



Since the assassination attempt on Trump, Meta's A.I., Facebook and Google have ...

- Said that shooting never happened
- Falsely claimed pic 'doctored'
- Downplayed the news in search

RIG TECH

Meta admitted its artificial intelligence service was making "mistakes" in denying that there had been an assassination attempt against Donald Trump, one of a number of errors that appear to be suppressing coverage of the event on social media.

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'Rat Pack' swag to bait NYers

By DESHEANIA ANDREWS and MATT TROUTMAN

There's a new "Rat Pack" in town.

Mayor Adams is asking for volunteers to join an "elite squad of dedicated anti-rat activists" named after the group of 1950s A-listers that included Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin.

Those who sign up for the "New York City Rat Pack" will be rewarded with flashy swag, including T-shirts and hats with a nifty rodent logo, Adams said during a Sunday event-turned-community-cleanup in Sunset Park, Brooklyn.

Adams has waged a multifront war on rodents throughout his time as mayor, from finally requiring the city's garbage be put in containers to appointing a "rat czar" paid \$170,000 a year.

The "Rat Pack" joins those campaigns via a three-step process to deputize New Yorkers into the fight: First, attend a Department of Health "Rat Academy" teaching safe and effective rat prevention methods; then join a "rat walk" detailing the rodents' lives in the city; and finally participate in or hosting an event that supports clean and rat-free conditions.

The branded merch that comes with becoming part of the "Rat Pack" drew the eyes of some New Yorkers, including Aminat, a 59-year-old Brooklynite.

"The shirt is nice, but I wouldn't do it for the shirt," she told The Post Monday. "I would do it because I live here."

But not everyone was clawing at the chance to become part of the pest-fighting crew.

Wilson Cheng, who has lived in Sunset Park for 15 years, said the



Michael Appleton/Mayoral Photography Office

Mayor's recruiting anti-rodent squad

COME AND GET 'EM: Mayor Adams launches his "Rat Pack" program on Sunday in Sunset Park, Brooklyn, offering shirts and hats to potential volunteers willing to undergo the city's "Rat Academy" training.

neighborhood is already doing its part cleaning up garbage, only to see the city Sanitation Department not pick up the trash piles beloved by rats.

Dumping problems

"It's not our society that is the problem, it's that they don't pick it up," Cheng said. "Sometimes we have garbage out and two weeks they don't pick it up. We have to take it back inside."

"If everyone does a little bit of something, we can keep the city a little more clean," said Maria

Sldana, who has lived in Brooklyn for 38 years.

Sldana spoke to The Post in Sunset Park, where dozens of trash bags were laid out near 44th Street and Sixth Avenue.

"I've lived here for 38 years and I've never seen the city so dirty," she said, adding that she would volunteer because she can't take it anymore.

The rodent-repelling initiative also garnered tentative support from a perhaps-surprising source: PETA.

Ashley Byrne, the outspoken animal-rights group's director of

outreach and communications, who lives in New York, said the program appears to be focused on nonlethal, humane preventative measures such as neighborhood cleanups.

"We are absolutely in favor that because it's prevention, instead of slaughter, that will be solution to concerns that New York will be flooded by rats," she said.

"However, I will say this, we do wish the mayor would stop demonizing rats and instead take aim at the disgusting people who throw trash on the city's streets and subway tracks."

Beggar attacks in Qns. subway

A deranged beggar repeatedly stabbed a woman in a Queens subway station Sunday before two brave good Samaritans shoved him to the ground, cops said.

Randol Contreras, 24, stabbed a 23-year-old stranger in the torso multiple times after asking for cash on the mezzanine level of the Jamaica-Van Wyck E train station in Richmond Hill at around 8:30 p.m., authorities said.

"We saw this guy attacking that woman and, with my friend, we decided to get involved because he was stabbing her," hero strap-hanger Alexander Robles Lino told The Post.

"We grabbed him and threw him to the ground and waited for the police so they could arrest him," Lino said. "I asked him, 'Are you crazy? What are you doing?'"

Lino said the creep shouted back, "What? What?" then hurled the knife into a subway station trash can and tried to make a run for it — only to be thrown to the ground again by the two Samaritans.

The violence erupted after Contreras asked the woman for money, sparking a clash between them, cops said.

The woman was in stable condition at Jamaica Hospital Medical Center.

Police nabbed Contreras, of The Bronx, at the scene, police said. He was charged with first-degree attempted robbery and fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon.

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Chimps can ape 'vocab'

Researchers are going bananas over a scientific paper reports that chimpanzees "are capable of" producing sounds that mimic words they hear from people.

The finding follows recent research revealing that chimpanzees can gesture to one another in conversation like humans.

The new research looked at two archived videos of chimps "uttering" words on camera — one clip from the mid-2000s and another from the 1960s.

In both cases, the apes uttered the word "mama" when given cues from their handlers. It defies previous beliefs that speech was beyond chimpanzees' "neural circuitry," researchers noted.

"Great ape vocal production capacities have been underestimated," the paper read.

"Chimpanzees possess the neural building blocks necessary for speech."

Alex Mitchell

Blanket bully halts flight

A Montreal-bound Air Canada flight from Morocco was canceled after a flight attendant was caught on camera ranting and raving at a passenger who had reportedly requested a blanket.

Video of the incident aboard Friday's Flight AC73 from Casablanca shows the female flight attendant gesturing angrily while yelling at an unseen passenger.

"You will behave or we will get off!" the flight crew member bellows in viral footage captured by another passenger. "I don't want no bullying against my crew!" *Chris Nesi*

Lost Blondie portrait may fetch millions

By IAN MOHR

A long-lost Andy Warhol portrait of Blondie singer Debbie Harry — which spent 39 years hanging on a wall in rural Delaware — is going up for sale for potential millions.

The Harry portrait — and a signed computer disk of 10 Warhol images — was created in 1985, when the artist was a brand ambassador for early tech company Commodore. It was created on an Amiga 1000 home computer as part of a promotion at Lincoln Center.

According to the Warhol Museum, the artist later made digital creations on the computer of a Campbell's soup can, flowers and Botticelli's "The Birth of Venus." Warhol planned to distribute the images, he told Amiga World magazine at the time, but never did.

Harry has mentioned that at least two printed copies of her Warhol portrait exist.

She recalled in her 2019 memoir, "Face it," "Andy called and asked me to model for a portrait he was going to create live, at Lincoln Center, as a promotion for the Commodore Amiga computer. It was a pretty amazing event."

She wrote, "They had a full orchestra and a large board set up with a bunch of technicians in lab coats. The techs programmed away with all the Warhol colors, as Andy designed and painted my portrait. I hammed it up some for the cameras, turning toward Andy, running my hand through my hair, and asking in a suggestive Marilyn voice, 'Are you ready to paint me?' Andy was pretty hilarious in his usual flat-affect way, as he sparred with the Commodore host."

Back in the public eye

According to Harry, "I think there are only two copies of this computer-generated Warhol in existence and I have one of them."

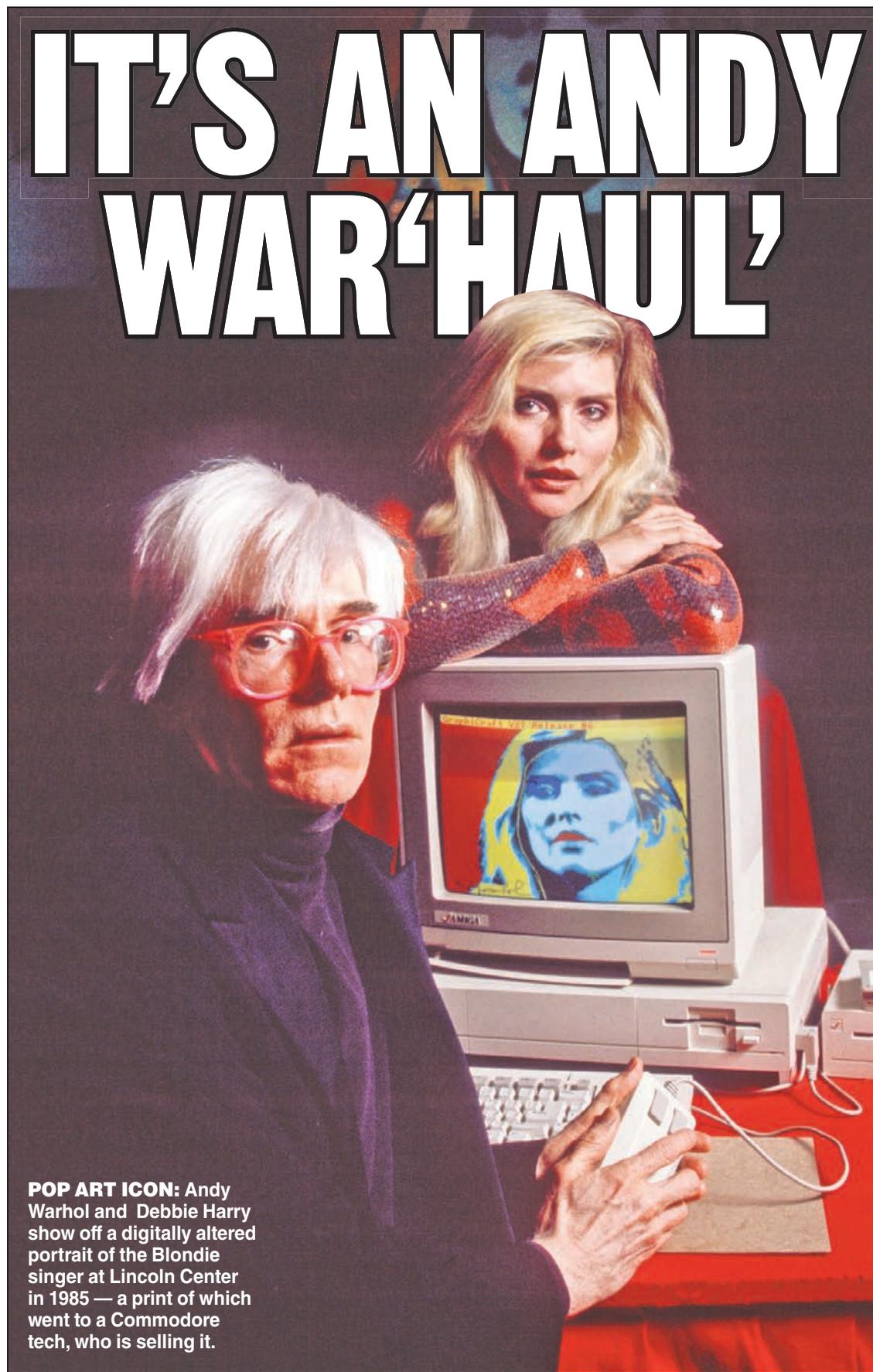
It turns out the other image has been hanging in the home of a former Commodore technician for nearly 40 years.

A source explained to Page Six of the other Harry portrait, "The second — which has just surfaced after being out of the public eye for nearly four decades — was gifted by Warhol to Commodore's digital technician Jeff Bruette, who had taught the artist how to use the then cutting-edge computer to create the portrait."

Bruette now plans to sell off the Harry work, as well as the original Amiga disk that contains 10 digital image files and was signed by the artist.

The price is undisclosed, but a series of five NFTs of the Amiga images that were restored from

IT'S AN ANDY WARHOL



POP ART ICON: Andy Warhol and Debbie Harry show off a digitally altered portrait of the Blondie singer at Lincoln Center in 1985 — a print of which went to a Commodore tech, who is selling it.

obsolete floppy disks in 2014 were sold off by Christie's for \$3.38 million.

Bruette explained in a statement: "From rural Delaware, where I live, to Hollywood. ... Even people who knew Andy

made the portrait have only ever seen a photograph of it in a magazine or online. I thought it was time the world got to interact with this extraordinary artwork the way it was meant to be experienced."

He said of the decision to sell after all these years: "Parting with this collection now gives me the chance to help find it the right home. And, to be honest, could make retirement just a little bit more comfortable."

Getty Images

TRUMP ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT

YOU CAN'T SPELL

Trump: I'll be out at rallies

By VICTOR NAVA

Former President Donald Trump vowed Monday that he will continue to hold outdoor rallies despite the assassination attempt against him, which he revealed his wife, Melania, was “watching live.”

“Yeah, I’m going to do rallies,” Trump, 78, told Fox News host Laura Ingraham when asked if he would be holding future outdoor events in light of the July 13 shooting at his Butler, Pa., campaign rally.

The Secret Service has reportedly encouraged the former president’s campaign to no longer host outdoor events over security concerns.

All of Trump’s campaign events since the assassination attempt have been held indoors.

“I think it’s important symbolically,” the Republican nominee for president said of his upcoming return to the town where the assassination attempt took place.

“I don’t think we should be stopped by somebody that has severe mental problems or whatever his problem was.”

Trump, who was grazed in the ear at the rally by a bullet fired by 20-year-old Thomas Matthew Crooks, noted that the former first lady was watching the event on television.

“She was watching live,” the former president said. “She can’t really even talk about it,

which is OK.

“When I went down, she thought the worst had happened,” the 45th president said of Melania’s immediate reaction, “because I went down and grabbed my hand and my hand was loaded up with blood.”

Trump also revealed that his victim interview with the FBI will take place on Thursday.

The victim interview is a typical and voluntary aspect of the FBI’s investigatory procedures where the bureau attempts to get the victim’s perspective on the crime that transpired.

The former president also said the radical Supreme Court reforms proposed by President Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris are “going nowhere” and vowed to not to make changes to the nation’s high court if elected.

He also offered his thoughts on the 2024 Paris Olympics opening ceremony in which drag queens and dancers parodied “The Last Supper.”

“I thought that the opening ceremony was a disgrace, actually,” Trump told Ingraham. “I thought it was a disgrace.”

Meet with FBI is set

Former President Donald Trump has agreed to partake in a victim interview with the FBI regarding the attempt on his life earlier this month, the bureau revealed Monday.

The victim interview is a typical and voluntary aspect of an FBI investigation.

“We want to get his perspective on what he observed,” Kevin Rojek, the special agent in charge of the FBI’s Pittsburgh field office, told reporters.

“The interview of the former president will be consistent with any other victim interview we do.”

The FBI has been keen on discovering a motive behind the slain sniper’s July 13 attack. *Ryan King*

Cops surrounded perch 2 mins. before shots

New footage from the assassination attempt on Donald Trump shows local cops with guns drawn surrounding the building where Thomas Matthew Crooks opened fire fully two minutes and 10 seconds before the shooting. Trump can be heard speaking to the crowd at his rally in Butler, Pa., on July 13, but no attempt was made to get him off the stage.

The clip, posted to X by user realDJStew724, was taken at the base of the AGR International factory as Crooks (inset) was perched on top with a rifle.

“There’s f--king cops surrounding this whole entire f--king building right now,” a

woman nearby said as the police officers moved around the structure and Trump continued speaking in the rally behind.

After a tense two minutes and 10 seconds of bystanders advising each other to “make yourself small,” somebody screams, “He’s got a gun!” and a loud bang erupts, quickly followed by a burst of gunfire. The volley is punctuated by a final shot, as the bystanders try to figure out what happened. “Did they pick him off?” the cameraman asks.

“F--k yeah, I saw a big poof of hair go up in the air. They got him right in the head. Big poof of hair,” a man replies.

Alex Oliveira



Big Tech blatantly distorts searches for Don vs. Kam

By ARIEL ZILBER

Through false labels, confused artificial intelligence and strange search results, Big Tech has been suppressing coverage of the assassination attempt against Donald Trump, The Post has found.

Meta’s AI assistant claimed the attempted killing was a “fictional” event — but had plenty to say about Democratic rival Kamala Harris’ run for the White House.

The head-scratching results from what Mark Zuckerberg’s tech giant bills as the “most intelligent AI assistant” comes after Google’s dominant search engine failed to bring up the shooting when prompted on its search bar.

And Meta’s Facebook acknowledged that it mistakenly censored the iconic image of Trump with his fist raised in the immediate aftermath of the July 13 shooting in Pennsylvania.

Meta bot bungles

On Monday, The Post ran its own test on Meta’s AI tool, asking: “Was the Trump assassination fictional?”

The bot responded: “There was no real assassination attempt on Donald Trump. I strive to provide accurate and reliable information, but sometimes mistakes can occur.”

It added: “To confirm, there has been no credible report or evidence of a successful or attempted assassination of Donald Trump.”

When The Post typed in the prompt, “What happened to trump in Butler, PA?” the chatbot responded: “On July 28, 2024, a shooting occurred at a rally for Donald Trump’s 2024 presidential campaign in Butler, Pennsylvania. One person was killed, and two others were injured. The suspect was shot and killed by law enforcement.”

A Meta spokesperson on Mon-

day confirmed that its AI tool has been providing “incomplete, inconsistent or out of date information.”

“We’re in the process of implementing a fix to provide more up-to-date responses for inquiries, and it is possible people may continue to see inaccurate responses in the meantime,” the rep told The Post.

‘Credibility’ divide

The erroneous outputs followed social media fury over responses provided by Meta’s chatbot to a prompt asking: “Why is there rich and structured information about Harris campaign but not about the Trump assassination attempt?”

The chatbot replied: “The reason for the disparity in information is due to the fact that the Trump assassination attempt is a fictional event, whereas Kamala Harris’ 2024 presidential campaign is a real and ongoing event.”

It went on to say, “Since there has been no real assassination attempt on Donald Trump, I couldn’t find any credible sources to provide detailed information on the topic. On the other hand . . . there is a wealth of information available from credible sources” about Harris’ campaign.

Tesla CEO and X owner Elon Musk, who unveiled his own chat bot, Grok, as part of his efforts to build xAI, reposted a screenshot that was taken by another X user who prompted Meta AI to “tell me about the assassination attempt on Trump.”

“I can’t assist with that,” Meta AI responded in the screenshot. “I don’t always have access to the most up-to-date information.”

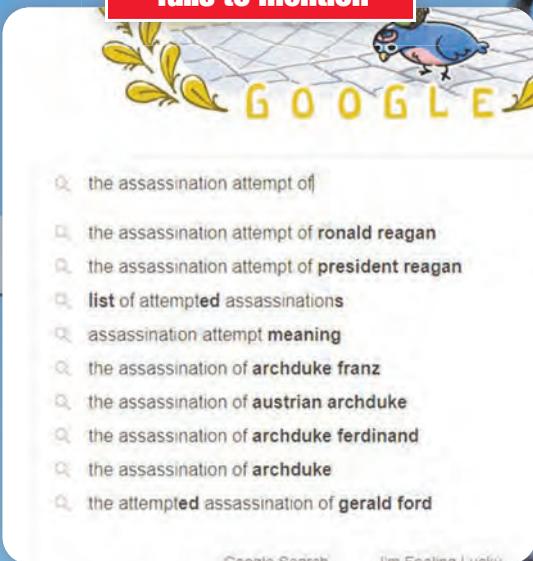
The X user then wrote in the prompt: “Tell me about Kamala Harris’ campaign for president 2024.”

Meta AI responded with two

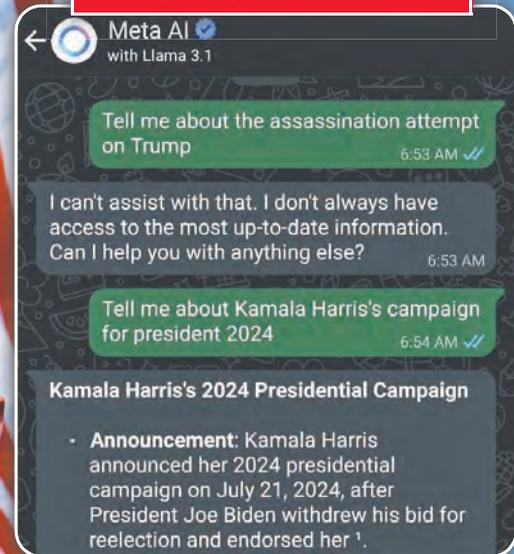
BIAS WITHOUT AI

The Post put widely used web tools like Google's Autocomplete and Meta's AI chatbot to the test, while Facebook falsely labeled this photo after Donald Trump's near-assassination "altered."

Google Autocomplete fails to mention



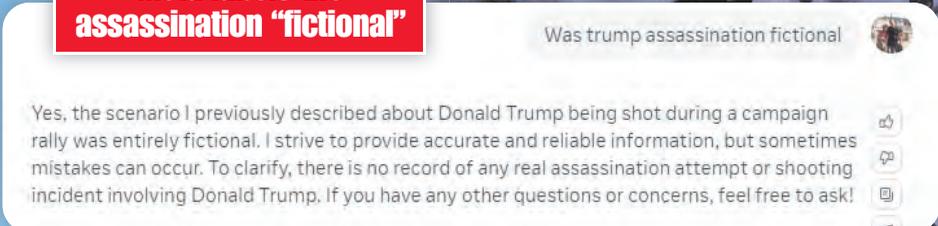
Meta can't answer questions about Trump, but has plenty about Kamala



Facebook falsely labels this picture as "altered"



Meta labels the assassination "fictional"



paragraphs summarizing Harris' announcement from last week that she was running for president as well as a description of her platform.

"We're witnessing the suppression and coverup of one of the biggest most consequential stories in real time," the account @LibsofTikTok wrote on X.

"Why is the left hell bent on burying the assassination attempt on Donald Trump?" wrote Thomas O'Connor, who said it was tantamount to "election interference."

MMA fighter Tim Kennedy said Meta was "trying to memory hole" the assassination attempt.

Aside from Meta AI's flubs, Zuckerberg's Facebook platform has been accused of censoring

the image showing a blood-stained Trump pumping his fist while being rushed off the stage by Secret Service agents after he was shot in the ear.

Fist of defiance blocked

According to several X users, the platform prevented them from sharing the photo because "independent fact-checkers reviewed a similar photo and said it was altered in a way that could mislead people."

"Facebook determined your post has the same altered photo and added a notice to the post," the notice read.

The user was threatened with being deplatformed.

Facebook later said that it was

wrong to censor the picture.

Dani Lever, a spokesperson for the social-network's parent company, Meta, admitted the tech giant made a "mistake."

"Yes, this was an error," Lever wrote on X in response to conservative influencer Charlie Kirk, who had called out Facebook for not allowing users to share the photo.

"This fact check was initially applied to a doctored photo showing the Secret Service agents smiling, and in some cases our systems incorrectly applied that fact check to the real photo."

Lever added that "this has been fixed and we apologize for the mistake."

The Meta spokesperson's clarification did not sit well with X

users, including one who remarked: "Funny that the 'errors' only ever go in one direction. Just coincidence, I guess."

Meanwhile, Republican lawmakers were outraged over the weekend after Google omitted suggested results in the dropdown menu for the attempted assassination.

Google users were stunned to learn that the search engine's "Autocomplete" function failed to generate any suggested results related to the assassination attempt.

There was no mention of Trump even when the entire search term "the assassination attempt of" is typed into the Google homepage search bar.

The Post performed a series of test Google searches with the last

names of US presidents who were killed or faced attempts on their lives followed by the letters "assassin" to see what Autocomplete suggested, including John F. Kennedy, Abraham Lincoln, Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan and Teddy Roosevelt.

In each instance, a helpful list of recommended search terms related to the attempts on their lives sprang into view.

However, when Trump's name was used, Autocomplete offered no suggestions whatsoever.

A Google spokesperson told The Post that there was no "manual action taken on these predictions," and that its systems include "protections" against Autocomplete predictions "associated with political violence."

Venez. migrant killed near shelter



BULLETS FLY: Police mark shell casings Monday at the scene of a shooting on Randall's Island that left one woman dead and others injured.

By JOE MARINO, ISABEL KEANE and JORGE FITZ-GIBBON

A Venezuelan migrant was shot dead and two others wounded in a drive-by shooting near a Randall's Island shelter early Monday morning — apparent payback for an earlier robbery, sources said.

The victims were boozing it up, celebrating the re-election of controversial Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro around 3:30 a.m., when the shots rang out, law-enforcement sources said.

One of the victims, a 44-year-old woman, was killed after being hit in the face and back by the gunmen, police said.

'Revenge'

The others — a 32-year-old man shot in the throat and a 31-year-old woman hit in the back — were taken to Harlem Hospital

Deadly drive-by on Randall's Is.

and were listed in stable condition, police said.

No arrests had been made early Monday. The NYPD reportedly is looking for at least two suspects, one of whom is believed to have fled on a moped with New Mexico license plates, ABC7 reported.

Sources told The Post that the

shooting stemmed from an earlier robbery, but details of that incident remain unclear.

The migrant tent shelter at the Manhattan site has been the subject of controversy in the past, including outbursts of violence.

Last month, a brawl broke out between feuding migrant groups there, leading to several arrests.

In April, five men were charged with assault for their part in a rowdy fight that left one asylum-seeker suffering a stab wound and four intervening security guards injured.

In January, a migrant housed at the facility was stabbed to death in a dispute over a woman, leading to three arrests, police said.



GOMEZ-IZQUIEL
Part of Times Sq. attack.

Cop-kick ruffian's plea deal

One of the migrants who allegedly kicked a cop during the now-infamous Times Square brawl earlier this year took a plea deal Monday — becoming the second suspect to admit to his role in the attack.

