ride in a pointless circular holding pattern.

The mayor came into office promising to be a pragmatic pilot, but this budget — more like \$115.1 billion, when adjusted for a surplus carried over from the current year — represents a loss of control.

The budget’s approximately \$88.1 billion in city-funded spending (after state and federal grants) is \$13.6 billion, or 18.3%, higher than the final budget Adams inherited from Bill de Blasio — and that’s saying a lot in the wake of that spendthrift administration.

A little more than a third of that increase is attributable to the migrant crisis; the rest is higher payroll and debt costs. The overall spending rise of 15.6% has even outpaced high inflation.

Last year, the mayor warned apocalyptically of the need to make major budget cuts to pay for migrant spending, including the slashing of library hours and police classes, saying the belt-tightening would be “extremely painful.”

He reversed himself on trims to the police budget earlier this year, leaving some of his fiscal integrity behind on the tarmac.

Now, he’s thrown the rest of that credibility out of the cargo hold: He let the City Council entirely reverse almost all the rest of his proposed cuts. As the council estimated in a Friday statement, “Over \$1 billion of the council’s priorities were added, including full library service, cultural institutions, school and student support programs.”

Some of these reversals are perfectly valid: New York needs libraries to remain open on weekends, for example. The mayor himself said at a Friday post-budget rally, “we spend time in our libraries . . . We know this is where seniors go.”

Raising the question: Why did he even propose such a cut — which would only have saved a drop-in-



Robert Miller

Plane silly: Mayor Adams (l.) and City Council Speaker Adrienne Adams brandished a toy jet Friday as they cheered their bloated city budget deal.

the-bucket \$58.3 million — in the first place?

Even worse, these proposed cuts weren’t just part of a budget charade, but actual: Libraries started closing on Sundays in December. This, while middle-class parents rely on weekend library events to entertain their kids — at a time when New York City has lost nearly 200,000 children, or 9%, since COVID-19 lockdowns, according to reports.

Parents already must navigate much higher crime, disorder and costs. Why give them needless

anxiety, and another reason to leave, by taking away one of the city’s few free weekend amenities?

Plummeting school enrollment — down 12% since pre-pandemic years — does mean the city could stop its constant increases in the public-school budget to better allocate the money it has.

Yet the \$39.5 billion schools budget Adams proposed in April included \$22.7 billion in city taxpayer funds, up from a \$37.7 billion budget, including \$19.4 billion in city funds, in 2022.

This 17% percent increase in

three years should be plenty for a shrinking system, but Adams let the council add another \$700 million.

As well, the council convinced the mayor to add \$2 billion over the next few years in longer-term housing rehabilitation. T

he city will borrow the money to do this, adding to its annual debt costs, which are already rising from \$7.5 billion this year to \$8.2 billion next year.

Meanwhile, though Adams ran as the anti-crime, pro-police mayor, he has never proposed any increase in the size of the police force, now about 34,000 — a steep drop from its peak strength of 40,000 around the turn of the millennium. Police are exhausting themselves with overtime, and felonies are 39% higher than in the pre-Adams era.

And for all the talk of turbulence, the city has been enjoying economic smooth air, albeit at low altitude. Though New York continues to lag the country in economic growth, we aren’t suffering recession.

That makes this a good time to put some money away in the rainy-day fund, in case of an economic downturn — but as the Citizens Budget Commission points out, Adams is skipping that this year.

Yes, the mayor’s budget plane is back on the ground.

But with the City Council’s spending adding \$1 billion or so to the \$5.5 billion deficit already projected for next year, it may be too heavy to lift off again, leaving New Yorkers stranded on the runway.

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A Supreme Strike for Democracy

WHETHER thought that an obscure case about fishing regulations would bring down a core part of modern administrative law, the rules that govern the executive-branch agencies that write the rules by which we live our lives?

In *Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo*, the Supreme Court has overturned the 1984 case *Chevron U.S.A. v. Natural Resources Defense Council*, which told judges to defer to “reasonable” agency interpretations of their operative statutes. Originally meant to streamline the Reagan administration’s deregulatory agenda in the face of judicial obstruction, the doctrine wound up enabling a ratcheting up of bureaucratic bloat.

Good for the court to recognize that its 40-year-old experiment in rebalancing the relationship between administration and judicial review has failed. And indeed, the court itself hasn’t used the doctrine in nearly a decade.

As Chief Justice John Roberts wrote in his majority opinion (joined by five colleagues): “At this point all that remains of *Chevron* is a decaying husk with false pretensions.”

The technical ruling here is that *Chevron* deference violates the Administrative Pro-

cedure Act because it gives agencies the power over legal interpretation that’s properly the province of courts. As Roberts put it, “*Chevron*’s presumption is misguided because agencies have no special competence in resolving statutory ambiguities. Courts do.”

Federal judges are paid their medium-sized bucks — and, more importantly, given life tenure so as to be free from political pressure — to make the hard calls when laws are ambiguous or otherwise hard to parse.

“The very point of the traditional tools of statutory construction — the tools courts use every day — is to resolve statutory ambiguities,” the chief justice continued. “That is no less true when the ambiguity is about the scope of an agency’s own power — perhaps the occasion on which abdication in favor of the agency is least appropriate.”

As I wrote for *City Journal* before *Loper Bright* was argued last fall, *Chevron* led to agency overreach, haphazard practical results and the diminution of Congress. Though intended to empower Congress by limiting the role of courts, *Chevron* instead

enabled agencies to aggrandize their own powers to the greatest extent plausible under their operative statutes — and often beyond.

Courts, in turn, have gotten lazy in interpreting statutes. It’s become a vicious cycle of legislative buck-passing and judicial deference to executive overreach.

And as I wrote in an amicus curiae brief, *Chevron* deference rests on the presumption that Congress won’t over-delegate, and that agencies will be loyal agents. But experience has shown that Congress loves shirking accountability, and agencies love pursuing their own interests.

This dynamic has led to the pen-and-phone governance we’ve come to know in the last decade, with the Supreme Court having to invalidate extreme executive and agency actions in areas ranging from vaccine mandates to environmental regulations.

Without *Chevron*, two of the Biden administration’s high-profile regulatory schemes are in further jeopardy: the new Title IX rules and student-loan forgiveness. Both of these have already been judicially blocked on a temporary basis — and now the administration’s chances of success on

appeal are even slimmer.

The demise of *Chevron* marks a significant shift in administrative law more broadly. The ruling reasserts the judiciary’s crucial role in interpreting statutes and ensuring that agencies don’t overstep their bounds. It also forces Congress to legislate if it wants to get something done, which is a victory for democratic accountability.

In other words, by having the judicial branch be more active in reviewing the executive branch, the legislative branch is empowered.

My only regret here is that the Supreme Court petition in *Loper Bright* was filed before the one for its companion case, *Relentless, Inc. v. Department of Commerce*, so the consolidated opinion bears the first’s name. It would have been perhaps too on the nose to have the long-derided *Chevron* case, which has faced legal assault for decades, overturned by one named *Relentless* (the name of a fishing vessel).

But regardless, *Chevron* is dead. Long live judicial review!

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ILYA SHAPIRO

The Post Puzzle Page

SCRABBLE

G₂ R₁ A₁ M₃ S₁

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A₁ I₁ V₄ T₁ S₁ H₄ L₁

RAK 1

E₁ O₁ Y₄ T₁ M₃ S₁ D₂

Triple Word Score

RAK 2

A₁ A₁ A₁ Y₄ L₁ R₁ R₁

RAK 3

A₁ Y₄ X₈ H₄ N₁ P₃ R₁

1st Letter Double

RAK 4

PAR SCORE 160-170
BEST SCORE 236

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

TODAY'S ANSWER

SCRABBLE	G	R	A	M	S
SOLUTION	12	89	60	75	236
RSACK 1 =	12				
RACK 2 =		89			
RACK 3 =			60		
RACK 4 =				75	
TOTAL					236

Directions: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7 Letter words get 50 point bonus. "Blank" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE players Dictionary, 4th Edition.

Bridge

North dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ A K 6
♥ Q 9 7
♦ 7 5 2
♣ A 7 6 3

WEST
♠ Q J 10 8 5 2
♥ 3
♦ A J 4
♣ Q 10 4

EAST
♠ 9 7 4 3
♥ 5 2
♦ 9 8 6 3
♣ K J 9

SOUTH
♠ None
♥ A K J 10 8 6 4
♦ K Q 10
♣ 8 5 2

North 1♣ East 1♥ South 1♥ West 1♠
Pass Pass 6♥ All Pass

Opening lead — ♠ Q

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Another message on a sign standing guard beside a church in my town: "Adultery is a sin. You can't have your Kate and Edith too."

A good declarer doesn't put his faith in a single chance for the contract if two or more are available. At today's slam, South discarded a club on dummy's king of spades and led a diamond to his king. West did well to play low smoothly.

South then drew trumps with the ace and queen, threw another club on the ace of spades, and led a second diamond from dummy. He lost two diamonds to West's A-J and went down.

South's play was poor. He gets an extra chance by pitching two clubs on the A-K of spades, taking the ace of clubs and ruffing a club. He returns a trump to dummy and ruffs a club.

When East-West follow, South draws the last trump in dummy and discards the ten of diamonds on the good 13th club. He loses one diamond. If the clubs didn't break 3-3, South could reach dummy with trumps to lead twice toward his K-Q-10 of diamonds.

Word Force

REBOUND

From the word or phrase above, form **AT LEAST 9** five-letter words, without using more than one form of the same word. For example, drink or drank (not both).

ANSWERS IN TOMORROW'S POST

Saturday's word:

BEDCOVER

bored	cover	erode
breed	credo	robed
breve	creed	roved
coder	decor	
cored	drove	

Wonderword

How to play: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **Circle their letters only. Do not circle the word.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

TRUCK TRANSMISSIONS

Solution: 8 letters

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E S T R S O R E A I A U A N V
R I O S O M V T L R N P I E L
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Very Easy #6,596

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Quick Crossword

Across

- "Lisa": Louvre highlight
- Highly capable
- Squad car alerts, for short
- Unaccounted-for GI
- "American Top 40" medium
- Peek
- Where to see stars on an app
- Assistant on Apple devices
- New Year's Eve Potato Drop state
- Mythical Himalayan beast
- Smart : frozen food brand
- "The Golden Bachelor" network
- Motionless
- Carpentry tool
- Where to see stars after a blow
- "Frankly," in a text
- Female pheasant
- Laughably silly
- Org. that encourages flossing
- Quick to prepare, like pudding or coffee
- Ornamental pond fish
- Toned down
- Moody genre
- Beings on UFOs
- Where to see stars under a dome
- Earn after taxes
- Neckwear worn with mittens
- Threaded fastener
- Effect in a tunnel
- Brutish Tolkien characters
- "Attraction": Glenn Close thriller
- Hamperful of laundry
- Where to see stars in Hollywood
- Equivalent
- Paperless message
- Not occupied
- Wood choppers
- "I wanna have a turn!"
- Pull hard

Down

- "Please allow me"
- Carried a balance
- Mardi Gras city, informally
- First Greek letter
- "we good?"
- Folk hero Crockett
- Emmy winner Falco
- Cobbler container
- Service provided by a wrecker
- Unsuccessful candidate
- "I see where you're coming from"
- Real snooze
- Winter resort rentals
- AnnaSophia of "Bridge to Terabithia"
- "SportsCenter" anchor Linda
- Issue forth
- Notary public's mark
- "Opposites Attract" singer Paula
- "Ah, too bad"
- "Hollywood Squares" symbols
- Prefix with face or lace
- 100 bucks
- Major caper
- Concept
- Calais chum
- Word such as "word"
- Converts into a secret message
- Small spade
- House with a sharply sloping roof
- Bungle
- Stretchy candy
- "Frozen" sister with a French braid

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Brain freeze

Elon Musk's brain-chip company Neuralink postponed surgery to implant a device in a second patient last week because the selected person had health issues that made him an unsuitable candidate for current participation, Bloomberg reported.

Israeli cash

Israeli tech startups raised \$2.9 billion in the second quarter of 2024, the highest level in two years, IVC Data and Insights and LeumiTech said on Sunday, showing that the sector's cash-raising ability remains robust despite Israel's war with Hamas.

Sweet outlook

Nestle is targeting stable growth in sales volumes from the second quarter throughout the remainder of the year as cost inflation eases, the company's CEO said.

Cooling jets

A strike by WestJet Airlines' mechanics that has led to hundreds of canceled flights over Canada's long holiday weekend will continue until a deal is reached, the union's president said.

Launch fail

Beijing Tianbing Technology said that the first stage of its Tianlong-3 rocket under development had detached from its launch pad during a test due to structural failure and landed in central China.

Source: Post Wires

WHAT SCHU DOIN'?

Chuck rapped for sitting on kid-tech safety bill

By THOMAS BARRABI

A landmark bill that would hold Big Tech firms like Meta responsible for online child safety has hit a roadblock in the Senate — and critics are pointing the finger at Majority Leader Chuck Schumer.

The Kids Online Safety Act, or KOSA, would impose a legal “duty of care” on social media firms to protect minors from harassment, bullying, anxiety and sex abuse — or face enforcement action by the Federal Trade Commission.

The bill has 69 co-sponsors across the political spectrum in the Senate, including Schumer (D-NY) and co-lead sponsors Sens. Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.) and Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.). In a surprising twist, Snap, X and Microsoft broke ranks with the tech industry to say they support the measure.

Meta hasn't taken a firm public stance on KOSA specifically, though the company has said it supports federal regulation on online safety. When asked about an older version of the bill on Capitol Hill earlier this year, TikTok CEO Shou Zi Chew said the company could support it with some changes.

Frustration

Some of the bill's proponents, including parents whose children were victims of online abuse, remain optimistic that KOSA will become law before the end of the year. However, others have grown exasperated by Schumer's failure to schedule a floor vote despite the clear bipartisan support.

“I cannot understand why he's not bringing it to the floor,” said Mary Rodee, a New York resident who lost her 15-year-old son Riley to suicide in 2015 after he was targeted in a sextortion scheme on Facebook.

“I just have to keep being like, ‘Okay, I guess that's not the plan.’ But that all seems like it's a political dog-and-pony show.”

Calls to pass the bill gained steam earlier this year after a bombshell Senate hearing in which Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg issued an apology to the families of victims of online child sex abuse. The Facebook and Instagram owner faces a federal lawsuit from dozens of states who allege its addictive apps have exposed children to harm and fueled a youth

Puzzled critics are asking what is keeping Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-NY) from moving ahead on a child-safety measure that not only has wide bipartisan support, but has also received the blessing of Snap, X and Microsoft.



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mental health crisis.

Rodee said the apology rang hollow — and lawmakers shouldn't have allowed it.

“You gave Mark Zuckerberg a stage to apologize to us that he didn't deserve,” Rodee said. “To me, that never should have happened. I have distrust in all of it.”

Meta did not immediately return a request for comment.

As The Post has reported, KOSA is one of several bipartisan online safety bills on the table — and the one considered most likely to become law. It was introduced in the Senate last year, with companion legislation coming to the House in April.

Schumer has insisted KOSA is a “top priority” and sought to move the bill through unanimous consent, a fast-track process to pass legislation as long as no senator objects. Doing so would allow the Senate, which is running short on remaining floor time ahead of the 2024 election, to avoid a lengthier roll call vote.

In a floor speech last week, Schumer said some senators still had blocks on the bill and that the Senate “must pursue a different legislative path to get this done” if terms can't be reached.

One key objector is Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.), who is not expected to drop his opposition. Paul's office didn't return requests for comment.

“They've already got moms who've had tragedies with their kids coming up to me, but someone has to have the guts to read the bill, see what's wrong with it,” Paul recently told the Huffington Post. “If they want it unanimously, they have to negotiate.”

‘Productive’ talks

Another is Ron Wyden (D-Ore.), who, sources said, has sought assurances that KOSA would not weaken Section 230, a controversial statute that shields tech firms from liability for third-party content posted on their platforms. Wyden was one of the statute's original co-authors.

“There have been productive discussions on KOSA,” a Wyden aide said. “It's moving in the right direction. He has not yet lifted his hold.”

In the meantime, Parents for Safe Online Spaces, whose bereaved members lost children to online harm, has pressed Schumer to act.

Over Father's Day weekend, the group placed billboards in Times Square urging the senator and other lawmakers to “save kids' lives” by

passing KOSA. The parents also recently sent a letter reminding Schumer that he'd promised to hold a vote by June 20 — a deadline that has come and gone.

“There's definitely some frustration,” a source close to the situation told The Post. “I think the ads and the letter that the parents sent last week kicked that office into another gear. It's frustrating that didn't happen sooner.”

Schumer's office did not return multiple requests for comment.

KOSA faced another setback when the House Energy and Commerce Committee abruptly canceled plans Thursday to mark up the bill — the final step before a floor vote in the lower chamber. Advocates are pushing for the markup to be rescheduled after a July 4 recess.

Outside of Congress, the bill has its share of opponents, including the ACLU and the digital-advocacy group Fight For The Future. The latter has described KOSA as “a dangerous censorship bill that would give the government unprecedented control over the Internet.”

Chamber of Progress, a Big Tech-funded trade group, argues the bill will force tech firms to “over-moderate” the Internet.

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The rising Empire

Boeing to face charges

They'll take Manhattan

The upgraded Empire State Building has soared to 93% occupancy, according to the Empire State Realty Trust. Meanwhile, the onetime celebrity favorite Langan's pub (center) will be reopening in a new spot on West 47th Street, and "Black Rock," the former CBS headquarters on West 52nd Street (right) also boasts new amenities and 90% occupancy.



Getty Images: Colin Miller; NY Post: Erik Thomas

Federal prosecutors will criminally charge Boeing with fraud over two fatal crashes and ask the plane-maker to plead guilty or face a trial, two people familiar with the matter said on Sunday.

The Justice Department planned to formally offer a plea agreement to Boeing later in the day, which includes a financial penalty and imposition of an independent monitor to audit the company's safety and compliance practices for three years, the sources said.

Justice Department officials plan to give Boeing until the end of the week to respond to the offer, which they will present as nonnegotiable, the sources said. Should Boeing refuse to plead guilty, prosecutors plan to take the company to trial, they said.

Boeing and the Justice Department declined to comment. Reuters was first to report the Justice Department's decision to prosecute Boeing and seek a guilty plea.

The Justice Department decided to charge Boeing after finding it violated a 2021 agreement that had shielded it from prosecution over fatal crashes involving 737 MAX jets. The deadly crashes took place in 2018 and 2019, killing 346 people.

Reuters

Iconic building draws high-end tenants

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THE Empire State Building has come a long way since the days when King Kong's favorite skyscraper was mostly home to shoe wholesalers and dentists' offices. The great landmark evolved into a mecca for finance and media after Empire State Realty Trust took it over in 2006 and launched a \$550 million capital-improvement program.

The newest tenant, global management-consulting firm Kearney, just claimed the highest two office floors — 78 and 79, where it signed for 27,866 square feet. (Higher floors are broadcasting facilities and the Observatory.)

Kearney is moving from Seven Times Square. The asking rent was \$88 per square foot. Empire State was 93% leased as of ESRT's first-quarter earnings supplement.

The landlord's executive vice president for real estate, Thomas P. Durels, said in an understatement, "Kearney employees will enjoy breathtaking views."

They'll also have access to 65,000 square feet of new amenities that include a fitness center, seven dining options, a lounge, basketball and pickleball courts, and golf simulators.

'Black Rock' renewal

In the latest reflection of Sixth Avenue's enduring appeal, global law firm Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe renewed its lease on 144,312 square feet for 15 years at 51 W. 52nd St., the avenue's fabled "Black Rock" tower.

The former CBS headquarters is more than 90% leased since Harbor Group International bought the landmark for \$760 million in October 2021. The new owners spent \$128 million to bring the tower up to 21st century speed with revamped lobbies, upgraded interiors and an amenities suite including a fitness center and private tenants' cafe in the concourse.

The upgrades helped HGI to land 500,000 square feet of new leases and renewals. Other large tenants include law firm Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz and Canadian pension fund CPPIB.

Asking rents in the tower are \$115 per square foot.

A CBRE team led by Mary Ann Tighe repped Orrick, Herrington. A different CBRE team with Howard Fiddle and Scott Gottlieb repped the owners.

Restaurants, pubs and clubs are opening all over town — such as Daily Provisions from Danny Meyer's Union Square Hospitality Group, which will bring more energy to 30 Rock's Concourse dining area in the fall.

But the big news on booming West 47th Street is the return later this year of Langan's, the fabled Irish bar and eatery that closed in January 2018.

Des O'Brien's Pig N' Whistle Group plans to launch the new Langan's at the Durst Organization's 114 W. 47th St., a half-block east of the original. The long-vacant space has about 4,000 square feet.

O'Brien said it will be a "contemporary" second coming with a "slight Victorian/Industrial/traditional look" under a 24-foot-high ceiling.

A chef he wouldn't identify will design a modern "American-Mediterranean fused menu" that he promised will be "better than standard pub fare."

The original Langan's for 25 years drew all kinds, from Meryl Streep and Alec Baldwin to Sen. John McCain, Sex Pistol Johnny Rotten and legions of journalists and media types.

The old Langan's space at 150 W. 47th, surrounded by three new hotels and the relocated Palace Theater, remains dark.

Office 'visitation' up

The return-to-office trend continues apace. Manhattan office "visitations" in May were 74% of 2019 levels, compared with 70% in May 2023, according to the Real Estate Board of New York.