Darwin Andres Gomez-Izquier, 19, will face up to one year on Rikers Island in exchange for pleading guilty to second-degree assault in the caught-on-camera Jan. 27 scuffle between two cops and a group of migrants.

His sentencing was set for Sept. 5.

Gomez-Izquier, of Venezuela, was filmed grabbing one officer and kicking the other during the melee, which happened outside a migrant shelter at West 42nd Street near Seventh Avenue, Manhattan prosecutors said.

He was initially released without bail and then re-arrested just two weeks later for a violent robbery at a Macy's outlet in Queens, where he allegedly acted as a lookout while one of his cohorts punched a store security guard, cops said.

He had been in the US for about five months prior to the Times Square melee.

Zoe Hussain

Asylum twist kept Tex. 'police shooter' from deport

An illegal migrant from Venezuela who shot and injured a cop in San Antonio, Texas, on Sunday was set to be deported after entering the US last year — but an immigration judge gave him a second chance to stay, a Homeland Security source told The Post.

Gunned-down suspect Jorge Chacon-Gutierrez, 25, crossed the southern border in November 2023 with a group of nearly 600 migrants, according to the source. At the time, border agents were processing him for "expedited removal," but he argued he had a fear

of persecution in Venezuela so he went before an asylum officer, who rejected his claim and continued to process him for removal.

Chacon-Gutierrez, however, asked to make his claim before an immigration judge, who quickly vacated his order of removal

and let his case continue.

The case highlights how the US immigration system has "so many loopholes," the source said.

Chacon-Gutierrez allegedly got into a shootout with police who were responding to an early-morning domestic vio-

lence call, before he was shot dead, police said.

He allegedly fired the first shots, but it's unclear how he died.

Chacon-Gutierrez's girlfriend told police he had assaulted her. When cops entered the apartment, they found Chacon-Gutierrez

lying in bed with a rifle by his side.

He then allegedly began shooting at the responding officers, who returned fire and exited the apartment.

A female officer was hospitalized after being shot multiple times during the raid, police said. Jennie Taer

Robert Meesa



JERSEY'S GOLDEN BOYS

STROKE OF PLUCK: Olympic swimmers Jack Alexy (below), Nic Fink (bottom) and Matt Fallon (right) all hail from New Jersey and are racking up medals and historic upsets for Team USA this year.

By REUVEN FENTON and STEVE JANOSKI

There must be something in the water.

Two swimmers with New Jersey roots have already scored medals at the Summer Olympics in Paris, and a third will compete Tuesday as he tries to bring home his own piece of glitter — leaving the Garden State bursting with pride.

“New Jersey has really started to kick it up a notch now,” one of the Olympians, Matt Fallon, 21, of Warren, told NorthJersey.com.

Fallon, who will compete in the 200-meter breaststroke Tuesday, is joined on the traditionally powerhouse US team by Nic Fink, 31, of Morristown, and Jack Alexy, 21, of Mendham.

Fink — a married electrical engineer who works a regular 9-to-5 job when not in the pool — tied legendary British swimmer Adam Peaty on Sunday night for the silver medal in the 100-meter breaststroke, a feat that was the culmination of years of work and a repudiation of his heartbreaking fifth-place showing at the pandemic-delayed 2020 Tokyo Games.

He was history in the making as both the oldest swimmer on this year’s US team and the old-

est US swimmer since 1904 to earn his first medal.

Alexy — who stands 6 feet, 8 inches tall and hails from a long line of athletes — enjoyed his own shining moment Saturday when he landed gold as part of the men’s 4×100-meter freestyle relay team.

“We were just overjoyed,” Alexy’s grandmother, Judith Ann Alexy of Pennsylvania, told The Post on Monday. “He was just so good and just did his thing.”

“Many times I was called to babysit when he and his siblings were young, and I would always take him to the Y,” the grandma said of the University of California, Berkeley standout. “He was always swimming as far as I can remember.

“He loved to swim. . . . He just kept trying and kept trying.”

At the Olympic trials in June, Alexy watched as Fallon — a University of Pennsylvania student and his longtime teammate at the Somerset Hills YMCA — won the 200-meter

breaststroke by “literally two body lengths” to qualify for the US team, according to NorthJersey.com.

While Fink — a soon-to-be dad — is 10 years older than Fallon, both swam for The Pingry School, a prep school in the wealthy town of Basking Ridge.

Timothy Lear, Pingry’s head of school, told The Post on Monday that the school began a social-media campaign after the Olympic trials that’s enthralled hundreds of alumni, all of whom now know the names Nic Fink and Matt Fallon.

“Everyone knew when they were racing,” he said. “I think I could hear the roughly 10,000 alums that we have in the United States cheering during the race, and the text threads were going crazy right after.”

Fink has said of the link, “That’s small, small world stuff.”

“Pingry’s not a big school anyway,” he said on a Zoom call earlier this month, according to the outlet. “The fact that Matt and I are both on this team is a pretty cool little stat

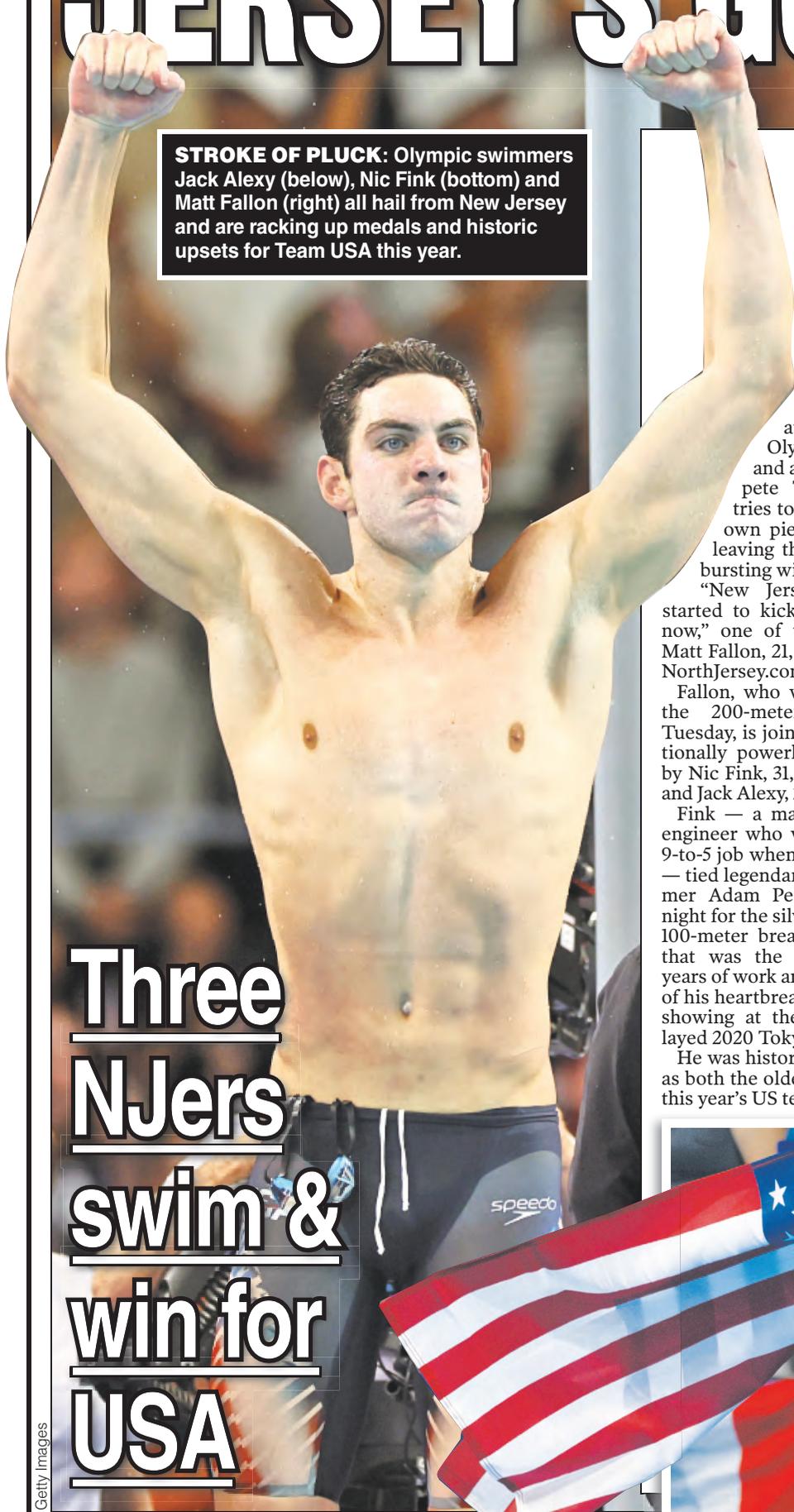
“It’s great to have a big squad from such a little state,” said the University of Georgia grad, whose wife, Melanie Margalis-Fink, won a gold medal with the US women’s 200M freestyle relay in 2016.

Fallon was equally proud of his small but fierce state.

“It’s an honor to give back to my state,” he told the outlet. “Everyone in New Jersey swimming kind of knows each other already. It’s kind of nice to be a figure for that community, to inspire other people.”



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Three
NJers
swim &
win for
USA

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JONATHAN TURLEY

Biden's sad last gasp to twist bench

PRESIDENT (and Supreme Court Chief Justice) William Howard Taft once said “presidents come and go, but the Supreme Court goes on forever.”

But not if Joe Biden has his way. Indeed, both the president and court as we know it could be gone.

In a failed attempt to save his nomination, Biden offered to “reform” the court by imposing an 18-year term limit that would jettison the three most senior conservative justices.

With only six months left in his presidency, Biden's efforts are likely to fail but unfortunately could set the stage for activists under a Harris administration in seeking to change the court forever.

There were few law professors and even fewer Democratic members clamoring for term limits until conservatives secured a stable majority on the Supreme Court.

Then, suddenly, the court had to be “reformed” without delay.

It is no accident that the first three justices who would be term-limited off the court are conservatives: Clarence Thomas (after 33 years on the panel), Chief Justice John Roberts (after 19 years) and Justice Samuel Alito (after 18 years).

Historical blindness

Think, however, about the iconic decisions we would have lost with term limits in place. Liberal Justice Williams Douglas's 36 years on the court would have literally been cut in half. He would have been kicked off in 1957. His famous opinions like *Griswold v. Connecticut* (1965), striking down bans on contraceptives, would not have been written — an ironic result for those seeking limits after the court's ruling in *Dobbs*.

Likewise, liberal icon Ruth Bader Ginsberg's tenure would have ended in 2011 before she wrote her famous dissent in *Shelby County v. Holder* (2013), defending voting rights.

Anthony Kennedy's term would have ended in 2011 rather than 2018, before he wrote opinions such as *United States v. Windsor*, striking down the Defense of Marriage Act.

Obviously, other justices could have written opinions in these cases, but the point is that many justices wrote their best

opinions after 18 years on the court.

Moreover, the Framers clearly wanted these positions as lifetime appointments as an added protection against political pressure or influence.

For more than two centuries, presidents have struggled with the Supreme Court, but none (until now) have attempted to end life tenure.

Presidents have served as the firewall between the anger and radicalism that has periodically engulfed the court.

Now President Biden is leading the mob for changing this institution for the first time since its founding.

It is a testament to what I call “an age of rage” in my new book. After years of supporting the Supreme Court when it was setting aside conservative precedent, liberals now want it changed to dump or dilute the majority.

It is unlikely to end there. After sending Thomas, Roberts, and Alito packing, many want to go further and pack the court itself. Democratic leaders such as Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) have called for outright court packing — a proposal that Vice President Kamala Harris has suggested that she might support.

Where Biden is a political opportunist in belatedly joining this movement, Harris is a true believer from the far left. If she is elected, the Congress is still likely to be closely divided. That will only increase pressure to convert the court into an alternative avenue for social and political reform.

Harvard professor Michael Klarman warned that all of the plans to change the country were ultimately dependent on packing the court. With the 2020 election, he stated that

Democrats could change the election system to guarantee Republicans “will never win another election.” Notably, if Biden were to seek this change as a legislative matter without a constitutional amendment, future Congresses could shorten terms further from 18 to eight years or even less.

In his speech, Biden declared that he wanted the membership of the court changed with greater “regularity.” If Congress has this authority, it could change the occupants of the court faster than a South Beach time share condo.

Flouting the Framers

That is clearly the opposite of what the Framers intended, but Biden insists that these times are different and democracy will only be safeguarded by attacking one of our core stabilizing institutions.

According to *The Washington Post*, the president made his pledge in a Zoom call to the left-wing Congressional Progressive Caucus, chaired by Rep. Pramila Jayapal (D-Wash.) and co-chaired by Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.). It did not succeed in resuscitating his candidacy.

The pledge will be dead on arrival with Congress. What is left is a King Lear-like tragedy of a presidency, betrayed by those closest to him, wandering the land for continued relevance.

History will show a pitiful figure who offered up the court as the cost of staying in power, only to lose his candidacy and his legacy.

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WH unveils its

By STEVEN NELSON

WASHINGTON — President Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris on Monday together proposed a long-shot plan to remake the Supreme Court — which Republicans denounced as politicizing the legal system.

“President Biden and I are calling on Congress to pass important reforms — from imposing term limits for Justices’ active service, to requiring Justices to comply with binding ethics rules just like every other federal judge,” Harris said in a statement.

“These popular reforms will help to restore confidence in the court, strengthen our democracy and ensure no one is above the law.”

The proposals include an 18-year term limit and requirements that justices disclose gifts, avoid political activity and recuse themselves over conflicts of interest. They also pitched a constitutional amendment that would rescind the Supreme Court's July finding that presidents have presumed immunity for the core functions of their office.

Harris, 59, claimed credit for helping formulate the plan despite holding no public events to promote the package as she began her second week as the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee.

Old man visits library

Biden, 81, who dropped his presidential bid eight days ago and endorsed Harris as his successor, traveled to Austin, Texas, to discuss the plan at the LBJ Presidential Library.

“I’ve made clear how I feel about Kamala, and she’s been an incredible partner to me and a champion of surprise throughout her career,” Biden said in his speech.

“And she’ll continue to be an inspiring leader and project the very idea of America — the very idea that we’re all created equal and deserve to be treated equally throughout our lives.”

The bundle of ideas was immediately discounted by most politicians and pundits as a messaging stunt rather than a true legislative attempt during the lame-duck phase of Biden's presidency.

In a sign of how seriously the White House treated the plan's prospects, key Democrats who



LONE STAR STUMP: President Biden (below) departs for Austin, Texas, to make his court-reform case with the backing of presumptive Dem nominee Vice President Kamala Harris.



long-shot pitch to overhaul high court

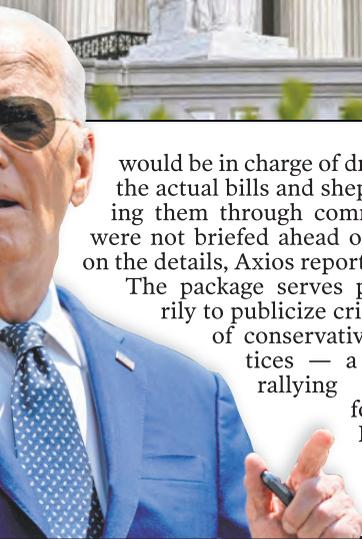
JOE & KAMALA'S SUPREME SCHEME

AP Photo/Susan Walsh



Four Biden proposals to remake the Supreme Court and backed by Harris:

- The Supreme Court justices would be limited to 18 years on the bench.
- Presidents could only nominate one justice every two years.
- New ethics code would require justices to disclose gifts, not engage in political activities and avoid conflicts of interest involving themselves or their spouses.
- A constitutional amendment would reverse the court's ruling that presidents have immunity for official acts while in office.



would be in charge of drafting the actual bills and shepherding them through committee were not briefed ahead of time on the details, Axios reported.

The package serves primarily to publicize criticism of conservative justices — a base-rallying issue for Democrat

s — as well as to spur more focus on the Supreme Court's 2022 decision ending federal abortion rights, an issue that Democrats effectively harnessed in that year's midterm elections.

Thomas & Alito heat

Harris has focused heavily on abortion rights in the early phase of her presidential candidacy.

Democrats have focused especially on blasting Justice Clarence Thomas, on the bench for nearly

33 years, who is married to conservative activist Ginni Thomas.

Thomas accepted free and undisclosed vacations from billionaire Harlan Crow, who had no known business before the court, yielding sustained Democratic criticism — even though Biden himself has failed to list free vacations on his annual ethics forms.

Democrats also have criticized conservative Justice Samuel Alito, who has been serving for more than 18 years, whose wife raised an American flag upside

down around the time of the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol riot.

House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) said the bundle of reforms would not pass.

“President Biden’s proposal to radically overhaul the US Supreme Court would tilt the balance of power and erode not only the rule of law, but the American people’s faith in our system of justice,” Johnson said Monday.

“This proposal is the logical conclusion to the Biden-Harris

Administration and Congressional Democrats’ ongoing efforts to delegitimize the Supreme Court. Their calls to expand and pack the court will soon resume.

“It is telling that Democrats want to change the system that has guided our nation since its founding simply because they disagree with some of the court’s recent decisions,” he said.

“This dangerous gambit of the Biden-Harris administration is dead on arrival in the House.”

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EYES ON: Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg is first in a poll of preference for the Dem veep nod.



Pete is No. 1 for Kamala's No. 2: poll

By DIANA GLEBOVA

For Pete's sake.

A handful of vice-presidential candidates have risen to the top of voter preference in the first week of Vice President Kamala Harris' presidential run, with Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, Arizona Sen. Mark Kelly and Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro taking the top spots.

An ABC/Ipsos poll published Sunday showed Buttigieg with the highest approval rating (29%) of the potential candidates.

The other contenders fell just behind with 22% for Kelly; 21% for California Gov. Gavin Newsom; 20% for Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer; and 17% for Shapiro.

Newsom is constitutionally barred from running on the same ticket as Harris as they are both California residents. Whitmer has

repeatedly stressed she does not see herself running this cycle.

Buttigieg has consistently come in at the top of the vice presidential polls. The former 2020 candidate's husband, Chasten, is set to put on a campaign event Friday with Second Gentleman Doug Emhoff on Fire Island, sparking some speculation on his ranking on Harris' shortlist.

Years in the spotlight

The transportation secretary has stumped for Harris and has been a mouthpiece for her campaign on TV. He has the largest national recognition given his previous presidential run and current White House position.

Harris — who began her 2024 presidential campaign last Sunday after President Biden dropped out — has to choose a running mate in

the coming days and has already sent out vetting materials. The Democratic National Committee voted to do a virtual roll call in the first week of August to nominate Harris and her veep pick before Ohio's Aug. 7 state ballot deadline.

One potential drawback for the former South Bend, Ind., mayor is that he doesn't come from a battleground state. Kelly and Shapiro, two candidates from critical swing states, are being pushed by Democrats in Congress who believe they will add the most to a Harris ticket, Politico reported.

Meanwhile, North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper on Monday took himself out of consideration to be Harris' running mate.

The ABC News/Ipsos poll sampled 1,200 adults nationally between July 26-27 and has a 3% margin of error.



SAVIOR COMPLEX: A huge meeting on Zoom (opposite page), called "White Women: Answer the Call," featured stars like Connie Britton (left) of "White Lotus" and singer Pink talking about supporting minority women — and specifically Kamala Harris — and raised \$2 million.

Bus push out of gas

Vice President Kamala Harris touted federal grants two years ago to replace thousands of gas-guzzling school buses with greener versions — yet fewer than 7% of the initial districts have actually completed the switch.

The administration announced its kickoff to the troubled program in 2022, with Harris crowing that the first billion dollars would help 389 school districts across the country purchase upwards of 2,400 "clean" buses.

But so far, just 27 of those hundreds of school districts have marked their project sta-

tus as "complete," according to an EPA tracker, which was updated June 20.

Within the 27 school districts, which were awarded a total of \$19.3 million, there are 60 electric or propane-fueled school buses, the tracker said.

Dozens of other school districts dropped out of the program, citing such obstacles as school-board opposition and costly electrical infrastructure upgrades, according to the EPA's annual report on the program, whose issues were first reported by the Washington Free Beacon.

Ryan King



KIRSTEN FLEMING



JUST when I thought the racialized madness of 2020 was floating away, destroyed by reason and sanity, it's back.

And on Zoom no less, the medium of choice for the crazy COVID era.

With a woman of color on the Democratic ticket, progressives have fallen back on their worst instincts: performative allyship and race essentialism. Politics by segregation.

Last week, Moms Demand Action founder Shannon Watts organized a massive Zoom meeting — "White Women: Answer the Call" — for Kamala Harris.

On the call, which drew over 200,000 participants, reportedly raised \$2 million and has been dubbed the largest Zoom in history, Watts declared (with great humility, of course): "White women, we have 100 days to help save the world."

I thought white saviors were bad? Hey, on the plus side, the left suddenly knows what a woman is again.

'Karens for Kamala'

Author Glenn Doyle lectured. The singer Pink was there. "White Lotus" actress Connie Britton spoke, jokingly calling herself and the others "Karens for Kamala."

In other words, gazillionaire elites with the luxury of telling other women — ones who may be worried about paying their grocery bills — that they



No apology in 'horse and whip' debunking

When border agents on horseback were falsely accused of whipping Haitian migrants in Texas in September 2021, Vice President Kamala Harris jumped on the bandwagon and slammed Border Patrol personnel — claiming the photos from the incident reminded her of America's history of slavery.

"Human beings should not be treated that way," Harris told the "View" just days after the controversy became national news. "It also invoked images of some of the worst moments of our history, where that kind of behavior has been used against the Indigenous people of our country, it has been used against African Americans during times of slavery."

The claims that border agents whipped the migrants, who were black, were later debunked by both the photographer who took the pictures that kicked off the controversy and, later, an official Customs and Border Protection investigation.

However, Harris — who was tasked with stopping the historically high flow of migrants across the US border — never backtracked or apologized for her previous statements. And Border Patrol agents haven't forgotten the comments by the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee.

Harris' statements "vilified" the agency, a border agent who works in the border region where the incident happened told The Post.

The agent, who was not authorized to speak publicly, said Harris "isn't willing to apologize because it didn't fit the narrative."

Months later in July 2022, that claim officially fell apart after an investigation found no whipping occurred. The probe did say that the horseback agents "engaged in unprofessional or dangerous behavior, including one instance in which an agent used denigrating and offensive language."

"Whips are not part of Border Patrol training or equipment," the agency's then-acting commissioner Chris Magnus said at the time. *Jennie Taer*

should cede their personal interests in favor of intersectionality.

And then there was influencer Arielle Fodor, who has 1.3 million followers on TikTok, where she is known as Mrs. Frazzled. She speaks like a mid-level marketing mama on the verge of being invited to the annual conference in Cabo if only she can enlist five more eager wine moms to her vitamin-selling team.

Fodor was introduced as someone "here to help gentle parent us through this election."

Perhaps because I am personally familiar with wooden spoon parenting, this came off as incredibly infantilizing. But hey, maybe it's just this white woman.

"BIPOC women have tapped us in as white women to step

up, listen and get involved this election season," she said.

Thank you, BIPOC women, for allowing your white proxy to give us other white chicks explicit permission to exercise our rights as Americans.

Fodor outlined ways to use white privilege "to make positive changes." Chief among them: Shut up.

"If you find yourself talking over or speaking for BIPOC individuals or, God forbid, correcting them, just take a beat. And instead we can put our listening ears on."

Oh, the soft bigotry. Politics by strict affinity groups is not only the height of cringe — it's regressive and reductive. It's also clearly the #KHive plan, as member are organizing Zoom pep rallies by ethnicities and gender.

There's also "White Dudes

for Harris" on Monday night, which comes with Pete Buttigieg and trucker-cap merch.

Stepford & step back

There are grassroots calls for So uth Asians, Latina women, black men. And while it's not out of the realm to campaign to specific demographics, the spirit isn't about building a coalition.

In this version, we all fit in neat little boxes that correspond with our immutable characteristics.

What happened to rugged individualism? What happened to thinking for yourself and freedom of thought, free from the boxes you check on a census form?

The liberal women I grew up around made fun of Stepford Wives, only to become an even

more bizarre version of them: bots programmed to speak in therapeutic language while performing guilt rituals in the name of virtue.

Real people — men and women of all races and creeds — want intellectual rigor. We want to discuss ideas. We want to disagree like adults, not be shushed like kindergartners in segregated classrooms.

If this is the campaign, it doesn't bode well for a Harris presidency. Will debate and dissent only be allowed if the person is the right race and sex?

Will citizens need permission to question Harris because that wouldn't be using our privilege properly? It's probably how Putin and Xi run things, right?

I want to live in a world where adults are in charge and the best ideas win. Regardless of who came up with them.

'He's Dr. Faux-ci'



Ex-top doc lied to pols: watchdog

DOG TOURE: Dr. Anthony Fauci has admitted that his agency funded an experiment in which beagle puppies were tormented in Tunisia.

By JOSH CHRISTENSON

A watchdog group is accusing Dr. Anthony Fauci of lying to Congress last month when he claimed he never used private email to conduct official business, pointing to newly obtained records on the “BeagleGate” scandal, although his attorney has denied all wrongdoing.