The figures are based on a REBNY analysis of Placer.ai location data. It tallies visits to 350 office buildings based on cellphone records and includes retail traffic in those buildings as well.

The May figure was slightly lower than 75% in April due to travel over Memorial Day weekend, and would have been higher than the previous month's excluding the weekend.

Keith DeCoster, REBNY's director of market data and policy, said, "We will watch closely to see if visitation rates increase, hold steady or decline during the summer in line with historic behavior."

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These summer reads will heat up your work life

By PERRI ORMONT BLUMBERG

IT'S time to gear up for some professional growth under the summer sun. Here are the best reads for career development and life advice for movers and shakers.

'Negotiating While Black: Be Who You Are To Get What You Want'

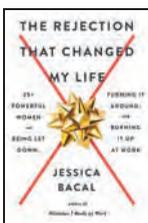
by Damali Peterman (G.P. Putnam's Sons)

This new release by lawyer and mediator Damali Peterman is one she wishes she could have had to guide her through being the only Black woman in the office.

Peterman advocated for her children, who attended predominantly white schools, and tackled biases in her personal and professional life. Here, the trained negotiator for high-stakes situations lays out simple strategies that work for all people, regardless of their identity.



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'The Rejection That Changed My Life: 25+ Powerful Women on Being Let Down, Turning It Around, and Burning It Up at Work'

by Jessica Bacal (Plume)

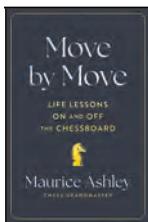
From the author of "Mistakes I Made at Work: 25 Influential Women Reflect on What They Got Out of Getting It Wrong," you'll finish Jessica Bacal's ode to rejection more inspired than ever to keep striving post flops or failure.

The book spotlights interviews with Keri Smith, Angela Duckworth and Roz Chast, among other noteworthy ladies. The men might learn a thing or two about facing career struggles from this one, too.

'Move by Move: Life Lessons On and Off the Chessboard' by Maurice Ashley (Chronicle Prism)

In case you haven't noticed, the whole world has become obsessed with chess these past few years. This book, released in April, was penned by Maurice Ashley, the first Black chess grand master.

The US Chess Hall of Fame inductee's skills on the board bloomed in Brooklyn during his adolescence, when he played in parks and clubs throughout the city. Drawing from his 30-year career in chess, he extracts practical takeaways and hard-won wisdom about life on topics ranging from



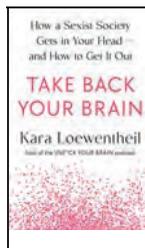
embracing chaos to failure to strategic risks.

Even if you're not a chess enthusiast, it's safe to say you'll come away from this book with a new appreciation for the game and ideas that you can apply to your personal and professional life.

'Take Back Your Brain: How a Sexist Society Gets in Your Head — and How to Get It Out' by Kara Loewentheil (Penguin Life)

Kara Loewentheil is the host of the critically acclaimed "UnF*ck Your Brain: Feminist Self-Help for Everyone" podcast, and now the author of this manual to re-setting your career.

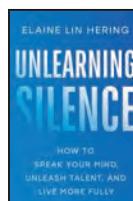
Within, the Harvard Law grad turned life coach guides women on topics running the gamut from body image to finding more joy. The counsel is doled out through the lens of implementing cognitive change to break free from anxiety and blaze a better pathway.



'Team: Getting Things Done With Others' by David Allen and Edward Lamont (Viking)

Back in 2001, author David Allen launched a movement and acronym (GTD — Getting Things Done) for acing time management. Now, he's teamed up with Edward Lamont for this playbook on how to optimize collaboration. In short, you'll learn how to implement GTD principles in group contexts, perhaps more vital than ever in an era of hybrid and remote work.

Throughout, case studies from prestigious companies reveal the joy of working together when you've got a system that actually works.



'Unlearning Silence: How To Speak Your Mind, Unleash Talent, and Live More Fully' by Elaine Lin Hering (Penguin Life)

Since hitting bookstores in March, this practical how-to tome has been inspiring professionals to speak up in the boardroom and beyond.

Grounded in human psychology, Elaine Lin Hering explains unconscious patterns that have trained us to keep our lips glued shut and how to change this behavior.

You'll close the final page of the book feeling more confident than ever to speak up at work, whether it's in a Slack channel or in your annual review with your boss.

'Sharing Space: An Astronaut's Guide to Mission, Wonder, and Making Change' by Cady Coleman (Penguin Life)

Cady Coleman's memoir motivates us all to push boundaries at work and shatter stereotypes.

In 2010 Coleman blasted off to spend six months on the International Space Station and was the only woman on her six-person crew, so she knows a thing or two about doing just that.

While most of us likely want to glean intel on flourishing back on planet Earth, you'll enjoy plenty of fascinating anecdotes (meteorite sleuthing in Antarctica! Deploying a \$1.6 billion telescope into space!) and motivational takeaways along the ride.

Some may say, "You can't have it all," but this retired US Air Force colonel, mom and former NASA astronaut will remind you that you can — and should.



I love my job but I haven't had anything but a measly pay raise in years. With inflation, I'm getting less than ever. I've tried asking, but am told it's not in the budget. How long should I put up with this? Should I leave?

How much of a price do you put on happiness, or "love"? If I told you that you could make 10% more in another job but you wouldn't "love" your job as you do now, would you take it? This is a personal decision, obviously, but the majority of people are unhappy with their boss or job, according to every survey everywhere, and many people are putting happiness at work above compensation. First, talk to your boss about what you can do to earn a raise at the job you love before leaping into the unknown. Most annual merit raises are not based on inflation. Since the average raise in corporate America is about 4%, employees were doing well when inflation was 1% and are only now having a harder time keeping up with inflation highs. So I am not sure that you are going to find it different anywhere else — and you may not love it either.

I have a boss who always makes sexist comments, but he is also very supportive of me and has never acted inappropriately. However, the comments are wearing me down. I have tried talking to him but he just doesn't see why his biased comments on gender and such like are problematic. Am I overreacting? Nobody else seems to mind it.

Just because no one else has spoken to you or complained about how they feel about the boss's comments doesn't mean that they don't mind. Most people are afraid to speak up for fear of reprisal, particularly if the comments are not directed at them. But turning a deaf ear to inappropriate comments just because they aren't directed at you is not being a good colleague nor helpful to others or the company. And it is affecting you. So you have a responsibility to say something to your boss. If you have tried that and the behavior hasn't changed, now is the time to escalate your concerns in the manner consistent with the company's policy for such events.

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SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS, HMC ASSETS, LLC SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS SEPARATE TRUSTEE OF CAM XV TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. VERA MCGEACHY, Defendant(s).

Pursuant to an Order Confirming Referee Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on June 17, 2019 and an Order to Substitute Bank duly entered on May 6, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction on the outside steps of the Queens County Supreme Court, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11435 on July 12, 2024 at 10:45 a.m., premises known as 223-15 114th Road, Cambria Heights, NY 11411. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Fourth Ward, Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York, Block 11243 and Lot 40. Approximate amount of judgment is \$571,822.47 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #703947/2021. The Referee shall comply with the Eleventh Judicial District's COVID-19 policies concerning public auctions of foreclosed properties. These policies, along with the Queens County Foreclosure's Auction Rules, can be found on the Queens Supreme Court - Civil Term website.

Mark Weliky, Esq., Referee

Friedman Vartolo LLP, 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff. Firm File No. M.1489-1

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF RENNELAER
INDEX NO. EF2019-262492

Plaintiff designates RENNELAER
as the place of trial situs of the real property

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Mortgaged Premises:

1572 2ND STREET, RENNELAER, NY 12144
Section: 133.78, Block: 14, Lot: 133.78

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR FREMONT HOME LOAN TRUST 2002-1,
ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2002-1,
Plaintiff,

vs.

MARSHA ECKELS, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF MICHELLE ECKELS, if living, and if she/he be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lieners, and assigns of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lieners and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; AMANDA ECKELS, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF MICHELLE ECKELS, if living, and if she/he be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lieners, and assigns of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lieners and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF MICHELLE ECKELS, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lieners, and assigns of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lieners and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; MICHAEL CAREY; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA – INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; RONALD W. JOHNSON, SR., AS EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF LARRY E. JOHNSON; PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

"JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises described in the Complaint,
Defendants.

To the above named Defendants

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service. Your failure to appear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you.

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$60,000.00 and interest, recorded on June 19, 2002, in Instrument Number 2002-00083471, of the Public Records of RENNELAER County, New York., covering premises known as 1572 2ND STREET, RENNELAER, NY 12144.

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. RENNELAER County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county.

NOTICE

YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.

Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property.

Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

Dated: May 8th, 2024

ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC
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Golf

PGA Tour - Rocket Mortgage Classic

At North Course; Detroit; Purse: \$9.2 million; Yardage: 7,370; Par: 72

Final Round

Cameron Davis (500), \$1,656,000	68-66-66-70	270	-18
Akshay Bhatia (184), \$616,400	64-67-68-72	271	-17
Min Woo Lee (184), \$616,400	68-68-66-69	271	-17
Aaron Rai (184), \$616,400	66-65-68-72	271	-17
Davis Thompson (184), \$616,400	68-69-66-68	271	-17
Rico Cole (89), \$300,150	66-68-70-69	273	-15
Eric Hoey (89), \$300,150	69-69-68-67	273	-15
Erik Van Rooyen (89), \$300,150	69-64-68-72	273	-15
Cameron Young (89), \$300,150	67-66-67-73	273	-15
Nick Dunlap (62), \$206,233	67-69-67-71	274	-14
Taylor Moore (62), \$206,233	68-71-66-69	274	-14
J.J. Spaun (62), \$206,233	67-69-69-69	274	-14
Hayden Springer (62), \$206,233	71-65-68-70	274	-14
Sam Stevens (62), \$206,233	69-66-66-73	274	-14
Dylan Wu (62), \$206,233	69-68-68-69	274	-14
Luke Clanton (0), \$0	69-68-65-72	274	-14
Troy Merritt (49), \$149,500	69-64-70-73	276	-12
Ben Silverman (49), \$149,500	67-70-67-72	276	-12
David Skins (49), \$149,500	67-69-67-72	276	-12
Patton Kizzire (41), \$113,068	69-69-69-70	277	-11
Ben Kohles (41), \$113,068	67-70-70-70	277	-11
Andrew Novak (41), \$113,068	71-66-70-70	277	-11
Carl Yuan (41), \$113,068	68-71-69-69	277	-11
Neal Shipley (0), \$113,068	67-68-70-72	277	-11
Joel Dahmen (32), \$74,980	70-64-68-76	278	-10
Patrick Fishburn (32), \$74,980	72-67-69-70	278	-10
Matt Kuchar (32), \$74,980	70-68-71-69	278	-10
Nate Lashley (32), \$74,980	70-68-71-69	278	-10
Justin Lower (32), \$74,980	68-70-68-72	278	-10
Jhonattan Vegas (32), \$74,980	67-69-69-73	278	-10
Jacob Bridgeman (19), \$48,583	68-69-71-71	279	-9
Rickie Fowler (19), \$48,583	66-72-67-74	279	-9
Max Greyserman (19), \$48,583	69-70-68-72	279	-9
Ben Griffin (19), \$48,583	67-71-71-70	279	-9
Harry Hall (19), \$48,583	71-69-67-72	279	-9
Ryo Hisatsune (19), \$48,583	75-65-67-72	279	-9
Beau Hossler (19), \$48,583	71-69-66-73	279	-9
Jake Knapp (19), \$48,583	70-65-70-74	279	-9
Nicholas Lindheim (19), \$48,583	70-70-70-69	279	-9
Ryan McCormick (19), \$48,583	70-68-70-71	279	-9
Patrick Rodgers (19), \$48,583	69-67-67-76	279	-9
Roger Sloan (19), \$48,583	68-68-71-72	279	-9
Kevin Yu (19), \$48,583	70-70-68-71	279	-9
Hayden Buckley (10), \$29,164	71-67-66-76	280	-8
Blaine Hale (10), \$29,164	68-71-71-70	280	-8
Chris Kirk (10), \$29,164	68-69-69-74	280	-8
Maverick McNealy (10), \$29,164	73-66-71-70	280	-8
Taylor Montgomery (10), \$29,164	65-68-77-70	280	-8
Ryan Moore (10), \$29,164	71-69-69-71	280	-8
Brandon Wu (10), \$29,164	71-69-69-71	280	-8
Benjamin James (0), \$0	70-70-68-72	280	-8

PGA Tour - Dow Championship

At Midland Country Club; Midland, Mich.; Purse: \$3 million; Yardage: 6,277; Par: 70

Final Round

R.Yin/A.Thitikul, \$364,572	64-66-66-62	258	-22
A.Ewing/J.Kupcho, \$179,574	64-64-67-64	259	-21
I.Kim/H.Kang, \$97,812	68-63-65-65	261	-19
N.Koerstz/Madsen/N.Broch Estrup, \$97,812	68-60-70-63	261	-19
C.Hull/G.Hall, \$60,177	66-63-70-63	262	-18
G.Kim/A.Kim, \$60,177	67-61-69-65	262	-18
N.Guseva/G.Stoll, \$48,599	67-63-72-61	263	-17
A.Kim/Y.Noh, \$31,568	66-64-72-62	264	-16
B.Henderson/L.Thompson, \$31,568	66-64-71-63	264	-16
B.Lincicome/B.Lang, \$31,568	71-62-67-64	264	-16
C.Inglis/A.Doherty, \$31,568	68-63-66-67	264	-16
C.Wannasaen/J.Boonchant, \$31,568	64-64-71-65	264	-16
G.Ziengme Oboh/L.Abe, \$31,568	68-62-71-63	264	-16
J.Ko/N.Hataoka, \$31,568	69-63-68-64	264	-16
M.Saigo/Y.Sung, \$31,568	69-61-70-64	264	-16
W.Hsu/S.Cheng, \$31,568	65-63-70-66	264	-16
C.Boutlier/Y.Saso, \$19,206	74-58-72-61	265	-15
H.Naveed/S.Garcia, \$19,206	69-64-70-62	265	-15
P.Reto/A.Lewis, \$19,206	69-62-69-65	265	-15
M.Katsu/H.Shibuno, \$14,977	71-61-71-63	266	-14
W.Meechai/P.Yoktuan, \$14,977	68-61-71-66	266	-14
W.Zhang/L.Zeng, \$14,977	71-61-70-64	266	-14
A.Krauter/C.Clanton, \$11,443	67-66-69-65	267	-13
H.Ryu/S.Lee, \$11,443	67-63-73-64	267	-13
J.Chang/N.Park, \$11,443	65-67-69-66	267	-13
P.Chien/Y.Hou, \$11,443	67-64-72-64	267	-13
D.Kang/L.Ko, \$9,322	71-62-62-63	268	-12
J.Suwannapura/P.Delacour, \$9,322	68-64-70-66	268	-12
A.Yubol/P.Phatlum, \$7,871	69-64-69-68	270	-10
R.Zhang/A.Pano, \$7,871	69-64-72-65	270	-10
S.Stevens/V.Borovilos, \$7,871	68-65-73-64	270	-10

DP World Tour - Italian Open

At Adriatic Golf Club Cervia; Ravenna, Italy; Purse: \$3.3 million; Yardage: 6,989; Par: 71 x-Siem wins in a playoff

Final Round

x-Marcel Siem, \$516,774	69-68-66-71	274	-10
Tom McKittrick, \$334,383	71-70-68-65	274	-10
Sean Crocker, \$171,751	66-71-70-68	275	-9
Janning De Bruyn, \$171,751	67-67-72-69	275	-9
Adri Arnaus, \$94,114	66-71-70-69	276	-8
James Nicholas, \$94,114	67-70-69-70	276	-8
Andrea Pavan, \$94,114	64-73-69-70	276	-8
Antoine Rozner, \$94,114	69-72-62-73	276	-8
Shubhankar Sharma, \$94,114	68-68-67-73	276	-8
Dan Bradbury, \$45,142	69-68-71-69	277	-7
Filippo Celli, \$45,142	70-68-70-69	277	-7
Aaron Cockerill, \$45,142	66-70-71-70	277	-7
Samuel Jones, \$45,142	72-68-68-69	277	-7
Matteo Manassero, \$45,142	68-71-69-69	277	-7
David Micheluzzi, \$45,142	70-68-69-70	277	-7
Lauri Ruuska, \$45,142	68-72-66-71	277	-7
Matthias Schwab, \$45,142	71-70-69-67	277	-7
Brandon Stone, \$45,142	68-67-72-70	277	-7
Gunner Wiebe, \$45,142	64-69-73-71	277	-7
Andrew Wilson, \$45,142	68-70-67-72	277	-7
Gregorio De Leo, \$45,142	72-67-66-72	277	-7

Yonkers Raceway entries

Post time: 7 p.m.

FIRST: 1 Mile \$22,000 5000OCLM; PACE

1 Jimmy Connor B (GBrennan) 2-2-3	5-2
2 CenturyEndeavor(MMcDnd) 4-4-1	6-1
3 C-Bet Hanover (Jstratton) 7-7-3	15-1
4 Optical Illusion N (DDube) 3-8-2	10-1
5 Looorm Lake A (JBongiorni) 4-X-6	12-1
6 Twin B Deluxe (MKakaley) 3-2-5	3-1
7 Thrasher (BHolland) 3-1-6	8-1
8 Shine A Light (JBartlett) 1-3-3	4-1

SECOND: 1 Mile \$35,000 3-5 YO OPN; PACE

1 Hazeville (BHolland) 2-1-1	6-1
2 VenturesmeArdenN (JStrtrtn) 1-2-4	5-2
3 Duval Street (ASiegelman) 5-4-5	8-1
4 Its A Me Mario (JBartlett) 5-2-3	5-2
5 Birthday (GBrennan) 6-2-1	2-1
6 Kingsville (JMarohn) 7-2-5	20-1

THIRD: 1 Mile \$21,000 NW164615; PACE

1 Marlbank Road (DDube) 8-8-8	10-1
2 Yorokobi N (Jstratton) 5-8-2	5-1
3 Gingras Beach (MKakaley) 4-5-1	4-1
4 Vici (JBongiorni) 1-3-3	9-5
5 Italian Lad N (ASiegelman) 2-1-1	5-1
6 Mikiteen (JBartlett) 3-2-2	4-1
7 Saranac Blue Chip (SZeron) 7-1-8	20-1

FOURTH: 1 Mile \$35,000 3-5 YO OPN; PACE

1 Pleaseletmeknow (MKakley) 2-1-3	2-1
2 Nautical Hanover (DDube) 4-1-5	12-1
3 Night Hawk (GBrennan) 2-4-5	9-2
4 Captaincountrystar (PBerry) 1-1-1	9-5
5 Dunkin' (JMarohn) 8-1-2	5-1
6 Combustion (SZeron) 6-6-9	8-1

FIFTH: 1 Mile \$18,000 3000OCLM; PACE

1 Major Desire (JBartlett) 2-1-1	3-2
2 ImAPowerplayA(ASiegelman) 4-1-1	4-1
3 Nome Hanover (SZeron) 8-6-5	12-1
4 HeartOnMySleeve(JBongirn) 4-4-3	15-1
5 Genius Man (MKakaley) 5-4-2	5-2
6 Ys Do It Right (GBrennan) 3-4-6	8-1
7 Nowhere Creek A (BHolland) 6-1-4	15-1
8 Pretty Handsome (Jstratton) 2-8-4	20-1

Belmont at Aqueduct results Sunday

FIRST-1 mile; \$90,000; mdn spl wt; 3up

2 Digital Ops (Davis)	30.00	6.90	3.60
5 Pentathlon (Carmouche)	3.00	2.10	
1 Prairie Dunes (Alvarado)			2.50

● \$1 Exacta (2-5) \$21.70 ● \$0.1 Superfecta (2-5-1-3) \$18.57 ● \$0.5 Trifecta (2-5-1) \$26.25 ● \$1 Exacta (2-5) \$21.70 ● \$0.1 Show (2-5-1-3) \$18.57 ● \$0.5 Trifecta (2-5-1) \$26.25

SECOND-6 fur; \$90,000; mdn spl wt; 3up (f&m)

1 Sh's Always Rs (Crmch)	15.60	8.20	5.20
2 I'm Thinking (Davis)		12.40	7.70
6 Cost Containment (Cancel)			5.70

THIRD-6 fur; \$28,000; cfm(\$14,000); 3up (f&m)

5 Frst Clls Ct (Lzcn)	7.00	3.90	2.50
6 Try It Again (Silvera)		6.30	2.80
1 Irish Jackson (Davis)			2.10

● \$1 Pick 3 (2-1-5) \$263.00 ● \$1 Daily Double (1-5) \$45.25 ● \$1 Exacta (5-6) \$17.60 ● \$0.1 Superfecta (5-6-1-4) \$8.60 ● \$0.5 Trifecta (5-6-1) \$21.25 ● \$1 Pick 3 (2-1-5) \$263.00 ● \$1 Daily Double (1-5) \$45.25 ● \$1 Exacta (5-6) \$17.60 ● \$0.1 Show (5-6-1-4) \$8.60 ● \$0.5 Trifecta (5-6-1) \$21.25

FOURTH-6 fur; \$80,000; alc; 3up (f&m)

2 Mggys' Plce (Dvs)	20.60	7.20	4.50
3 Enfuega (Franco)		3.50	2.40
1 Five to Two (Lezcano)			2.80

● \$1 Pick 3 (1-5-2) \$230.00 ● \$1 Daily Double (1-5) \$47.75 ● \$1 Exacta (2-3) \$32.00 ● \$1 Quinella (2-3) \$11.50 ● \$0.1 Superfecta (2-3-1-4) \$16.57 ● \$0.5 Trifecta (2-3-1) \$44.12 ● \$1 Pick 3 (1-5-2) \$230.00 ● \$1 Daily Double (5-2) \$47.75 ● \$1 Exacta (2-3) \$32.00 ● \$1 Quinella (2-3) \$11.50 ● \$0.1 Show (5-6-1-4) \$16.57 ● \$0.5 Trifecta (2-3-1) \$44.12

FIFTH-7 fur; \$52,000; st alc(\$25,000); 4up

2 Prnrctz (Ramsy)	4.60	3.30	2.50
1 Magnola Mdngh (Frnc)		3.90	

AL Standings

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Baltimore	53	31	.631	—	—	4-6	L-1	29-17	24-14
Yankees	54	32	.628	—	+7	3-7	W-1	24-14	30-18
Boston	44	39	.530	8½	1½	5-4	W-1	20-23	24-16
Tampa Bay	42	42	.500	11	4	7-3	W-1	23-25	19-17
Toronto	38	45	.458	14½	7½	3-6	L-1	20-21	18-24

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Cleveland	52	30	.634	—	—	6-4	L-1	26-9	26-21
Minnesota	47	37	.560	6	+1	6-4	W-2	23-16	24-21
Kansas City	47	39	.547	7	—	5-5	W-1	30-16	17-23
Detroit	38	46	.452	15	8	4-6	W-1	19-22	19-24
Chicago	24	62	.279	30	23	4-6	L-1	16-29	8-33

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Seattle	47	39	.547	—	—	3-7	L-2	28-14	19-25
Houston	42	41	.506	3½	3½	9-1	W-2	24-19	18-22
Texas	38	46	.452	8	8	4-6	W-1	20-19	18-27
Los Angeles	36	47	.434	9½	9½	7-3	L-1	18-26	18-21
Oakland	30	56	.349	17	17	2-8	L-2	18-23	12-33

***WGB:** Games behind third-place team in wild-card race

Sunday

Yankees 8, Toronto 1
Houston 10, **Mets** 5, 11 inn.
Tampa Bay 5, Washington 0
Boston 4, San Diego 1
Kansas City 6, Cleveland 2
Colorado 5, White Sox 4, 14 inn.
Arizona 5, Oakland 1
Detroit 7, L.A. Angels 6
Minnesota 5, Seattle 3
Texas 11, Baltimore 2

Monday

Houston at Toronto, 3:07

Tuesday

Cincinnati at **Yankees**, 7:05

Boston at Miami, 6:40

White Sox at Cleveland, 6:40

Houston at Toronto, 7:07

Detroit at Minnesota, 7:40

San Diego at Texas, 8:05

Tampa Bay at Kansas City, 8:10

Baltimore at Seattle, 9:40

L.A. Angels at Oakland, 9:40

NL Standings

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Philadelphia	55	29	.655	—	—	6-4	W-1	33-14	22-15
Atlanta	46	36	.561	8	+3½	5-5	L-1	26-14	20-22
Mets	40	41	.494	13½	2	6-4	L-2	21-25	19-16
Washington	39	44	.470	15½	4	3-7	L-1	17-19	22-25
Miami	30	54	.357	25	13½	5-5	L-1	16-27	14-27

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Milwaukee	50	34	.595	—	—	6-4	W-1	27-13	23-21
St. Louis	43	40	.518	6½	—	7-3	W-1	24-18	19-22
Pittsburgh	40	43	.482	9½	3	5-5	W-1	19-20	21-23
Cincinnati	39	45	.464	11	4½	4-6	L-1	20-23	19-22
Chicago	39	46	.459	11½	5	3-7	L-1	22-18	17-28

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Los Angeles	52	33	.612	—	—	6-4	L-1	25-16	27-17
San Diego	46	42	.523	7½	+½	8-2	L-1	24-22	22-20
Arizona	41	43	.488	10½	2½	5-5	W-2	22-21	19-22
San Francisco	41	44	.482	11	3	5-5	W-1	25-19	16-25
Colorado	28	55	.337	23	15	3-7	W-1	16-24	12-31

***WGB:** Games behind third-place team in wild-card race

Sunday

Houston 10, **Mets** 5, 11 inn.
Pittsburgh 4, Atlanta 2
Tampa Bay 5, Washington 0
Boston 4, San Diego 1
Milwaukee 7, Cubs 1
St. Louis 2, Cincinnati 6
Philadelphia 7, Miami 0
Colorado 5, White Sox 4, 14 inn.
Arizona 5, Oakland 1
San Francisco 10, L.A. Dodgers 4

Monday

Mets at Washington, 6:45

Milwaukee at Colorado, 8:40

Tuesday

Mets at Washington, 6:45

Cincinnati at **Yankees**, 7:05

Boston at Miami, 6:40

St. Louis at Pittsburgh, 6:40

San Francisco at Atlanta, 7:20

Philadelphia at Cubs, 8:05

San Diego at Texas, 8:05

Milwaukee at Colorado, 8:40

Arizona at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10

Yankees 8, Blue Jays 1

Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Volpe ss	5	0	0	0	0	3	.261
Soto rf	3	1	1	2	0	3	.303
Judge dh	4	1	2	2	0	2	.316
Verdugo lf	5	1	1	0	0	1	.244
Torres 2b	5	1	2	0	0	1	.226
Rice 1b	3	2	1	2	0	.273	
Wells c	4	1	1	0	1	2	.214
LeMahieu 3b	5	1	2	2	0	0	.188
Grisham cf	5	0	2	2	0	2	.154
Totals	39	8	12	8	5	11	

Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Kiner-Falefa ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	.292
Horowitz 2b-1b	3	1	0	0	1	1	.315
Guerreiro 1b	2	0	1	0	0	0	.297
Schneider ph-2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.216
Turner dh	4	0	1	1	0	0	.251
Springer rf	3	0	0	1	1	1	.214
Varsho lf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.199
Jansen c	3	0	0	0	0	2	.227
Clement 3b	3	0	1	0	0	1	.262
Kiermaier cf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.192
Totals	30	1	4	1	2	10	

Yankees	220	031	000	—	8	12	0
Toronto	001	000	000	—	1	4	0

LOB: New York 10, Toronto 6. **2B:** Torres (14), LeMahieu (2), Grisham (1), Verdugo (17), Rice (2). **HR:** Judge (31), off Gausman. **RBIs:** Judge 2 (82), LeMahieu 2 (9), Soto (61), Grisham 2 (14), Rice (2), Turner (26). **RISP:** New York 5 for 17; Toronto 1 for 4. **DP:** New York 1 (Volpe, Torres, Rice).

Yankees	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Cole, W, 1-1	5.0	3	1	1	6	90	6.23	
Tonkin	1.2	1	0	0	0	3	26	1.23
Hill	1.1	0	0	0	0	0	10	1.50
Maciejewski	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	15	0.00

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Gausman, L, 6-7	4.1	7	7	7	5	7	107	4.75
G.Cabrera	0.2	1	0	0	0	0	13	4.18
Pearson	1.0	2	1	1	0	3	19	5.34
Cuas	1.0	0	0	0	1	11	9.00	
Green	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	14	14.55
Francis	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	14	5.35

T: 2:54. **A:** 38,534 (39,150).

Red Sox 4, Padres 1

San Diego	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Arraez 1b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.324
Profar lf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.314
Cronenworth 2b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.259
Machado dh	4	0	1	0	0	0	.268
Solano 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.277
Merrill cf	4	1	3	0	0	1	.294
Kim ss	3	0	1	1	0	0	.228
Higashioka c	3	0	0	0	0	0	.204
Johnson rf	2	0	1	0	0	0	.167
D.Peralta ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.207
Totals	32	1	8	1	0	4	

Boston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Duran lf	3	1	1	1	1	0	.288
Hamilton ss	3	0	1	0	0	0	.268
Refsnyder ph-rf	0	0	0	1	0	0	.322
Abreu rf	2	2	2	0	1	0	.272
c-González ph-ss	1	0	0	0	0	1	.283
Devers 3b	4	1	2	2	0	0	.286
Valdez 2b	4	0	0	0	1	0	.209
Yoshida dh	4	0	2	0	0	1	.246
Smith 1b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.212
McGuire c	3	0	0	0	1	0	.205
Rafaela cf	3	0	0	0	1	0	.240
Totals	31	4	8	3	3	5	

San Diego	000	000	100	—	1	8	0
Boston	201	010	00x	—	4	8	0
LOB: San Diego 6, Boston 6. 2B: Merrill (11), Kim (10), Smith (7). HR: Devers (18), off Waldron; Duran (9), off Waldron. RBIs: Kim (38), Devers 2 (45), Duran (39). S: Kim. RISP: San Diego 1 for 8; Boston 0 for 10. DP: San Diego 1 (Cronenworth, Kim, Arraez); Boston 2 (Valdez, Hamilton, Smith; Hamilton, Valdez, Smith).							

San Diego	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Waldron, L, 5-7 4.1	6	4	3	1	3	74	3.56	
W.Peralta	0.2	1	0	0	0	0	14	3.94
Kolek	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	8	4.62
Morejon	1.0	0	0	0	2	26	2.57	
Estrada	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	12	3.18

Boston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Winckowski, W, 2-1	5.0	4	0	0	0	1	58	2.80
Bernardino	0.2	1	0	0	0	0	11	1.20
Slaten	1.1	2	1	1	0	1	23	3.15
Martin, H, 9	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	10	3.55
Jansen, S, 16-17	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	10	2.22

T: 2:28. **A:** 30,665 (37,755).

Astros 10, Mets 5, 11 inn.

Houston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Altuve 2b	4	0	2	1	0	0	.304
McCormick lf	2	0	1	1	0	1	.218
Bregman 3b	5	2					

Royals 6, Guardians 2

Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Kwan If	4	0	1	0	0	2	.368
Schneemann cf-ss-3b	3	1	1	0	1	1	.263
Ramirez dh	4	1	1	1	0	1	.280
J.Naylor 1b	4	0	2	1	0	0	.242
Noel rf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.231
Giménez 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.246
B.Naylor c	4	0	3	0	0	0	.207
Rocchio ss	2	0	0	0	0	2	.210
Fry ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.310
Freeman cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.206
Tena 3b	2	0	0	0	0	2	.000
Arias ph-ss	1	0	0	0	0	1	.233
Totals	34	2	8	2	1	13	

Kansas City	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Garcia 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.229
Witt ss	4	2	3	1	0	0	.312
Pasquantino dh	4	1	3	1	0	0	.247
Perez 1b	4	1	1	3	0	2	.281
Renfroe rf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.213
Loflin 3b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.207
Fermin c	3	1	1	0	1	1	.289
Hampson cf	4	0	1	1	0	0	.274
Blanco lf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.237
Totals	34	6	11	6	2	5	

Cleveland	000	000	020	—	2	8	1
Kansas City	110	020	20x	—	6	11	0

E: Tena (1). **LOB:** Cleveland 6, Kansas City 7. **2B:** B.Naylor (9), Ramirez (17), Fermin (9), Hampson (7), Renfroe (11). **3B:** Witt (9). **HR:** Perez (14), off Avila. **RBIs:** Ramirez (76), J.Naylor (61), Perez 3 (52), Hampson (8), Witt (54), Pasquantino (55). **SB:** Blanco (17). **S:** Garcia. **RISP:** Cleveland 1 for 2; Kansas City 3 for 11. **DP:** Kansas City 1 (Witt, Garcia, Perez).

Cleveland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Allen, L, 8-4	4.1	6	3	3	0	3	72	5.75
Morgan	0.2	2	1	1	0	1	15	3.21
Herrin	0.2	0	0	0	2	0	13	1.07
Avila	1.1	3	2	2	0	1	28	2.80
Clase	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0.69

Kansas City	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Lugo, W, 11-2	6.0	4	0	0	1	10	93	2.17
W.Smith	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	13	4.73
Long	1.0	3	2	2	0	3	26	3.07
McArthur	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	11	4.28

T: 2:34. **A:** 27,691 (38,427).

Rockies 5, White Sox 4, 14 inn.

Colorado	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Blackmon rf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.257
Cave rf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.241
Doyle cf	5	0	0	0	0	0	.253
Tovar ss	6	0	2	1	0	3	.284
McMahon 3b	5	2	1	0	1	3	.270
Díaz dh	4	1	2	0	0	1	.307
Hilliard pr-dh	0	1	0	0	1	0	.000
Toglia 1b	4	0	1	1	2	1	.189
Jones lf	6	0	0	0	0	5	.184
Goodman c	3	0	0	2	0	2	.190
Schunk 2b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.000
Rodgers ph-2b	1	1	0	0	1	0	.279
Totals	43	5	6	4	4	21	

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Pham rf	5	1	0	0	1	1	.265
Vaughn 1b	4	1	2	3	1	0	.244
Robert cf	6	0	1	1	0	2	.205
Jiménez dh	5	0	3	0	1	0	.239
DeJong ss	6	0	0	0	0	2	.236
Julks lf	4	1	2	0	0	1	.240
Benintendi ph-1f	1	0	0	0	1	1	.196
Sosa 3b	6	0	2	0	0	1	.223
Mendick 2b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.195
Sheets ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.239
Lopez 2b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.246
Maldonado c	2	0	0	0	0	0	.084
Lee ph-c	3	1	0	0	0	0	.230
Totals	47	4	10	4	4	8	

Colorado	020	000	000	100	11	—	5	6	0
Chicago	000	100	100	100	10	—	4	10	1

E: Sosa (4). **LOB:** Colorado 10, Chicago 12. **2B:** Díaz (13), Jiménez (7). **HR:** Vaughn (10), off Freeland. **RBIs:** Goodman 2 (20), Tovar (37), Toglia (24), Vaughn 3 (39), Robert (14). **SB:** Toglia 2 (3), Hilliard (9), McMahon (3). **SF:** Goodman 2, Toglia, Vaughn. **S:** Doyle, Hilliard, Mendick... **RISP:** Colorado 2 for 17; Chicago 1 for 18. **DP:** Colorado 3 (McMahon, Schunk, Toglia); Tovar, Schunk, Toglia; Tovar, Rodgers, Toglia); Chicago 1 (Mendick, DeJong, Vaughn).

Colorado	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Freeland	6.2	7	2	2	2	3	80	7.94
Vodnik, BS, 0-1	1.0	0	0	0	1	2	21	1.49
Lawrence	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	7	5.34
Mears, BS, 0-1	1.0	1	0	0	1	0	16	5.92
Kinley	2.0	0	0	0	1	20	8.27	
Beeks, W, 5-4	2.0	2	1	0	0	1	25	4.43

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Crochet	7.0	5	2	2	0	11	88	3.02
Brebbia	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	10	5.01
Kopecch	1.0	0	0	0	2	8	4.33	
Wilson	0.2	0	1	0	2	1	17	3.75
Shuster	0.1	0	0	0	0	3	3.15	
Soroka, L, 0-8	4.0	1	2	0	2	6	54	5.16

T: 3:25. **A:** 19,334 (40,241).

Giants 10, Dodgers 4

Los Angeles	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Ohtani dh	5	0	0	0	0	3	.316
T.Hernández lf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.248
Vargas lf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.324
Freeman 1b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.296
Biggio 1b	2	0	1	0	0	0	.188
Pages cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.255
Heyward rf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.214
Lux 2b	3	1	0	0	1	0	.221
Taylor 3b	3	2	2	2	1	0	.164
K.Hernández ss	4	1	3	0	0	0	.208
Barnes c	4	0	1	2	0	1	.208
Totals	35	4	8	4	2	7	

San Francisco	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Soler dh	4	2	2	1	1	1	.230
Slater rf	3	0	1	1	0	0	.207
Ramos cf	5	2	3	1	0	0	.294
Bailey c	5	1	2	3	0	2	.284
Chapman 3b	3	1	1	3	1	0	.242
Matos lf	5	1	1	0	0	1	.241
Villar 1b	4	1	2	1	0	0	.357
Ahmed ss	4	0	2	0	0	1	.248
Fitzgerald 2b	4	2	2	0	0	0	.286
Totals	37	10	16	10	3	5	

Los Angeles	000	010	102	—	4	8	2
San Francisco	121	500	101x	—	10	16	0

E: Pages (2), Biggio (3). **LOB:** Los Angeles 6, San Francisco 8. **2B:** K.Hernández (6), Taylor (2), Barnes (2), Soler (2), Matos (4), Villar (2), Ramos (2) (10), Bailey 2 (11), Slater (1), Ahmed (5). **HR:** Taylor (2), off Bivens; Chapman (11), off Paxton. **RBIs:** Taylor 2 (12), Barnes 2 (4), Chapman 3 (39), Soler (31), Slater (9), Villar (4), Ramos (37), Bailey 3 (28). **SF:** Chapman, Slater. **RISP:** Los Angeles 1 for 7; San Francisco 8 for 19. **DP:** Los Angeles 1 (Lux, Biggio).

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Paxton, L, 7-2	4.0	12	9	9	2	4	89	4.28
Petersen	2.0	1	0	0	0	0	26	1.17
Ramírez	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	13	2.91
Phillips	1.0	2	1	1	1	0	18	1.82

San Francisco	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Bivens, W, 2-1	5.0	4	1	1	0	3	60	2.57
Ta.Rogers	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	17	2.10
Roupp	2.2	3	3	2	3	59	6.06	
Ty.Rogers	0.1	1	0	0	0	1	7	2.75

T: 2:27. **A:** 40,428 (41,915).

D'backs 5, Athletics 1

Oakland	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Bleday cf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.242
Andujar lf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.305
Rooker dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.261
Soderstrom 1b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.226
McCann c	4	0	2	0	0	2	.289
Nevin 3b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.203
Gelof 2b	4	1	1	1	0	2	.203
Butler rf	2	0	1	0	0	0	.179
Cameron ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.167
Díaz ss	2	0	0	0	1	0	.103
Totals	32	1	5	1	2	13	

Arizona	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Carroll cf	4	1	1	0	1	0	.213
Marte 2b	3	2	0	2	0	0	.287
Pederson dh	3	0	1	0	0	0	.283
B.Alexander ph-dh	1	0	1	2	0	0	.259
Walker 1b	4	0	3	2	0	0	.256
Gurriel lf	3	0	0	0	0	3	.267
McCarthy rf	2	0	0	0	2	0	.278
Suárez 3b	3	1	0	0	1	2	.196
Barnhart c	2	0	1	0	0	0	.173
Grichuk ph	0	0	0	0	0	0	.286
Herrera c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.200
Perdomo ss	4	1	1	0	0	0	.264
Totals	29	5	8	5	6	5	

Oakland	000	010	000	—	1	5	0
Arizona	000	100	31				

The *POST* Line



WNBA

	Monday	
Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
Sun	OFF	MERCURY
STORM	12 (169)	Wings

Home Teams In CAPS

Men's Olympic Basketball

Sunday-July 28

Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
+United States 12.5 (178.5)		Serbia
Wednesday-July 31		
+United States 33.5 (175.5)		South Sudan
+Paris/Lille		

NFL

Thursday, Sept. 5

Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
CHIEFS	3 (47)	Ravens

MLB

Monday

Favorite	Money Line	Underdog
Mets	-105-115	NATIONALS
Astros	\$125-150	BLUE JAYS
Brewers	\$135-160	ROCKIES

CFL

Thursday

Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
ROUGHRIDERS	1.5 (52)	Argonauts

Saturday

ALOUETTES	9.5 (50)	Stampeders
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SPORTS SHORTS

MLB: Rook Langford hits 1st cycle

Rangers rookie **Wyatt Langford** became the first major leaguer to hit for the cycle this season, and the Rangers routed the Orioles 11-2 in Baltimore on Sunday to snap a six-game skid.

Derek Hill homered twice and **Andrew Heaney** struck out 10 in seven innings for the Rangers, who had dropped the first three games of the series to fall nine under .500.

● In Philadelphia, **Alec Bohm** homered, **Trea Turner** hit a go-ahead, two-run single in the seventh inning and the Phillies rallied for a 7-6 victory over the Marlins.

SOCCER: Mexico fail to advance

Ecuador avoided a penalty shot in stoppage time after a review and earned a spot in the Copa America quarterfinals with a 0-0 draw against Mexico in Glendale, Ariz.

Mexico initially received a penalty kick when Ecuador's **Félix Torres** took down Mexican forward **Guillermo Martínez** in the penalty box. VAR rescinded the penalty, sending a chorus of boos raining down from the Mexican fans.

● In Austin, Texas, **Eduard Bello** opened the scoring in the 49th minute and Venezuela completed Group B play with a perfect record, beating Jamaica 3-0 in Copa America.

NHL: Lightning acquire Guentzel

The Lightning got a head start on free agency by acquiring the rights to high-scoring winger **Jake Guentzel**.

The Lightning sent a 2025 third-round draft pick to the Hurricanes. The move allows the Lightning to sign Guentzel, 30, before he hits the open market on Monday.

● The Sabres officially moved on from **Jeff Skinner**, the top-paid forward on the

team's roster, by buying out the final three years of the veteran's contract.

● Forward **Max Domi** and the Maple Leafs agreed on a four-year, \$15 million deal, according to reports.

OLYMPICS: Biles, McLaughlin cruise

Simone Biles is heading back to the Olympics and the white-hot spotlight that comes with it. The gymnastics superstar earned a third trip to her sport's biggest stage by cruising to victory at the U.S. Olympic trials, posting a two-day all-around total of 117.225 to clinch the lone automatic spot on the five-woman team.