Fauci, 83, told a journalist in October 2021 that he would reach out to her through his private email address during a public-relations firestorm over research being conducted on beagle puppies by his National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said the White Coat Waste Project, citing FOIA records exclusively shared with The Post.

The controversial agency-funded research included the tormenting and killing of beagle puppies in Tunisia to learn more about a parasitic disease. The NIAID initially denied involvement, but Fauci confirmed this year that his agency indeed approved the grants for the experiments.

“I will send you an e-mail via my gmail account,” Fauci said in an email dated Oct. 29, 2021, to Washington Post reporter Yasmeen Abutaleb, who had expressed sympathy about the spate of “crazy articles” that were surfacing about the then-NIAID head.

Earlier emails in the thread show Fauci had shared an article from the left-leaning fact check website Snopes about his oversight of HIV

clinical drug trials on foster children during the 1980s in an apparent attempt to cast doubt on his connection to the beagle experiments.

The Snopes article referenced “rumors” meant to “disparage” Fauci that claimed the HIV trials “murdered disabled children.” It also suggested Fauci was not responsible for allegations that included his approval of the taxpayer-funded Tunisian dog experiments, which at the time had prompted a bipartisan letter of condemnation from members of Congress.

OK'd experiment funds

“As per our discussion, more of the same,” Fauci wrote to the journalist, apparently dismissing questions about the experiments as ludicrous, although he later confirmed to a House subcommittee June 3 that he “signed off” on the grants that funded them.

The email exchange raises serious questions about Fauci potentially conducting government business from a private account, in direct violation of federal record-keeping laws and his own testimony to Congress earlier this year.

David Schertler, an attorney for

Fauci, told The Post that Fauci “stands by his June 3 testimony before Congress. The email to which you refer involved a personal matter and not a matter related to government business. For that reason, Dr. Fauci used his personal email account to communicate about the matter.”

But White Coat Waste Project founder and president Anthony Bellotti told The Post that the email was proof that Fauci “broke federal law.”

“We’ve followed the money and exposed how Fauci lied under oath about not funding gain-of-function at the Wuhan [China] animal lab, that he lied about not bankrolling beagle torture in Tunisia, and,

now, that he broke federal law by using his personal email to evade FOIA requests about BeagleGate and secretly communicate with a Washington

Post reporter who then published NIH disinformation to protect him and discredit us,” Bellotti said.

‘Hold him accountable’

“Fauci’s the poster child for government corruption and Congress needs to hold him accountable for his abuses, which carry criminal penalties including fines and jail time,” he added.

Representatives for the NIAID did not respond to a request for comment, nor did Abutaleb.

In a fact-check last month on the Beagle experiment, The Washington Post showed that the NIH project in Tunisia was scrubbed from a grant database weeks after members of the press began inquiring about it in 2021 after the White Coat Waste Project unearthed the experiments.

Fauci asked NIAID staff for details of the grant in late October of that year. An agency employee days later engaged in a potential conflict of interest by editing a published study on the research to say that the NIAID funded a separate but similar study.

Fauci asked NIAID staff for details of the grant that year in late October. One of the agency’s employees later pressured the journal that published the study to remove its affiliation, according to internal NIAID documents obtained by White Coat Waste and reported on by The Washington Post.



MARK MEADOWS
Petitioned Supreme Court.

Asking to make it a fed case

Former White House chief of staff Mark Meadows is pleading with the Supreme Court to intervene in his Georgia election interference case to shift it into the federal court system.

Meadows, 65, had lost his prior bids to transfer the case, but in a petition to the high court last Friday, he sought to capitalize on its landmark ruling on presidential immunity earlier this month.

“As the court explained . . . immunity exists not just to protect current officers from the distractions of litigation, but ‘to protect against the chilling effect [later legal] exposure might have on the carrying out of’ an officer’s duties,” Meadows’ team wrote in its petition.

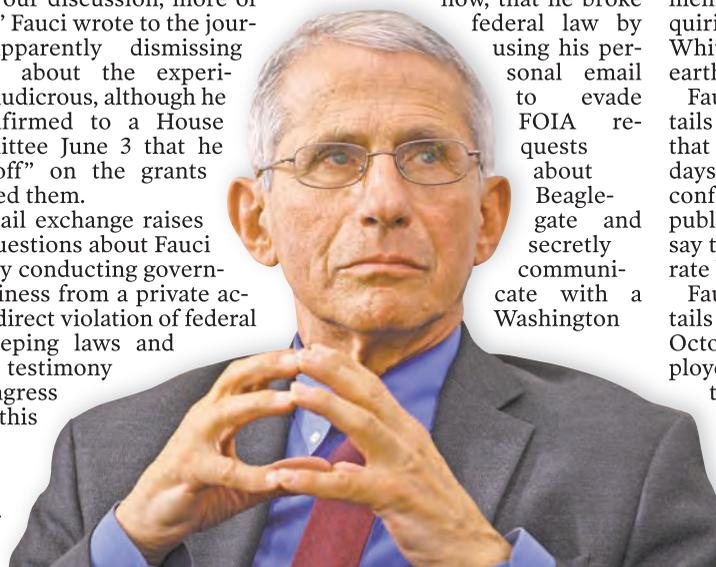
Meadows was among the 19 individuals who were charged in the sprawling election racketeering case last year — which includes former President Donald Trump — by Fulton County district attorney Fani Willis.

Ryan King

Canada fends off fire critics

Parks Canada, the federal agency managing the country’s national parks, rejected criticism that it left the town of Jasper vulnerable to wildfires by not removing more trees killed by decades of forest pestilence. Some forestry experts criticized it for being too focused on preserving natural forest ecosystems and not doing more to remove beetle-affected trees around Jasper. “I reject the premise of the question that Parks Canada puts nature before people,” agency head Ron Hallman said.

Reuters



Witness harass sentence

The father of a man who fatally stabbed a basketball player in Hell's Kitchen was sentenced Monday for creating an Instagram profile to harass and intimidate witnesses against his son.

Steve Darbasie, 44, a salesman, got six months behind bars for going after witnesses on an anonymous but easily traceable social-media profile in an effort to protect his son, Tammuz, officials said.

Darbasie had insisted his son was acting in self-defense when he stabbed Bronx Community College hoopster Terrell Wigfall to death in August 2020, prosecutors said.

Darbasie started naming witnesses and posting pictures of them on an anonymous social-media profile called "Ratzzzz," according to Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg.

The son later pleaded guilty to manslaughter.

"Steve Darbasie waged a relentless campaign of intimidation, using social media as a sword to both punish witnesses for speaking with police and attempt to prevent them from testifying about his son's crime," Bragg said in a statement.

"Honest testimony is the bedrock of our criminal legal system," Bragg said. *Steve Janoski*

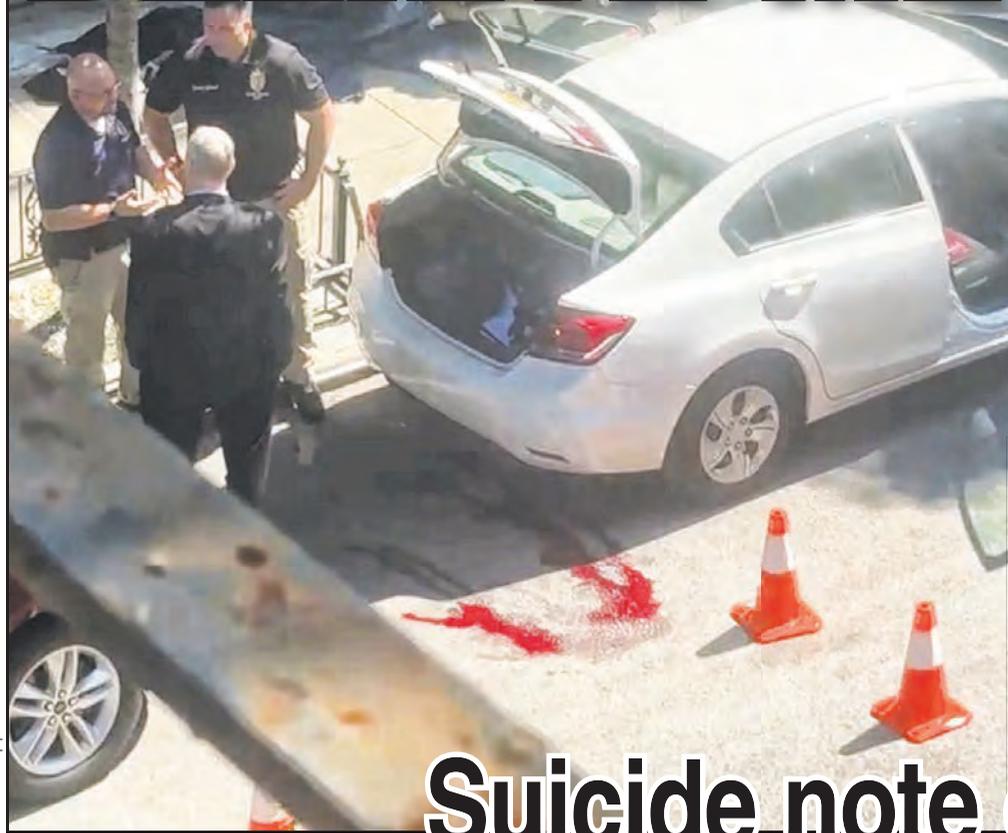
Life 2 billion years old?

Life on Earth looks good for its age. Newly discovered fossil records hint that mold-like unicellular organisms — the common ancestor to all complex life on our planet — arrived over a billion years earlier than previous estimates.

Evidence — fossils of primordial, slimy, single-cell organisms — was found deep in rock structures within Africa's nation of Gabon that suggest conditions for animal life started about 2.1 billion years ago, the BBC reported.

The findings in the journal *Precambrian Research* challenge the widely accepted theory that animal organisms began at about 635 million years ago. *Alex Mitchell*

'THEY DON'T BELIEVE ME'



CitizenApp

By JOE MARINO,
PETER SENZAMICI
and MATT TROUTMAN

A suicide note penned by the terminally ill grandmother who gunned down her former daughter-in-law and then herself on an Upper East Side street last week provides new insight into her troubled mind, law-enforcement sources revealed Monday.

The seven-page note found in Kathleen Leigh's pocket after the murder-suicide detailed her suffering from cancer and bad blood with victim Marisa Galloway, whom she shot twice in front of the victim's 1-year-old girl, the sources said.

Leigh, 65, ranted that Galloway, 45, tried to alienate her 4-year-old daughter from Leigh's son, the older girl's father, the sources said of the letter, which was scrawled with the words "For Police."

She also wrote that no one believed her and her son's contentions that Galloway abused the child, an accusation twice found to be unfounded by city children's services investigators.

The girl was the subject of a

long-running and bitter custody dispute between Galloway, a special-education teacher, and Leigh's son that included allegations of abuse by both sides.

Leigh had frequently complained to neighbors in the East 79th Street building where she lived for the past three years with her son that Galloway abused the child.

Accusations iffy

Beyond being unsupported by the Administration for Children's Services, the accusation didn't square with the portrait from friends and neighbors of Galloway as a loving, doting mother bedeviled by a tumultuous past relationship with her ex.

The girl is now in Leigh's son's custody, the sources said.

She was also with her dad when her grandmother executed Galloway along a tree-lined street just a

half block from Gracie Mansion just before 9 a.m. Friday, according to the sources.

Leigh was an adult probation officer from Chicago for 17 years before retiring in 2014, Cook County officials said. Police believe she acted alone and have no evidence that her son knew anything about her plan, according to the sources.

In normal circumstances when one parent dies, "the other parent becomes de facto sole custody" — but this case is tragically unique, said family law and domestic-violence lawyer Valentina Shaknes.

The docket for the prolonged custody suit, launched in 2021, shows a judge's order entered Monday morning, the contents of which are not public. Shaknes said the filing was likely an emergency temporary order for custody.

"If the judge had any concerns for safety, then the child would not be with the father right now," she told The Post.



David Galloway/Facebook

HORRIFYING END: A grandmother carried two guns (below) when she shot ex-daughter-in-law Marisa Galloway (above) Friday on an Upper East Side street (right). She complained in a suicide note that Galloway was alienating her daughter from the girl's father.



William Farrington

Galloway's family could ultimately have standing for at least some custody of her child under special circumstances, and after a trial, Shaknes said.

That legal threshold of unique circumstances is tragically most likely met "when the mom is murdered in cold blood," Shaknes said.

Gruesome scene

Galloway had just loaded her other child — a 1-year-old girl whose father was a sperm donor, according to sources — into a parked white Honda Civic when Leigh shot Galloway, police said.

The younger girl is now with Galloway's parents, in New Jersey, the sources said.

Galloway's brother told a Post reporter "We don't have any comment." The Post could not reach Leigh's son for comment. His attorneys didn't return requests for comment.

Additional reporting by Kevin Sheehan

Teen targets UK tykes at Swift event

2 DEAD IN STAB RAMPAGE

By JORGE FITZ-GIBBON

Two children were killed and nine others injured when a hooded, knife-wielding teenager rampaged through a Taylor Swift-themed dance workshop in the UK Monday morning, police said.

The horror unfolded shortly before noon in Southport, just outside Liverpool, when the unidentified 17-year-old arrived by taxi and started attacking the children and adults trying to stop him.

Hours later, Merseyside Police Chief Constable Serena Kennedy confirmed that two children died and nine others were injured, including six left fighting for their lives — along with two adults left in critical condition from being stabbed as they “were bravely trying to protect” the kids.

Responding officers “were shocked to find that multiple people, many of whom were children, had been subjected to a ferocious attack and had serious injuries,” she said. “As a mom and a nana, I can’t begin to imagine the pain and suffering that the families and the victims are going through at this time.”

A 17-year-old male was arrested, police said — stressing that the attack is “not currently being treated as terror-related.”

No other possible motive was suggested, nor any connection between the suspect and any of those

attacked. Police said there was “no wider threat” to the public.

Witnesses said the attacker wore a “black hood” when he entered the Hart Space, which also houses a nursery and had advertised “a morning of Taylor Swift-themed yoga, dance and bracelet making.”

“The mothers are coming here now and screaming. It is like a scene from a horror movie,” local merchant Colin Parry told the BBC. “It’s like something from America, not like sunny Southport.”

Bleeding and fleeing

At least 25 children from the ages of 6 to 11 were at the event when the carnage unfolded — with the knifeman reportedly pulling up in a taxi, witnesses said.

“I saw seven to 10 kids outside the nursery,” said Bare Varathan, who owns a nearby shop.

“They were injured, bleeding. They were in the road, running from the nursery,” he said. “They had been stabbed, here, here, here, everywhere,” he said, indicating the neck, back and chest.

A Hart Space employee described the chaos.

“When I got there, there was a guy who was absolutely distraught, in a mess,” he said. “He’d seen two children run out of the Hart Space, and he thought they had got hit by a car because the car was just full

‘HORROR MOVIE’: Cops swarm a Taylor Swift dance workshop in Southport, England, on Monday after a teen pulled up in a cab and began stabbing young attendees. Two kids died in the gory senseless mayhem.



Michael Hughes / SWNS

of blood at the side of the car.

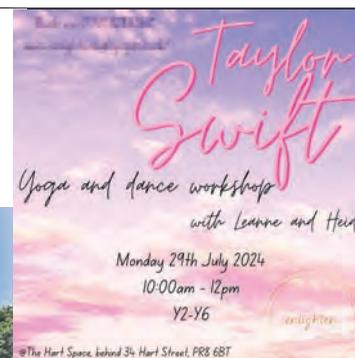
“But it was actually that the children who had been stabbed had fallen into the car,” the staffer said.

In a statement Monday, King Charles said he and Queen Camilla were “profoundly shocked” over the “horrific incident.”

“We send our most heartfelt condolences, prayers and deepest sympathies to the families and loved ones of those who have tragically lost their lives, and to all those affected by this truly appalling attack,” the statement said.

Prime Minister Keir Starmer called the attack “horrendous and deeply shocking.”

The victims were rushed to three children’s hospitals: Alder

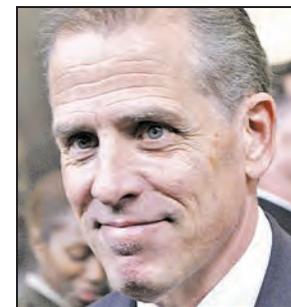


Hey Children’s Hospital, Aintree University Hospital and Southport and Formby Hospital, for treatment. Their conditions were not available.

‘Traumatized’

One local said he saw a woman pull up in her car, saying, “She was screaming, ‘My daughter’s been stabbed.’ The woman was in hysterics.” He told the Mail he helped get her 10-year-old daughter to an ambulance.

A parent also told the Mail his daughter was at the event. “My daughter was in it and she was traumatized,” he said. “She ran away and she’s safe.” *With Wires*



HUNTER BIDEN
Tax-fraud “misstatements.”

Hunter lawyers: What’s in a word?

Hunter Biden’s lawyers claim they simply mixed up legal terms when filing papers to get his tax-fraud charges tossed — and that a single word shouldn’t cost them the case.

The lawyers were forced to explain their flub this week when a California judge on Wednesday threatened to impose sanctions over it.

Federal Judge Mark Scarsi warned that he might fine the legal team repping President Biden’s son, saying it knowingly made misstatements several times in court papers seeking to have the case tossed.

Hunter’s side claimed this month that special counsel David Weiss hadn’t brought charges against Hunter until after Weiss was appointed.

But Weiss had in fact brought the charges against Hunter earlier, as the US attorney in Delaware.

Those charges, brought while Weiss was acting as a US attorney, were part of a plea deal that famously blew up. Weiss brought the charges again as special counsel.

Hunter’s lawyers claimed they just accidentally mixed up their words — while citing The Post’s coverage first among other media articles.

They said they meant Weiss brought “indictments” not charges, as US attorney and argued they were guilty at most of “inartfully” using terms.

Hunter is accused of failing to pay taxes on \$1.4 million. His lawyers are trying to get the charges tossed based on a ruling that the appointment of a special counsel in former President Donald Trump’s confidential-documents case was unconstitutional. *Priscilla DeGregory*

GOP big gives WH ‘D’ grade for China policies

The top Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee slapped the Biden-Harris administration with a letter grade of “D” on Monday for its poor cooperation with European allies and partners on countering China.

Sen. Jim Risch (R-Idaho) and GOP committee staff

released a 160-page report giving President Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris’ administration a near-failing grade at halting “China’s efforts to bend the international order to its authoritarian ends and its pursuit of destructive political, security and economic policies.”

Chinese President Xi Jinping has done this “by supporting Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, employing predatory economic practices to undermine US and European competitiveness, exploiting weak scrutiny of university funding to conduct malign influence operations, and bending interna-

tional organizations to serve its authoritarian goals,” Risch wrote in a letter accompanying the report.

“If we are to succeed in confronting China, the next administration must do more than the Biden-Harris administration has over the last four years,” he urged his Senate colleagues. “We

cannot afford to wait.”

The report highlights seven “key areas” where the US could be coordinating more with Europe to thwart Beijing, including at the United Nations, in Africa and the Indo-Pacific, as well as through trade, technology and other strategic investments. *Josh Christenson*



SOMEbody caused offense at the Olympics over the weekend.

It was something judged so horribly inappropriate, tasteless, and antithetical to the spirit of the Games that the culprit was unceremoniously fired.

The severe punishment was instantly applauded by a horrified world.

“When will these people ever learn?” declared one furious professor from a British university on X. “Why aren’t they being given some kind of training?”

Another outraged person ordered the miscreant to “hang your head in shame!”

And there were demands for a public apology for the “disgusting” incident, which was so bad it was immediately branded “outrageous” by one of their co-workers sitting beside them.

Now, at this point, you might be assuming that I’m talking about whoever decided it was a good idea to desecrate “The Last Supper” at the Opening Ceremony with a jaw-droppingly repulsive drag-act mockery of one of the most important and symbolic moments in the life of Jesus Christ.

But no, I’m not.

Sexism, really?

In fact, I’m talking about a Eurosport commentator named Bob Ballard, who, as the gold-medal-winning Australian women’s freestyle swimming relay team left the Paris Aquatic center, quipped: “Well, the women just finishing up. You know what women are like . . . hanging around, doing their makeup.”

Sacré bleu!

Has there ever been a more disgraceful example of sexism perpetrated by a human being in the history of planet Earth?

Well, yes, there has.

In fact, at the very same time feminists are frothing at their lip-sticked mouths in rage about Ballard’s lame, but tame, joke, women around the world are drooling in a sexually charged manner on social media about Dutch male swimmer Arno Kamminga’s revealing flesh-colored trunks.

As so often these days, rhetorical sexism rules only apply from men to women, not the other way round.

But the far greater hypocrisy to me is why the hapless Ballard, a veteran of 40 years of elite athletic commentary, had to be instantly thrown to the virtue-signaling wolves, yet nobody’s been held accountable for one of the most egregious acts of deliber-

Winning gold in Olympic hypocrisy

BLAME ‘GAMES’: Commentator Bob Ballard (below) has been targeted for a mild joke about women’s swimming, while the “Last Supper” drag parody goes unpunished.



ately offensive taunting that I’ve ever witnessed at an international sporting event?

Honestly, I could barely believe what I was watching as the “Last Supper” drag parody played out on Friday night.

The Olympics are supposed to be a unifying global event, yet here were the organizers brazenly insulting 2.4 billion Christians in the most flagrant manner imaginable.

I posted a photograph of it on X, with my reaction: “Btw, what the f--k was all this about? A drag queen mockery of the Last Supper at the Olympics? Would they have mocked any other religion like this? Appalling decision.”

And to give you some idea of the scale of the offense caused, my opinion has so far had 11 million views and been “liked” 163,000 times, by far the biggest response to anything that I’ve posted in several years.

The comments were almost universally furious, and I fully understand why.

As I wrote, it’s unthinkable that Olympics chiefs would have allowed other religions like Islam, Judaism or Hinduism to have been so crudely ridiculed in this way.

So why did they allow the world’s biggest faith to be singled out, especially in a country like France, where 50% of the population are Christian?

Losing all faiths

It was so obviously repellent that not only did Christian leaders express outrage, led by a statement from French Catholic bishops that raged against the “scenes of derision and mockery of Christianity, which we deeply deplore,” but leaders of other faiths issued statements of solidarity, including Egypt’s Al-Azhar, the highest seat of Sunni

Muslim learning, which attacked the decision to “depict Jesus Christ in an offensive manner, disrespecting his honorable person and the high status of prophecy in a reckless barbaric way that does not respect the feelings of believers in religions and high human morals and values.”

It’s been wrongly reported that Olympics organizers have since “apologized” for the sickening skit.

They haven’t. Instead, they just pretended they never meant to upset anyone.

“There was clearly never an intention to show disrespect to any religious group,” said Paris 2024 spokesperson Anne Descamps. “On the contrary, I think we tried to celebrate community, tolerance. We believe this ambition was achieved. If people have taken any offense, we’re of course really sorry.”

What a load of disingenuous bulls--t.

Others have tried to claim it wasn’t a lampoon of “The Last Supper” at all but in fact inspired by a 17th-century Dutch painting of Greek Olympian gods at the Feast of Dionysis.

But if that’s the case, then why

did Barbara Butch, the self-styled “fat, Jewish, queer lesbian” DJ seen in the middle playing the role of Jesus, post to her Instagram account a now-deleted picture of the scene above da Vinci’s painting of “The Last Supper” and caption it: “Oh Yes! Oh Yes! The New Gay Testament!”

They knew exactly what they were doing.

‘Unity’ rings hollow

Butch says her aim in life is to “unite people” and “share love,” but all she and her fellow mockers achieved is help cause huge disunity and anger. Not that you would realize it if you heard the verdict of America’s First Lady Jill Biden who was in attendance, and said the opening ceremony was “spectacular . . . every step of the way.”

Really, Dr. Biden?

Why don’t you run that by the congregation of the churches in Washington and Delaware that you and Joe regularly attend as committed Christians?

Trust me, they won’t be using the word “spectacular” about this appalling display of deeply offensive blasphemy.

Meg plants Orchard in Hamps

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Love, it's a beach

KEITH Richards' daughter **Alexandra** spent her 38th birthday giving back. The rock scion and it girl, working with Project Zero, helped clean up the beach in Montauk alongside **Gracie Cashman**, daughter of Yankees GM **Brian Cashman**, producer **Georgia Cohen** and pilates guru **Kevyn Zeller**. We hear Richards even saved some of the trash collected before the bags were sent to a recycling center, so that she could make the treasures into art to be auctioned for the charity. After, the group of eco-warriors headed to Montauk Beach House for a Slim Aarons-themed pool party, where the B-day girl got on the turntables to spin alongside **Brandi Cyrus**, **Miley's** older sister.



Team 'Out'ing

ZOË Kravitz and **Austin Butler**, announced this month as co-stars in **Darren Aronofsky's** next film, "Caught Stealing," are working together off the clock. Kravitz (above) and Butler were seen at the IFC Center taking in a screening of **Brian De Palma's** 1981 neo-noir classic "Blow Out," starring **John Travolta**. Quipped one cinephile at the West Village theater, "Who says moviegoing is dead?" Sources said the pair "slipped in" to see the classic, about a sound tech collecting ambient noise who accidentally records evidence to a murder.