While in Eugene, Ore., **Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone** of Dunellen, N.J., lowered her world record once again, running the 400-meter hurdles in 50.65 seconds to win at the U.S. Olympic track trials.

ETC.: Clark, Fever rise vs. Phoenix

Caitlin Clark had 15 points, 12 assists and nine rebounds and the visiting Indiana Fever rallied for an 88-82 victory over the Phoenix Mercury. Indiana had trailed by as many as 15 points in the first half.

Kelsey Mitchell's basket with 35 seconds to play gave Indiana the lead for good. She made two free throws with 12.9 seconds to go to seal it.

● The Pistons have agreed to a four-year contract with coach **J.B. Bickerstaff** with a team option for a fifth season, according to AP. The Cavaliers fired Bickerstaff in May after they lost to Boston in the Eastern Conference semifinals despite them winning 99 games over two years.

● In Detroit, **Cam Davis** won the Rocket Mortgage Classic for the second time, closing with a 2-under 70 that gave him a one-shot victory when **Akshay Bhatia** three-putted from 32 feet on the final hole.

ACTION TOP PLAY

USMNT won't rise to the challenge vs. Uruguay

By MICHAEL LEBOFF
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The United States Men's National Team lost its cool — and the match — against Panama last week and now finds itself in a precarious position at the 2024 Copa America.

The U.S. can still advance to the quarterfinals, but it will require some help.

The Yanks will move on if they do better against Uruguay than Panama does against Bolivia (i.e. USMNT wins and Panama draws or loses) or if both matches end in a draw. However, Panama is a big favorite over Bolivia, so the likeliest situation would require the U.S. to upset Uruguay and then it would come down to goal difference (USA currently sits at +1, Panama is at -1).

It's essentially a must-win for the Americans and that has clearly been baked into the price, as the Americans are a slight +145 favorite over

Uruguay on Monday night.

Adding to the drama is the fact that the USMNT had some serious expectations in this tournament. An early exit would be a massive disappointment given that this is arguably the most talented side in the history of the USMNT.

But talent can only get you so far and in a tournament like the Copa America, where teams are happy to turn matches into rock fights, you need to be able to adapt and keep your composure.

That did not happen against Panama and it's hard to be confident it will against Uruguay, who have taken to Marcelo Belsa's all-action style of football like a moth to a flame. There's way too much of a "must-win tax" on the USMNT on Monday night.

THE PLAY: Uruguay +195
Michael Leboff handicaps soccer for Action Network.



Pitching Form

	Game time	2024			'24 vs OPP			CAREER vs OPP	LAST 3 STARTS		
		W-L	ERA	*REC	W-L	ERA	W-L		IP	ERA	
Mets	Peterson (L)	3-0	3.67	4-1	1-0	2.90	4-1	2-0	15.1	4.11	
Nationals	Gore (L)	6-7	3.60	7-9	0-1	13.17	1-2	1-2	17.0	4.24	
Astros	Brown (R)	5-5	4.37	6-9	—	—	0-1	3-0	19.0	0.47	
Blue Jays	Y. Rodriguez (R)	3:07pmBr	0-2	5.94	3-2	—	—	0-2	8.9	9.00	
Brewers	Wilson (R)		5-3	3.89	4-5	—	—	0-1	13.0	10.38	
Rockies	Gomber (L)	8:40pm,	1-5	4.63	5-10	—	—	0-2	15.0	10.20	

*REC: Won-lost record of pitcher's team in games he has started.

STITCHES

Let's go Mets! Let's go Mets!

Long-range prediction. 2025 Emmys. "And the winner for best comedy goes to ... CNN's Presidential Debate!" No show can come close. From Donald Trump's "I didn't have sex with a porn star" to Joe Biden's show stopper, "All the things ... with the COVID ... excuse me ... dealing with ... uhh ... [wait for it] ... we finally beat Medicare!" to Trump's "I don't know what he said." And Jill Biden wrapping it all in a bow with, "Joe, you did a great job. You answered every question!" No show can come close. When Shohei Ohtani asked his interpreter what Biden said he just shrugged. Odds update after President

Biden's word salad. Donald Trump is 6-5, Joe Biden is 2-1, Gavin Newsom is 4-1, Kamala Harris is 5-1, Robert Kennedy Jr. is 8-1 and Mets manager Carlos Mendoza is 10-1.

Quick pick: Mets at Nats. \$50 on David Peterson and the resurgent Amazin's.

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We're doing a great job too, Jill Biden. Ranger Suarez let the Fish build a 6-2 lead. The Phillies came back. Trea Turner's hit off Anthony Bender, the eventual game-winner. Final 7-6. We need to go on a bender. Down -895 bowas.

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Home Team Lineups		HOME	AWAY				
	TODAY July 1	TUE July 2	WED July 3	THU July 4	FRI July 5	SAT July 6	SUN July 7
	NO GAME	Cinc. 7:05 YES WFAN	Cinc. 7:05 Prime Video WFAN	Cinc. 1:05 YES WFAN	Bos. 7:05 YES WFAN	Bos. 1:05 YES, FS1 WFAN	Bos. 7:10 ESPN WFAN
	Washington 6:45 SNY WCBS 880 AM	Wash. 6:45 SNY WCBS	Wash. 6:45 SNY WCBS	Wash. 11:05 a.m. SNY WCBS	Pitts. 6:40 SNY WCBS	Pitts. 4:05 SNY WCBS	Pitts. 1:35 SNY WCBS
	NO GAME	Minn. 7:00 Ch. 5	NO GAME	NO GAME	NO GAME	Ind. 1:00 CBS	NO GAME
Saturday		Wednesday			Saturday		
	Philadelphia Union 7:30 Apple TV+		Montreal 7:30 Apple TV+		Angel City FC 10:00 ION		

Today's Sports on the Air			
MLB	3 p.m.	Astros at Blue Jays	MLBN
	6:45 p.m.	Mets at Nationals	SNY, WCBS (880 AM)
	9:30 p.m.	Brewers at Rockies. (In Progress)	MLBN
Tennis	6 a.m.	Wimbledon, 1st Round	ESPN
Soccer	Noon	Euro Round of 16: Belgium vs. France	FS1
	3 p.m.	Euro Round of 16: Slovenia vs. Portugal	Fox
	9 p.m.	Copa America: Group Stage: Uruguay vs United States	FS1
	9 p.m.	Copa America: Group Stage: Panama vs. Bolivia	FS2
WNBA	10 p.m.	Wings at Storm	NBATV
Golf	8 a.m.	Completion of suspended final round of U.S. Senior Open	Golf
Baseball	7 p.m.	Reading Fightin' Phils at Somerset Patriots	YES

MLB			
Favorites to win 2024 AL MVP		Favorites to win 2024 NL MVP	
TEAM	ODDS	TEAM	ODDS
Aaron Judge	-275	Shohei Ohtani	-250
Gunnar Henderson	+300	Freddie Freeman	+700
Juan Soto	12/1	Bryce Harper	+900
Bobby Witt Jr.	14/1	Marcell Ozuna	16/1
Jose Ramirez	25/1	Ketel Marte	22/1
Steven Kwan	80/1	Francisco Lindor	30/1
Yordan Alvarez	100/1	Fernando Tatis Jr.	35/1
Corey Seager	100/1	Elly De La Cruz	50/1
Favorites to win 2024 AL Cy Young		Favorites to win 2024 NL Cy Young	
TEAM	ODDS	TEAM	ODDS
Tarik Skubal	+180	Zack Wheeler	+220
Corbin Burnes	+250	Chris Sale	+350
Garrett Crochet	+800	Ranger Suarez	+500
Logan Gilbert	12/1	Tyler Glasnow	+550
Tanner Houck	18/1	Max Fried	+900
Jack Flaherty	18/1	Reynaldo Lopez	22/1
Seth Lugo	18/1	Logan Webb	30/1
Luis Castillo	22/1	Sonny Gray	30/1
Favorites to win 2024 AL Rookie of the Year		Favorites to win 2024 NL Rookie of the Year	
TEAM	ODDS	TEAM	ODDS
Luis Gil	+130	Paul Skenes	-275
Colton Cowser	+500	Jackson Merrill	+325
Wilyer Abreu	+500	Shota Imanaga	10/1
Mason Miller	+500	Gavin Stone	22/1
Wyatt Langford	+650	Joey Ortiz	25/1
Ceddanne Rafaela	12/1	Michael Busch	35/1
David Hamilton	35/1	Masyn Winn	40/1
Heston Kjerstad	45/1	Jared Jones	40/1

ODDS & ENDS

TENNIS

Favorites to win 2024 Wimbledon men's singles

PLAYER	ODDS
Jannik Sinner	+160
Carlos Alcaraz	+175
Novak Djokovic	+400
Alexander Zverev	10/1
Hubert Hurkacz	11/1
Daniil Medvedev	12/1
Matteo Berrettini	16/1
Jack Draper	16/1
Alex de Minaur	20/1
Grigor Dimitrov	20/1
Taylor Fritz	28/1
Holger Rune	33/1
Christopher Eubanks	33/1
Stefanos Tsitsipas	33/1
Tommy Paul	40/1
Ben Shelton	40/1
Sebastian Korda	50/1
Alexander Bublik	50/1
Andrey Rublev	50/1
Felix Auger-Aliassime	50/1
Frances Tiafoe	50/1
Cameron Norrie	66/1
Casper Ruud	66/1
Jan-Lennard Struff	66/1
Karen Khachanov	66/1
Milos Raonic	66/1
Nicolas Jarry	66/1
Denis Shapovalov	80/1

Favorites to win 2024 Wimbledon women's singles

PLAYER	ODDS
Aryna Sabalenka	+333
Iga Swiatek	+400
Elena Rybakina	+650
Coco Gauff	+700
Ons Jabeur	14/1
Naomi Osaka	14/1
Emma Raducanu	20/1
Jessica Pegula	22/1
Madison Keys	22/1
Mirra Andreeva	25/1
Marketa Vondrousova	40/1
Jelena Ostapenko	50/1
Danielle Collins	50/1
Katie Boulter	50/1
Karolina Muchova	50/1
Leylah Fernandez	66/1
Anna Kalinskaya	66/1
Qinwen Zheng	66/1
Daria Kasatkina	66/1
Jasmine Paolini	66/1
Liudmila Samsonova	80/1
Elina Svitolina	80/1
Victoria Azarenka	80/1
Karolina Pliskova	80/1
Katerina Siniakova	100/1
Beatriz Haddad Maia	100/1
Ekaterina Alexandrova	100/1
Paula Badosa	100/1
Bianca Andreescu	100/1
Emma Navarro	100/1

ACTION BET SMART



Take a swing with these Wimbledon underdogs

Daniil Medvedev

By MICHAEL LEBOFF
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One of the great sporting events on the calendar, The Championships at Wimbledon, gets underway on Monday and the men's draw couldn't be poised better for bettors.

Jannik Sinner (+160) is the favorite to win his first Wimbledon, but he's got company at the very top of the board in defending champion Carlos Alcaraz (+175) and a healthy Novak Djokovic (+400). Those three are in a class of their own, but the market has backed some other contenders including Hubert Hurkacz (11/1), Alexander Zverev (10/1), Jack Draper (16/1) and Alex de Minaur (20/1).

The overwhelming likelihood is that the winner comes from the very top of the odds, but there are a few sleepers out there who could outrun their odds, including a couple of big names that are flying under the radar.

Daniil Medvedev (12/1, BetMGM)

By his own lofty standards, it's been a quiet year for Daniil Medvedev. The 28-year-old Russian got out of the gates strong with a runner-up finish at the Australian Open and another one at Indian Wells, but he's yet to lift a trophy this season and didn't make too much noise during the clay swing, which has caused the market to overlook him and flock to more trendy players like Jack Draper, Alex de Minaur and Tommy Paul.

It's quite bizarre.

Even if Medvedev isn't having his best year, he's still ranked as the World No. 5 and is one year removed from a trip to the semifinal at Wimbledon, putting to rest the idea that his unique style of play would never translate to the grass surface at the All England Club. Additionally, his mediocre performances on clay are nothing new. Medvedev always

languishes during the middle part of the calendar before turning it up ahead of the homestretch. It's what he does.

Medvedev does find himself in Jannik Sinner's quarter, but the Italian's section is pretty tough so there's a non-zero chance he gets bounced before the quarters.

This is a terrific betting opportunity.

Andrey Rublev (50/1, BetMGM)

Like his compatriot Medvedev, Andrey Rublev is being overlooked by the betting market for a couple of reasons. The most obvious is that the 26-year-old has an 0-10 record in quarterfinals at Grand Slams (he's 0-1 at Wimbledon). Until Rublev gets over that hump, he will be doubted by bettors and pundits alike.

The other reason Rublev's number has drifted is that he's had an uncharacteristically inconsistent season. Known as one of the steadiest performers on the ATP Tour, Rublev has found things a little more difficult than usual of late and has only made it to one final throughout the season. He was also just unceremoniously bounced in the Round of 32 at Halle, the only grass-court tournament he's played this season.

But what can't be understated here is that Rublev got an incredible draw. The only real danger in Rublev's immediate section of the bracket is Lorenzo Musetti and his likeliest opponent in the quarterfinals is Stefanos Tsitsipas, who has his own demons at this tournament.

Rublev's mediocre form may be worrying, but his first two opponents should put up very little resistance so, in theory, he should have time to find his level before the going gets tough.

Sometimes it's best not to overthink things in betting and getting 50/1 on the World No. 6 in the easiest section of the draw is one of those times.

Michael Leboff analyses tennis for Action Network.

By DAVE SKRETTA

Much on line for U.S. vs. Uruguay

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The future of the U.S. in the Copa America tournament will be decided after 90 minutes against Uruguay on Monday night.

So, too, could the future of Gregg Berhalter leading the American team.

After an embarrassing loss to Panama, which began with Timmy Weah's red card that forced the U.S. to play a man down most of the game and ended with a failure by its back line to preserve a hard-fought draw, the Americans have been backed into a corner. While there are paths through Group C that do not rely upon them beating the South America power at Arrowhead Stadium, that would be the most stress-free avenue for the host nation to advance to the knockout rounds.

"There can't be more pressure on the outside than what we put on ourselves as staff and as players, and how we want to perform," Berhalter said Sunday. "The external stuff we can't control. All we can control — all I can control — is how we prepare the team to play confident and have a strong performance, and that's really my focus right now."

There are a whole lot of people focused on Berhalter's future with the national team.

He was rehired last year with the expectation that he would not only shepherd the Americans through Copa America but also the World Cup, which they also will host in 2026. But Berhalter has long had his share of critics,



and they have been at perhaps their most vocal since Thursday night's 2-1 loss to Panama in Atlanta.

It left the U.S. with three scenarios for advancing, none of them appealing: beat Uruguay and win the goal-differential tiebreaker if Panama beats Bolivia; draw with Uruguay and hope Panama and Bolivia draw or Panama loses; or lose against Uruguay, hope for lowly Bolivia to beat Panama and then win the goal differential tiebreaker.

"Our focus as a collective is to go out and win. That's our team goal," said U.S. captain Christian Pulisic, an ardent Berhalter supporter. "We're all here. We're all hungry. We all want to win. And that's what is motivating us."

Pulisic also does not buy into the belief that there is more pressure on

this particular team, given how many of its players are playing at high levels across Europe. Some have even referred to it as the best generation of players the U.S. has had.

"I think it's easy to do that, to say we have players playing at such high levels across Europe and add the pressure," he said, "but you see other national teams doing that as well, saying, 'This is such a good generation. You can't let people down.'"

"We don't need any additional pressure besides what we put on ourselves on a day-to-day basis. That outside noise, it does not affect me personally. People can say what they want. All we can do is do our best."

The U.S. knows it will be playing without Weah, whose suspension was extended to two games Sunday by the Confederation of South American Football for his punch to the head of Panama's Roderick Miller; Weah also was fined \$3,000.

— AP



Gregg Berhalter

Getty Images

Gotham settles for tough draw

By SEAN SAVAGE

There is a reason Gotham FC has the most players of any club team — six — heading to Paris for the 2024 Olympics. And they further proved the case for 98 minutes Sunday afternoon against Seattle Reign FC, controlling the game at Red Bull Arena.

But in the 99th minute, the Reign equalized, 1-1, on an own goal off a set piece.

"This is what happens when you only have the lead of one-nil," Gotham head coach Juan Carlos Amoroso said.

Tierra Davidson, Crystal Dunn, Rose Lavelle, Jenna Nighswonger and Emily Sonnett were selected for the final U.S. Women's National Team roster on Wednesday. In addition, all-time NWSL leading goal-scorer Lynn Williams (79 career goals) was named an alternate.

The clubs last met for the 2023 championship, when Gotham shocked the NWSL scene, winning the title as the sixth seed.

Last season, Reign had Lavelle — who scored in the title match — Sonnett and Sam Hiatt, but all

GOTHAM FC 1
REIGN FC 1

three came over to Gotham in the offseason.

In the rematch, Gotham (8-3-4) used its pressing antics to shut down any Reign attacking play from the gate.

Reign (2-9-4) looked to play through Tziarra King and Ji So Yun on the right flank, but Nighswonger and company shut them down.

Through the first 20 minutes of the match, Gotham saw 64 percent possession. Despite their efforts, they could not find a way to get one in the back of the net in the first half.

At halftime, Amoroso had a simple message for his team.

"We needed to find the spare players and spare gaps," Amoroso said. "That final piece, we needed to do a bit better."

And they did just that.

Just two minutes into the second half, Nighswonger found the ball on the left flank near midfield with space and time.

She scanned the field before

curling a perfect through ball to Ella Stevens. She received the ball out wide, which pulled Reign goalkeeper Claudia Dickey off her line. Stevens then found Lavelle near the penalty spot, who slotted home an easy finish.

"In the second half we brought a lot more energy," Nighswonger said. "That's one of the reasons we got the goal."

Unfortunately for Gotham, the match turned in the game's dying moments.

Quinn lined up to take a free kick in the 99th minute on the left side near midfield, lofting the ball in the middle of the penalty area. Reign's Veronica Latsko, battling Gotham's Nealy Martin in the air, tried to get her head on it. But Quinn's ball just cleared Latsko and Martin, trying to clear it wide, instead floated it over an outstretched Ann-Katrin Berger.

"We still need to put games away; we need to score more goals and capitalize on the opportunities we have," Williams said. "The longer we let teams play and feel like they're in the game, things like tonight happen."



Associated Press

EURO 2024

Jude Bellingham needed to produce something special to keep England at Euro 2024.

And he did.

England was seconds away from slumping to one of the biggest upsets in the history of the European Championship when trailing 1-0 to Slovakia deep into stoppage time in the round of 16 on Sunday in Gelsenkirchen, Germany.

But Bellingham's spectacular overhead kick in the fifth of six added minutes at Veltins Arena sent the game into extra time, and Harry Kane sealed a 2-1 win that keeps alive England's hopes of a first major trophy since 1966.

"I think it was 30 or 20 seconds until we were out of the European Championship," Bellingham said. "It's hard to deny that it was one of the most important moments of my career so far."

He's had a few.

The midfielder, who turned 21 on Saturday, has just completed a stunning debut season at Real Madrid, winning the Champions League and the Spanish title.

At such a young age, he is already one of England's most important players and delivered a moment of magic when all hope seemed lost.

"His world is different to pretty

much every other 21-year-old in the world ... what he can provide are these moments where he grabs things by the scruff of the neck and his character and his personality creates moments that can change a big game," said England manager Gareth Southgate, who admitted he thought a tired-looking Bellingham was "out on his feet" 15 minutes before the end of regulation time.

England — one of the pre-tournament favorites and runner-up at the last Euros — trailed to 45th-ranked Slovakia after Ivan Schranz's 25th-minute goal.

With the clock running down, Bellingham's time came.

Kyle Walker launched a long throw from the right. Marc Guehi leapt to flick the ball on.

Bellingham was in the box and had to readjust his body to execute a perfect overhead kick, sending the ball into the bottom corner to leave Slovakia goalkeeper Martin Dubravka stuck on his line as he watched it nestle into the back of the net.

Some England fans had already left the stadium. Those inside erupted.

"I had a funny feeling the game

Stewart, Liberty rally past Dream

By BRIDGET REILLY

There were plenty of moments Sunday that showed the Liberty are still trying to shake off whatever was ailing them in Tuesday's failure to repeat as Commissioner's Cup champions.

But after a sluggish start, a stagnant performance from Jonquel Jones and an awful shooting afternoon from Sabrina Ionescu, Breanna Stewart carried the Liberty to an 81-75 win over the Atlanta Dream at Barclays Center.

LIBERTY	81
DREAM	75

Stewart scored 22 points and became the fastest player in WNBA history to reach 5,000 points, doing so in 242 games; Diana Taurasi had the previous mark at 243 games.

"It's a cool honor, for sure. Obviously, when you get to pass someone like D [Taurasi], who is really paving the way for scoring and all of that. It's an incredible honor and also something that I'll definitely text her about," Stewart said with a laugh. "But, all in all, I wouldn't be here and be able to do all these things without my teammates and really appreciating them for setting me up to get to this point.

"But, we're trying to do more than just get accolades."

Jones had just five points — only two better than her three free throws on Tuesday against the Lynx in the Commissioner's Cup final. Ionescu had 10, shooting 3-for-17 from the field, including 2-for-11 from deep.

Liberty coach Sandy Brondello said many players were under the weather. Ionescu, who had a strained voice, said she didn't "say one word" on the court.

Stewart propelled the Liberty (league-best 16-3) in the second half after they shot a brutal 27.8 percent in the first quarter and 30 percent in the second quarter. They were down 16 at one point in the first half and still down 14 with 1:40 left in the half before Stewart and Vandersloot sparked a run to get the Liberty within 41-36 at the half.

Stewart, the two-time MVP, carried the load in the third quarter, making three 3-pointers as the Dream left her open at the top of the key too often. She followed her shots for second-chance points and grabbed 12 rebounds to help limit the Dream in the paint.

Atlanta (7-10) shot 13-for-18 in the paint in the first half but went only 5-for-14 inside in the second half.

"In the start, we weren't as disruptive as we wanted to be and we were able to turn that around. ... Just knowing where they're trying to put the ball," Stewart said on the im-



SPECTACULAR: Jude Bellingham, a day after his 21st birthday, nets the equalizer with an unbelievable overhead kick in the closing seconds of stoppage time as England avoided a devastating loss. Early in extra time, Harry Kane (below with Bellingham) headed home the winner. Getty Images (2)



wasn't dead and I know that sounds ridiculous. We were pushing and probing," Southgate said.

Bellingham's goal was England's first shot on target in the match.

It didn't have to wait long for its second as Kane headed home to score his seventh goal in his last seven knockout games at major tournaments. It was also a record-extending 65th for his country.

England will play Switzerland in the quarterfinals in Duesseldorf on Saturday.

But for so long it looked like being a humbling exit for South-

gate's team — bringing back memories of its elimination at the hands of Iceland at Euro 2016.

"It's knockout football and anything is possible," Southgate said.

England had faced fierce criticism for its performances in the group stage and boos rang around the stadium in the first half as frustration grew among its fans following Schranz's strike.

It needed to improve in the second half. Phil Foden had a goal ruled out by VAR, Kane headed wide from close range and Declan Rice hit the post in the 81st.

Spain 4, Georgia 1

Spain recovered from conceding an early own-goal to win in Cologne, ending one of the tournament's most compelling underdog stories.

Goals from midfielders Rodri and Fabián Ruiz brought Spain back into the game after Robin Le Normand's own-goal in the 18th minute had given Georgia a shock lead. Nico Williams and Dani Olmo took the game out of Georgia's reach with two more goals late in the game as heavy rain fell.



MILESTONE DAY: Breanna Stewart lays it in for two of her 22 points on the day — and two of 5,000 in her career as she became the fastest player in WNBA history to reach that milestone.

Michelle Farsi

proved work inside. "They're trying to drive downhill. They're trying to punch it in the paint ... just being conscious of that."

Betnijah Laney-Hamilton had the game-shifting deep shot in the third quarter off a pass from Ionescu, who found her in the corner to take a 44-43 lead — the Liberty's first since four minutes into the game.

Leonie Fiebich also was a late spark off the bench, scoring nine of her 12 points in the final quarter.

Former Liberty standout Tina Charles — along with Allisha Gray — was beating Charles' former team in transition and in the paint, with Charles constantly getting the best of Jones.

Charles, who played with the Liberty from 2014-19, had 16 points; Gray tallied 24.

"We started slow. A little bit rusty, I suppose," Brondello said. "So, we had to dig deep. We had to get back playing as hard as we can and play the right way. We didn't make many shots in that first half. We got some open ones, but we just had to keep moving the ball and they started to drop when we needed them."

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Stick to the plan

THIS past week's moves — the Mikal Bridges trade and getting their draft picks back — committed the Nets to a rebuild.

But what kind, measured or full-on? How long, just a single season or several?

If they haven't come to that decision, they need to. And if they've already made it, they need to have the stomach to stick with it, even if they're tempted to swerve.

"Yeah, so that's the challenge. Is this a half rebuild, or a full rebuild?" ex-Nets assistant GM Bobby Marks, now with ESPN, told The Post. "A full rebuild takes two or three years, and you're moving expiring contracts and taking back salary and adding draft picks. Or do they say we did enough as far as the Bridges trade, we've got our Rockets picks back. ... Hopefully we get a top-four pick, and now we're going into the summer of 2025 with \$80 million in room to go get a player or two.

"It's hard for me, because — I know they struck gold in 2019 with [Kyrie] Irving and [Kevin] Durant

Whatever Tsai picks for Nets' future, he has to commit to it and not waver

— that doesn't happen. Besides them, Houston's the only team recently that's been able to revamp their roster; they went from [22] to 41 wins. That presents a challenge.

But of course, building a roster the path is to build with your young players and then add free agents with cap space. You don't want to trade picks away or deplete what you have. So those are the options they have."

The Nets' avenues are clear.

They can make four first-round picks in 2025's loaded draft and spend \$80 million in free agency.

Or they can commit to a longer, deeper rebuild.

Instead of letting expiring contracts — Ben Simmons, Bojan

Bogdanovic and Dennis Schroder — come off the cap next summer, they could move them now to take on salary dumps and hoard even more picks. But that turns the re-

build into a two- or three-year sludge — at least. Would Nets owner Joe Tsai do that?

"It depends on what's your stomach, what's your appetite for?"

Marks said. "Do you have an appetite to sit and rebuild for two years and stare across the river while they probably try and compete for a championship? If you're fine with that — which you should, because what New York does shouldn't dictate you trying to accelerate your rebuild — then you take the direction of continually trying to stock-

pile draft assets. It's a matter of what you take back."

That's an ownership-level call, and it's unclear which way Tsai is leaning.

He saw Houston take the first approach and reach .500 after just two years.

But Tsai also watched Detroit go into a deep rebuild that's lasted five years, only to see them go 14-68 this season and lose an NBA record-tying 28 straight. Washington looks set to be awful for awhile. And OKC's tank lasted just three years only because of Shai Gilgeous-Alexander.

"You've got to get lucky in the lottery," said Marks. "Because even if you're 15-67, you might be the fifth pick. So it doesn't guarantee anything. ... I mean, I sat through it in '09-10; we went 12-70 and wound up getting the third pick."



Joe Tsai

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Losing an NBA-record 18 straight to start that season, Marks' Nets tanked for John Wall and ended up with Derrick Favors. The lottery requires a lot of luck.

But so does landing big free agents next summer.

Whatever path the Nets choose, they need to stay the course.

"You have to have a plan in place you have to embrace," Marks said. "You're in a big market but a rebuilding team; usually that doesn't go hand-in-hand. What happens if they overachieve next year?"

"What happens if this team we all think will win 20, 25 games wins 30 or 35? Then you go into next offseason and you're in the same situation you were in 2019, if [free agents] want to come. Or what happens during the year [if] you maybe want to improve the roster at the cost of picks. So you have to have a plan [and] stick to the plan."

Whichever plan Tsai has chosen. brian.lewis@nypost.com

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After the draft and the buyout period came and went, the Islanders are going into Monday's opening of free agency without an obvious path to making a splash.

It's always possible Lou Lamoriello could pull a rabbit out of the hat, and reports out of Winnipeg have connected the Islanders to scoring wing Nikolaj Ehlers and top prospect Rutger McGroarty — two players who fit what the Islanders need to a T and are thought to be available in a potential trade — but as for free agency itself, the Isles simply don't have the cap space necessary to do much.

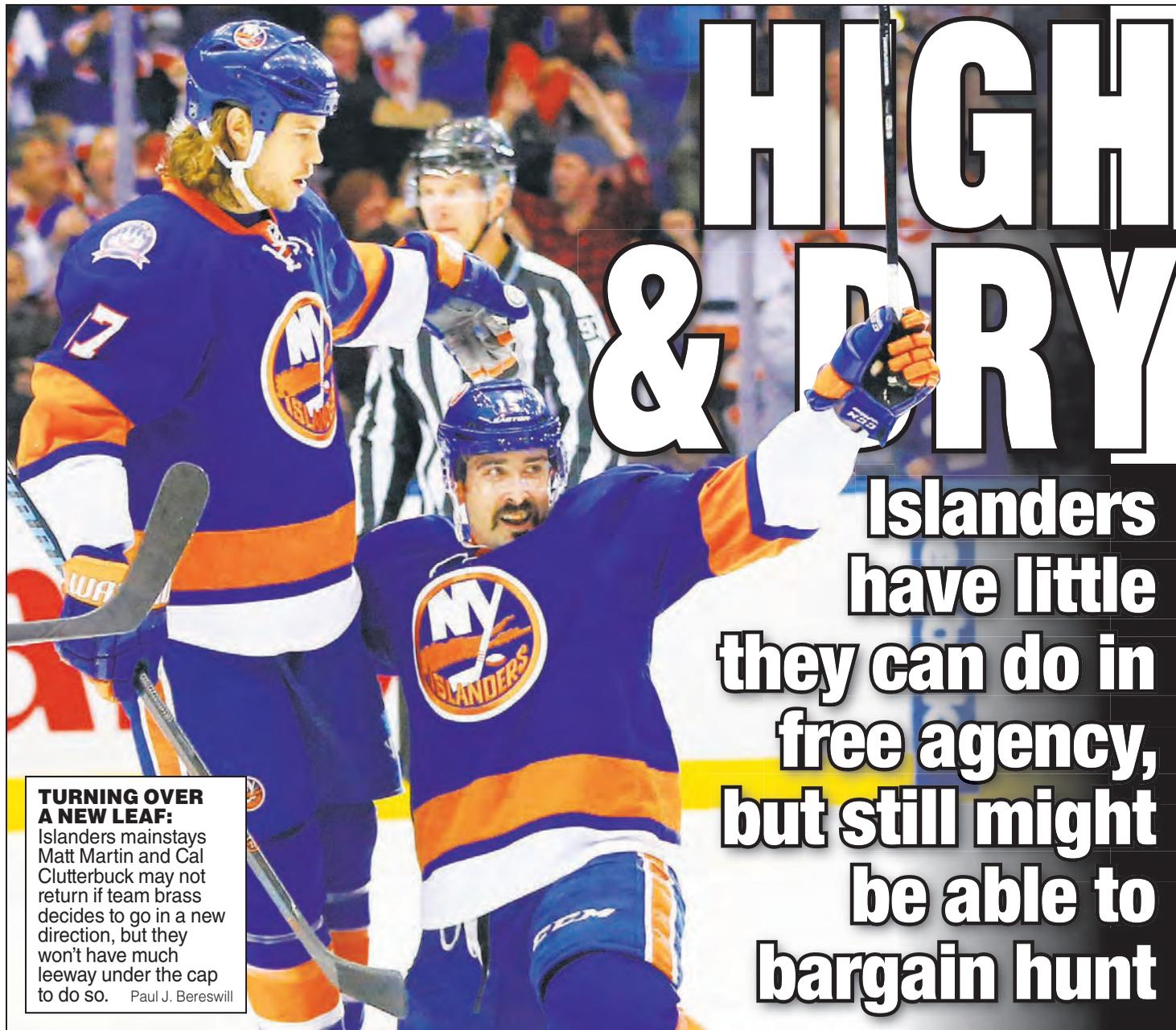
Unless some sort of trade can be made, the biggest question Monday is whether the Islanders re-sign franchise stalwarts Matt Martin and Cal Clutterbuck or let them walk and bring in a fourth line that is not the Identity Line. Such a move is unlikely to have a dramatic effect on how the Islanders are projected to finish in 2024-25, but would bring shock waves to a dressing room in which the pair are two of the players most emblematic of the Islanders' core.

Both said at breakup day that they wanted to continue playing next season. Both knew it was a possibility that it would not be on Long Island.

"There's nothing I can say right now," Lou Lamoriello said on the draft floor Saturday. "Right now, they're free agents. There's nothing that's been done. I've had my conversations with them, they've had theirs with me. The three of us, independently the two [of them], we know exactly what the situation is. We'll just have to wait and see."

There are some in-house options if the Islanders choose to remake the fourth line, namely Hudson Fasching, who was miscast in a middle-six role last season. But that would likely be a spot where the Islanders would look to spend what limited money they have available — \$5.65 million, not counting the cost of re-signing restricted free agents Simon Holmstrom, Ruslan Iskhakov and Oliver Wahlstrom, all of whom were qualified on Sunday.

If the Isles are going to go budget shopping on Monday, there are options. Kevin Stenlund, Nick Cousins, Steven Lorentz and Ryan Lomberg — all fresh off a Stanley Cup run with the Panthers in which they played effective fourth-line roles — are interesting options who the Isles could trust to be effective in the playoffs. William Carrier, an original Golden Knight, dealt with injuries last season but would be a strong bottom-six player and penalty-killer if healthy. Someone in the mold of Craig Smith or James van Riems-



TURNING OVER A NEW LEAF:

Islanders mainstays Matt Martin and Cal Clutterbuck may not return if team brass decides to go in a new direction, but they won't have much leeway under the cap to do so. *Paul J. Bereswill*

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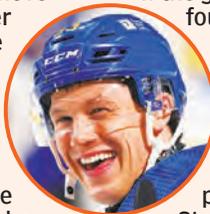
Islanders have little they can do in free agency, but still might be able to bargain hunt

Three Islanders free-agent options

Jeff Skinner

Position: Winger | **Age:** 32

Unless the Islanders move to clear space, Skinner (right) is probably the highest-end scorer they could conceive of getting on the free-agent market. After getting bought out of his deal with the Sabres, Skinner could be available for a manageable price and would slot into the top-six for the Islanders, who would love to add another scorer.



Nick Cousins

Position: Forward | **Age:** 30

If the goal is to remake the fourth line, the first place the Islanders look should be to the quadrant of Panthers who rotated through their fourth line during the postseason. Cousins, Steven Lorentz, Ryan Lomberg and Kevin Stenlund are all versatile players who bring requisite toughness and would make the Islanders harder to play against.

Brendan Smith

Position: Defenseman
Age: 35

Mike Reilly figures to be the first choice for the left side of the third pair, but if the Islanders can't bring him back — or even if they do and still need a depth defenseman — Smith would make sense on a one-year deal. He's played in the market before, with the Rangers and Devils, can play on the left or right side and is a well-liked veteran.

— *Ethan Sears*

dyk could be worth a look on a one-year deal, though the latter would be unlikely to work in a fourth-line role.

There are a couple of potential options who would slot in further up the lineup as well, namely Jeff Skinner and Max Pa-

cioretty. Skinner, who was bought out by the Sabres ahead of free agency, can still produce goal-scoring and would make sense playing alongside Mat Barzal and Bo Horvat. Ditto for Pacioretty, if the Islanders were willing to risk making a bet on a

return to effectiveness after injuries derailed his last two seasons.

It wouldn't be a shock, however, if even bargain-bin options such as those were slightly out of the Islanders' price range unless they find a way to shed salary.

There is also the matter of the

blue line, with Mike Reilly, Robert Bortuzzo and Sebastian Aho set to be unrestricted free agents. After Reilly came in off waivers and did a splendid job on the third pair, it would be a surprise if the Islanders did not at least try to re-sign him in the same role. The other two, however, would be justified in looking elsewhere for more playing time.

If Reilly doesn't work out, then the market is bare for left-sided D-men in the Islanders' presumed price range. Someone like Brendan Smith, Nate Schmidt or Ian Cole on a short-term deal would, perhaps, make sense. Erik Brannstrom, who was not qualified by Ottawa, would be an intriguing option as well.

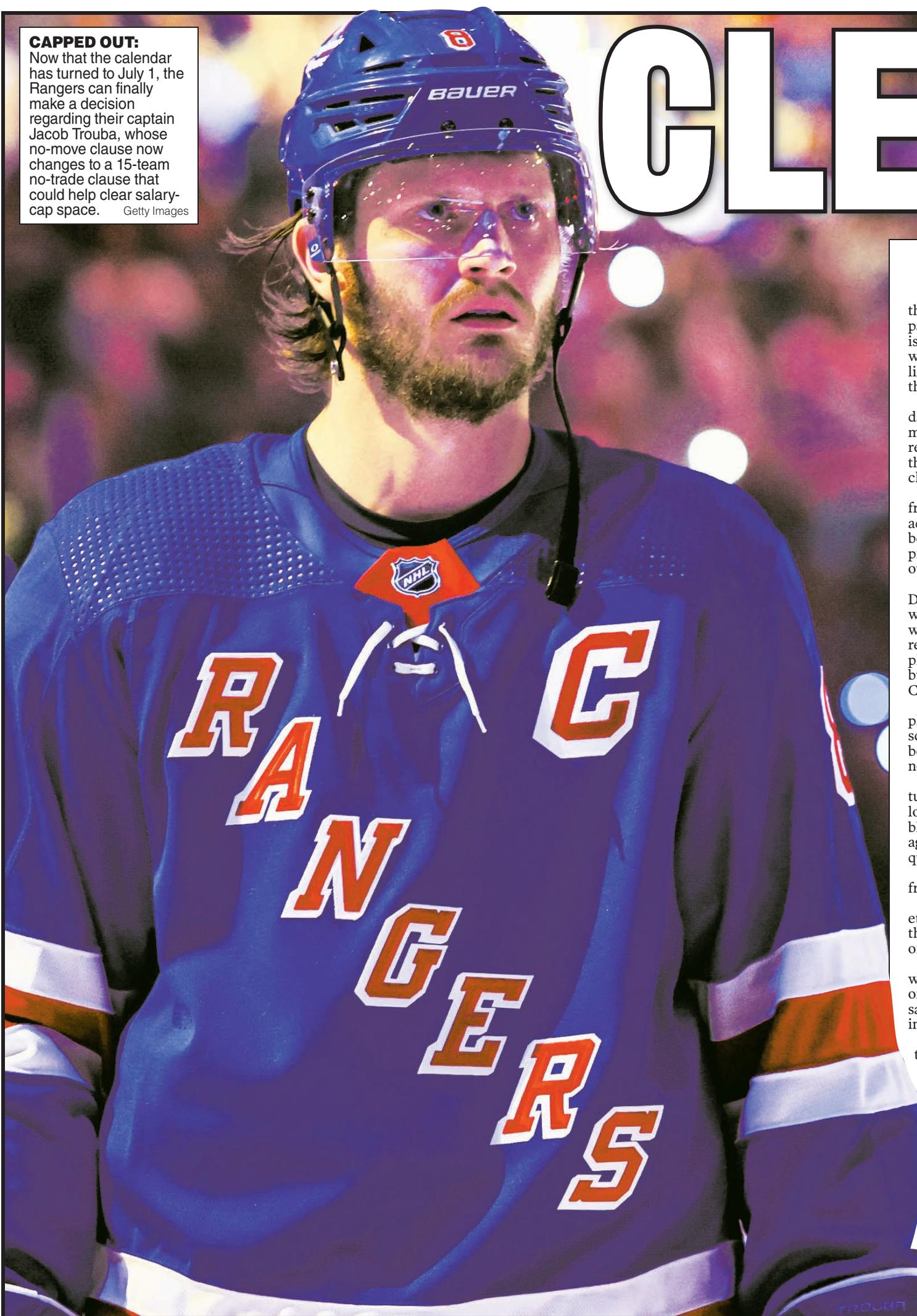
Needless to say, none of these names would boost season-ticket sales.

But if the Islanders want to make the sort of swing that would fire up the fan base, then free agency doesn't look like the route to doing so.

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CAPPED OUT:

Now that the calendar has turned to July 1, the Rangers can finally make a decision regarding their captain Jacob Trouba, whose no-move clause now changes to a 15-team no-trade clause that could help clear salary-cap space. Getty Images



CLEAR:

By MOLLIE WALKER

There wasn't a whole lot of action for the Rangers during the NHL draft this past weekend because the organization isn't focused on picks or prospects, just what the 2024-25 team is going to look like, which is business better suited for the first day of free agency on Monday.

July 1 was always supposed to be the date Blueshirts president and general manager Chris Drury could really begin retooling anyway, especially since it's the day captain Jacob Trouba's no-move clause turns into a 15-team no-trade list.

Indeed, the Rangers' desire to move on from their third captain in the last decade has echoed around the NHL. It's been everywhere, with more and more private details of the situation spilling out into the public eye.

The Post's Larry Brooks reported Drury was working on a trade that would send Trouba to Detroit, which would allow the veteran defenseman to return to the state where he grew up and played a year of college hockey. Plus, his buddy and one-time Ranger Andrew Copp is there, too.

Trouba's no-trade list could derail any plan, but it's hard to imagine a better scenario for the 30-year-old. Anything is better than remaining in a place you are no longer wanted.

As the countdown to Trouba's departure ticks, the only other player who is loudly rumored to be on the trading block is Kaapo Kakko, who last month agreed to a tradeable contract at his qualifying offer price of \$2.4 million.

Otherwise, Monday will be about the free-agent market for the Rangers.

The Rangers will not get their coveted reunion with Patrick Kane after the 35-year-old forward agreed to a one-year deal to remain in Detroit.

A second act on Broadway for Kane would've been welcomed by a Rangers organization that understandably wasn't satisfied with his first stint in Manhattan in the second half of the 2022-23 season.

Nevertheless, Kane will look to help the Red Wings end an eight-year play-off drought next season.

Other notable forwards expected to be available and potentially draw interest from the Rangers include longtime Lightning captain Steven Stamkos, as well as wingers Jake DeBrusk and Tyler Bertuzzi.

The Rangers will likely check in on DeBrusk, who can play both wings, but they won't overpay.