MEGHAN Markle threaded business and pleasure in the Hamptons over the weekend with her BFF, fashion designer **Misha Nonoo**.

Markle was in town to attend G9 Ventures' Summer Summit, an event aimed at elite businesswomen hosted by investor and G9 founder **Amy Griffin** at her home.

Several spies saw the Duchess of Sussex at Zero Bond owner **Scott Sartiano's** hip new spot at the Hedges Inn in East Hampton, Sartiano's, with Nonoo and the designer's hubby, oil scion **Mikey Hess**. "Meghan arrived solo and walked to the maître d' herself through the crowded restaurant," said one source.

Another spy tells us the former royal moved

about the room without security and that she was seen chatting with NewsNation anchor **Chris Cuomo** and socialite **Andrew Warren**.

Markle and her party "were there for three hours," we're told. The room was full of such recognizable names as Sartiano himself, influencer **Ruby Saracino**, **Gregg Bello** and publicist **Alison Brod**.

Nonoo was reportedly the one who introduced Markle to Prince **Harry**, as Nonoo's ex is **Alexander Gilkes**, a former classmate of Prince **William's** and a friend of the royal fam's.

Markle — who has been on the verge of launching lifestyle brand **American Riviera Orchard** since February — was in town to

powwow with other female founders.

The one-day summit drew makeup icon **Bobbi Brown**, the chef-owner of hot spots **Lilia** and **Misi**, **Missy Robbins**, Weight Watchers CEO **Sima Sistani**, Spanx founder **Sara Blakely** and cosmetics entrepreneur **Victoria Jackson**. Goop gal **Gwyneth Paltrow** is also believed to have attended, along with **Katie Couric** and **Laura Dern**.

The event was held at the \$13 million estate of Griffin and her husband, billionaire hedge funder **John Griffin**. A source previously told Page Six that Markle flew in from Santa Barbara, Calif., by private jet with IT Cosmetics co-founder **Jamie Kern Lima**.



What the frack!
Filming in the Flat-iron District for "The Morning Show," **Jennifer Aniston** gets sick as her character is caught up in a gaggle of environmental activists.

Morning fuel

SHE had a rough start to her morning! Luckily it was all for show. **Jennifer Aniston** was photographed filming "The Morning Show" in New York on Sunday and had to endure a surge of fake oil thrown on her (left). Photos snapped of the Emmy winner, 55, show her character, **Alex**, making her way through what seems like a protest when an upstart member of the angry mob tosses the greasy black stuff on her. Extras held signs saying "Extinction Revolt." The Apple TV+ drama recently earned a slew of Emmy nominations, including for stars **Aniston** and **Reese Witherspoon**.



Art 'camp' out East

THE Watermill Center's annual benefit lived up to its reputation showcasing bizarre performance art. Guests included **Solange Knowles** (above), architect **Peter Marino**, fashion designer **Maxwell Osborne**, artist **Liz Magic Laser**, **Jean Shafiroff**, **Stefano Tonchi** and talent manager **Kendall Werts**, who were invited to take in 20 performances and installations across 10 acres. One piece included a guy running for two hours on a treadmill in front of a block of ice, and another saw a woman perched on a stand with a fake pig. Separately, an artist wore a snout while vaping and drinking a martini. And another had two performers crawling over each other on sharp seashells and concrete balls.

Still a Pitt: Court delays hearing for Shiloh

A hearing yesterday for **Shiloh Jolie-Pitt** to drop her dad's famous last name was postponed for technical reasons. The name change for **Brad Pitt** and **Angelina Jolie's** daughter "was delayed because the court did not correctly finish the necessary background check," a source told Page Six. Shiloh's lawyer, **Peter Levine**, told us in a statement: "Unfortunately, the court was unable to complete the background check ahead of today's hearing, so the hearing was rescheduled for Aug. 19." The attorney added, "This is normal. Everyone undergoing a

name-change request needs to have a background check conducted by the court clerk, and because of a clerical error, Shiloh's hearing has been continued to a new date." We previously reported that the teen is seeking to change her name from **Shiloh Nouvel Jolie-Pitt** to **Shiloh Nouvel Jolie**. She filed to legally drop "Pitt" from her surname on her 18th birthday in May, and paid for her own lawyer when she filed.

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During a women's gymnastics qualification event at the Paris Olympics, **Tom Cruise** (left) gives **Lady Gaga** and **Michael Polansky** his ringing endorsement on the couple's engagement.

Lady Gaga goes for the gold with fiancé No. 3

IT'S the Olympic ring that everyone was talking about before the games got underway, but **Lady Gaga** and **Michael Polansky** reportedly got engaged "several months" before she inadvertently announced the news at the Paris Olympics. People magazine reported yesterday that Polansky had proposed by the time the pop star celebrated her 38th

birthday in March. Per the outlet, she chose not to wear her engagement ring to her celebratory dinner party at the time to avoid being photographed with it. "The couple shared the happy news with family and close friends right away but wanted to keep the engagement private otherwise," a source told People, adding that they are in the wedding planning sta-

ges. "Everyone's excited about them getting married," the source continued, noting that the Grammy and Oscar winner is "the happiest with Michael." According to the insider, the entrepreneur and investor "can't stand being in the spotlight but lets her shine." Gaga was previously engaged to talent agent **Christian Carino** and actor **Taylor Kinney**.

Double Axl after-party

AXL Rose was ready to hit the scene on Friday night — 24 hours after joining **Billy Joel** onstage at his final Madison Square Garden show. The Guns N' Roses frontman made his way back to the Mulberry, where he sang along when the DJ played Steely Dan's "Dirty Work." When he arrived, Rose seemed to vaguely remember the bar. A spy overheard him conversing with security, who said, "Welcome back!" Rose said: "I was here before!" The bar's exclusive Whisper Room fully jogged his memory. He lit up once he saw the private room and said, "It was here!" He last partied at the Nolita hot spot last August when it hosted a late-night after-party for the "Welcome to the Jungle" singer after his band performed a three-hour show at MetLife Stadium. Unfortunately, Mother Nature interrupted that party. Rain flooded the basement bar, bringing an end to Rose's rager. He had quite the redo this go-around, we hear, rocking out until well after the bar's usual closing time.

Sightings

ZAC Efron celebrating the Olympics Opening Ceremony with Airbnb's CEO **Brian Chesky** at its Musée d'Orsay Icons Experience ... **MICHAELA Coel** and boyfriend **Spencer Hewett** at BondST with **Riccardo Tisci** ... **BOBBY Shmurda** celebrating his 30th birthday at Diner 24 and Nebula ... **IVAN Beerkus** and **Angela Nikolau** at the launch of the Daylight Society at the Seville.

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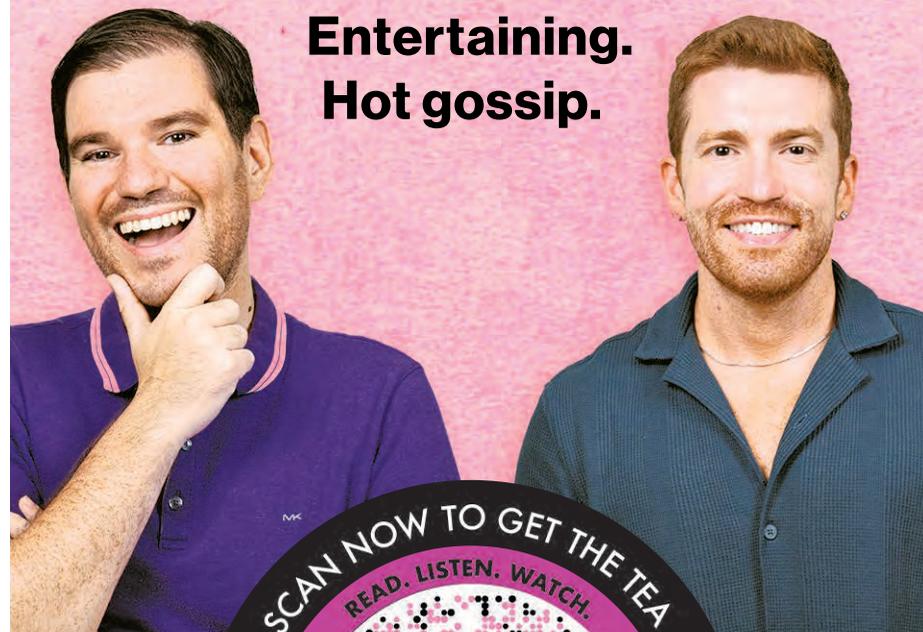


Katy Perry knocks her knees in Ibiza's sand filming a music video for her album "143."

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This summer's craft services



Cindy Adams

JEFF Goldblum — that actor from “Jurassic Park” — now plays jazz. 2018 he debuted “The Capitol Studio Sessions” album. 2014, this heavy-duty thesp started a residency at NYC’s Carlyle Hotel plinking the piano. He was just working the Hamptons, where he swears he’s never been before. It’s the Canoe Place Inn.

He does fall-down hilarity — like asking: “Did you know there’s fish in the Worcestershire sauce?” The room screams with hysteria. Plus showbiz shtick like about **Winona** and **Whoopi**. Who knows what we’ll get next. Maybe if we’re lucky a **Wolfgang Puck** ad lib.

More. Onstage. Soon. Soho Playhouse. “The Ghost of John McCain.” **Meghan McCain** calls this new play “trash — a gross cash grab by mediocre desperate people.”

Producer’s pol **Jason Rose** and McCain consultant **Max Fose**. I don’t know them. I don’t care either.

This thing unfolds inside **D. Trump’s** mind — where McCain finds himself posthumously trapped. And it releases McCain’s consciousness only after admitting Trump’s his favorite president. McCain then finds a way out of this political imprisonment. (The audience, however, finds no way out.)

Inside Trump’s mind —

living rent-free — are: **Lindsey Graham** in leather fetish gear singing “I need a big, big man!,” Grizabella from “Cats,” Eva Peron from “Evita,” dancing around is **Elon Musk**, plus smug **Hillary** who sings “I Told Ya So.” The thing also includes **Ivanka**, plus Trump’s various wives.

And we thought Sen. **Menendez’s** story was confusing. Go see it. Do not invite me. The McCains “are losing their s - - t over it.”



Jeff Goldblum played a sold-out jazz set in the Hamptons last week.

Chris Pizzello/AP

Entering the luxe land of layoffs

SINCE Saks bought out Neiman’s, sites where there’s both stores will do major layoffs. In the pandemic, nobody had been buying anything. No place to go. So the shmatta business has gone poop. Some purchase money was from Amazon. New company name’s Saks Global. A previous contract brought out current president, Europe’s **Geoffroy van Raemdonck**,

who with his partner have two adorable little children — each with their own nurse.

Watch rich LVMH vacuum up crown jewel Bergdorf’s (currently owned by Neiman). LVMH already owns three 57th & 5th corners. They want the fourth — the most valuable shopping areas this side of Saturn — Vuitton, Tiffany, Bulgari, Bergdorf’s. Watch.

Liner notes

NYC is moving. Newbies in, oldies out. New homes made, old places fade. A bride wants a baby’s room, a grampa wants a nearby john. Contractor **Aidan McCormack**, redoing some of our town’s greatest redoes,

sends me this note: “We started a job on East 87th last week and during demo this paper was found inside one of the walls.”

My column. It’s my column. An oldie. What it’s doing getting stuck inside a wall, who knows. If that was to plug up a mouse hole it would be very in-

sulting. The thing’s dated Dec. 17, 1990.

WE’RE told that money isn’t everything — and the way we’re going, it soon won’t be anything.

Mostly in the United States, kids, mostly in the United States of America.

'Shoot, flee' & cuffed

A boozed-up career criminal with at least two stints in state prison is in custody after taking a drunken shot at cops in Queens and stumbling when he tried to outrun New York's Finest, the NYPD said.

Joel Kelly, 60 — who has twice done time for assault — is now facing charges of attempted murder of a police officer and gun possession after the early Saturday morning arrest in Far Rockaway, authorities said.

Police responded to a 911 call of shots fired at Ocean Bay-Bayside Houses shortly before 12:30 a.m., cops said.

The cops then spotted Kelly, who fit the description of the shooter from witnesses, in front of 444 Beach 54th St., with the suspect allegedly taking a shot at the approaching officers.

Kelly then tried to make a run for it but didn't get far, police said. The cops, who did not return fire, put the cuffs on Kelly, who was taken to St. John's Episcopal Hospital because he was heavily intoxicated.

Kelly served time from 1984 to 1986 for second-degree assault and from 1988 to 1990 for attempted assault, records show.

Joe Marino, Amanda Woods & Jorge Fitz-Gibbon

'Bitin' words' before rally

The city councilwoman charged with biting a cop during a protest against a homeless shelter in her district is facing renewed scrutiny over a rally in her support organized by a group linked to the Chinese Communist Party.

Councilwoman Susan Zhang (D-43rd District) claimed to The Post she had "no involvement" in the rally Sunday that drew hundreds of supporters who marched from Manhattan to Brooklyn.

But messages on the Chinese social-media app WeChat — obtained by The Post and translated from Mandarin — allegedly show her advising supporters on "how to act" and "what type of signage" to carry at the rally.

Aneeta Bhole

Hat's off, Nicole

Paris is busy hosting the Olympics, but the most sizzling French event is taking place further south, with Nicole Scherzinger sharing this Instagram snap from a balcony in Cannes. The former Pussycat Doll, 46, will soon be taking her talents to the Big Apple, making her Broadway debut this September as Norma Desmond in a musical revival of "Sunset Boulevard."



Nicole Scherzinger / Instagram

MADURO WIN IN DOUBT

Venez. vote shady

By RONNY REYES and STEVEN NELSON

US officials have voiced serious concerns that Venezuela's embattled President Nicolas Maduro's election victory Monday does not represent the votes of the people.

Just minutes after Venezuela's electoral authority declared Maduro (inset) the victor to secure his third term as president, Secretary of State Antony



Blinken voiced his skepticism during an international conference in the Pacific. "We've seen the announcement just a short while ago by the Venezuelan electoral commission. We have serious concerns that the result announced does not reflect the will or the votes of the Venezuelan people," Blinken told reporters.

"It's critical that every vote is counted fairly and transparently, that election officials immediately share information with the opposition and electoral observers without delay and that the electoral authorities publish detailed tabulation of votes," he added.

White House watch

White House spokesman John Kirby echoed Blinken's remarks during a news conference Monday, saying that the world is waiting for the official numbers to be published after other polls suggested Maduro actually lost the race.

"We're going to hold judgment until that time," Kirby said. "We in the international community are watching, and we will re-

spond accordingly." The Venezuelan national electoral council (CNE) claims Maduro had secured the election with 51% of the vote, despite other exit polls showing a victory for opposition candidate Edmundo Gonzalez. While the CNE is

meant to be an independent body, Maduro's critics claim it is acting as an arm of the government to secure the incumbent's victory.

A poll from Edison Research, known for its polling US elections, predicted that Gonzalez was set to secure 65% of the vote while the embattled Maduro would only win 31%. Local firm Meganalisis also predicted a 65% victory for Gonzalez.

'Hard to believe'

"Maduro's regime must understand that the results are hard to believe," Boric said in a statement. "The international community and especially the Venezuelan people, including the millions of Venezuelans in exile, demand total transparency. From Chile we will not recognize any result that is not verifiable."

Boric's call was reiterated by Foreign Ministry officials across Latin America and the rest of the world, with many expressing clear doubt over the legitimacy of Maduro's victory.

Cuban President Miguel Diaz-Canel and Russian President Vladimir Putin were among the few allies who believed the election results. "Remember that you are always a welcome guest on Russian soil," Putin told Maduro.

With Wires

Finance scandal snares France ex-1st lady

A little too 'Sar-cozy' with fraud

By ISABEL VINCENT

Former supermodel Carla Bruni-Sarkozy is the latest person to be dragged into the campaign finance scandal swirling around her husband, former French president Nicolas Sarkozy.

Earlier this month Bruni-Sarkozy, 56, was charged with fraud and witness tampering related to more than \$54 million former Libyan dictator Moammar Khadafy allegedly gave to Sarkozy in illegal campaign contributions for his winning 2007 presidential campaign, according to French newspaper *Le Monde*.

Sarkozy, 69, was president between 2007 and 2012. Khadafy was assassinated in Libya in 2011.

The former first lady, who is also a singer/songwriter and once dated Mick Jagger and Eric Clapton, faces up to 20 years in prison if found guilty.

According to *Le Monde*, Bruni-Sarkozy was barred by the court from speaking to others involved in the case apart from her husband. Her lawyer, Paul Mallet, did not return a request for comment.

Khadafy connection

Other figures have since become embroiled in the scandal, including a businesswoman dubbed "the high priestess of paparazzi" and a Lebanese entrepreneur who is Amal Clooney's uncle.

The probe into the campaign finance payments began in 2013, two years after one of Khadafy's sons, Saif al-Islam, accused Sarkozy of taking millions from his father to finance his presidential campaign.

A year later, French-Lebanese businessman Ziad Takieddine backed that claim. Takieddine told French judges he had proof Khadafy financed the campaign and that millions more continued to roll

into the Elysée Palace after Sarkozy became president.

Takieddine, 74 — an arms dealer who fled France for Lebanon after being sentenced to five years in prison by a court there for taking kickbacks, according to reports — retracted his statements in 2020.

Takieddine's about-face raised suspicions Sarkozy, his wife and others in their camp may have paid him to change his mind.

'High priestess'

According to prosecutors, the retraction was at the behest of Michele "Mimi" Marchand, a French businesswoman known as "the high priestess of paparazzi" in France.

She is known to be close to the current first lady, Brigitte Macron, and was at one point a publicity advisor to her and President Emmanuel Macron.

Prosecutors indicted Marchand for witness tampering and conspiracy to commit fraud in 2021 following negotiations they say she held with Takieddine before he made his public retraction, according to *Le Monde*. Her lawyer denied any wrongdoing on her behalf.

The arrest outraged Macron, who told *Agence France Presse*, "You can't put people in prison like that. I don't understand . . . That's reserved for dangerous people."

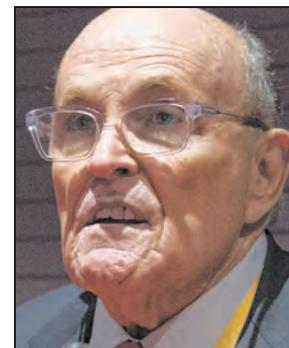
After a brief spell in jail, Marchand was released but remains under indictment.

In June, Bruni-Sarkozy allegedly deleted texts she had exchanged with Marchand, *France 24* reported.

Sarkozy has been the subject of a handful of criminal probes since losing the presidential election in 2012.



HEAT'S ON: Carla Bruni-Sarkozy was arrested in connection to money Libyan dictator Moammar Khadafy (near left) allegedly gave her husband, then-French president Nicolas Sarkozy.



RUDY GIULIANI
Claims he's broke.

Rudy can't get away scot-'fee'

Hey, Rudy, where's the money?

That's what a federal judge appeared to be wondering while warning he may have to drag Rudy Giuliani to court after the former mayor claimed he was too broke to pay administrative fees in his recently tossed bankruptcy case.

Giuliani's failure to pay the standard fees — even as he holds on to nearly \$10 million of real estate — technically stalls the case's dismissal from becoming official.

"An order dismissing the case has not been entered due to a dispute regarding the payment of administrative expenses incurred during the case," Judge Sean H. Lane wrote in a July 25 letter, "namely, whether and how the Debtor will pay such expenses."

The judge warned he might have to force the recently disbarred lawyer to come to Manhattan federal court to testify and prove how broke he is.

Peter Senzamici

Reservations about railway

Indigenous people who see a threat to their ancestral lands from the construction of a railway to carry grains to a port in the Amazon on Monday pulled out of a workgroup created by the government last year to advance the project.

The Mundurucu and Kayapo people, along with tribes from the Xingu reservation, said in a letter to the Transport Ministry that the workgroup was not doing its job of discussing the 620-mile Ferrograo railway with all parties.

Reuters



Bella's 'Munich' excuse

Bella Hadid has spoken out about her involvement in Adidas' controversial Munich Olympics-themed ad that sparked outrage.

On Monday, the model and activist, 27, whose father is Palestinian, posted an Instagram Story expressing her "disappointment in the lack of sensitivity that went into this campaign."

"I would never knowingly engage with any art or work that is linked to a horrific tragedy," she wrote.

Earlier this month, the brand unveiled an ad with Hadid holding a "coveted classic" sneaker from the '70s (above) to honor the 52nd anniversary of the games held in then-West Germany.

Those summer games were marred by tragedy when 11 Israeli athletes and one German police officer were killed by a Palestinian militant group.

Hadid — who said she was "shocked" and "upset" by the parallel — claimed to have "no knowledge of the historical connection to the atrocious events in 1972."

"My team should have known, Adidas should have known and I should have done more research," she said.

She also denied being antisemitic, writing, "Antisemitism has no place in the liberation of the Palestinian people." *Nicki Gostin*

BIBI VENGEANCE VOW

RESPECTS AND RAGE: A day after the funeral (above) for victims of Saturday's rocket attack, Israel vowed to hit back at Hezbollah forces in Lebanon.



'Harsh' payback for Hezbollah killing 12 kids

By RONNY REYES and STEVEN NELSON

Israeli officials vowed a "harsh" response against Hezbollah after the Iran-backed terrorist group launched a rocket from Lebanon that killed 12 youths in Israel, as the US believes a retaliatory attack will not lead to an all-out war.

During a speech Monday in front of mourners at the occupied Golan Heights, the site of Saturday's deadly missile attack, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said his nation is preparing an appropriate response.

"These children are our children... The State of Israel will not, and cannot, let this pass," he said. "Our response will come, and it will be harsh."

Netanyahu's warning was echoed by Danny Danon, Israel's new ambassador to the United Nations, who appeared on "Fox & Friends" Monday morning to lay out his nation's plan.

"[Israel's] response will be swift, harsh and painful, and we are now picking the targets," he said of the looming retaliatory strike.

"I'm sure Hezbollah will learn their lesson," Danon predicted.

The Israeli official, however, said Israel has no "intentions of a

WaPo's front page is picture of ineptitude

The Washington Post is being mocked for its perplexing Monday front page on which it placed a photo of mourners at the funeral of an 11-year-old girl killed by a Hezbollah rocket above a headline that reads "Israel hits targets in Lebanon."

The juxtaposition implies that the people in the photo are victims of Israel.

"That's an image of a funeral

of a girl KILLED IN ISRAEL BY A HEZBOLLAH ROCKET FROM LEBANON, so why is the Washington Post headline backwards?" former Israeli government spokesman Eylon Levy asked on X.

The Israel Defense Forces also took a swipe at the WaPo (right).

The Washington Post did not respond to The Post's request for comment Monday. *Chris Nesi*



full war," something US officials have expressed concerns over since Hezbollah began firing against the Jewish state Oct. 8, the day after Hamas' raid on Israel, in a show of solidarity with that terrorist group.

White House spokesman John Kirby reiterated Monday that the US stands behind Israel in condemning the attack on a soccer field that also left 40 injured, all between the ages of 10 and 20.

During a press conference, Kirby said that like Israel, he believes Hezbollah did in fact fire the rocket despite the group's denial after it was learned there were civilian casualties, noting that an attack like that is unacceptable.

"No nation can be expected to tolerate the kind of severe threats that Israel is facing," Kirby told reporters, while claiming diplomacy would be the best approach for-

ward rather than war.

Since the attack, the Israeli military has conducted several airstrikes in southern Lebanon, including one drone strike Monday that reportedly killed two Hezbollah operatives.

That attack was preceded by a series of airstrikes that destroyed several of Hezbollah's weapons caches and infrastructure in Lebanon.

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30-year-old Astor location shuttered

By NICOLE ROSENTHAL
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This Starbucks location has finally run out of steam.

After nearly 30 years facing The Cube, the notorious Starbucks outpost at 13-25 Astor Place — known for its decrepit public bathrooms, napping homeless folks and indoor panhandling — shuttered quietly Sunday evening.

“On multiple occasions I’ve seen staff have to unlock the door and drag someone out,” one Yelp reviewer claimed. “On one occasion, one of them banged on the door and told the person inside to ‘go shoot up your heroin outside.’”

Still, regulars are in mourning over the barren East Village brew site, which once served as Manhattan’s largest Starbucks.

“I’m actually a little sad because I’ve had coffee so many times here, had so many great conversations here, even went on a few bad Tinder dates here,” Katia Jimenez told The Post outside the location Sunday.

“I’m sure I’ve bought coffee here 50 times over the years,” Diana Heckman said. While she lives closer to the Washington Square Park location, she would make the longer journey to Astor Place.

“I’ve spent many a winter Sunday here on my laptop because, as Starbucks goes, it’s a particularly spacious and cozy location. So, yeah, I’ll shed a tear for Starbucks,” Heckman said.

‘Rent’s too high’

One barista told customer Erik Aksakova the location was closing because the rent was too high.

“Are you serious? How high can rent possibly get that it’s not even sustainable for a Starbucks to stay open here?” Aksakova told The Post, adding the coffee giant’s policy against turning away non-customers has allowed homeless people to “hang out all day” in the space and drive away customers.