If Trouba is on his way out, however, Drury is going to have to make up for the loss of a player who logged 21-plus minutes a game, killed penalties and brought a

DWAY

With free agency open, clarity can finally come for Trouba and Rangers

Three Rangers free-agent options



Oliver Ekman-Larsson

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Position: Defenseman

Age: 32

Coming off a Stanley Cup win with the Panthers, Ekman-Larsson posted two goals and four assists in 24 playoff games while primarily playing in a bottom-pair role and quarterbacking the second power-play unit. The 32-year-old fits the third-pair mold and would likely be a cost-effective option.

Brenden Dillon

Position: Defenseman

Age: 33

A 20-point producer the last three seasons, Dillon is coming off a strong year in Winnipeg. He would be able to bring some physicality to the Rangers' blue line for a price point that also shouldn't break the bank.

Matt Roy

Position: Defenseman

Age: 29

Roy has been with the Kings the past six seasons and is coming off a three-year contract with a cap hit of \$3.15 million. Falling one point shy of matching his career-high 26 points, set in 2022-23, the 29-year-old would be another inexpensive candidate.

— Mollie Walker

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physical presence to the back end. That and presumably find another third-pair defenseman to replace Erik Gustafsson, who is set to become an unrestricted free agent.

Lefty Nikita Zadorov is an enticing player to look into after the 6-foot-6, 248-pound defenseman had a strong playoff performance with four goals and four assists in 13 postseason games with the Canucks.

TSN's Darren Dregor reported the Canucks went as high as \$5 million in their offer to Zadorov and that wasn't enough, so it's difficult to imagine the Rangers paying more than that — especially if they end up having to retain some of Trouba's salary.

All will be much clearer Monday night.

That's when the real business begins for the Rangers.

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Only spend on playoff difference-makers

THE WORST thing GM Chris Drury and the hierarchy could do is overreact to Patrick Kane's decision to forego free agency to remain in Detroit on a one-year extension.

Because unless Steven Stamkos hits the market and it is No. 91 whom the Rangers target to fill the right wing spot beside Mika Zibanejad and Chris Kreider, there is no one else on the list of free-agent right wings worth the money to sign.

Not one of them, whether Tyler Bertuzzi, Jake DeBrusk, Jonathan Marchessault or Tyler Toffoli would have made the difference against the Panthers and that is the only gauge by which management should be evaluating potential additions.

The Rangers are going to have an ample amount of cap space with which to fill out the 2024-25 roster but are looking at a severe crunch the following season. Drury cannot afford to give multiyear deals to middle-six guys who would be asked to play up with the BFFs.

And while it is mathematically correct that there are 31 teams for the Rangers to beat, we know in reality there is one team to beat and that is Florida, which has eliminated the Bruins twice and the Hurricanes, Rangers, Maple Leafs and Lightning once apiece over the last two playoffs. That's no rogues gallery. Those are the eastern powers that have repeatedly come up short against the Cup champs.

Marchessault probably comes closest to potentially being a difference-maker against the Puddy Tats after indeed scoring four goals against Florida in the 2023 final on his way to the Conn Smythe Trophy with the Cup champion Golden Knights, but the 33-year-old's price would likely be prohibitive. Plus, he's 5-foot-9 and I don't think the objective is to get smaller.

Bertuzzi is going to garner a fair amount of interest as a quasi-physical winger. But it would be a mistake to sign the 29-year-old, 6-0, 190-pounder while projecting him as a difference-maker and I will tell you why.

Two years ago, Bertuzzi was traded to Boston at the deadline by Detroit. These were the record-setting Bruins. With Bertuzzi, the B's lost the first round to the Panthers in blowing a 3-1 lead. Bertuzzi then signed a one-year free agent contract last summer with Toronto. With Bertuzzi, the Maple Leafs lost in the first round to his former team the Bruins.

This is not a player who is a playoff difference-maker. He failed twice in the last two years and if the Rangers throw money at Bertuzzi just because he might be the best name on the board, then I don't know what to tell you.

Just because the Rangers are going to have an ample amount of cap space when the bell rings on Monday there is no requirement to empty out the organizational pockets. Cap space becomes more precious during the season. It is never more precious than at the deadline. Difference-makers always become available during the season and at the deadline.

Again, it is about getting from two wins to four in the conference final and from 10 wins to 16 over the course of the tournament. The Rangers don't need any more guys who can get them through the 82-game season. There are kids from Hartford with their noses pressed against the outside of the window who have

earned the opportunity. It is far better for head coach Peter Laviolette to give them a chance than for the club to be saddled with overpaid veterans on multiyear contracts.

Me, if I can't sign Stamkos — and that would have to be a long shot, right? — I am giving a long look to Brennan Othmann up there with Zibanejad, or maybe I'm taking a look at Will Cuylle on the right. The Rangers do not have to have the perfect lineup on opening night. They do not have to have the perfect lineup at Christmas. The Rangers have to have the perfect lineup after the trade deadline.

Monday is the day that Jacob Trouba's no-move clause transforms to a 15-team no-trade list. There are apparently hurt feelings on the part of the captain, maybe even deservingly so over the way the club's intentions were splashed all over the papers and the internet last week.

But it would be counterproductive for Trouba to put on a pout and attempt to make it as difficult as possible for the Rangers to trade him. Trouba has always played hardball in contract negotiations. He had leverage with then-GM Jeff Gorton after the Blueshirts obtained the defenseman from Winnipeg in 2019 with one year left on his deal ahead of potential free agency that he used to get his current seven-year, \$56M contract that has two years remaining.

Now the Rangers have leverage via the limited no-trade clause and have decided they can't afford an \$8M cap hit for a defenseman who is projected to be on the third pair. It doesn't matter whether he was Captain Courageous playing on a broken ankle in the playoffs or not.

If Trouba does not approve a trade to Detroit that is believed in place, he will ultimately be sent somewhere else, perhaps by waivers. The decision has been made.

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Steven Stamkos

Hartenstein wooded by Thunder

By STEFAN BONDY
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The Knicks' competition gave its pitch.

Oklahoma City, a contending team flush with salary-cap space, sat with Isaiah Hartenstein on Sunday in the opening hours of free agency, a source confirmed.

The Thunder traveled to Hartenstein in Eugene, Ore., where the Knicks center was born and still has family.

According to NBA news-breaker Shams Charania, the purpose of the Thunder's visit was to "pitch [Hartenstein] aggressively on coming to Oklahoma City." There was no word of a decision late Sunday night, with much of the NBA awaiting a commitment from the 2024 class's top free agent, Paul George.

The Knicks want to keep Hartenstein, but need to subtract salary from their books just to make him a max offer of four years, \$72.5 million.

As The Post reported weeks ago, the Thunder, which can overwhelm the Knicks' offer using cap space, was viewed as the top threat to pry Hartenstein away in free agency. After earning the Western Conference's top record last season, the Thunder and its pragmatic team president, Sam Presti, can offer an opportunity for a championship. League sources speculated, however, that the Thunder would rather offer Hartenstein a short-term deal like two years with a player option to maintain future flexibility.

Last season, the Thunder started the lanky Chet Holmgren at center. His 3-point shooting spaced the floor but OKC was one of the NBA's worst rebounding teams, hence the desire for a physical paint presence like Hartenstein. It's unclear if the Thunder, which entered free agency with over \$30 million in cap space, was planning to start Hartenstein or bring him off the bench.

Heading into free agency, the Pistons, 76ers, Magic and Spurs all had enough cap space to outbid the Knicks.

Hartenstein is coming off a year in which he averaged career-highs in rebounds (8.3), minutes (25.3) and steals (1.2), emerging as the Knicks' starting center after Mitchell Robinson underwent ankle surgery. He thrived under Tom Thibodeau, but the Knicks only have his Early Bird Rights — not his full Bird Rights — and can't offer much more than a starting salary of \$16 million.

EAST MAY BE

Knicks' Atlantic Division likely to get tougher as 76ers close in on George

By ZACH BRAZILLER

The Knicks and the Celtics may soon have company in a loaded top of the Eastern Conference.

It is sounding more likely that Paul George is headed to the 76ers. Early in the day on Sunday, NBA insider Chris Haynes reported that Philadelphia was feeling more confident in landing George and by Sunday night, the Clippers released a statement announcing the two sides were going their separate ways. The belief now is the 76ers are the heavy favorite to land him.

George, a nine-time All-Star, declined his \$48.8 million player option on Saturday. He would give the 76ers a third star by joining Joel Embiid and Tyrese Maxey. He is the biggest name on the free-agent market without a known destination. LeBron James is expected to return to the Lakers after opting out of his contract on Saturday.

The Clippers could've offered George as much as a four-year, \$221 million maximum contract, but they were reluctant to give him a fourth year. The 76ers can pay George up to \$212 million across the next four seasons. In a statement, the Clippers said "the [negotiating] gap was significant."

"We traded a lot to pair Paul and Kawhi [Leonard] and in exchange we had five seasons of contention," the

statement read in part. "Even though we fell short of our ultimate objective, we appreciate the chances we had."

The Clippers pivoted and reached an agreement with the Mavericks' Derrick Jones Jr. (three years, \$30 million), according to The Athletic's Shams Charania.

Philadelphia had also been linked to Nuggets 3-and-D wing Kentavious Caldwell-Pope, and there was talk of the 76ers trying to obtain both George and Caldwell-Pope. But Caldwell-Pope ended up agreeing to a three-year, \$66 million contract with the Magic, according to Bleacher Report.

Philadelphia did make a few moves. They landed center Andre Drummond on a two-year, \$10 million deal, Charania reported. Drummond was a potential backup option for the Knicks at center if they couldn't bring back Isaiah Hartenstein. Drummond is coming off a strong year with the Bulls. The 6-foot-11 big man averaged 8.4 points and 9.0 rebounds in just 17.1 minutes and led the NBA in offensive rebounding percentage (18.7) among players who appeared in at least 30 games. The 76ers also reached an agreement with veteran guard Eric Gordon on a one-year, \$3.3 million deal, according to Charania.

At the start of free agency at 6 p.m., Sunday, there were only a few deals reported. It is believed a lot of the top players are waiting to see what George

does. The Clippers, however, didn't wait around, locking up James Harden on a two-year, \$70 million extension with a player option the second year, ESPN reported. Harden isn't nearly the star he once was, but he remains an effective player, producing 16.6 points, 8.5 assists and 5.1 rebounds last season.

If the 76ers can land George it would create another team on paper, in addition to the Knicks, that could challenge the defending champion Celtics in the Eastern Conference. The Knicks significantly improved themselves over the past week by trading for Mikal Bridges and agreeing on a new deal with OG Anunoby.

George, a dynamic 6-8 wing, is coming off a strong season in which he averaged 22.6 points, 5.2 rebounds, 3.5 assists and shot a blistering 41.3 percent from 3-point range. While there are age and injury concerns with the 34-year-old George, he did appear in 74 regular-season games last year for the Clippers. It was his most games since appearing in 77 contests as a member of the Thunder in 2018-19.

"People saying chasing a championship," George said during a recent episode of his podcast. "It's not that, but it's playing the right style of basketball is what I'm chasing."

That may be true, but joining the 76ers, George would be elevating a contender, and creating a very strong top of the Eastern Conference with Philadelphia, the Knicks and Celtics.

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Warriors' Green: Knicks still aren't

By STEFAN BONDY



DRAYMOND GREEN

A four-time champion and noted Knicks skeptic believes the gamble for Mikal Bridges will backfire and force team president Leon Rose into another rebuild.

"I just don't think that group is good enough to beat Boston. Ultimately you're building a team that you hope can beat Boston. And I don't think that team is going to

beat Boston," Draymond Green, the Warriors power forward, said on his podcast, "The Draymond Green Show." "So you got a year or two like the Houston Rockets. I don't know if y'all remember the Rockets when we [the Warriors] were on our run. ... You got two years and it's oops, that didn't work. Clint Capela is gone. The first domino falls. And then once the first domino falls, that's it. It's

gone from there. That's what I think is going to happen. That's how I see it playing out. If it don't work, that's exactly how it will play out. So you heard it here first."

Green's reference to the Rockets was about their failed attempts with James Harden past the Western Conference Finals, losing thrice to the Warriors in the playoffs. The dismantling of that Hous-

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PHILLY IN RUNNING: With the 76ers already having a dynamic duo of Tyrese Maxey (left) and Joel Embiid, the possibly addition of the Clippers Paul George could make for an absolutely loaded Atlantic Division for the foreseeable future. AP; Getty Images

good enough to beat Celts

ton squad — which started with Capela being traded to the Hawks — set off a current streak of four straight years out of the playoffs, which included three years with a winning percentage under .270.

The Knicks, who haven't advanced to a conference finals since 2000, agreed to give up five future first-rounders and a pick swap to the Nets for Bridges. It was the boldest move yet from Rose, who

had been stockpiling draft picks for an opportunity to land a star. Bridges falls short of superstardom but is viewed as a perfect fit as a two-way, durable former college teammate of Jalen Brunson.

The upside is a roster construction that will compete with the Celtics and possibly knock them out. It's a gamble on Brunson's stardom, OG Anunoby's health and Julius Randle's im-

pact on winning.

Green is betting on the downside.

Green was wrong about the Knicks recently, when he emphatically predicted they'd fall to the 76ers in the first round of the playoffs. "Nobody is stopping [Joel] Embiid," he declared at the time.

The Knicks won that series in five games.

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END OF THE ROAD? With Klay Thompson, left, headed for free agency, this could be it for the Warriors' iconic Splash Brothers guard duo with Stephen Curry. EPA

Golden State's Thompson opts for free agency

By PETER BOTTE

FREE AGENT FRENZY

One of the most successful guard duos in NBA history appears to be on the last splash.

Stephen Curry's longtime Splash Brothers running mate Klay Thompson was among the most intriguing names hitting free agency Sunday night, with plans to meet with the Mavericks, Lakers, Clippers and 76ers, according to ESPN.

The Magic also have been a team with cap space linked in recent weeks to the 34-year-old Thompson, a five-time All-Star and four-time NBA champion in 13 seasons with the Warriors.

Thompson's father, Mychal, played the final five seasons of his NBA career with the Lakers and currently is a radio broadcaster for the team.

LeBron James reportedly is willing to take a pay cut to facilitate roster additions this summer, and Thompson could be a fit as an accomplished outside shooter with a career 3-point percentage of .413.

The Lakers re-signed Max Christie to a four-year deal worth \$32 million, ESPN first reported.

The Clippers also figure to have an opening with Paul George opting for free agency, while the Mavericks, 76ers and Magic have the cap space to add a player of Thompson's caliber, especially in a potential sign-and-trade with Golden State.

► The Warriors also waived 12-time All-Star **Chris Paul** on the date his \$30 million salary for 2024-25 would have become guaranteed, and he quickly agreed to a one-year, \$11 million deal to join the Spurs, according to multiple

reports. The 39-year-old point guard became a free agent after averaging career-lows of 9.2 and 26.4 minutes per game last season, his 19th in the NBA.

► **Obi Toppin** became the second former Knicks first-round pick to land a lucrative contract in the past week.

According to multiple reports, the restricted free-agent forward has agreed to a four-year deal worth \$60 million to stay with the Pacers, who acquired him from the Knicks last summer.

Immanuel Quickley, who was traded to Toronto in the **OG Anunoby** deal, had inked a five-year, \$125 million extension to remain with the Raptors.

Toppin was drafted by the Knicks with the No. 8 overall pick in 2020, but his minutes were limited while playing behind three-time All-Star forward **Julius Randle**. He averaged a career-high 10.3 points in 82 games for the Pacers.

► Other players reportedly agreeing to deals: **Jonas Valanciunas** (three years, \$30 million) with the Wizards, **Kevin Love** (two years, \$8 million) with the Heat, **Andre Drummond** (two years, \$10 million) with the 76ers, **Luke Kornet** (one year) with the Celtics, **Mason Plumlee** (one year) with the Suns, **Eric Gordon** (one year, \$3.3 million) with the 76ers and **Naji Marshall** (three years, \$27 million) with the Mavericks.

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By CHRISTIAN ARNOLD

For Mets fans, July 1 wasn't always a day of celebration.

During the Wilpon days, it served as a reminder of the peculiar state the franchise often operated in under the club's previous owner, but after Steve Cohen took over in 2020, the day has turned into an unofficial holiday in Queens.

July 1, better known as Bobby Bonilla Day to Mets fans, has become a celebration in its own right every year when the Mets pay the former major leaguer \$1,193,248.20 as part of an agreement he made with the ball club when it bought out his contract in 2000.

"It's kind of become like my birthday so to speak, right? It's become that big," Bonilla, now 61, told The Post by phone. "I don't think people know the exact date of my birthday, but they certainly know when this deferred comp comes in, so it's pretty cool in that respect."

For the uninitiated, Bonilla signed with the Mets on a five-year, \$29 million deal in 1991, the richest contract in team sports at the time. Bonilla didn't live up to the high expectations put on him after he signed and he was eventually traded to the Orioles, before ending up with the Marlins where he won a World Series title in 1997 and then returned to the Mets for the 1999 season.

The Mets worked out a deal with Bonilla and his agent Dennis Gilbert following that year to buy out his contract in January 2000, with the agreement stipulating that the franchise would defer payment of the \$5.9 million it owed him with 8 percent interest and spread it out from 2011-35.

At the time ownership, led by Fred Wilpon, expected returns on investments made with Bernie Madoff, profits they had hoped to use to pay off the buyout. Instead, the team got swept up in the Madoff Ponzi scheme fallout and the original \$5.9 million had ballooned to \$29.8 million, which breaks down into the annual \$1.19 million payment Bonilla receives.

At first, the day had been a sore point for Mets fans as other fan bases delighted in their financial folly. However, it has taken on a new light since the team's current multi-billionaire owner took control of the franchise.

And Bobby Bonilla Day has become a more celebrated affair around Queens — Cohen even suggested that the

HOLIDAY PAY

team host an annual celebration where he would hand Bonilla an oversized check to commemorate the day.

Bonilla has chosen to celebrate the annual payday a little more low-key, at least for now. The former Met said that he has been at golf tournaments the last few years with his son.

"This particular Monday I'll actually be at home," he said

For Mets fans hoping that Bobby Bonilla day — with all the pomp and circumstance that Cohen had suggested back in 2020 — would become a reality, they will have to be patient.

Bonilla confirmed the Mets owner has "personally reached out" and there have been talks, but "nothing has materialized yet."

"It's not something I'm thinking about at this particular time because I have a high school student entering his senior year coming up in August," said Bonilla, who also received \$500,000 in deferred payments from the Orioles on July 1 every year.

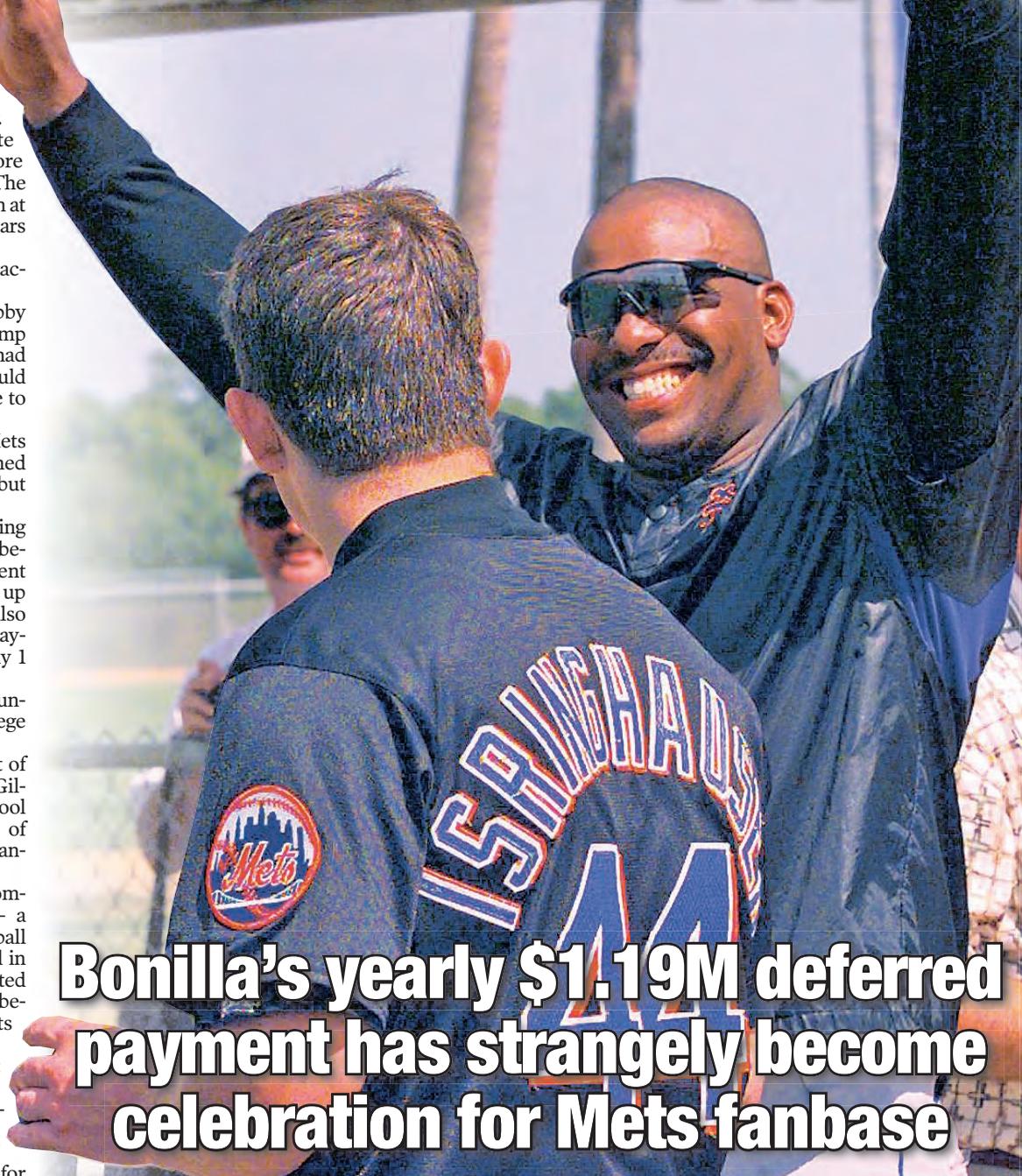
"I won't think about anything until he's up and running in college and then I'll take it from there."