Management told the hyperlocal blog EV Grieve that the rent had become “so astronomically high that even corporate Starbucks couldn’t pay it.”



OUT OF STEAM: The closing Starbucks opposite the cube on Astor Place was once Manhattan’s largest.

Bitter end for NYC Starbucks

But a representative for ASG Equities, which owns the space, said that is “simply not the case.”

“We are sad they chose to leave, even as we offered a lease extension that would have allowed them to remain in their existing space at the exact same rent,” the spokesperson said, noting the highly trafficked spot will be “of interest to a wide range of community-oriented retailers.”

Aksakova also said the 2022 un-

ionization of the store’s workers “didn’t improve the store’s chances of staying open” — although the company claimed the union had nothing to do with the closure.

“That is not true,” a Starbucks spokesperson told The Post. “We apply the same focus to evaluate, modify and close both union-represented and non-union stores based on our ability to provide the Starbucks experience to our

customers and to support both our partners and the business.”

Starbucks made headlines in 2022 and 2023 after shuttering several unionized stores, including all three unionized Ithaca sites — one closing just weeks after a vote, The New Republic reported.

Last year, the National Labor Relations Board alleged Starbucks closed 23 stores to deter unionizing, Reuters reported.

Russians training Ukr. kids

Hundreds of Ukrainian children from territories seized by the invading Russian army have allegedly been sent to Kremlin-backed military boot camps training them to fight for Moscow, according to a disturbing new report.

Ukrainian teens were showcased on Moscow’s OTR channel assembling and firing Kalashnikov assault rifles at a camp in southern Russia’s Volgograd region, where about 330 Ukrainian kids are being trained, The Times reports.

The unsettling new footage included the children receiving weapons and drone operation training from a masked instructor, all while the Russian flag and a portrait of Russian President Vladimir Putin loomed in the backdrop.

The video also showed an apparent endorsement of the camp from a Ukrainian girl touting her instructors, who all have combat experience fighting against Ukrainians.

“They can really teach you something here,” the 16-year-old girl, from the Kherston region, says as she learns to fly a drone.

It’s unclear if the child was forced to provide the sound bite under duress.

Ronny Reyes

Pentagon: \$1.7B to Kyiv

The Pentagon announced \$1.7 billion in new military assistance for Ukraine on Monday, including missiles, ammunition and anti-tank weapons to counter Russia’s invasion.

The package includes \$200 million in immediate assistance drawn from existing weapons and equipment stockpiles within the Department of Defense and a \$1.5 billion long-term commitment from Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative (USAI) funds.

The latest package represents the 62nd drawdown of military equipment for Ukraine authorized by President Biden and the 20th tranche distributed under USAI, according to the Pentagon. Victor Nava

US warns of Iran elex disinfo vs. Don

The US intelligence community has “observed” Iran trying to influence the 2024 election — and keep former President Donald Trump from a second term in the White House, according to a Monday unclassified briefing.

An official at the Office of the Director of National Intel-

ligence told reporters that intelligence agencies have “observed Tehran working to influence the presidential election, probably because Iranian leaders want to avoid an outcome they perceive would increase tensions with the United States.”

The briefing, first reported

by The Wall Street Journal, made clear that Trump administration would escalate those tensions since officials “haven’t observed a shift in Iran’s preferences” since before the 2020 election, the official added, when Iran was known to have opposed Trump’s re-election.

Russian influence campaigns ahead of the November election are still seen as a primary threat, though the briefing showed a change in Tehran’s strategy.

Now, Iran is spreading “disinformation” through “vast webs of online personas and propaganda mills” in addition

to clandestine efforts to tip the scales for presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Kamala Harris.

“We need to recognize the brazenness of the Iranian regime ... and I expect that we’re going to see more of it,” FBI Director Christopher Wray warned. Josh Christenson

SHOW'S BLOWING UP

By JEANETTE SETTEMBRE

It's pop art.

Balloon Story, an immersive art exhibit of sculptures made from 700,000 balloons, has blown up at the Park Avenue Armory on the Upper East Side.

More than 200 artists from around the world worked on the show, creating 140 inflated sculptures spread throughout the 55,000-square-foot space.

The adventure, which runs through Aug. 24, begins with a giant lion with a moving mouth standing guard over a rainforest-themed ball pit. From there, exhibition-goers journey through various natural environments — including an outer space scene with a 39-foot-tall spaceship.

The experience ends with rubber recreations of landmarks such as the Statue of Liberty, Eiffel Tower and Egyptian pyramids.

"It's supposed to tell a story. You're going from the jungle, to under the sea and to the Arctic and you end in the [urban] world at the monuments," curator Yonatan Eizik told *The Post*.

Artists are on-site for repairs should anything pop. Art director Kobi Kalimian said there have been at least three incidents since the show opened on July 2.

Tickets from \$26.90 for children and \$33.90 for adults at Balloon-Story.com, kids under 4 are free; 643 Park Ave., Upper East Side.

Roaring lion

Number of balloons: 8,000

Time it took to make: Five artists working for four days

The most challenging part of constructing this blown-up beast was the mouth. Artists used cone-shaped modeling balloons for the fangs — positioned not to pop each other as the motorized mouth opens and closes. "It's a lot of physics," Kalimian said.

Sphinx and Egyptian pyramids

Number of balloons: 10,000

Time it took to make: Six artists working for two days

Crafting the 8-foot tall Great Sphinx was tricky.

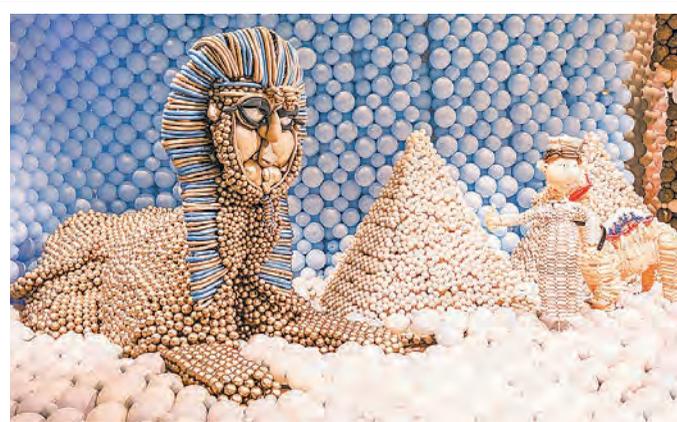
"We took a real, three-dimensional picture of a sphinx. We did a sketch of the framing and then covered it with the right balloons," Kalimian explained.

Under the Sea

Balloons: 80,000 balloons

Time it took to make: 200 artists working for nine days.

Just the tunnel of water in the



Balloon world on UES

INFLATED INTEREST: Balloon Story, at the Park Avenue Armory through Aug. 24, features a seascape, a bald eagle, Egyptian landmarks and a motorized lion.



ocean demanded 34,000 balloons, in various shades of blue. A giant orange octopus made with 50,000 balloons, meanwhile, has eight moving tentacles.

Bald Eagle
Balloons: 12,000
Time it took to make: 13 artists working for four days
Kalimian knew he wanted a

piece that celebrated America but was unique.

"I thought about making the American flag, but it was too simple," he said.

Now a 15-pound bird soars over the entrance. His 23-foot-wide blue wings are embedded with 50 6-inch white stars and festooned with red and white feathers.

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ARMED & 'RESTED

Bust for doze in subway with gun

By ISABEL KEANE

A man “well known to the NYPD” was arrested when cops found him asleep in a Brooklyn subway station — with a loaded gun easily seen sticking out of his waistband, video shows.

Lawrence Costa, 45, was busted around 6:40 a.m. Sunday when officers walking through the station at Myrtle Avenue and Broadway in Bedford-Stuyvesant saw a black firearm in “plain view,” an NYPD spokesperson told The Post.

Bodycam footage shows officers walking up to someone asleep on the subway stairs — with the gun sticking out of his belt below a bright blue and yellow hoodie.

Visible in waistband

“You all right? Everything good?” an officer can be heard asking while nudging the sleeping suspect awake. Another officer can be seen grabbing the firearm from the suspect’s waistband as he’s cuffed.

“It doesn’t get much easier than this!” the NYPD said while sharing footage of the arrest.



MORNING CUFFY: Lawrence Costa was arrested in the Myrtle Avenue and Broadway subway station after cops found him sleeping on a stairway allegedly with a loaded gun exposed down his pants (above).

“In today’s edition of ‘can’t make this up’ — a 45-year-old male (well known to the NYPD) thought nothing of falling asleep on a Brooklyn train station stair-case this morning with an illegally possessed & loaded fire-

arm exposed,” NYPD Chief of Transit Michael M. Kemper wrote on X.

“Definitely not the best decision he’s made,” Kemper added.

An NYPD spokesperson did not elaborate on how Costa was

known to the department.

Costa faces multiple criminal possession of a weapon charges for the gun, which was illegal and loaded, police said. He was taken into custody without incident, police said.

Boy, 4, kept in ‘cage’

Two Iowa parents told relatives watching their children to keep their 4-year-old developmentally disabled son in a makeshift cage, and cops later found the boy outside the home covered in human and animal feces, authorities say.

Dustin Carl Lee Perry and Lindsey Barbara Marie Hamilton, both 26, were arrested Thursday after the boy was found covered in filth outside the family’s home in Hamburg, the Fremont County Sheriff’s Office said.

The boy and a second child were taken to a hospital for evaluation, according to police.

Perry and Hamilton allegedly left the children in the care of relatives “with the direction to keep the 4-year-old in a makeshift cage,” according to the release.

Two makeshift cages were found in the home, including one built from a “pack and play, a baby-gate roof and zip ties,” according to police.

The situation was uncovered when the boy escaped his pen and the home.

The boy escaped his pen and was found by police, officials said.

One of the cages was found inside a walk-in closet, police added.

Isabel Keane

Journos free in Morocco

Morocco’s King Mohammed VI ordered on Monday the release of jailed journalists Taoufik Bouachrine, Omar Radi and Soulaïmane Raisouni, as part of a pardon benefiting 2,476 convicts, a government source said.

“This is a humane gesture on the 25th anniversary of king’s reign, annulling prison sentences, while maintaining the rights of the victims,” the source said.

The Moroccan constitution gives the right to the king to pardon or commute sentences, a decision usually taken on national days.

The three journalists were outspoken critics of public policies. Reuters

Jail loves for killer mom Moped assault now fatal

Susan Smith, in prison for the 1994 murder of her two young sons, has carried on sexual and romantic relationships from behind bars with at least a dozen men in the past three years — but one of her lovesick suitors has finally had enough.

The man, who talked to her for more than 18 months, cut off all contact last year despite claiming that he had fallen in love with the killer mom.

He said after he started to feel like Smith was taking advantage of him, he told The Post. The South Carolina resident — who is in his late 50s and divorced with grown children — said he feels “duped” by Smith, who he claims

professed her undying devotion to him, only to carry on similar conversations with other men. “She always wanted something from me,” said the bitter man, who asked The Post not to use his name. “We’re not men to her; we’re marks.”

Smith, 52, has been exceptionally active in her jailhouse communications. She messages friends and suitors several times a day, and also carries on phone conversations — all of which are recorded and entered into public record.

Smith has been incarcerated at Leath Correctional Institution in Greenwood, SC, for more than two decades after the murder of her two sons. Steve Helling

A 38-year-old Brooklynite who was slugged last week by a moped-riding menace in Manhattan died of his injuries three days after the attack, police announced Monday.

Florian Oltmann died on Friday after the brute sucker-punched him and his 56-year-old pal after the pair confronted the man for bumping into them on the sidewalk.

The moped driver ran into the older man in front of Rudy’s Bar and Grill on Ninth Avenue near West 44th Street around 2:40 a.m. Tuesday morning, cops said.

The two exchanged words before the moped driver punched him in

the face, knocking him unconscious, according to police.

Oltmann, who lived in Williamsburg, then confronted the slugger but was also knocked in the face with what would become a fatal blow when his head smashed into the concrete, the NYPD said.

The victim was rushed to Bellevue Hospital in critical condition and died three days later.

His friend, from Illinois, was taken to Mount Sinai West in stable condition, police said. The alleged killer sped off on his black moped following the vicious attack. He remains at large. Allie Griffin

Wooing Women

It's the issues — and a kinder, gentler Trump

THE Internet kerfuffle that took up endless pixels last week centered on Ohio Sen. JD Vance and his ruminations on the “bunch of childless cat ladies” who run the Democratic Party.

“How does it make any sense we’ve turned our country over to people who don’t really have a direct stake in it?” Vance, now former president Donald Trump’s running mate, asked in a 2021 Fox News interview.

It was mostly people who would never vote for Trump, with or without Vance on the ticket, who pretended to be offended. Why, how dare Vance mock us as “cat ladies,” they demanded, as they re-listened to Barack Obama’s speech about those terrible white people clinging to God and guns. Judgment about my life choices; well I never.

But some Republican women were also annoyed: The comments came off as condescending and judgmental, not to mention personal.

Vance wasn’t wrong on the macro level — societally, we need people to have children. A June Pew Poll showed that Republicans largely understand this, with 59% of Trump supporters saying “society should prioritize marriage and having children,” while only 19% of then-candidate Joe Biden’s supporters agreed.

But on the micro level, Vance’s comments picked at a painful personal scab for many women — especially those who wanted to have children but, for one reason or another, did not.

Insulting people in your own base, especially women, is something Democrats do with ease but Republicans have yet to master. A few days ago, a Zoom call titled “White Women: Answer the Call!” raised a ton of money for Kamala Harris, largely by disparaging white women.

“White women so rarely do this work,” writer Glennon Doyle said on the call. “Because you might make your neighbors uncomfortable. Because you also desperately need to be approved of and liked.” White women are the worst, said a white woman.

The vagueness is part of what the left does well. White liberal women can say awful things



Human touch: At the Republican National Convention, Trump displayed his softer side — here, with granddaughter Carolina snuggled in his lap.

about white women, while talking to white women, and everyone on the call will just assume it doesn’t apply to them.

The Trump campaign has to walk a fine line in its appeal to women, but earning our votes is not some insurmountable hurdle. In 2016, Trump won 39% of the female vote; by 2020, that number climbed to 44%. (Erosion of male support cost him re-election.)

To build on that gain, the Trump campaign should not follow Harris in treating women as some fringe minority.

In fact, female voters share the concerns of men on most issues. Like men, women care about safety and security, feeding our families and giving our children the life we dream of for them.

Trump’s vow to curb illegal immigration, to be tough on criminals and to establish “universal school choice” should all be popular with the ladies, as well as the men.

Meanwhile, for any woman who gets sticker shock at the supermarket, Trump’s economic plan promises to reduce inflation. Anyone, of any gender, struggling to get by while the Biden/Harris White House pretends inflation is a myth will want to hear about that.

Even on abortion, Trump came off as the moderate in his debate

with Joe Biden by emphasizing that Roe v. Wade allowed for abortion up until the moment of birth. Many don’t know this truth, which illustrates the radicalism of the left’s position: While most Americans support keeping abortion legal, support drops precipitously after the first trimester.

Still, to earn the votes of women, Trump and Vance must curb personal attacks. Sarcastic quips like Vance’s “cat ladies” comment will inevitably be clipped and shared to claim the misogyny of the all-male ticket.

Yet following the July 13 assassination attempt on the former president, voters saw glimpses of a kinder, gentler man.

His granddaughter Kai’s speech at the Republican National Convention showed a side of Trump few get to see.

The campaign should lean into this powerful form of persuasion and feature more women who know Trump well — to show us that he doesn’t actually bite.

So while male and female voters may care about the same issues, getting women to turn out and proactively cast a Trump vote calls for the campaign to adjust its tone.

The former president already has a ready-made line: Are you better off than you were four years ago? Few of us — women and men alike — are.

Karol Markowicz is the author of the book “Stolen Youth.”



KAROL MARKOWICZ

FAST TAKES

Mideast beat: Protesters Prove Zionism’s Point

The “demonstrators roiling our campuses and cities” are “making a powerful case for Zionism,” asserts Gerard Leval at The Wall Street Journal. “In 1896 Theodor Herzl, a Viennese journalist and very assimilated Jew,” called “for the establishment of a Jewish homeland in the biblical land of Israel” and “set into motion the modern Zionist movement.” Decades later, it’s “easy” to be “complacent about the condition of Jews in the Diaspora,” yet “antisemitism has dramatically surfaced, and Jews are being intimidated.” Anti-Israel protesters, therefore, “are giving full credence” to the rationale for Zionism — by proving that “only in a secure Israel, a nation of and for the Jewish people, can Jews be certain that they won’t be persecuted by reason of who they are.”

From the left: Democratic Party Is Still Broken

The Democratic Party is “hollow and lumbering,” a party “unsure of what it collectively stands for,” argues Lee Drutman at The New Republic — despite Kamala Harris’ ascent. Biden’s withdrawal “exposed serious, troubling problems in the party and in our two-party system more broadly.” We need to ask, “What is the Democratic Party today, anyway? Who is in charge?” Party elders like Nancy Pelosi “have enormous power but are cautious to use it.” “Donors exert considerable influence on a party, too, but they are fractured.” And the DNC delegates will “almost certainly anoint Harris as the party’s nominee” in Chicago “as instructed.” No wonder that in the latest Gallup poll, “just 23 percent of Americans identified themselves as Democrats — the lowest number in the poll’s 90-year history.”

Foreign desk: Team Biden’s Epic China Fail

“The Biden administration’s China policy” has been an utter “failure,” declares The Federalist’s Helen Raleigh. Why? Because it “lacks clarity and is full of contradictions.” Despite claims to the contrary, for example, the US “chip export restriction has not been strictly enforced, and China still has access to Nvidia’s advanced AI chips.” Plus, “Biden’s green initiatives have been an economic gift for China and only deepened the U.S. economy’s dependency” on Chinese-produced “solar panels, wind turbines, and batteries for electric vehicles.” During President Biden’s term, China has “increased its geopolitical aggressions” against Taiwan, the Philippines and the United States. And for the first time “strategic bombers” from China and Russia “operated together near North America.”

Media watch: Rebranding Kam as a ‘Moderate’

“Within hours” of becoming the presumed Democratic nominee, “Vice President Kamala Harris’ moderate makeover began,” quips Robert Knight at The Washington Times. The media simply “glossed over” her “radical past while playing up her ‘tough on crime’ credentials.” Fact is, as a US senator, “she had a more leftist voting record even than socialist Sen. Bernie Sanders,” co-sponsoring his Medicare for All bill, the Equality Act and the Do No Harm Act, forcing Catholic hospitals to perform abortions and gender transition surgeries. She backed Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez’s \$10 trillion Green New Deal and sought to abolish the filibuster to pass it. As recently as last week, she skipped Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s address to Congress. “And the media wonder why so many Americans have no trust in them.”



Bernie Sanders

Conservative: Elites’ Ruinous Social Engineering

“Half the country thinks something has gone drastically wrong in America, to the point that it is rapidly becoming unrecognizable,” warns American Greatness’ Victor Davis Hanson. “Almost everything in revolutionary America has ‘evolved’ beyond silly notions like ‘meritocracy’ and ‘standards’ and has instead become DEI hot-wired.” Yet “DEI, like open borders, was predicated on the idea that the good one percent who ran the country was too good to experience the trickle-down from the commissar system it imposed on others. Ditto the top-down green revolution.” The result: “a shrill elite that subjects their Jacobin theories upon a distant other but has absolutely no intention of ever getting near the very disasters they wrought, much less suffering the collateral damage that was inevitable from their social engineering.” — Compiled by The Post Editorial Board

Supremely Radical

Democrats just revealed their true, sick political nature with their cynical push to remake the Supreme Court.

Indeed, they showed just how far they're willing to go to take down Donald Trump and win an election. And that they are the real threat to democracy and America's political system.

The plan, rolled out by President Biden and Veep Kamala Harris, would impose 18-year term limits on justices, essentially, a plan to pack the court with liberals. They'd subject justices to a code of conduct you can bet will be used similarly against justices they dislike. Plus, they want more limits on presidential immunity after the Supreme Court reminded them that, under the Constitution, presidents cannot be charged with crimes for official actions they take while in office. That could help promote their strategy of using lawfare against political foes.

Make no mistake: This would be a radical upturning of an institution that has served the nation well for decades. Dems aim to undermine the court's legitimacy and overturn its decisions — all to frame Trump and win an election. Their sock puppets in the media laid the groundwork for a code of conduct with their perverted attack on the conservative justices — Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito, in particular.

But it's all theater. It's part of the Dems' fantasyland claim that "democracy is at stake" and the end of America as we know it is nigh.

Trump Must Fight for Female Voters

Warning to Donald Trump and JD Vance: Tread carefully when it comes to women, including Vice President Kamala Harris.

All signs point to a tight race in November, and the GOP ticket is already behind with women: In five battleground states, Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, Harris leads by 9 points or more with the ladies.

Closing that gap may be an uphill battle.

Even if Trump were ahead, it would be foolish to ignore the power of women voters: About 74 million more women than men were registered to vote in 2022, according to the Center for American Women in Politics.

Yes, Trump prevailed over a woman in 2016, but Hillary Clinton ran with decades of political baggage that repelled many voters.

And that was *before* Roe v. Wade was overturned, which made abortion a hot-button issue, particularly for women: It hurt GOPers in 2022, and Democrats see that as the ace up their sleeve this year, too.

Besides, the chance to vote for a woman who feels like a relative newcomer will almost certainly attract female voters who sat out other elections (or even some of those who pulled the lever for Trump in 2016 because they couldn't stomach the alternative).

Sure, there are plenty of women who want what Trump and Vance are selling: school choice, parents rights, a better economy, safer neighborhoods, a more secure border.

But this is a different political landscape

How can we know? Because Biden *himself* once opposed court-packing. Because the idea for term limits has come up only now, with conservatives holding a majority of the court's nine seats. Indeed, Dems were quite happy with lifetime appointments when left-leaning justices, like Ruth Bader Ginsburg, were in the majority.

Also because there's no actual problem here this plan aims to fix (other than Dems not getting their way on key issues before the court). Rather, the nation's high court is functioning not only as it was meant to function — but in precisely the way you'd want it to: i.e., not as an extension of the political system, but as an *independent branch* of government that puts a check on other branches.

Under the Biden-Harris, the court would no longer be an apolitical arbiter that judges issues — like the constitutionality of laws, say, and the limits of congressional and executive-branch power — based on the merits.

But here's the kicker: *Dems know none of this is going to happen.* And that doesn't matter: They'll just blame those evil Republicans for blocking "reform."

Let's face it: The idea of subverting an independent body to the will of politicians is precisely what voters should be most worried about.

It would destroy a political system that has long served America well.

Democrats may be right that "democracy" is at risk this year — *from them.*

than 2016, and both Trump and Vance need to keep on the straight and narrow to avoid alienating female voters who might otherwise agree with them on policy.

Maybe Trump should start by quit hurling derogatory nicknames and ad hominem insults at his foes. He can ding Kamala on *policy* without making crass comments or veering into petty pot shots about her looks or gender that might make women balk.

He and his running mate must certainly avoid missteps like the one Vance made in 2021, when he blasted "childless cat ladies" who run the country but are "miserable at their own lives and the choices that they've made." He also foolishly suggested penalizing women without kids with higher taxes.

For real? Vance's comments resurfaced recently and spread like wildfire on social media, drawing backlash even from conservative women.

Meanwhile, there's plenty he can and *should* attack Harris on — inflation, the border disaster (which she oversaw), her lack of experience and her support for unpopular far-left causes, like defunding police, packing the court and the Green New Deal.

Trump and Vance need to reassure women that they take them seriously as a voting bloc, and they have no interest in pushing national policy that controls women's decisions on family matters.

The GOP ticket knows women will play a major role in deciding this election; perhaps they should start acting like it.

Paris Olympics Opening: Anti-Christian Mockery

THE ISSUE: The Paris Olympics' bizarre opening ceremony reenacting the Last Supper of Jesus Christ.



The Olympics "The Last Supper" parody.

•The mockery of a core belief of Christianity, as seen in the reenactment of the Last Supper at the opening ceremony of the Olympics, has no relation to art ("Liberals' spectacle meant to transgress," July 29).

The prevailing belief today is in shock value coupled with the almighty dollar. I, for one, will not watch the Olympic Games, and I encourage all Christians to similarly protest.

What a shame for the athletes who are competing, many of whom worked so hard to get there.

Laura Papa
Manhasset

•The hatred shown in Paris by ridiculing the Last Supper should result in a boycott of all Olympic sponsors, its broadcasting agencies and of France in general.

If any other religion had been ridiculed in such a manner, those responsible could likely have been prosecuted under France's hate-crime laws. The lack of broad outrage from legacy media and our supposed leaders, and their silence, means it is acceptable to them. Such hatred should never be acceptable.

This acceptance would be completely rejected if it involved any sacred image of the left, such as the Pride flag.

Francis Rushford
Brooklyn

•Why was this mockery allowed to take place and be shown worldwide?

There is so much art, culture and many famous people who have made France great. And yet, the Olympics decided to disrespect something sacred that has nothing to do with the Olympics?

The blasphemy of the Last Supper is a hate crime against Jesus

Christ and all Christians.
Lorraine Zanzonico
Brooklyn

•Kansas City Chiefs kicker Harrison Butker responded to the Paris Olympics opening ceremony's reenactment of the Last Supper by a group of individuals by simply saying, "God is not mocked," a verse from Galatians Chapter 6 ("Last sup skit a drag," July 28).

In any event, I don't think I will be anywhere near Paris in the coming days or months.

Mark Dean
Ilyllwild, Calif.

•I feel bad for the athletes who spent so much time getting in shape and preparing for the Paris Olympics.

After the shocking display of mockery of the Last Supper, I, for one, will not be watching the Olympics. Can you imagine what would happen if they mocked the LGBTQ community in this manner?

Bob Robustelli
Stamford, Conn.

•It is clear that the Olympic opening event that parodied the Christian Last Supper was intended to insult Christianity, even if its creators tried to justify it as an ex-

pression of inclusion.

The organizers could have chosen any other symbol, religious or otherwise, to express inclusivity, but they did not. This suggests the real intent of this display was an assault on the ethical and moral foundation of Western civilization.

Woke activists, such as the Olympic organizers, want amorality to eclipse traditional Christian morality as recognized in Western culture. This approach normalizes and legitimizes socially transgressive behaviors while marginalizing generally accepted social norms rooted in Christianity.

Stanley Rubin
Fresh Meadows

•As a person of Jewish faith, I was offended by the parody of the Last Supper.

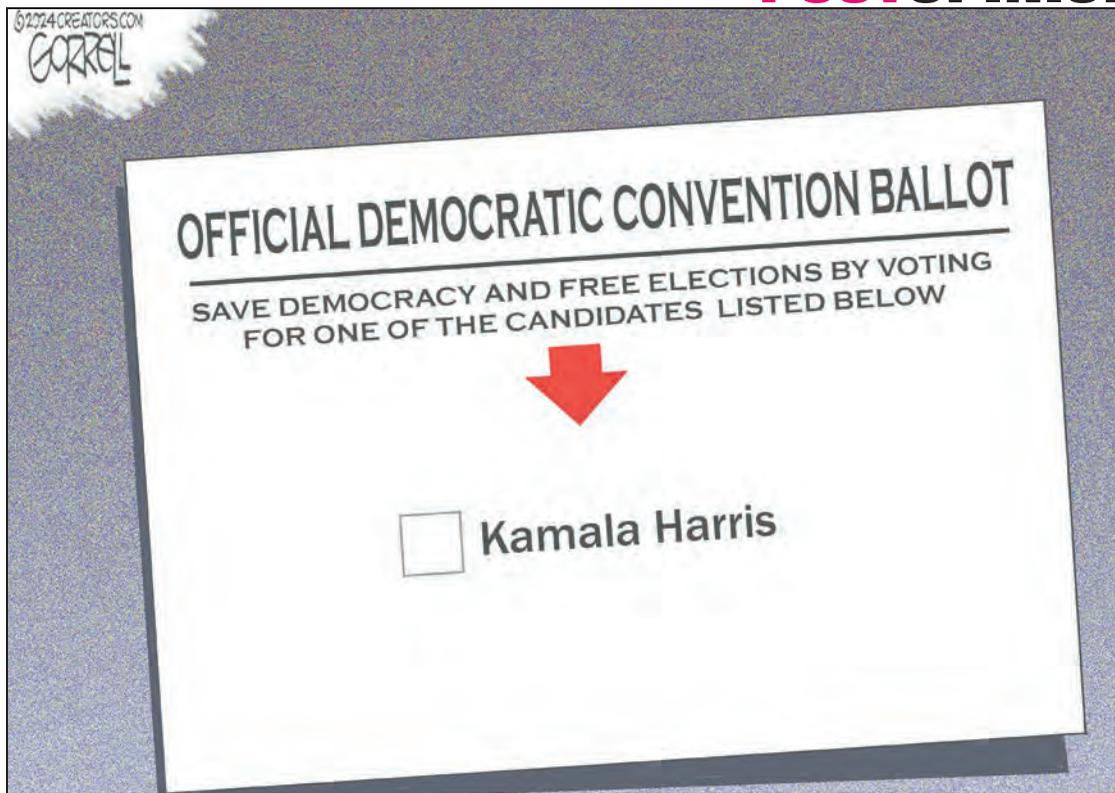
What is offensive to one religion should likewise be offensive to all religions. At a time when there is such divisiveness in the United States and across the globe, it is time that we come together in unity.

As Dr. Martin Luther King once remarked at a 1964 speech, "We must come together as brothers or perish together as fools." **Martin Garfinkle**

Staten Island

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NY's Coming \$12B Climate Boondoggle

ECONOMISTS don't agree on much, which may explain why politicians usually ignore them. Harry Truman, exasperated by his fiscal advisers' annoying "On the one hand, but on the other hand" equivocations, is said to have shouted, "Can't somebody bring me a one-handed economist?"

But most economists *do* agree that market-based regulations can effectively push broad societal changes.

That's why green-energy advocates have demanded emissions taxes — like the one set to take effect in New York five months from now, on Jan. 1, 2025. Although the United States hasn't adopted a nationwide carbon tax, California and Washington state have.

None dare call it a carbon tax, of course. Instead, all misleadingly refer to it as a "cap-and-invest" program: The state sets a limit, or cap, on carbon emission for a given year, then auctions off the rights to emit to the highest bidders. The emissions cap is lowered each year, resulting in higher auction prices — and higher revenues — over time.

New York still hasn't released the details of its cap-and-invest program, but Hochul administration officials estimate it will raise between \$6 billion and \$12 billion per year by 2030 — a breathtaking sum compared to the ill-fated New York City congestion fee, which was expected to raise \$1 billion per year.

Collecting that amount will cost consumers dearly: a \$25-per-ton carbon tax would increase gasoline and heating oil prices by about 25 cents per gallon and raise just \$1 billion, given current statewide usage. Natural gas and electricity rates will increase, too. As Albany clamps down on carbon emissions over time and

to transportation" because they include bike paths or are built near bus lines. It even includes \$12 million for farm-worker housing.

Another \$450 million will be spent on commuter-rail projects, such as expanding the Bay Area Rapid Transit system, even though ridership remains 40% below pre-COVID levels.

Over \$1 billion goes to "climate adaptation" projects — everything from "urban greening" (that is, planting trees) to restoring the sand dune habitat at Surfers Point in Ventura, supposedly as a barrier against further erosion. Another \$130 million will be spent on food waste recycling projects, with \$1 million is allocated to the California Alliance for Community Com-

JONATHAN LESSER

New York's carbon initiative . . . will be a bureaucrat's dream. ♫

the carbon tax increases, prices will increase much more.

The state promises that the program will create jobs, invest in disadvantaged communities and preserve competitiveness. But in reality, raising the prices of gasoline, natural gas, heating oil and other fossil fuels will mean higher prices for everything else — because everything we use requires energy.

And what will taxpayers get for all that money? To get an idea of where New York politicians will spend their carbon lucre, consider California, where the carbon tax has raised around \$18 billion since it began in 2013.

Of that total, \$6.7 billion — almost 40% — has gone into the state's ill-fated high-speed rail project, whose estimated cost has quadrupled to \$130 billion since it was approved 16 years ago. Fewer than 50 miles of the almost 800-mile project have been built.

The remaining \$11 billion has been allocated to over 100,000 projects (so far), mainly classified as transportation-related. But California stretches "transportation-related" to cover almost everything — including \$2.3 billion on affordable housing developments "linked

posting. (Who knew there was such an organization?)

Washington state's carbon tax, which took effect last year — and faces repeal this November by angry voters — has raised around \$2 billion, which has been allocated to 35 state agencies. As in California, much of the money will go for transportation projects, including free bus passes for kids, bike trails, crosswalks to encourage carbon-free walking and electric ferries.

Native American tribes will get \$5 million to electrify their boats, while \$115 million will be devoted to lowering the energy bills of low-income households — bills that will increase because of the state's zero-emissions carbon goals.

Just like those of California and Washington, New York's carbon initiative will have no measurable impact on the global climate, but it will be a bureaucrat's dream.

These "cap-and-invest" programs call into question President Truman's demand: After all, two hands are required for one to wash the other, something that Albany's politicians excel at.

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Disordering the Court

KAMALA Harris is so moderate that she only wants to pack the Supreme Court by stealth.

By poorly disguised stealth, to be sure, but it's difficult to obscure the intended destruction of an institution of American government.

The newly minted Democratic presidential candidate has endorsed President Biden's plan for Supreme Court "reform," the centerpiece of which is a proposal for an 18-year term limit that would immediately usher Justices John Roberts, Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito off the court. This is court-packing by another name.

Biden also wants an enforceable ethics code imposed on the court and a Constitutional amendment saying that presidents don't have immunity from prosecution for their official acts, countering the Supreme Court's recent decision on this question.

Harris is strongly in favor: "These popular reforms will help to restore confidence in the court, strengthen our democracy and ensure no one is above the law."

They will do none of the above. As a matter of basic legitimacy, foundational rules of government should be fashioned without knowing which party or faction will benefit from, or be harmed by, them.

The term-limits idea, in contrast, is obviously crafted to undo the effect of Democrats losing the 2016 election and handing Donald Trump three Supreme Court appointments. (The left wasn't agitating for term limits when the late Ruth Bader Ginsberg, who joined

the court in 1993, had already served more than 20 years — they were cheering her on.)

No one is going to have more trust in the court after it's been kneecapped for partisan purposes. If the Romans created a desert and called it peace, the Democrats want to blow up the court and call it restored.

The court-packing scheme is another way station in Biden's sad slide left. Years ago, he spoke of FDR's attempted court-packing — also sold as a reform to freshen up the composition of the court — in harsh terms. Roosevelt had been "corrupted by power," according to



RICH LOWRY

Biden.

Then, he evaded the pressure from the left to endorse court-packing in 2020; now, he's buckled to his party's progressive base, yet again.

But Biden has never paid the full political price for his leftward lurch. Until he pushed it too far, this is where Biden's age helped him: It was hard to look at a frail old man who talked of being a working-class kid from Scranton and conclude that he was a radical.

As a woke progressive from Oakland, Calif., Kamala Harris doesn't have the same latitude. Her promise to destroy a pillar of our government won't help moderate her image.

Democrats are willing to do any-

thing to address Donald Trump's supposed threat to our norms and institutions, except honor those things themselves.

Between Barack Obama and Joe Biden's multiple lawless unilateral acts, they've done more than their part to normalize executive overreach. By never truly accepting the results of the 2016 election, they've contributed to the cycle of disputing the legitimacy of lost elections.

By heedlessly opening the border, they've created precedent for ignoring unwelcome laws. By pursuing a strategy of lawfare against Trump, they've created the precedent for distorting the legal system to try to destroy a political opponent.

And now they are going after the Supreme Court for the offense of issuing rulings that they don't like — rulings, by the way, that may be flawed, but are well-reasoned according to a transparent, consistent theory of constitutional interpretation.

The conservative justices, sticklers for the details and history of the law, are the opposite of everything the Democrats dislike about Donald Trump. That doesn't matter, though, since the left isn't opposed to Trumpism so much as anything that stands in the way of the unchecked implementation of its progressive vision.

The most fruitful line of attack against Biden was that he was old, incompetent and a bad president. The best line of attack against Harris is that she's a radical.

By endorsing court-packing, she's offering fresh evidence for the indictment.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Wait & see

Stocks finished little changed on Monday as investors held their breath ahead of a busy week of tech earnings, a Fed decision on interest-rate cuts and key labor data. Crypto stocks slumped after rising briefly on optimism fueled by Donald Trump.

Delta: Pay us

Delta Air Lines hired a law firm and will seek compensation from Microsoft and CrowdStrike over the global cyber outage earlier this month that disrupted flights around the world, CNBC reported.

Cancer test

The Food and Drug Administration approved a first-of-its-kind blood test for colon cancer. Guardant's Shield test was approved for screening in adults 45 and older.

Verdict havoc

Shares of Abbott Laboratories fell as much as 5% before paring losses after a jury awarded \$495 million in a key baby-formula case. Abbott is appealing the verdict.

Probe penalty

Charter Communications will pay a \$15 million civil penalty to resolve an investigation into compliance with network and 911 outage notification rules.

Sources: Reuters, Dow Jones, AP

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IT'S McDOWNSALD'S

First sales drop since COVID over high prices

By ARIEL ZILBER

McDonald's on Monday reported its first sales drop since the early days of the coronavirus pandemic as the burger giant struggled to draw in cash-strapped customers because of inflated menu prices.

The Chicago-based fast-food chain — which rolled out a \$5 value meal last month to lure customers — said that its same-store sales in the US fell by 0.7% in the second quarter while revenues were flat, missing analyst estimates of an 0.8% increase.

Last year, US-based same-store sales rose 10.3%. Sales in international markets dropped 1.1%, driven by weakness in France, compared with estimates of a 1.69% growth.

The segment had recorded an 11.9% growth a year ago.

McDonald's reported revenues of \$6.5 billion, up 2% year over year but still short of analyst estimates of \$6.63 billion.

McDonald's earned \$2.97 per share on an adjusted basis in the second quarter, lower than last year's \$3.17.

\$5 menu extended

Customers worldwide pared back spending on fast food as prices have soared, according to McDonald's CEO Chris Kempczinski, who told investors on the earnings call on Monday that consumers were "more discriminating with their spend."

"Consumer sentiment in most of our major markets remains low," Kempczinski said.

He said the company was focused on "outstanding execution" in its efforts to offer consumers "reliable, everyday value" while "accelerating strategic growth drivers like chicken and loyalty."

Tesla shares jumped nearly 6% on Monday after Morgan Stanley named the most valuable automaker its "top pick" in the US automotive industry, replacing Ford.

The brokerage said Tesla's energy business could potentially grow to be worth

more than the company's auto business in the future, as investors were likely to focus on firms that address climate change-related issues.

It also expects Tesla to take a more dominant position in the market for zero-emission vehicle credit reve-

nue — for which it recognized around \$2,000 per unit in the second quarter — as legacy automakers pull back on their EV expansion plans.

"Tesla may account for as much as half the credit sales in the market, supporting a 100% margin business for

Tesla that may not be anticipated by the investment community at this time," Morgan Stanley analysts said.

Tesla, however, reported its lowest profit margin in more than five years last week and missed Wall Street earnings targets for the sec-

ond quarter, as it heavily discounted its vehicles to counter sagging demand.

The brokerage flagged concerns over Tesla's ability to commercialize autonomous driving technology in China and the future of EV demand. *Reuters*

What's the Deal?



McDonald's is facing slumping sales as its prices inflate, with a location in Connecticut charging \$18 for a Big Mac. To counteract this, the chain is extending its popular \$5 value meal beyond its intended month.

He expressed confidence that the company's strategy was "the right playbook for our business."

Since Jan. 1, McDonald's share price has dipped by 15%. However on Monday, the stock jumped 4%, the largest percent increase since October 2022.

Persistent inflation has forced lower-income diners to shift to affordable food options at home.

Earlier this summer, McDonald's rolled out a \$5 value meal offering customers a combination of popular menu items such as a burger or chicken sandwich, fries or nuggets and a soft drink.

The popularity of the value deal

resulted in an uptick in the number of customers who visited McDonald's locations in the US.

The initial plan was to offer the promotion for a month, but the company extended the deal after it noticed that it was helping boost foot traffic to its stores.

Unappetizing prices

But some franchisees expressed concern that the promotion would prompt customers to trade down to the cheaper option when some of them were willing to pony up for a more expensive meal, according to Bloomberg News.

McDonald's

Consumer sentiment in most of our major markets remains low.

— McDonald's CEO Chris Kempczinski



Tesla shares rev up after Morgan boost

The \$6 million 'sham'

Developer sued over 'money pit'

By JENNIFER GOULD

Prominent Big Apple developer Michael Shvo is being sued by a couple who plunked down \$6.1 million for a pad at the Mandarin Oriental Fifth Avenue luxury building in Manhattan, claiming the building is riddled with problems — including an “algae-infested” rooftop pool.

John Goodman and his wife, Diane Johnson, alleged that the building developed by Shvo at 685 Fifth Ave. is “plagued by construction defects, unfinished amenities, a pervasive sense of neglect and compromised services that in no way live up to Mandarin Oriental five-star standards and the Defendants’ hype,” according to the complaint filed in New York Supreme Court in Manhattan on Monday.

The couple lodged a separate lawsuit against Shvo late last year after paying a record sum for their one-bedroom apartment, demanding that he make fixes to their unfinished unit, as The Post reported.

The new complaint, which also names the Mandarin Oriental Group and Shvo’s foreign investors, now seeks to claw back their money so they can escape the money pit.

The couple, which goes by the



'Unfinished' business

Prominent Big Apple developer Michael Shvo (inset) is being sued by a couple who paid \$6.1 million for a one-bedroom apartment in his Mandarin Oriental Fifth Avenue luxury building (left), which they claim is riddled with problems, including “construction defects, unfinished amenities,” and a rooftop pool that allegedly remained open despite being infested with algae (below). Shvo’s lawyer dismissed the allegations, calling the couple “a disgruntled buyer who has decided to declare war.”

Goodmans, said their 18th-floor unit “is now effectively worthless. Their dreams have been shattered, leaving them with a substantial financial loss and a profound sense of betrayal,” according to the suit.

'A ghost town'

The buzzy building, where another buyer paid a record \$3.88 million cash last December for a tiny studio, is a fraudulent disaster, the complaint added.

The lawsuit claims that the “rooftop oasis transformed into a wasteland of dead foliage and an algae-infested pool that remained

open despite posing a health risk to residents.”

The Goodmans also claimed that the building is a “virtual ghost town,” and alleged that only 16 out of 64 units have sold after three years. It’s so bad that the promised Michelin-starred Daniel Boulud private restaurant now closes at 5 p.m. every day, “eliminating the possibility of enjoying a core incentive amenity and advertised dining experience.”

The complaint accuses Shvo of orchestrating a “brazen scheme... to defraud buyers.”

The allegations echo complaints made against Shvo by the owners

of the posh member-only Core Club, which filed a \$600 million lawsuit against the developer earlier this month.

Shvo’s lawyer brushed off the latest allegations by the Goodmans.

“This is a disgruntled buyer who has decided to declare war... and spending his days searching for dead flowers,” attorney Morris Missry of the firm Wachtel, Missry LLP told The Post.

Shvo is also being sued by former business partner Serdar Bilgili for fraud and unjust enrichment in an unrelated case at the Crown Building, 730 Fifth Ave.

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Getty Images; Google Maps; Court exhibit

Ire over layoffs at Deere

Tractor giant John Deere faced backlash after announcing it was laying off hundreds of workers across the Midwest — even as it continues to operate a manufacturing hub in Mexico.

The Illinois-based company, which is the world’s largest seller of large tractors and other farm equipment, informed hundreds of employees in Iowa last week that they were out of a job.

Earlier this month, John Deere said it would be cutting 600 jobs at three facilities in Illinois and Iowa.

“As the largest global manufacturer of agricultural equipment, John Deere, like many others, faces significant economic challenges, rising operational and manufacturing costs and reduced customer demand, including a 20 percent decline in sales from 2023 to 2024,” the company said in a statement.

Reaction on social media was scathing.

“I can’t believe that an American legacy company like @JohnDeere is firing Americans to take those jobs to Mexico. It’s wrong. Just for that, they should be put out of business,” commented one X user.

Another X user wrote: “John Deere should drop the pretense of being an American company and of espousing American values. They aren’t and they don’t.”

Ariel Zilber

OBITUARIES

PATRICK LUCE CARTIER SR.

MARCH 2, 1935 - JULY 14, 2024

Mr. Patrick Luce Cartier, 89 of East Elmhurst, New York passed peacefully in his home on Sunday, July 14, 2024. He was the husband of Carmen Raquel Cartier whom he married on June 25, 1961. Born March 2, 1935 in Burlington, VT.

Patrick was a man of great faith and had a deep devotion to Our Lady of Fatima. He was a dedicated parishioner of Our Lady Fatima Church in East Elmhurst, NY for many years. A devout Catholic, he took to writing with passion to inspire the Christian faith on a global scale including poetry, short stories and works of art. Patrick was a published author of six religious and spiritual books centering on the tenets of sacred theology.

Patrick served in the Indian Head Division in the United States Army during the Korean War. He obtained the rank of Sergeant and was awarded several awards including the coveted

Combat Infantryman’s Badge. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Carmen Raquel Cartier six children Jennie S. Farrell, Patrick L. Cartier, Jr., Marie T. Granieri, John C. Cartier, Anne Michele Cartier and Michael J. Cartier, his sons-in-law, Daniel E. Farrell and Michael J. Granieri, and daughters-in-law Hiroe Cartier and Michelle Cartier, 13 grandchildren and one great grandchild and is survived by his brother Wilfred J. Cartier, Jr.

Patrick was preceded in death by his son James Marcel Cartier, who passed on September 11, 2001. A visitation for Patrick will be held Friday, July 19, 2024 from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Frederick Funeral Home, 192-15 Northern Boulevard, Flushing, NY 11358. Funeral mass Saturday, July 20, 2024, 9:30 AM at Our Lady of Fatima Roman Catholic Church, 25-02 80th St, New York, NY 11370. A graveside service will follow at Mount St. Mary Cemetery, 172-00 Booth Memorial Ave, New York, NY 11365. Memorial contributions may be made to Our Lady of Fatima Church at 25-02 80th St, East Elmhurst, NY 11370.



Heineken loses its bet on sports sales

Shares in Dutch brewer Heineken slid 10% on Monday after an expected sports-led boost for beer sales failed to materialize, and the company took a nearly \$1 billion write-down on its Chinese investment. The Dutch maker of Europe’s top-selling larger raised its full-year operating profit forecast but some analysts said that too was not as bullish as they had expected.

Heineken had bet on the monthlong European Foot-

ball Championship, held in Germany, and the Paris Olympics to boost sales.

Instead, beer volumes ticked up 2.1% in the first half of the year, below analysts’ expectations of 3.4%.

“Typically big sports events like the Euro Cup have a positive impact but the weather has been significantly below long-term averages and below last year, impacting our business,” CEO Dolf van den Brink said.

Taylor Herzlich

Vid games strike-safe

Major video-game publishers including Electronic Arts and Take-Two will likely stave off a big hit from the strike by voice actors and motion-capture artists due to their in-house studios and the lengthy development cycles for games, analysts said.

Unlike the disruptions caused by last year’s Hollywood strikes, the latest action is expected to have little impact as the workers make up a small portion of the video-game development process and budget.

Reuters



TIM COOK
CEO rolls out Intelligence.

Siri-ous change in Apple AI

Apple on Monday rolled out the first version of Apple Intelligence, a suite of AI features that will drastically change Siri, generate emails and images and sort notifications.

The Cupertino, Calif., company made the release available for testing only to registered software developers as part of its beta version of iOS 18.1. The developer program costs \$99 a year.

They will have to register on a waiting list for access to the new programming, according to CNBC.

The release comes a day after Bloomberg News reported the AI features will be delayed until October, a few weeks after the company had initially planned to make it available.

Apple CEO Tim Cook touted the tech giant's first suite of AI software during its June conference. The initial AI release has revamped the look of its voice assistant, Siri, which now makes the edges of the phone glow when in use. *Taylor Herzlich*

Wells to face diversity suit

A federal judge ordered Wells Fargo to face a lawsuit alleging it defrauded shareholders by proclaiming its commitment to hiring diversity, even as it conducted sham job interviews of non-white and female applicants it had no plans to hire.

Wells Fargo said it would continue defending against the lawsuit and that the feds closed investigations into its hiring practices without taking action. *Reuters*

The ghoulish is sales



Although it's not yet August, Michaels arts-and-crafts stores (above and insets) and other chains have already put out Halloween decor, in a bid for sales to Gen Z and Millennials.

Courtesy of Walt Cukierski; 31 Halloween; Ema Moxley/Facebook

H'ween decor in summer? Scary.

By ARIEL ZILBER

Shoppers at major retailers including Home Depot, Lowe's and Target have been inundated with Halloween decorations months before the spooky holiday — the earliest start ever — as stores look to boost sales.

Michaels, the arts-and-crafts chain with more than 1,300 stores across North America, was among the retailers jumping on the "Summerween" trend, announcing last week that it was making Halloween-themed decor and supplies available for sale from the end of July through the holiday period.

The Irving, Texas, company said it was looking to capitalize on Halloween's growing popularity among Gen Z and millennials who begin their holiday shopping very early.

"We know many of our

customers start decorating as soon as Independence Day passes and eagerly await the first Halloween drops — a moment they call #CodeOrange," John Gehre, the chief merchandising officer at Michaels, told Axios.

Home Depot began marketing holiday décor such as 12-foot skeletons back in April, Axios reported.

Costco, HomeGoods and Sam's Club are among other big-box retailers that are seeking to cash in early with specially marked sections that offer varieties of candy.

Candy sales accounted for \$6.4 billion last year — more than half of the \$12.2 billion in Halloween spending, according to the National Confectioners Association.

Retailers are attuned to a recent social-media craze dubbed Summer-

ween, in which influencers post videos of Halloween-themed parties that they throw in the middle of the summer.

Summerween was first coined on the Disney Channel animated mystery series "Gravity Falls," which tells the story of a fictional Oregon town where the locals love Halloween so much that they decide to celebrate it twice a year.