While July 1 has become a bit of an unofficial baseball holiday, Gilbert sees the day as a learning tool for younger athletes in terms of giving themselves a better financial future.

Gilbert, who now serves as commissioner of Perfect Game — a scouting service for youth baseball and softball — and had worked in the insurance industry, first started talking about deferring salary before Bonilla signed with the Mets in 1991.

Gilbert told The Post that when the idea was brought to the Mets about deferred payments they were fine with it "because they had the use of right around \$1 million a year" for other players.

The money the Mets initially saved by not paying Bonilla right away helped the organization take on the contract of pitcher Mike Hampton in 2000 and the lefty helped them reach the World Series that year for the first time since 1986.



Bonilla's yearly \$1.19M deferred payment has strangely become celebration for Mets fanbase

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH: Bobby Bonilla said he and Steve Cohen (left) discussed making "Bobby Bonilla Day," when the former Met receives \$1,193,248.20 as part of an agreement he made with the Mets when his contract was bought out in 2000, an annual celebration on July 1. New York Post; N.Y. Post: Charles Wenzelberg

"A lot of friends that were coming out of the game and a lot of stars who were retiring and coming out of the game, a few years out they ... didn't have any money," Gilbert explained about the impetus for the deferred payment idea. "This is all about security and it's wonderful working with youth. ... To make a difference and help guild young people."

He added: "It's not just what they're doing today. It's taking out money of the bank of today and putting it in the bank of tomorrow, and

if you get interest on it better yet."

Deferred payments in MLB contracts have become commonplace, with the most notable being Shohei Ohtani deferring 97 percent of his \$700 million Dodgers contract until after it expires after 2033.

Ken Griffey Jr. had been receiving \$3,593,750 annually from the Reds from deferred payments that began in 2009.

"If the opportunity is there for [players] to put some money away I highly recommend it," Bonilla said. "Not everybody is going to

make a boatload of money but I like to see, whether you're a \$100 million player or you're a \$1 million player, really thinking about putting money away. I think it's extremely important and I don't think that gets addressed enough."

Bonilla said that players and fans on the street still come up to him to talk about his now-famous contract and called it "exciting" to talk about it because he hopes it helps other players protect the money they're making.

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INJURY REPORT



■ **Kodai Senga** (several setbacks from a right capsule strain) threw a bullpen session Sunday and is expected to begin a minor league rehab assignment on Wednesday or Thursday. Carlos Mendoza said Senga came through the session fine, and he would huddle with the medical staff to decide the next step in the next few days.

By MARK W. SANCHEZ

The Mets creatively juggled their roster to create a fuller bullpen.

It did not work immediately.

Tylor Megill, fresh off another ineffective start Saturday, and lefty Danny Young were optioned to Triple-A Syracuse on Sunday. Replacing the pair were lefty Tyler Jay and righty Matt Festa, who got knocked around in the 11th inning of a 10-5, 11-inning loss to the Astros at Citi Field.

Subtracting a starter and a tired reliever and adding two relatively rested relievers meant the bullpen, which lacks the suspended Edwin Diaz, was back to a full eight members after a thin unit blew Saturday's game. Jake Diekman, Reed Garrett and Young combined to allow five runs in the eighth and ninth innings.

On Sunday, after Adrian Houser threw two innings and Adam Ottavino one, manager Carlos Mendoza said he was down to only Festa and Jay in the bullpen. He opted for Festa, who allowed five runs on four hits and a walk in the 11th.

The Mets' bullpen is tired just three days into a 17-games-

Megill, Young optioned as Mets add fresh arms

in-17-days stretch. Until Wednesday, the Mets will roster only four starting pitchers. David Peterson will open a series in Washington on Monday before Sean Manaea gets the ball Tuesday. Jose Quintana will receive an extra day of rest and pitch Thursday, creating a hole Wednesday.

Mendoza acknowledged that Jose Butto and Christian Scott are in the mix to re-enter the rotation and start Wednesday.

Butto, who made seven solid starts in April and May with the big-league club, most recently allowed two runs in seven innings on Friday. Scott, who impressed in five major league starts in May, last pitched Tuesday, when he allowed a run in four innings. Both are options, though Butto's schedule would have to be altered less if he gets the call.

Megill will join Syracuse

and continue to make starts, the Mets not yet considering the up-and-down righty an option out of the bullpen. In eight big-league starts this season, the 28-year-old has shown flashes of excellence but owns just a 5.08 ERA.

► **Luis Severino** (seven innings, four runs on eight hits and a walk) pitched to contact in striking out just three and watched plenty of batted balls find holes.

"Definitely a weird game," said Severino, whose ERA rose to 3.42. "That's the first time that I feel like I've dominated, but they scored a couple runs on me there. We executed the pitches we needed to execute. They got lucky there. Can't do nothing about that."

► **Kodai Senga** threw another bullpen session and

came through OK, Mendoza said. If Senga continues to feel fine, his next step would be to begin a minor league rehab assignment "hopefully" Wednesday or Thursday, Mendoza said.

► Diaz threw a simulated game against a couple Brooklyn Cyclones call-ups before the game.

► On a day game after a night game, **Francisco Alvarez** was out of the lineup for the first time in two weeks. **Luis Torrens**, starting for the first time since June 16, went 0-for-4 with a walk and threw out two runners trying to steal second.

► **Ben Gamel** made his first start for the Mets and walked in his only plate appearance. When the Astros brought in lefty **Bryan King** in the fourth inning, **Tyrone Taylor** pinch-hit for Gamel.

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DELAY TO WASTE

By MARK W. SANCHEZ

Maybe the Mets were trying to lean into the symbolism.

They dug a significant hole in the early going. They then turned to a relentless offense that swung them back into contention.

But on Sunday, the Mets were not able to do what they have done often through the first half of the season: complete the comeback.

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The Mets reached the midpoint of the season falling short in one more come-from-behind bid with a 10-5, 11-inning loss to the Astros in front of 26,853 at Citi Field.

In Game 81 of the season, the Mets (40-41) snapped a streak of eight straight series without a series defeat. In the rubber game, they trailed the Astros by four, began the comeback in the sixth inning, tied it in the seventh but lost the contest in extra innings.

“Big picture, it’s been a tale of two seasons, even in this first half,” Brandon Nimmo said before referencing the May 29 clubhouse huddle that may have turned the season around. “I would say pre-team meeting, post-team meeting. You’ve seen a team that has played really, really good baseball since that team meeting.”

The Mets lost a series for the first time since that sweep at the Dodgers’ hands on May 29 that brought them to 22-33 and prompted a meeting in which the club put a further emphasis on accountability, telling one another

Mets’ pen allows Astros to pour it on in extras after nearly 3-hour rain stoppage



FALLING DOWN: Jeff McNeil is unable to make a catch on a ball hit by Jose Altuve during the first inning of the Mets’ 10-5, extra-innings loss to the Astros on Sunday. AP

that there is no pressure for a team that no longer had expectations.

The Mets finished June at 16-8, the .667 win percentage their best in a June since they went 18-8 (.692) in 2010.

Perhaps the storm that rolled through before the bottom of the ninth and prompted a 2-hour, 47-minute delay cooled off the hot club. Or maybe the Mets just once again ran out of relievers.

Each team scored once in the 10th — Houston on a Chas McCormick single off Adam Ottavino, the Mets on a double from Nimmo —

before the Mets’ thin bullpen became evident in the 11th.

Matt Festa, a 31-year-old Brooklyn native making his club debut after a call-up earlier in the day, allowed three straight well-struck singles that helped the Astros create distance. Houston’s fourth hit of the frame, a Trey Cabbage double that knocked in two more, essentially put the game away.

For a second straight day, manager Carlos Mendoza essentially had no one to turn to with Edwin Diaz suspended and his roster spot not eligible to be filled.

“We saw it [in Saturday’s loss]. You saw it today,” the manager said of the bullpen problem. “We knew at some point we’d be facing some kind of adversity here.”

In the bottom of the inning, Tyrone Taylor, Luis Torrens and Jeff McNeil went down in order, bringing the Mets two games back of the Cardinals for an NL wildcard spot.

Until the ending, the game mirrored a season in which the Mets lost their first five games and fell to 11 games under .500 this month before the offense awoke. They

slump hard, and they break through hard.

Facing a string of Astros relievers on a bullpen day, the Mets were held hitless until a Nimmo single in the sixth inning. They were down, 4-0, after five, Luis Severino able to keep his club within striking distance.

The offense broke through in the sixth, when Nimmo’s single and Pete Alonso’s double sparked a threat. With two outs, the revelation that has been Mark Vientos came through with a two-run double over third baseman Alex Bregman’s head to cut the lead in half.

The lead was gone the next inning. Torrens walked before Nimmo, behind 0-2 and with two outs, reversed a 97.8 mph Bryan Abreu fastball over the wall in left-center, the game-tying shot Nimmo’s 100th career home run.

Adrian Houser pitched two scoreless innings behind a serviceable Severino (seven innings, four runs allowed on eight hits and a walk) and received some help in the eighth, when Torrens gunned down Joey Loperfido attempting to steal second, Torrens’ first of two base-running victims.

But the storm then hit and soon after so did the Astros, which helped to halt the Mets’ momentum.

A good month finished on a bad note.

“I think [this run has] given us a real good argument for going for it and trying to make the playoffs and make this push,” Nimmo said. “But there’s still a lot of work left to be done.”

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Red-hot Nimmo blasts career homer No. 100 in defeat

By MARK W. SANCHEZ

Brandon Nimmo was a 2011 first-round pick who did not debut until 2016. He did not do much with his first days in the majors until he began showing in 2017 he could be a part-time player. The lefty swinger was shielded from flypitchers until 2018, when he proved he could hit like-sided arms, too. He was a below-average glove in center field until 2022, when he pinpointed that area of growth to show he could become a legitimate option outside of a corner. Last season’s focus

became power, when Nimmo tweaked his swing and set a career-high with 24 home runs.

His entire career has been defined by improvement, so his 100th career home run became a time to reflect on how far he has come.

Nimmo’s seventh-inning, two-run shot against Bryan Abreu tied a game the Mets would lose, 10-5, in 11 innings, which was “bittersweet,” Nimmo said. The game mattered most, but the number matters, too.

“I think I’ve grown a lot as a player,” Nimmo said after becoming the 16th player in

franchise history to reach that mark. “This is part of one of those milestones that kind of shows the growth that I’ve had. Because when I first came up, [I] definitely wasn’t considered a home run hitter and more of just a slap hitter and honestly, when I came up, a lot of people considered me a fourth, fifth outfielder.”

Now a \$162 million corner/cen-

ter fielder, Nimmo has proven those critics wrong.

His 2024 season has transpired a lot like his career: a struggle before a breakthrough.

Nimmo had been off to perhaps the worst statistical start of his career, owning a .209 average and .721 OPS through May 30. In the 23 games since, he has gone 30-for-92 (.326) with six home runs, five doubles and a tri-

ple. Nimmo will enter July with an .815 OPS that has helped catapult the team and launch him back into discussions for the All-Star Game.

For the afternoon, Nimmo got the first and then one of the biggest hits for the Mets. Held hitless for the first five innings, Nimmo singled up the middle and came around to score on a Mark Vientos double.

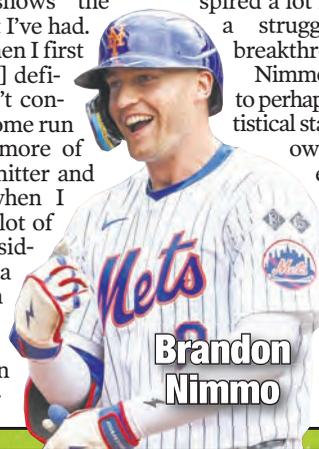
An inning later, Nimmo stepped up in the seventh inning of a game in which the Mets trailed by two. With Luis Torrens on first, Nimmo got an 0-2, hard fastball that caught too

much of the plate and drilled it to left-center for a 412-foot shot that tied it up and became No. 100 in nine years and 836 games.

Nimmo tied the game once more in the 10th inning, when he drove an RBI double into right field, but the bats behind him and a short-handed Mets bullpen would let the game get away.

No win, but a moment to savor anyway.

“To have 100 home runs in the big leagues, and be in a position to do it the way that I did it [in tying the game],” Nimmo said, “it’s pretty special.”



Brandon Nimmo

Finding relief will be Stearns' 1st trade test

I'M GRIMACING.

(Just to be clear, that's grimacing with a lower case "g," unrelated to the fuzzy purple character so lucky he/she has seemingly sent Mr. Met to the bench.)

This should be a time for unadulterated celebration for the improving Mets. Yet, it's also a time for worry.

I'm grimacing because I'm worried about my prediction of May 18 that the Mets are playoff bound. I'm grimacing because all the good they've done to get back close to playoff position may be undone by an outmanned, overtaxed, under-experienced bullpen.

The Mets are in the race, though their 10-5 defeat in a seriously rain-delayed 11 innings Sunday against Houston at Citi Field dropped them a game under .500 at exactly the halfway point. There's a lot to like about this team. But the pen that's blown a league-high six leads after eight innings (tied with the Rockies) despite mid-rung overall numbers is bringing serious agita now.

Their lineup depth is outstanding, and maybe matched by their rotation depth, so good they currently have three viable big-league starters in Triple-A at a time many other teams are scraping for starters. The Astros are seven-deep with starters on the injured list and had to employ a bullpen game.

Good thing the Mets won't ever need to try such a thing because the Mets can barely piece together a bullpen for three innings, much less a bullpen game. Injuries to Drew Smith, Brooks Raley (both out for the year) plus Sean Reid-Foley hurt.

So does the temporary loss of Edwin Diaz, who must sit five more games after being caught with hands so sticky you wonder how he thought he'd ever be able to release the baseball. His memorably losing defense was, that's the way he always does it.

It's a potential plus to get Diaz back, but let's face it, not if he pitches like he did before he was caught wet-handed. I caught up with Mets baseball president David Stearns, and he expressed faith in Diaz.

"I do think Edwin is a very talented pitcher," Stearns said.

While that's fair, he was kerosene on fire even before going on the banned list. For now, they're shuttling guys without his talent (or \$102 million contract) from Triple-A. The Mets just summoned journeyman Tyler Jay and Brooklyn-born and Staten Island St. Joseph by the

Sea alum Matt Festa (although the Festavus celebration was called off after he gave up five runs in the losing 11th).

"Where we're at bullpen-wise, it's day-to-day," Manager Carlos Mendoza said. "We have Plan A, B and C, and we'll

adjust accordingly."

Hopefully, the plan they end up using involves acquiring proven MLB relievers. If they want to win one of the final two wild-card spots among nine NL competitors, status quo is unlikely to suffice.

Stearns, a New Yorker from the Upper East Side, spent his first seven years in charge in Milwaukee, where media is minimal and fans mild. Stearns certainly understands he's out of Milwaukee now, and that Mets fans will insist on going for it whenever there's a chance. And yes, I'm saying there's a chance.

No, barring a collapse Pete Alonso isn't going anywhere. The focus is on the buy side, and on the pen.

"Certainly, this is an area of the team we're going to continue to monitor," Stearns told The Post.

They are a rare fortunate contender that won't need rotation or positional aid. They, in fact, may be the only contending team that may trade from their stash of starters while still staying in the race, as our Mike Puma reported. Jose Butto, Christian Scott and Megill are extras now, meaning vets like Sean Manaea, Jose Quintana or even Luis Severino could hit the market.

And while trade talk doesn't get serious until mid-July, the other fortunate thing is plenty of back-end relievers may be available. Here's our latest list:

1. Tanner Scott, Marlins: The lefty is ideal, but the competition is stiff, with the Yankees among many interested.

2. Mason Miller, A's: The 103.7 mph thrower still seems unlikely to be dealt.

3. Pete Fairbanks, Rays: Good stuff, fun personality.

4. Kyle Finnegan, Nats: Beyond losing on a time-violation walk-off, outstanding.

5. Paul Sewald, Diamondbacks: Ex-Met is terrific if D-Backs fade.

6. Carlos Estevez, Angels: Solid, no frills type.

7. Garrett Crochet, White Sox: New rotation star likely goes to a team needing starters.

8. David Bednar, Pirates: One of the better relievers in the game, but for today the Pirates are buyers.

9. Camilo Doval, Giants: We are far from them selling.

10. Kenley Jansen, Red Sox: No certainty he goes, and \$16 million salary untenable for team taxed at 110 percent.

11. Michael Kopech, White Sox: Big arm but a flier.

It's tough to acquire via trade in early July when few are selling — two at last count, the Marlins and White Sox — and prices are high. But as things stand, the Mets' pen is composed of heavily used veterans and lightly tested journeymen. So the situation is bordering on dire. This is Stearns' first big trading test.

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Matt Festa, a Brooklyn native making his Mets debut after a call-up earlier in the day, gave up five runs (four earned) on four hits in the 11th frame.

Robert Sabo



CAPTAIN & COLE

Judge, ace help Yankees drink in needed easy win

By GREG JOYCE

TORONTO — At least for one day, all was right again in the Yankees' universe.

Aaron Judge continued to mash at another level, crushing his 31st home run of the season. Juan Soto was a last-minute addition to the lineup after proving that his bruised right hand was healthy enough. And Gerrit Cole looked more like Gerrit Cole in his third and longest start of the season.

Heck, even the bottom of the order had itself a day.

All of it led to an 8-1 win over the Blue Jays on Sunday afternoon at Rogers Centre, as the Yankees secured a split of the four-game set and avoided a fifth straight series loss.

Perhaps most encouraging was Cole tossing five innings of one-run ball while striking out six. He built up to 90 pitches and pitched closer to his ace level in his latest step forward after missing the first two and a half months of the season with an elbow injury.

"That was Gerrit out there," manager Aaron Boone said. "Felt like he had a great presence to him, that quiet intensity, but also very much in control of the game and his rhythm. ... Another big step. But I thought his energy and mound presence was excellent today."

About 10-15 minutes before first pitch, the Yankees (54-32) got a boost when Soto was inserted into the lineup after going through his pre-game work to test out his hand and getting cleared to play.

It paid immediate dividends, as Soto lined a 106.3 mph single in his first at-bat



TWO GOOD: Gerrit Cole (above) and Aaron Judge (right) gave the Yanks a jolt in their win over the Blue Jays.

AP; USA TODAY Sports

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and then came around to score as Judge demolished a Kevin Gausman fastball to center field for a two-run shot.

"It was a shot in the arm," Boone said of Judge's blast. "Especially 20 minutes before with putting Juan in the game and then he has a typical Juan at-bat and smokes a ball in the hole there. And then Judgey hits a fly ball off the batter's eye. So it was definitely a good shot of energy on get-away day to help get us going and salvage a series."

It marked the first time in the last 11 games that the Yankees struck first. They have shown a knack for coming back to win games this season, but they made it easier on themselves by taking a 2-0 lead instead of facing an early deficit.

"Whenever you're able to get a guy like Gerrit a couple runs, it makes for a pretty

good outing for him," Judge said.

That allowed Cole to pitch more aggressively from the start and he made sure the early lead stood up. After getting tagged for four home runs in a rough start against the Mets on Tuesday at Citi Field, the right-hander was much sharper Sunday. His fastball velocity was much steadier, averaging 95.8 mph, and for the most part he commanded it better, despite two of his fastest pitches hitting Danny Jansen and Vladimir Guerrero Jr.

"I thought it was good cruising speed all game," Cole said. "Found a nice sweet spot to settle in. ... I thought it was a good blend of stuff and command. Pitched pretty smart for the most part. So it was a good day."

Cole said he feels "pretty close" to pitching like himself, noting that Sunday marked his sixth start (three on a rehab assignment, three in the majors), which would put him around April 1 in a normal

year.

Besides having three of the best players in the majors playing like themselves, the Yankees' lineup is a far cry from the rest of the league.

Ben Rice had another strong day of at-bats, going 1-for-3 with two walks and an RBI double. Gleyber Torres collected his third straight multi-hit game after his two-day "reset." DJ LeMahieu had another solid effort, going 2-for-5 with a double and two RBIs. And Trent Grisham he in run double.

But it was Judge who set the tone by getting halfway to his AL-record 62 home runs in his 84th game. He enters July batting .316 with a 1.144 OPS, 31 home runs and 82 RBIs.

"It's incredible what he's doing, it really is," Boone said. "Kind of a ho-hum 2-for-4 today with one off the batter's eye."

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By GREG JOYCE

TORONTO — About 10-15 minutes before first pitch Sunday, Juan Soto walked into Aaron Boone's office and asked if it was too late to get into the lineup.

The star right fielder had not been in the initial one the Yankees released as he spent the morning getting more treatment on his bruised right hand and then took swings in the cage — which had proved too difficult a day earlier. But it went much smoother Sunday, and suddenly Soto found himself ready to play in the series finale against the Blue Jays.

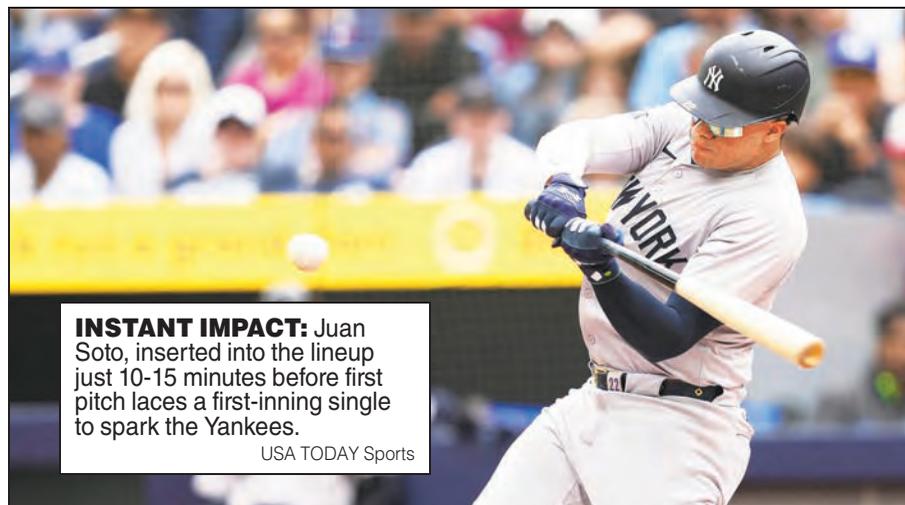
"We kind of scrambled and switched it up and obviously he played a big part in getting us going there," Boone said after the Yankees' 8-1 win at Rogers Centre.

Soto went 1-for-3 with a pair of walks, roping a line-drive single in his first at-bat and scoring on Aaron Judge's home run. He said he felt good hitting, but catching the ball in right field was "a little bit difficult."

Though Soto said he still had some swelling in his hand after Sunday's game, he felt it was good enough to give it a shot.

"I think it was in a spot that I could help my team," Soto said. "I was feeling good when I was warming up. I know I have a pretty

A late lineup add, Soto lends a hand in victory



INSTANT IMPACT: Juan Soto, inserted into the lineup just 10-15 minutes before first pitch laces a first-inning single to spark the Yankees.

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good chance out there to try to win a ballgame today, so I went for it."

It remains to be seen whether Soto will still need more imaging on his hand back in New York on Monday. Before Sunday's game, he indicated he would likely get an MRI or CT scan, but after the game said it would be a discussion he would have with a team doctor.

The Yankees had delayed releasing a lineup for most of the morning while trying to see if Soto could play and initially they left him out. It would have made sense, es-

pecially with an off day on Monday, to play it safe and give Soto an extra day to rest.

"The biggest thing, and the thing I told him this morning when he got here — because I knew he was feeling better, and significantly better it seemed like — I just didn't want him to compromise his swing or do anything," Boone said. "By all accounts after he had hit, the hitting coaches, who [Saturday] were concerned, were like, 'He looked great.' Trainers signed off

on it, so we were a go."

Gleyber Torres, who has become close with Soto, said they were worried about his thumb on Saturday night.

By Sunday shortly before first pitch, those concerns had been quelled, at least for the day.

"I heard him hitting in the cage and it sounded pretty loud, so I figured that was a good sign," Judge said. "Excited to have him back out there and he gets back to doing what he does in the first inning, which was nice."

Gleyber been 'reset' up for success

By GREG JOYCE

TORONTO — Gleyber Torres arrived north of the border in the midst of a "mental reset" and returned to the States as one of the Yankees' hotter hitters.

Torres racked up his third straight two-hit game on Sunday in the Yankees' 8-1 win over the Blue Jays and is now 6-for-13 since returning from his two-day benching — which he entered in a 2-for-29 slump.

"Feels good," Torres said. "Just day-to-day and try to be focused every time I go to home plate now. Just enjoy. All my boys give me motivation, because they're grinding every at-bat. I just want to be part of those at-bats and try to do the little things."

Torres acknowledged feeling like the two days off have helped him. He spent them working on his swing in the cage, but manager Aaron Boone also wanted him to mentally reset after his struggles had been weighing on him.

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"One thing I know is Gleyber can hit," Boone said. "To my core, I feel like that's going to happen. He had an outstanding three days of at-bats here. Even today, yeah he got a couple hits, but smoked another ball to center, just missed a ball to right."

"He's having the kind of Gleyber at-bats that's good to see because we need that. Hopefully he can carry that into the homestand."

➤ After **Gerrit Cole** drilled **Vladimir Guerrero Jr.** on the right hand with a 97 mph fastball in the third inning, Blue Jays starter **Kevin Gausman** appeared to retaliate by hitting **Aaron Judge** with a fastball on his back in the fourth. But the situation never escalated.

➤ The Yankees had some debate about pushing back **Luis Gil** or

skipping his start after coming off two straight clunkers, but instead he will stay on turn and start Tuesday's series opener against the Reds.

➤ Before the game, the Yankees designated reliever **Phil Bickford** for assignment and called up lefty **Josh Maciejewski**. Bickford was roughed up on Saturday, giving up five runs on four hits and a walk across one-third of an inning.

Maciejewski flew to Toronto on Sunday morning and got his "pre-game" throwing in during the top of the second inning — briefly giving a scare that something might be amiss with Cole — before tossing a scoreless ninth inning.

➤ The Yankees transferred **JT Brubaker's** rehab assignment to Double-A Somerset, where he made his third rehab start Sunday, throwing three scoreless innings.



FRIENDS OF FRASIER The revival of “Frasier” has added some new additions to its cast for its second season. The Paramount+ series will bring back Harriet Sansom Harris, who will reprise her role as Frasier’s agent Bebe Glazer, and will introduce “Crazy Ex-Girlfriend’s” **Rachel Bloom** (left) as her daughter, Phoebe Glazer.

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TV Monday

FROM TIKTOK TO TUBI **Khaby Lama** (right), the world’s most followed person on TikTok, now has his own television series streaming on Tubi. “**Khaby is Coming to America**” follows the Senegalese-born Italian as he explores the U.S. with celebrity guests like Alicia Keys and David Beckham.



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‘House Of The Dragon’ star Fabien Frankel talks about his Season 2 makeover

By MEGHAN O’KEEFE

‘HOUSE OF THE DRAGON’ Season 2 Episode 3 reveals that one key

character has gotten themselves a makeover. Yes, the HBO hit shows us that after becoming the Hand of the King, Ser Criston Cole (Fabien Frankel) has chopped off his long locks and embraced the short haircut of a Roman soldier. Not only that, but his armor has gotten an imposing “upgrade.” No longer content just to wear the standard armor of the Kingsguard, Ser Criston’s Hand armor not only seems larger, more imposing, but also comes crafted with a gilt garland of interlocking hands around the collar. It’s a bold new look for a dark new era for one of “House of the Dragon’s” most polarizing characters...and one that tells the audience a lot about what’s going on within Ser Criston Cole’s psyche.

****EPISODE 3 SPOILERS BELOW!****

The first time we see Ser Criston Cole in “House of the Dragon” Season 2

Episode 3, he is anxiously preparing himself to enter the Small Council chamber for the first time as Hand. He’s still got his whitecloak and Kingsguard armor and his trademark sexy hairstyle. (Sorry, I think it’s sexy. At least sexier than the new ‘do.)

However, when we see Ser Criston Cole later in the episode, preparing to ride out to battle with the Hightower forces — including his lover Alicent’s (Olivia Cooke) brother, Ser Gwayne Hightower (Fred-



die Fox) — the Hand has a new look. It’s as if he’s sanded down any sign of the chivalrous, courtly

A freshly shorn Fabien Frankel (right) stars in ‘House Of The Dragon’ with Olivia Cooke (below)

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ton Cole’s haircut and new set of armor? According to “House of the Dragon” star Fabien Frankel, it was all about practicality.

“Well, for me, the haircut was a really big thing because it’s a military thing,” Frankel said during a roundtable DECIDER attended. “You know? It’s impractical to have long hair in a battle. It just is. And short hair is practical.”

However, Frankel conceded that Cole is a character who definitely externalizes his feelings through his

clothing.

When DECIDER pointed out how he’s at his most vulnerable — emotionally and sexually — when his Whitecloak is off or how much he literally equates his own worth with the cloak’s color, Frankel said, “That’s such an interesting observation and actually very, yeah, there’s a scene in Episode 8. I won’t say what it is, but —”

“For god’s sake, don’t give away Episode 8!” “House of the Dragon” co-star Matt Smith interjected, causing everyone present to burst into hysterics.

“Meghan’s like —” Frankel said, referring to Decider.

“Meghan hasn’t seen it,” Smith said.

“Megs is like, ‘WHAT IS HE SAYING?’” Frankel said.

Matt Smith then threatened Frankel, “Gonna throw that bottle of water over your head!”

After even more silly jokes about Cole’s departure from Kings Landing, and what the new armor certainly didn’t represent, Frankel said, “Anyway, the haircuts! Good. The armor is different. He looks different.”

He looks different, and when it comes to Ser Criston Cole, looking different means he’s most certainly feeling different. And if his new look is all about military precision, you better believe we’re seeing Cole at his most practical, predatory, and powerful.

Meghan O’Keefe is a Sr. Critic at DECIDER.



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And The Nominees Are...

Voting for the 2024 Emmy nominees is currently underway, but we won’t know the results until past Emmy-winners **Tony Hale** (left) and **Sheryl Lee Ralph** (right) announce the official list of nominees on July 17. The Emmy Awards will air on Sunday, Sept. 25, 2024.



And Just Like Cast

Logan Marshall Green (right), Jonathan Cake, and Mehcad Brooks will be joining the cast of Max’s “**And Just Like That**” for its third season in as yet undisclosed roles. In addition, Sebastiano Pigazzi, who played Anthony’s boyfriend, Giuseppe, and Dolly Wells, who plays Miranda’s potential love interest, Joy, are being promoted to main character status.

What's on Tonight



COMEDY

Tropic Thunder: 4 p.m. on PARSHO. Ben Stiller, Jack Black. A handful of clueless movie stars are dropped into the middle of the rainforest by their director.



COMEDY

Ratatouille: 6 p.m. on FREFRM. Patton Oswalt, Ian Holm. A rat dreaming of becoming a great French chef teams up with a bumbling kitchen worker.



DRAMA

Titanic: 7:30 p.m. on AMC. Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet. An explorer searching the wreckage of the Titanic meets a survivor who recounts her story.

Evening	SP	C	F	6:30pm	7:00pm	7:30pm	8:00pm	8:30pm	9:00pm	9:30pm	10:00pm	10:30pm	11:00pm	11:30pm	
2	WCBS	2	2	2	CBS News Norah	Inside Edition	Entertainment Tonight	The Neighborhood (R)	The Neighborhood (R)	NCIS: The Brat Pack (R)	NCIS: Hawai'i: Spill The Tea (R)	CBS 2 News at 11PM	(11:35) Late Show		
4	WNBC	4	4	4	NBC Nightly News	News 4 New York at 7	Access Hollywood	American Ninja Warrior: Qualifiers 5 & 6		The Wall: Tom and Kasey		News 4 New York at 11	(11:35) Tonight Show		
5	WNYW	5	5	5	Battleground	Extra (R)	TMZ (R)	Celebrity Name That Tune: Barking, Brews & Big	The 1% Club: When in Doubt, Pick C		The 10 O'Clock News	Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)		
7	WABC	7	7	7	ABC World News	Jeopardy! (R)	Wheel of Fortune (R)	Celebrity Wheel of Fortune: Sarah Levy (R)	Celebrity Jeopardy!: Semifinal #1: Utkarsh (R)		Celebrity Jeopardy!: Steven Weber, Katie Nolan (R)		News	(11:35) Kimmel Live	
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11	WPIX	11	11	11	PIX11 Evening News	Sports Nightly	The Big Bang Theory	All American: Draft Day (R)	All American: Victory Lap (R)		PIX11 News at Ten		Seinfeld: The Implant	Seinfeld: Junk Mail	
13	WNET	13	13	13	BBC News America	The PBS News Hour		Antiques Roadshow: Fort Worth, Hour 3 (R)	The Great American Recipe: A Spoonful of Love		POV: Hummingbirds		Amanpour		
21	WLIW	21	21	21	(6:00) News	Professor T (R)	Grantchester (R)	Alice and Jack	Celebrity Antiques Trip		Show Me	BBC News			
25	WNYE	25	22	25	Report	To Be Announced	TBA	Her B Idea	Day's Work	Crains NY	Start Up	To Be Announced		In Context	
31	WPXN	31	3	531	Minds	FBI: Breakdown	FBI: Protégé	FBI: Money for Nothing		FBI: The Lies We Tell		FBI: Family First			
47	WXTV	41	6	41	Noticiero	La rosa de Guadalupe	Fútbol	CONMEBOL Copa América 2024: Uruguay vs United States.		Noticias		Noticiero			
41	WNJU	47	16	12	Noticias	Top Chef VIP: Part 1	(7-58) Top Chef VIP: Part 2		El Conde: Amor y honor		Noticiero		Noticias		
55	WLNY	55	10	10	Queens	Man	Man	News 8pm	48 Hours: Crazy Love		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	
A&E	46	46	181	181	First 48 (R)	The First 48 (R)		Intervention: Joey & Erika		(10:01) Intervention: Josh		(11:04) The First 48 (R)			
AMC	54	43	231	231	The Departed (2006) ★★	Titanic (1997, Romance): A dashing vagabond falls in love with a rich girl aboard an ill-fated ship. Leonardo DiCaprio.									
BET	37	54	270	270	Neighbor.	BET Star Cinema	BET Awards '24: Celebrities in Black entertainment gather at the Peacock Theater.								Man Too ★★
BBCAM	71	101	189	189	Law & Ordr	Law & Order	Law & Order: Ozymoron	Law & Order: Patriot	My Life Is Murder		A Bronx Tale (1993) ★★½				
BRAVO	18	44	185	185	Below (R)	Below Deck (R)	Below Deck	Below Deck	(10:15) Deadly Waters		(11:15) What Happens (R)				
CNBC	15	24	102	102	Money	Last Call	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	The Office	South Park	South Park	
DIS	49	31	250	250	Hamster	Big City	Big City	Hailey's	Hailey's	Moon Girl	Miraculous	Miraculous	Miraculous	Jessie	Jessie
DSC	66	27	120	120	Contraband	Contraband (R)	Contraband: Feathers (R)	Contraband	Contraband (R)		Contraband (R)				
E!	24	51	196	196	Family	Family	Family	Family	Family	Family	Family	Addams Family Values (1993) ★★			
ESPN	28	36	70	70	Sports	SportsCenter Live.	30 for 30	ESPN Films	ESPN Films		SportsCenter Live.				
ESPN2	29	35	74	74	ESPN BET L	The Ultimate	The Ultimate	The Ultimate	30 for 30: No Scope: The Story of		Ultimate				
FBN	43	106	117	117	Bottom	Kudlow (R)	American	American	American	American	American	American	American	American	
FNC	44	26	118	118	Sp. Rpt.	The Ingraham Angle	Jesse Watters Primetime	Hannity	Gutfeld!		Fox News @ Night				
FOOD	50	97	164	164	Beat Bobby	Summer Baking (R)	Summer Baking	Chopped (R)	Chopped (R)		Chopped: Fry of Beholder				
FREFRM	38	49	199	199	(6:00) Ratatouille (2007, Comedy) Patton Oswalt. ★★½	Coco (2017, Adventure) Anthony Gonzalez. PG ★★½									
FS1	400	99	83	83	(6:00) Copa America 2024 Replay.	Copa Tonight Live.	Copa America 2024: Uruguay at United States. Live.	UEFA Euro		UEFA Euro					
FX	10	40	53	53	Independence Day (1996) Will Smith.	Transformers: Age of Extinction (2014, Action) Mark Wahlberg. PG-13 ★★½									
HALL		191	240	240	A Fabled G	The Secret Gift of Christmas (2023) Meghan Ory.	Christmas at the Plaza (2019) Elizabeth Henstridge.	Checkin' It Twice (2023)		Hunters (R) Hunters (R)					
HGTV	64	98	165	165	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	Battle on the Beach	Hunters	Hunters	(11:05) Holy Marvels (R)				
HIST	40	47	128	128	(6:00) History's Greatest Mysteries (R)	Great Mysteries (R)	History's Great Mysteries	(10:03) Holy Marvels							
ID	23	171	123	123	People (R)	People Magazine (R)	People Magazine (R)	Dead Influence	Murder in Mount Laurel		Dead Influence (R)				
LIFE	62	45	140	140	Gypsy Rose	Gypsy Rose: Life (R)	Gypsy Rose: Life (R)	Gypsy Rose: Life	Love	Love	Parents	Parents			
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	The Juice	MSG Shorts	MSG Shorts	NBA Basketball	The Bettor		The Juice	The Juice			
MSG Plus	48	88	80	80	FanDuel	Tennis									
MSNBC	14	23	103	103	Ari Melber	The ReidOut	Inside With Jen Psaki	Rachel Maddow	Lawrence O'Donnell		The 11th Hour				
MTV	20	53	210	210	Catfish	Dirty Grandpa (2016, Comedy) Robert De Niro. R ★★½	Neighbors (2014, Comedy) Seth Rogen. R ★★	Grandpa R							
NATGEO	65	162	121	121	Biggest (R)	Biggest Tiger Shark (R)	Big Hammerhead (R)	Sharks Gone Viral	Supersized Sharks		Big Hammerhead (R)				
NICK	6	121	252	252	(5:00) Hotel	Hotel Transylvania 2 (2015, Comedy) Adam Sandler.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
OWN	173	180	145	145	(6:00) 20/20	20/20 on OWN (R)	20/20 on OWN (R)	20/20 on OWN (R)	20/20 on OWN: Wrongful		20/20 on OWN (R)				
PARMT	36	56	54	54	Men	Men	Men	Movie							
SNY	26	60	77	77	(5:00) TBA	To Be Announced									
SYFY	17	48	180	180	Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (2010, Adventure) Daniel Radcliffe.	(9:35) Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2 (2011, Fantasy)									
TBS	8	39	52	52	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Dad (R)	Dad (R)	Dad (R)	Dad (R)		
TCM	82	41	230	230	(4:00) Ben-Hur (1959, Drama) NR ★★½	Waterloo Bridge (1931) Bette Davis. ★★	Waterloo Bridge (1940, Drama) Vivien Leigh. NR ★★½	Baby Face							
TLC	52	28	139	139	90 Day (R)	90 Day Fiance (R)	90 Day Fiance: The Other Way: Meddling	(10:03) Unexpected		(11:03) 90 Day Fiance					
TNT	3	37	51	51	(4:15) Avengers: Endgame (2019) ★★	Ant-Man and the Wasp (2018, Action) Paul Rudd. PG-13 ★★	Ocean's 8 (2018) Sandra Bullock. ★★½								
TVLAND	85	34	241	241	Andy	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Queens	Queens		
USA	16	38	50	50	9-1-1: 7.1	9-1-1: Help Not Coming	WWE Monday Night Raw: from TD Garden in Boston. Live.		Race to Survive						
VH1	19	52	217	217	Bbll Wives	Basketball Wives (R)	Basketball Wives	Basketball Wives (R)	How Stella Got Her Groove Back (1998) R ★★½						
WE	59	42	149	149	Bones	Bones: Signs in Silence	Bones: Hole in the Heart	Bones: Change in Game	Bones: Shallow Grave		Bones: Hot Dog				
YES	53	89	76	76	(6:00) TBA	CenterStage	Star Boxing Rockin Fights								
HBO	511	301	400	400	(5:33) The Hobbit: Five Armies (2014)	House of the Dragon (R)	(9:10) Problemista (2023, Comedy) Julio Torres. R	Fantasmas		Dragon (R)					
MAX	531	371	420	420	(6:11) Vampire's Assistant (2009) ★★½	The Ides of March (2011) Ryan Gosling.	The Sum of All Fears (2002, Action) Ben Affleck. ★★½	Never R ★★							
MGM Plus	595	395			(5:50) Ghost (1990, Romance) ★★½	Hotel Cocaine: Muertos	The Winter King (R)	Winter (R)	(10:45) Till (2022, Drama) Jalyn Hall.						
PARSHO	551	321	365	365	(6:20) Zero Dark Thirty (2013, Drama) Jessica Chastain. R ★★½	Mayor of Kingstown: Iris	The Chi	(10:45) Hustle & Flow (2005, Drama) R							

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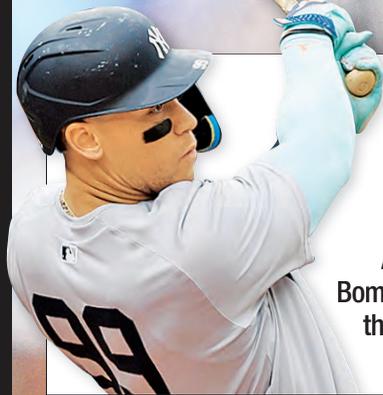
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Ace, Bombers bounce back in a big way against Jays

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Gerrit Cole, taken deep four times in his previous start, delivers on his way to five innings of one-run ball in the Yankees' 8-1 win in Toronto. Aaron Judge, a day after the Bombers were beaten badly, gave the Yanks a jolt with a two-run homer in the first. **P. 52-53**



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