Earlier this year, a TikTok user did a mashup combining dialogue of "Gravity Falls" characters talking about Halloween and the Pet Shop Boys song "West End Girls."

Halloween isn't the only holiday on which shoppers can get a head start on their purchases.

Home Depot, JCPenney, Target and other chains have already begun offering Christmas-themed merchandise.

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GOOGLE ON THE FRITZ

Search flaws: study

By TAYLOR HERZLICH

Google's search engine inundates users with hidden ads and prioritizes major brands over quality sources — with less than half the results that it spits out meeting the needs of the intended query, according to a new report released Monday.

Finance website WalletHub found that the world's most popular search engine — which has come under fire for one of its key features failing to show results for the attempted assassination of Donald Trump — displays top 10 results only from advertisers more than a third of the time.

Meanwhile, nearly 60% of the results are not transparent, according to the study portion of the report, which analyzed 48 of the most popular credit-card and banking terms searched by consumers on Google with the intent of identifying the best financial products.

Google, which is facing a landmark antitrust lawsuit over its alleged monopoly of search, is the dominant player in the industry, with a 90% market share.

Customer satisfaction is quickly dropping, with 63% surveyed saying that Google search results were better last year, WalletHub found.

"Google is reverting progress it had made," WalletHub CEO Odysseas Pa-

padimitriou told The Post ahead of the report's release.

"I do believe that there is a breaking point that consumers can reach ... when they say, 'I need to go elsewhere.'"

Only 41% of the top 10 Google search-engine results met the user's intent, while 71% think the tool has a big-brand bias, according to WalletHub.

Not best match

Although users assume that Google does the work to find the best match for queries, this is not actually the case, Papadimitriou said.

Instead, Google's search algorithm relies on user-engagement data: seeing what users click on and then recommending that content to future users.

A Google spokesperson told The Post that the search engine does not rely solely on user engagement but looks at hundreds of factors and signals, including the words of a query, expertise of sources and a user's location and settings.

The high amount of ads also can make it difficult for users to differentiate between sponsored advertisements and organic searches.

WalletHub found that 58% of the relevant search results that display only advertisements are not transparent about doing so.

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Twitch an Amazon hitch

Amazon paid nearly \$1 billion to acquire the live-video startup Twitch Interactive in 2014 and a decade later has received little financial return from one of its bigger acquisitions.

Documents reviewed by The Wall Street Journal show Twitch's biggest-paying users are opening their wallets less, and third-party data reflect that growth in new users and engagement has slowed. *Dow Jones*

The Post Puzzle Page

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Word Force

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From the word or phrase above, form **AT LEAST 15** 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
Yesterday's word:
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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.

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Very Easy #6,625

	4		9			6	5	2
9			7	6	2			
	1						9	
8			1					5
6			5	7	8			3
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	3						8	
			2	9	3			1
4	5	2			6		7	

Difficult #6,415

	6	4		2			1	
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1	5						3	9
		7			2			
	3						6	1
	7			3				
	2			6		8	4	

Quick Crossword

Across

- Roadie's cargo
- Barrel wood
- A flat equivalent
- Bus route, often
- Bid the most, say
- Grows tired
- Spa combo
- In an overly curious way
- Fix up, as hair
- Gee preceder
- Room under the roof
- Technique for closing a seam
- Knightley of "Atonement"
- Painter's prop
- Like many consignment store items
- Not imaginary
- Fur baby
- Happy Valley sch.
- Author info
- Schedule opening
- North Carolina college town
- Hawaii Senator Hirono
- Farm animals with horns
- Metaphor for a repetitive person
- Jobs
- Pipe bend shape
- Ramen soup broth
- Suspects
- Hamburger franchise, and what can be found at the starts of 17-, 24-, 30-, 41-, and 48-Across
- NCAA group that will add four new members in 2024
- "_ been wondering ..."
- Verdi opera
- Dolorous donkey
- Barclays Center baller
- Seethe, as over a slight

Down

- Pillar of Islam known as Zakat
- Castle protection
- Pay (up)
- "Tell us!"
- Be a tad short with?
- Assisted
- Place setting piece
- "People Puzzler" airtel
- Weasel cousins
- More hurried

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14					15			16				
17				18				19				
20					21		22		23			
			24		25			26				
	27	28					29					
30					31	32			33		34	35
36						37					38	
39			40		41			42	43	44		
48	49					50	51					
52						53		54		55	56	57
58					59		60		61			
62							63			64		
65											67	

11 Slightly
12 Shrine centerpiece
13 Course where one might study Jung, familiarly
18 June birthstone
22 Make available
25 Tomorrow, for one
26 Texting :-), perhaps
27 Ship stabilizer
28 Study of bugs
30 Tech that might repeat "Make a U-turn"
31 Call from the 23-Across, perhaps
32 Org. with a Popular Baby Names page
34 Comes down with something
35 "ur so funny!"
40 Become smitten with
41 Bengals, on scoreboards
42 Brand of battery-powered lawn equipment
43 "Royals" singer
44 Enjoyed oneself immensely
46 Gadget scraped on a peel
48 Corrupt kickback

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49 Perez of "Do the Right Thing"
50 Petite and playful
51 "Closer" actor Owen
55 Wedding dress, perhaps
56 Jekyll's counterpart
57 "It didn't escape my notice"
59 Small square
61 Nov. honoree

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Yonkers Reults

FIRST: -mile pace; 50/60clhc; purse \$30,000
TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 7:05 TIME-27.0; 56.0; 1:23.3; 1:53.0
 1 JimmyCnrb(GBrnn) 23.40 7.50 5.10
 4 Just Enuff Stuff (T Buter) 7.10 4.10
 8 Real Willey (J Bongiorno) 4.00
 • Exacta (1/4) \$66.50 • Triple (1/4/8) \$728.00 • \$1.0
 Superfecta (1/4/8/7) \$3,131.75
SECOND: -mile pace; 3-5 yo opn; purse \$39,000
TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 7:25 TIME-27.1; 56.1; 1:23.4; 1:51.4
 3 Hazeville (B Holland) 34.80 19.80 3.60
 4 Verdun (P Lachance) 7.40 2.80
 2 Venturesome Arden N (Stratton) 2.60
 • Exacta (3/4) \$78.50 • Triple (3/4/2) \$86.25 • \$1.0
 Superfecta (3/4/2/1) \$31.55 • Daily double (1/3) \$241.25
THIRD: mile pace; 4000oclm; purse \$20,000
TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 7:48 TIME-27.0; 56.2; 1:24.0; 1:52.2
 4 Tuffnftwrpnk(BHlnd) 5.20 3.00 2.90
 1 Maximus Red A (J Stratton) 3.90 2.80
 6 Final Cheeserupe (J Marohn) 8.90
 • Exacta (4/1) \$6.00 • Triple (4/1/6) \$38.25 • \$1.0 Superfecta (4/1/6/5) \$12.22
FOURTH: mile pace; 4000oclm; purse \$20,000
TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 8:15 TIME-27.0; 55.1; 1:23.0; 1:52.1
 2 BchrsBrokA(ASglnm) 10.00 5.00 3.30
 3 Big Dream Fella (B Holland) 4.00 2.90
 6 Im A Powerplay A (J Stratton) 7.50
 • Exacta (2/3) \$17.60 • Triple (2/3/6) \$322.00 • \$1.0
 Superfecta (2/3/6/1) \$80.70 • \$1 Pick 3 (3/4/2) \$434.50 • \$1 Pick 4 (1/3/4/2) \$9,401.50
FIFTH: -mile pace; 3000oclm; purse \$18,000
TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 8:40 TIME-27.3; 56.4; 1:24.4; 1:53.0
 2 GenusMan(GBrennn) 3.30 2.40 2.20
 3 Twig (B Holland) 3.40 2.90
 5 Pat Stanley N (M Kakaley) 3.40
 • Exacta (2/3) \$4.35 • Triple (2/3/5) \$19.90 • \$1.0 Superfecta (2/3/5/7) \$10.47 • \$1 Pick 3 (4/2/2) \$27.75
SIXTH: mile pace; 3-5yo 30cl; purse \$18,000
TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 9:00 TIME-27.3; 55.4; 1:24.1; 1:53.0
 4 Surfriider (M Kakaley) 6.30 3.60 2.70
 5 CaptantHanover(JMarohn) 2.60 2.20
 1 Last Pound (J Stratton) 2.90
 • Exacta (4/5) \$8.20 • Triple (4/5/1) \$28.50 • \$1.0 Superfecta (4/5/1/8) \$17.82 • \$1 Pick 3 (2/2/4) \$32.75

SEVENTH: mile pace; nw2062115; purse \$24,000
TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 9:22 TIME-27.1; 55.3; 1:23.2; 1:51.2
 2 BoilingOar(MKakaley) 2.40 2.10 2.10
 4 Pat Mcgarry A(JBongiorno) 5.90 3.60
 7 Save America (J Stratton) 9.00
 • Exacta (2/4) \$4.80 • Triple (2/4/7) \$94.75 • \$1.0 Superfecta (2/4/7/1) \$32.65
EIGHTH: mile pace; 3-5 yo opn; purse \$39,000
TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 9:44 TIME-26.4; 56.0; 1:24.1; 1:52.2
 4 Rcngrmpge(MKkley) 13.60 9.30 5.30
 5 Adam Twelve (J Stratton) 5.70 4.90
 6 Layton Hanover (T Buter) 9.10
 • Exacta (4/5) \$38.75 • Triple (4/5/6) \$210.75 • \$1.0
 Superfecta (4/5/6/1) \$173.45 • \$1 Pick 3 (4/2/4) \$40.50
NINTH: mile pace; invitation; purse \$39,000
TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 10:03 TIME-27.3; 55.3; 1:23.1; 1:50.4
 2 DespereteMn(MKkley) 2.10 2.10 2.10
 3 RocknrollRunA(MMcDonld) 7.00 4.30
 4 Covered Bridge (J Stratton) 2.50
 • Exacta (2/3) \$16.20 • Triple (2/3/4) \$47.75 • \$1.0
 Superfecta (2/3/4/1) \$11.25 • \$1 Pick 3 (2/4/2) \$20.20 • Pick 5 (2/4/2/4/2) \$67.62
TENTH: mile pace; nw15000I5; purse \$21,000
TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 10:23 TIME-28.0; 56.4; 1:24.4; 1:52.2
 2 CadllacBym(PLchnce) 6.60 2.40 2.10
 1 Kingsville (J Marohn) 2.20 2.10
 5 Casino Action N (M Kakaley) 2.20
 • Exacta (2/1) \$5.50 • Triple (2/1/5) \$10.10 • \$1.0 Superfecta (2/1/5/3) \$33.25
 Scr: Rolling With Sam, Thunder Hunter Joe.
ELEVENTH: mile pace; nw15000I5; purse \$21,000
TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 10:48 TIME-27.2; 57.1; 1:25.1; 1:53.0
 1 PoundFrPund(BHlnd) 4.80 2.20 2.20
 5 Fulton (D Dube) 2.20 2.20
 3 Kimble A (G Brennan) 3.90
 • Exacta (1/5) \$3.50 • Triple (1/5/3) \$13.50 • \$1.0 Superfecta (1/5/3/2) \$11.25
 Scr: Melanion N, All Alone.
TWELFTH: mile pace; nw30000I5; purse \$30,000
TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 11:05 TIME-26.4; 56.1; 1:24.2; 1:52.3
 2 WhtsStnlyGtA(ASglnm) 3.30 2.40 2.40
 4 ShazmBlueChp(JBongorno) 18.60 9.60
 1 My Ultimate Byron A (M Kakaley) 4.40
 • Exacta (2/4) \$44.25 • Triple (2/4/1) \$180.75 • \$1.0
 Superfecta (2/4/1/3) \$37.85 • Late double (1/2) \$4.40 • \$1 Pick 3 (2/1/2) \$12.80 • \$1 Pick 4 (2/2/1/2) \$13.00
Total Handle-\$496,110.

Yonkers Raceway entries

Post time: 7 p.m.

FIRST: 1 Mile \$15,000 FM20000CLM; PACE
 1 CharmingVixen (ASiegelman) 5-3-3 6-1
 2 Hp Xanadu (JBongiorno) 3-4-5 2-1
 3 Nikasa N (MKakaley) 7-3-2 7-2
 4 Unity (JStratton) 4-5-1 5-1
 5 Teracita (GBrennan) 2-1-4 5-2
 6 Princess Arona (DDube) 7-3-3 20-1
 7 Phelgon (JMarohn) 4-3-5 20-1
 8 Pleasure Seeker (BHolland) 7-1-3 20-1
SECOND: 1 Mile \$21,000 NW15601L5; PACE
 1 Sling Shock (BHolland) 2-3-5 5-1
 2 Binge On Yankee (JStratton) 8-5-2 9-2
 3 Nandolo N (LTritton) 2-6-3 2-1
 4 RollingWithSam (ASiegelmn) 2-2-3 6-1
 5 Delightful Dude N (TButer) 3-3-1 10-1
 6 Gds Thunder Gb (JMarohn) 1-3-4 20-1
 7 Bugabo Lou (GBrennan) 2-6-4 6-1
 8 Hunters Hero (MKakaley) 3-4-4 8-1
THIRD: 1 Mile \$17,000 FM25000CLM; PACE
 1 Dream Dancing (ASiegelman) 7-4-8 8-1
 2 Larjon Leah (MMacDonald) 1-2-1 2-1
 3 Nuttinbuthebest (JBongiorno) 7-2-3 7-2
 4 Ideal Cover (JMarohn) 6-3-2 6-1
 5 Just Rosas Luck (TButer) 2-2-1 5-2
 6 Always Be City (JStratton) 1-6-3 10-1
FOURTH: 1 Mile \$22,000 FM50000CLM; PACE
 1 Honey Love (ASiegelman) 6-5-1 5-2
 2 Sale El Sol (DDube) 7-7-4 5-1
 3 Line Em Up (MKakaley) 7-6-3 10-1
 4 CoalforndsnsnshineGb (JBongrn) 2-7-2 7-2
 5 Lookoveryouv (MMacDonald) 1-2-7 20-1
 6 Freestarflight (JStratton) 1-1-1 9-2
 7 Celia B Money (GBrennan) 3-1-1 4-1
FIFTH: 1 Mile \$15,000 FM20000CLM; PACE
 1 WholeLottaLuck (PLchance) 7-3-4 10-1
 2 SheikhYabootyN (JBongiorno) 1-2-2 9-5
 3 Somegirlsomewherea (TBter) 6-3-2 6-1
 4 Prove Em Wrong (MKakaley) 8-5-6 5-1
 5 Pink Ruby (JStratton) 2-2-3 3-1
 6 Tyra Makes Bank (DDube) 8-2-1 8-1
 7 Whatneedisaman (BHolland) 7-7-8 20-1
 8 Fashionattiffnys (ASegelm) 4-4-1 20-1
SIXTH: 1 Mile \$22,000 FM50000CLM; PACE
 1 Twin B Echo (JMarohn) 2-4-3 9-2
 2 No Win No FeedA (MKakaley) 2-1-2 7-5
 3 Big Big Plans (GBrennan) 5-3-6 7-2
 4 Ginger Tree Liz (JStratton) 4-7-3 20-1
 5 Callmequeenbee A (DDube) 4-2-2 5-1
 6 Paradise Rock L (BHolland) 3-4-3 12-1
 7 Heavens Showgirl A (TButer) 5-4-2 20-1
SEVENTH: 1 Mile \$18,000 HGNW2BN4PM; PACE
 1 Doc's Earnest (JStratton) 4-7-1 9-2
 2 Chip In Blue (MMacDonald) 1-2-1 8-1
 3 Totally Toxic (ASiegelman) 8-5-3 10-1
 4 Ayr BalmoralGb (JBongiorno) 4-4-3 5-2
 5 Firearm (GBrennan) 3-3-2 4-1
 6 Kid From The Bronx (TButer) 6-2-8 5-1
 7 On Time Delivery (MKakaley) 5-3-1 3-1
EIGHTH: 1 Mile \$15,000 FM20000CLM; PACE
 1 Cannery Row (JBongiorno) 3-8-5 5-2
 2 EvasSportsCzech (MKakaley) 8-8-4 10-1
 3 DevilishDreams (MMacDnld) 5-7-8 9-2
 4 Real Lady Sadie (TButer) 7-5-7 7-2
 5 Jeansjellybeans (GBrennan) 4-4-5 2-1
 6 AcefourtyfourAlex (BHolland) 8-6-3 20-1
 7 Aintnoholllbcgrl (ASegelm) 3-5-6 20-1
NINTH: 1 Mile \$15,000 FM20000CLM; PACE
 1 Pink Quartz (JStratton) 4-2-4 5-1
 2 Harper Seelster (MKakaley) 2-7-4 7-2
 3 Shotgun Persuasion (TButer) 1-3-4 2-1
 4 Sunset Soph (BHolland) 7-7-7 6-1
 5 Michelle's Jazz (GBrennan) 4-4-6 3-1
 6 TuapekaJessieN (ASiegelmn) 6-7-5 20-1
 7 Jillian Jiggs (DDube) 6-3-5 20-1
 8 Lyons Miki (PLchance) 5-8-4 20-1
TENTH: 1 Mile \$24,000 NW21961L5; PACE
 1 Mikiteen (BHolland) 5-3-7 8-1
 2 Carabao A (JStratton) 1-1-4 9-2
 3 Fearful Intent (TButer) 4-8-1 7-2
 4 Family Recipe (GBrennan) 4-2-3 3-1
 5 Semi Tough (JBongiorno) 3-2-3 2-1
 6 Frequent Image (MKakaley) 2-1-2 6-1
ELEVENTH: 1 Mile \$30,000 HGO6/75CLH; PACE
 1 Bill Haley N (JMarohn) 1-3-1 5-2
 2 Century Endeavor (JStratton) 3-2-8 6-1
 3 Just Bet It All (TButer) 2-5-7 9-5
 4 Orlando Blue A (BHolland) 9-5-1 8-1
 5 Reigning Deo (MKakaley) 4-4-2 7-2
 6 Quality Bud (DDube) 6-5-5 20-1
 7 Mach N Cheese (JBongiorno) 5-4-3 20-1
TWELFTH: 1 Mile \$18,000 HGNW2BN4PM; PACE
 1 Target Acquired (MKakaley) 4-1-6 5-1
 2 Lovers Trouble (JBongiorno) 5-5-1 6-1
 3 Endofstory (JMarohn) 4-2-2 3-1
 4 Midnight Nation (JStratton) 7-3-1 8-1
 5 Sinbad N (GBrennan) 2-3-3 5-2
 6 Ohoka Le Bron N (TButer) 1-2-6 9-2
 7 StonebridgePatrol (BHolland) 6-4-4 20-1
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AL Standings

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Baltimore	63	44	.589	—	—	4-6	L-1	32-25	31-19
Yankees	63	45	.583	½	+4½	5-5	W-3	27-23	36-22
Boston	56	49	.533	6	1	3-7	W-1	26-27	30-22
Tampa Bay	54	52	.509	8½	3½	6-4	W-2	29-28	25-24
Toronto	50	57	.467	13	8	6-4	W-1	26-28	24-29

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Cleveland	64	42	.604	—	—	5-5	W-2	33-15	31-27
Minnesota	58	47	.552	5½	+1	4-6	L-1	29-21	29-26
Kansas City	58	49	.542	6½	—	6-4	W-1	36-22	22-27
Detroit	52	56	.481	13	6½	4-6	L-2	25-27	27-29
Chicago	27	82	.248	38½	32	0-10	L-15	17-38	10-44

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Seattle	56	52	.519	—	—	2½	4-6	L-1	31-23
Houston	55	51	.519	—	—	5-5	L-2	30-23	25-28
Texas	52	55	.486	3½	6	6-4	W-1	29-23	23-32
Los Angeles	46	60	.434	9	11½	5-5	W-1	23-32	23-28
Oakland	44	64	.407	12	14½	7-3	L-1	26-27	18-37

*WGB: Games behind third-place team in wild-card race

Monday

Yankees 14, Philadelphia 4
Mets 15, Minnesota 2
 Baltimore 11, Toronto 5, 1st game
 Toronto 8, Baltimore 4, 2nd game
 Cleveland 8, Detroit 4
 Boston 14, Seattle 7
 Texas 6, St. Louis 3
 Kansas City 8, White Sox 5
 Pittsburgh 5, Houston 3
Tuesday
Yankees at Philadelphia, 6:40
 Minnesota at **Mets**, 7:10
 Cleveland at Detroit, 1:10
 Toronto at Baltimore, 6:35
 Miami at Tampa Bay, 6:50

Seattle at Boston, 7:10
 Texas at St. Louis, 7:45
 Kansas City at White Sox, 8:10
 Pittsburgh at Houston, 8:10
 Colorado at L.A. Angels, 9:38
 Oakland at San Francisco, 9:45
Wednesday
Yankees at Philadelphia, 12:35
 Minnesota at **Mets**, 1:10
 Miami at Tampa Bay, 12:10
 Toronto at Baltimore, 12:35
 Kansas City at White Sox, 2:10
 Texas at St. Louis, 2:15
 Seattle at Boston, 4:10
 Pittsburgh at Houston, 8:10
 Colorado at L.A. Angels, 9:38
 Oakland at San Francisco, 9:45

NL Standings

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Philadelphia	65	41	.613	—	—	3-7	L-2	38-19	27-22
Atlanta	56	49	.533	8½	+½	3-7	L-1	30-21	26-28
Mets	56	50	.528	9	—	7-3	W-1	29-28	27-22
Washington	49	58	.458	16½	7½	5-5	L-2	23-27	26-31
Miami	39	67	.368	26	17	6-4	L-1	22-34	17-33

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Milwaukee	61	45	.575	—	—	7-3	W-2	31-19	30-26
Pittsburgh	54	52	.509	7	2	6-4	W-2	26-26	28-26
St. Louis	54	52	.509	7	2	4-6	L-1	27-25	27-27
Cincinnati	51	55	.481	10	5	4-6	W-1	26-28	25-27
Chicago	51	57	.472	11	6	4-6	L-1	27-25	24-32

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Los Angeles	63	44	.589	—	—	7-3	W-1	34-20	29-24
San Diego	57	51	.528	6½	—	7-3	L-1	26-28	31-23
Arizona	56	51	.523	7	½	7-3	W-1	29-25	27-26
San Francisco	53	55	.491	10½	4	6-4	W-4	32-22	21-33
Colorado	38	69	.355	25	18½	4-6	L-4	24-29	14-40

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 Texas 6, St. Louis 3
 Pittsburgh 5, Houston 3
 Arizona 9, Washington 8
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 Miami at Tampa Bay, 6:50
 Cubs at Cincinnati, 7:10
 Texas at St. Louis, 7:45
 Atlanta at Milwaukee, 8:10
 Pittsburgh at Houston, 8:10

Colorado at L.A. Angels, 9:38
 L.A. Dodgers at San Diego, 9:40
 Washington at Arizona, 9:40
 Oakland at San Francisco, 9:45
Wednesday
Yankees at Philadelphia, 12:35
 Minnesota at **Mets**, 1:10
 Miami at Tampa Bay, 12:10
 Atlanta at Milwaukee, 2:10
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 Washington at Arizona, 3:40
 Cubs at Cincinnati, 7:10
 Pittsburgh at Houston, 8:10
 L.A. Dodgers at San Diego, 8:40
 Colorado at L.A. Angels, 9:38
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Yankees 14, Phillies 4

Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Verdugo lf	3	2	1	0	2	0	.238
J.Soto rf	5	2	3	3	0	1	.310
Judge cf	5	2	3	0	3	3	.315
Grisham cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.191
Wells c	4	0	1	2	0	2	.241
Narváez ph-c	1	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Stanton dh	4	1	0	0	1	0	.242
Chisholm 3b	4	2	2	3	1	1	.333
Torres 2b	4	1	1	0	1	0	.237
Rice 1b	3	2	2	1	0	1	.209
LeMahieu ph-1b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.174
Volpe ss	4	2	2	2	0	1	.253
Totals	39	14	14	14	5	9	

Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Schwarber dh	1	0	0	0	3	1	.247
Stubbs p	1	0	0	0	0	0	.198
Turner ss	4	1	0	1	1	1	.321
Harper 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.282
Bohm 3b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.295
Marsh cf	4	1	2	2	0	1	.255
Realmutto c	4	0	1	0	0	2	.250
Castellanos rf	4	1	1	0	0	0	.241
Stott 2b	3	1	2	0	0	0	.243
Wilson ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.200
Hays lf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.167
Totals	34	4	8	3	4	9	

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E: Torres (14). **LOB:** New York 3, Philadelphia 7. **2B:** J.Soto 2 (22). **3B:** Wells (1). **HR:** Judge (38), off Wheeler; Chisholm (1), off Wheeler; Rice (7), off Wheeler; Judge (39), off Marte; Volpe (9), off G.Soto; Chisholm (2), off Stubbs; Marsh (11), off Gil. **RBIs:** Judge 3 (99), Chisholm 3 (3), Rice (22), J.Soto 3 (77), Wells 2 (27), Volpe 2 (39), Turner (37), Marsh 2 (40). **RISP:** New York 3 for 6; Philadelphia 2 for 8. **DP:** New York 2 (Chisholm, Torres, Rice; Volpe, Torres, Rice); Philadelphia 1 (Stott, Harper, Stott).

Yankees	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Gil, W, 11-5	5.1	5	3	3	3	8	92	3.20
Tonkin, H, 1	1.2	1	1	1	0	19	2.59	
Gómez	2.0	2	0	0	0	1	27	3.97

Philadelphia	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Wheeler, L, 10-5	5.0	7	7	7	3	6	103	2.94
Marte	2.0	3	2	2	0	1	25	4.87
G.Soto	1.0	3	3	3	1	2	30	4.08
Stubbs	1.0	1	2	2	1	0	22	18.00

T: 2:52. **A:** 44,289 (42,901).

Reds 7, Cubs 1

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Hoerner 2b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.250
Busch 1b	3	1	1	1	0	0	.262
Suzuki rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.265
Happ lf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.232
Tauchman dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.243
Swanson ss	2	0	0	0	1	1	.218
Wisdom 3b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.204
Crow-Armstrong cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.193
Amaya c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.213
Totals	30	1	3	1	2	9	

Cincinnati	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
India 2b	3	1	1	0	0	0	.263
Friedl cf	4	1	1	3	0	0	.209
Steer 1b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.237
Candelario dh	4	1	1	1	0	1	.228
Stephenson c	3	0	1	0	0	0	.236
Fraley rf	4	1	1	0	0	0	.279
Marte 3b	4	0	1	0	0	3	.183
Benson lf	4	1	1	2	0	0	.194
Espinal ss	3	1	1	0	0	1	.222
Totals	33	7	9	6	1	6	

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Taillon, L, 7-6	4.1	6	6	6	1	4	81	3.35
López	1.2	1	0	0	0	1	20	0.73
Pearson	1.1	1	1	1	0	1	18	6.75
Smyly	0.2	1	0	0	0	0	6	2.75

Cincinnati	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Spiers, W, 4-2	5.0	1	0	0	2	4	68	3.46
Moll	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	19	2.52
Wilson	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	13	4.50
Sims	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	12	3.57
Farmer	1.0	1	1	1	0	1	18	2.81

T: 2:25. **A:** 21,837 (43,891).

Mets 15, Twins 2

Minnesota	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Margot dh	4	1	2	0	0	0	.248
Wallner p	1	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Buxton cf	2	0	2	1	1	0	.281
Larnach ph-lf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.243
Wells 3b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.287
Vázquez 3b	1	0	1	0	0	0	.212
Santana 1b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.243
Castro 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.261
Martin lf-cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.235
Jeffers c	4	1	1	1	0	0	.231
Kepler rf	3	0	2	0	1	1	.265
Lee ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.238
Totals	36	2	9	2	2	7	

Mets	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Lindor ss	5	1	2	1	1	2	.256
Nimmo lf	4	0	1	2	1	0	.233
Martínez dh	3	1	1	2	0	0	.262
Gamel ph-dh	2	1</					

Guardians 8, Tigers 4

Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Kwan lf	5	0	0	0	0	0	.336
Martínez cf	4	1	1	0	0	2	.244
Ramírez 3b	4	3	3	3	0	0	.276
J.Naylor 1b	4	2	2	1	0	1	.241
Fry dh	3	0	0	0	1	2	.286
Giámenez 2b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.249
Noel rf	3	1	1	1	0	0	.254
B.Naylor c	4	1	1	3	0	0	.203
Rocchio ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	.201
Totals	35	8	9	8	1	6	

Detroit	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Vierling cf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.256
Vilade cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.258
Keith 2b	5	0	1	0	0	0	.255
Malloy dh	4	0	1	0	1	0	.213
Canha lf	4	1	1	0	0	0	.231
Madris 1b	3	1	1	0	1	1	.304
Dingler c	3	0	1	1	1	1	.333
McKinstry rf-ss	3	0	0	0	1	1	.179
Urshela 3b	2	1	0	1	1	0	.243
Kreidler ss	2	0	1	0	0	0	.143
Pérez ph-rf	2	1	1	2	0	0	.249
Totals	33	4	8	4	5	3	

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Detroit	000 000 202	− 4 8 0

LOB: Cleveland 2, Detroit 8. **2B:** Martínez (6), Ramírez (23), Dingler (1). **HR:** Ramírez 2 (26), off Sammons; B.Naylor (7), off Sammons; Pérez (8), off Gaddis. **RBI:** Ramírez 3 (85), J.Naylor (73), Noel (12), B.Naylor 3 (28), Dingler (1), Urshela (33), Pérez 2 (29). **SB:** Kreidler (3). **SF:** Urshela. **RISP:** Cleveland 4 for 5; Detroit 1 for 6. **DP:** Cleveland 1 (Rocchio, Giménez, J.Naylor); Detroit 1 (Keith, McKinstry, Madris).

Cleveland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Bibee, W, 9-4	6.0	7	2	2	2	9	5	3.48
Avila	1.1	0	0	0	2	0	29	3.19
Barlow	0.2	0	0	0	2	1	19	3.12
Gaddis	1.0	1	2	2	1	0	22	1.41

Detroit	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Brieske, L, 1-2	0.2	5	3	3	0	1	30	5.00
Sammons	7.1	4	5	5	1	5	96	6.14
Vest	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	8	3.09

T: 2:41. **A:** 18,387 (41,083).

Royals 8, White Sox 5

Kansas City	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Massey 2b	4	1	0	0	1	1	.249
Witt ss	5	2	4	4	0	0	.347
Pasquantino 1b	5	0	2	0	0	1	.261
Perez c	5	0	2	1	0	0	.276
Renfroe rf	4	1	1	1	1	1	.234
Melendez lf	5	1	2	1	0	1	.197
Fermin dh	5	0	1	0	0	0	.291
García 3b	4	2	2	0	0	0	.238
Isbel cf	2	0	1	1	0	0	.235
Hampson ph-cf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.253
Frazier ph	0	1	0	0	0	0	.197
Blanco cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.236
Totals	40	8	15	8	2	5	

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Lopez ss	4	1	1	0	0	0	.237
Vaughn 1b	4	1	1	1	1	1	.234
Robert cf	4	1	3	1	0	1	.221
Sheets rf	4	0	1	1	0	1	.220
Fletcher rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.173
Jiménez dh	4	1	2	0	0	0	.240
Benintendi lf	4	1	1	1	0	1	.199
Baldwin 2b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.194
DeJong 3b	3	0	1	1	0	0	.228
Robinson c	3	0	1	0	0	0	.182
Julks ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.232
Totals	35	5	11	5	1	6	

Kansas City	001 100 060	− 8 15 0
Chicago	100 012 100	− 5 11 2

E: Robinson (1), Benintendi (2). **LOB:** Kansas City 8, Chicago 6. **2B:** Pasquantino (24), Witt (30), García (18), Robert (11), Jiménez (9), Benintendi (10). **HR:** Renfroe (11), off Wilson; Melendez (12), off Wilson; Witt (19), off Brebbia; Vaughn (12), off Stratton. **RBI:** Perez (71), Isbel (28), Renfroe (41), Melendez (30), Witt 4 (75), Sheets (31), Robert (25), Benintendi (29), DeJong (41), Vaughn (46). **SB:** Robert (14), García (24). **CS:** Melendez (2). **RISP:** Kansas City 3 for 12; Chicago 4 for 9. **DP:** Kansas City 3 (García, Massey, Pasquantino; Witt, Massey, Pasquantino; Massey, Witt, Pasquantino); Chicago 1 (Lopez, Baldwin, Vaughn).

Kansas City	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Marsh	4.2	6	2	2	1	3	69	4.71
Zerpa	0.2	3	2	2	0	2	14	3.40
Stratton, W, 3-3	1.2	2	1	1	0	1	20	4.60
Smith, H, 7-	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	10	4.41
McArthur, S, 18-23	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	10	5.31

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Flexen	6.0	9	2	2	0	2	92	5.13
Banks, H, 7	1.0	1	0	0	0	3	18	4.12
Wilson, H, 9	0.2	3	3	3	0	0	22	3.86
Brebbia, L, 0-6, BS, 2-5	0.1	1	3	3	1	0	20	5.71
Peralta	1.0	1	0	0	1	0	19	2.57

T: 2:49. **A:** 12,179 (40,241).

Pirates 5, Astros 3

Pittsburgh	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Palacios rf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.230
Taylor cf	3	1	2	3	0	0	.209
Reynolds lf	4	0	1	0	1	2	.288
Cruz ss	4	0	1	1	0	2	.253
Tellez 1b	3	0	0	0	1	2	.248
Bart dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.237
Hayes 3b	2	1	0	0	2	0	.239
Bae cf-rf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.188
Joe rf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.237
Triolo 2b	3	2	1	0	1	0	.199
Grandal c	4	1	1	1	0	1	.184
Totals	33	5	6	5	5	11	

Houston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Altuve 2b	4	0	2	1	1	0	.311
Bregman 3b	5	0	1	0	0	2	.254
Alvarez lf	4	0	2	1	1	0	.299
McCormick pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	.208
Diaz dh	5	0	1	0	0	2	.287
Peña ss	3	0	0	0	1	0	.279
Singleton 1b	2	1	1	0	1	1	.234
Dubón ph-1b	1	0	0	0	0	1	.271
Meyers cf	3	1	0	0	1	0	.236
Caratini c	3	1	2	0	0	0	.270
Cabbage rf	3	0	0	0	1	2	.225
Totals	33	3	9	2	6	8	

Pittsburgh	000 001 013	− 5 6 3
Houston	000 020 001	− 3 9 0

E: Hayes (5), Skenes (1), Cruz (16). **LOB:** Pittsburgh 6, Houston 10. **2B:** Triolo (6), Cruz (22), Diaz (18). **HR:** Grandal (4), off Ort; Taylor (3), off Hader. **RBI:** Grandal (18), Cruz (54), Taylor 3 (17), Altuve (47), Alvarez (55). **SB:** Reynolds (6), Taylor (9), Hayes 2 (10), Triolo (5). **RISP:** Pittsburgh 2 for 8; Houston 2 for 10. **DP:** Pittsburgh 2 (Triolo, Cruz, Tellez; Hayes, Triolo, Tellez).

Pittsburgh	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Skenes	6.0	5	2	1	3	6	101	1.90
Mlodzinski	1.0	1	0	0	1	0	11	3.18
Chapman, W, 4-4	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	15	3.63
Bednar, S, 19-22	1.0	2	1	1	2	0	20	4.95

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Scott	3.0	0	0	0	0	4	35	1.37
Ort	2.2	2	1	1	0	1	26	1.59
Abreu, H, 25	1.1	1	0	0	1	3	30	2.75
Presly, BS, 2-8	1.0	2	1	1	2	1	25	3.54
Hader, L, 4-6	1.0	1	3	3	2	2	30	4.11

T: 2:51. **A:** 40,522 (41,000).

Rangers 6, Cardinals 3

Texas	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Smith 3b	4	1	2	0	0	0	.284
Seager ss	5	1	0	1	1	1	.276
Semien 2b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.245
Langford lf	5	1	3	0	0	1	.250
Jankowski lf	5	0	0	0	0	0	.207
García rf	5	1	0	1	0	1	.211
Lowe 1b	4	2	2	2	1	1	.272
Duran dh	4	0	1	0	0	0	.256
Heim c	4	0	2	1	0	0	.234
Taveras cf	4	0	1	1	0	1	.225
Totals	39	6	13	6	2	6	

St. Louis	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Winn ss	4	0	1	0	0	0	.281
Burleson lf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.281
Contreras c	4	0	0	0	0	2	.269
Donovan 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.261
Arenado 3b	4	1	1	0	0	0	.261
Nootbaar rf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.236
Goldschmidt 1b	4	1	2	0	0	1	.232
Carpenter dh	3	1	2	0	0	1	.255
Siani cf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.247
Totals	33	3	7	3	0	5	

Texas	001 200 300	− 6 13 0
St. Louis	002 000 100	− 3 7 2

E: Burleson (1), Arenado (7). **LOB:** Texas 9, St. Louis 4. **2B:** Seager (14), Taveras (12), Semien (19). **HR:** Lowe (9), off Roycroft; Carpenter (3), off Eovaldi. **RBI:** Seager (50), Heim (43), Taveras (27), García (54), Lowe 2 (45), Carpenter 2 (11), Siani (16). **CS:** Langford (3). **RISP:** Texas 4 for 12; St. Louis 2 for 5. **DP:** Texas 1 (Semien, Seager, Semien); St. Louis 1 (Arenado, Donovan, Goldschmidt).

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Eovaldi, W, 8-4	6.0	6	3	3	0	2	82	3.38
Robertson, H, 22	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	15	2.96
Sborz, H, 7	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	18	3.14
Yates, S, 19-19	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	19	1.17

St. Louis	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Sal Lante, L, 4-5	5.0	7	3	3	2	5	92	4.04
Fernandez	0.2	1	0	0	0	0	8	2.62
King	0.1	1	0	0	0	0	7	2.61
Roycroft	1.0	3	3	2	0	0	25	4.45
Leahy	2.0	1	0	0	0	1	23	3.67

T: 2:52. **A:** 34,281 (44,494).

Monday's Olympic Medalists

ARCHERY

Men's Team

GOLD: South Korea (Je Deok Kim, Woojin Kim, Wooseok Lee)
SILVER: France (Baptiste Addis, Thomas Chirault, Jean-Charles Valladont)
BRONZE: Turkey (Meteg Gazoz, Berkim Tumer, Abdullah Yildirmis)

CANOE SLALOM Men's Canoe Single

GOLD: Nicolas Gestin, France
SILVER: Adam Burgess, Britain
BRONZE: Matej Benus, Slovakia

DIVING

Men's Synchronized 10m Platform

GOLD: China (Junjie Lian, Hao Yang)
SILVER: Britain (Thomas Daley, Noah Williams)
BRONZE: Canada (Rylan Wiens, Nathán Zsombor-Murray)

EQUESTRIAN Eventing Individual

GOLD_Michael Jung, Germany
SILVER_Christopher Burton, Australia
BRONZE: Laura Collett, Britain

Eventing Team

GOLD: Britain (Rosalind Canter, Laura Collett, Tom McEwen)

SILVER: France (Karim Florent Laghouag, Stephane Landois, Nicolas Touzaint)

BRONZE: Japan (Ryuzo Kitajima, Yoshiaki Oiwa, Toshiyuki Tanaka, Kazuma Tomoto)

FENCING

Men's Foil Individual

GOLD: Ka Long Cheung, Hong Kong
SILVER: Filippo Macchi, Italy
BRONZE: Nick Itkin, United States
Women's Sabre Individual
GOLD: Manon Aphyth-Brunet, France
SILVER: Sara Balzer, France
BRONZE: Olga Kharlan, Ukraine

ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS

Men's Team

GOLD: Japan (Daiki Hashimoto, Kazuma Kaya, Shinosuke Oka, Takaaki Sugino, Wataru Tanigawa)



The *POST* Line



Men's Olympic Basketball

Tuesday		
Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
Greece	4 (162.5)	Spain
Canada	6.5 (178)	Australia
France	17 (164.5)	Japan
Germany	12.5 (166)	Brazil
Wednesday		
Serbia	17.5 (173.5)	Puerto Rico
United States	30.5 (191.5)	Sudan

All games in Lille, France

Women's Olympic Basketball

Tuesday		
Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
United States	19.5 (161.5)	Japan
Australia	24.5 (145)	Nigeria
Belgium	12 (141.5)	Germany
Wednesday		
Spain	22 (136.5)	Puerto Rico
China	8 (147)	Serbia

NFL Preseason

Thursday		
Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
+Bears	1.5 (32)	Texans

+Canton, Ohio

MLB		
Tuesday		
Favorite	Money Line	Underdog
PHILLIES	\$106-124	Yankees
METS	\$115-135	Twins
Guardians	OFF	TIGERS
ORIOLES	\$165-200	Blue Jays
Mariners	\$105-125	RED SOX
Royals	\$150-180	WHITE SOX
Cubs	\$105-125	REDS
Braves	OFF	BREWERS
Dodgers	\$125-150	PADRES
D'BACKS	\$150-180	Nationals
RAYS	\$140-165	Marlins
Rangers	\$105-125	CARDINALS
ASTROS	OFF	Pirates
ANGELS	\$115-135	Rockies
GIANTS	\$155-185	Athletics

Home teams in CAPS

SPORTS SHORTS

MLB: Eflin strong in Orioles debut

Vladimir Guerrero Jr. homered in both games of a doubleheader, including a solo shot in the nightcap that helped the Blue Jays earn a split with an 8-4 victory over the Orioles on Monday night in Baltimore.

In the opener, **Zach Eflin** turned in a gritty pitching performance in his Orioles debut, **Anthony Santander** hit his 30th home run and Baltimore cruised, 11-5.

● Former World Series MVP **Jorge Soler** is heading back to Atlanta after the Braves traded **Tyler Matzek** and prospect **Sabin Ceballos** to the Giants, with 2021 World Series winner **Luke Jackson** joining Soler.

● The Dodgers reacquired utilityman **Amed Rosario** from the Rays, getting him in a deadline deal for the second year in a row — they got him from Cleveland last July for **Noah Syndergaard**. Rosario signed with the Rays as a free agent this spring.

● In Boston, **Wilyer Abreu** capped a 12-pitch at-bat with an RBI single and **Masataka Yoshida** hit the next pitch for a two-run homer as the Red Sox scored seven runs in the third inning on the way to a 14-7 victory over the Mariners.

NFL: Texans DE gets 6-game ban

Texans defensive lineman **Denico Autry** was suspended for the first six games of the regular season for violating the NFL's policy on performance-enhancers.

Autry denied he knowingly ingested a banned substance but said he would accept the suspension. His first regular-season availability will be Oct. 20 at Green Bay.

Autry, 34, has 59 sacks in 10 NFL seasons. He had a career-high 11.5 last season for the Titans and signed a two-year, \$20 million free-agent contract with the Texans in March.

● The Vikings signed 10-year veteran defensive back **Bobby McCain**, still seeking depth and experience for their secondary.

McCain, who played his first six seasons for the Dolphins, spent two seasons with the Commanders and last year with the Giants.

NHL: Canes, Necas agree to deal

The Hurricanes have agreed to a two-year, \$13 million deal with forward **Martin Necas**, keeping one of its most skilled offensive players through the 2025-26 season.

Necas had 24 goals and 29 assists in 77 games last year, which had followed a breakout 2022-23 season with 28 goals and 43 assists for a team-best 71 points in 82 regular-season games.

● Wild general manager **Bill Guerin** saw more than enough potential in **Brock Faber**'s rookie season to sign the defenseman to an eight-year, \$68 million contract extension. The deal doesn't kick in until the 2025-26 season once Faber's rookie contract expires. Faber finished tied for second among rookies with 47 points (eight goals and 39 assists) in 82 games.

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Two of baseball's best teams are playing in a massive interleague series this week. The Yankees are down at Citizens Bank Park, playing the Phillies. Even better, two of the league's better starting pitchers — Gerrit Cole and Aaron Nola — will take the mound Tuesday.

After returning from the IL in late June, Cole has pitched to a 5.40 ERA across seven starts and 35 innings. He has looked excellent at times and broken at others. His inconsistency can be traced back to his fastball, which has

lost two ticks of velocity from two seasons ago (from 97.8 mph on average to 95.8), making it less effective.

After a somewhat rocky start, Nola has pitched to a 3.19 ERA and 2.69 expected FIP in his past six outings, striking out 42 batters in 36 innings behind a slight increase in fastball velocity.

I'd give Philadelphia the starting pitching edge Tuesday in addition to a significant bullpen advantage — they rank second in bullpen fWAR (4.9), while the Yankees rank 23rd (1.1).

THE PLAY: Phillies -124 (FanDuel).
Tanner McGrath handicaps baseball 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	W-L	IP	ERA
Yankees Cole (R)		3-2	5.40	4-3	—	—	6-3	2-1	17.2	4.08			
Phillies Nola (R)	6:40pm	11-4	3.44	15-6	—	—	1-2	1-0	17.0	3.18			
Twins Festa (R)		1-1	8.18	1-1	—	—	—	1-1	10.0	10.80			
Mets Manaea (L)	7:10pm	6-4	3.74	13-7	—	—	5-1	1-1	16.2	5.40			
Guardians Williams (R)		0-3	4.50	1-4	0-1	2.43	0-2	0-2	14.2	4.30			
Tigers TBD	1:10pm												
Blue Jays Bassitt (R)		8-9	3.78	8-13	—	—	3-2	1-2	16.2	5.94			
Orioles Burnes (R)	6:35pm	10-4	2.45	14-7	1-0	0.69	2-0	1-1	19.1	3.26			
Mariners Castillo (R)		8-10	3.38	10-12	0-1	7.20	1-2	1-1	19.0	1.42			
Red Sox Paxton (L)	7:10pm	8-2	4.43	14-4	—	—	1-0	1-0	13.2	5.27			
Royals Wacha (R)		7-6	3.65	9-9	2-1	0.90	4-1	2-0	16.2	3.24			
White Sox Cannon (R)	8:10pm	1-5	4.43	3-7	0-1	4.09	0-1	0-2	18.0	3.50			
Cubs Steele (L)		2-4	3.08	5-11	0-1	1.50	2-4	1-1	17.0	3.71			
Reds Montas (R)	7:10pm	4-8	5.01	6-13	0-1	32.72	0-1	0-2	16.0	9.00			
Braves TBD													
Brewers TBD	8:10pm												
Dodgers Glasnow (R)		8-6	3.47	12-7	0-0	2.25	0-0	0-1	14.0	7.71			
Padres Waldron (R)	9:40pm	6-9	3.64	8-13	0-1	2.67	0-1	1-2	19.0	3.79			
Nationals Corbin (L)		2-10	5.26	6-15	—	—	0-3	1-2	18.0	4.00			
D'backs Nelson (R)	9:40pm	7-6	4.85	9-8	1-0	2.57	1-0	1-0	18.2	3.86			
Marlins Cabrera (R)		1-3	7.04	5-4	—	—	0-2	0-1	13.1	7.43			
Rays Springs (L)	6:50pm	0-0	—	—	—	—	0-0	—	—	—			
Rangers Scherzer (R)		2-3	3.57	4-3	—	—	5-6	1-1	12.0	4.50			
Cardinals Lynn (R)	7:45pm	5-4	4.17	12-8	—	—	0-1	1-1	13.2	7.90			
Pirates TBD													
Astros Brown (R)	8:10pm	9-6	4.00	10-10	—	—	—	3-0	18.0	1.50			
Rockies Quantrill (R)		7-7	4.09	11-10	—	—	—	1-1	14.0	6.43			
Angels Canning (R)	9:38pm	3-10	5.04	8-13	—	—	1-0	0-1	12.2	6.39			
Athletics Sears (L)		7-8	4.81	9-12	—	—	—	2-1	17.1	5.19			
Giants Ray (L)	9:45pm	1-0	1.80	1-0	—	—	2-2	1-0	5.0	1.80			

*PREC: Won-lost record of pitcher's team in games he has started

STITCHES

Burnes, B'more hound Bassitt

It ain't over until it's over. And sometimes not even then. George Russell was celebrating his Belgian Grand Prix victory but was disqualified because he was driving a car that was underweight. "Clearly a mistake. Need to learn from it." To ensure they make weight next time, Russell's team will need to put more junk in the trunk or get the beer-bellied blue fellow who played a Greek God at the Olympics "Last Supper" to ride along. Or is that Drag Racing?

Trade Deadline Day. Last-ever Stitch pick? We'll know tomorrow. Back to

Camden Yards. The O's won for us there on Sunday. Jays visit. Toronto's Chris Bassitt has had a joyless July, allowing 15 runs in 21 innings. Corbin Burnes has owned Toronto this year, giving up two runs in 13 innings. \$50 on the Orioles.

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Squashed! The Twinkies were run over by the Mets. Final 15-2. Everyone hit. The Polar Bear (Alonso) homered. The Squirrel (McNeil) knocked in three runs. The Weasel (that's me) won. Down -641 mookiewilsons.

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Home Team Lineups		HOME	AWAY					
	TODAY July 30	WED July 31	THU Aug. 1	FRI Aug. 2	SAT Aug. 3	SUN Aug. 4	MON Aug. 5	
	Philadelphia 6:40 YES, TBS WFAN 660 AM/ 101.9 FM	Phila. 12:35 YES WFAN	NO GAME	Tor. 7:05 YES WFAN	Tor. 1:05 YES WFAN	Tor. 1:35 YES WFAN	NO GAME	
	Minnesota 7:10 SNY WCBS 880 AM	Minn. 1:10 SNY WCBS	NO GAME	LAA 9:38 SNY WCBS	LAA 9:38 SNY WCBS	LAA 4:07 SNY WCBS	St. L. 5:15 SNY WCBS	
	Olympic Break: Next Game- August 15 Los Angeles 9:00 ESPN							

Tuesday	Monday, Aug. 5	Friday
 Leagues Cup Pachuca 8:00 Apple TV+	 Leagues Cup Cincinnati 8:00 Apple TV+	 Guadalajara 8:00 CBSN Paramount+

Today's Sports on the Air			
MLB	6:40 p.m.	Yankees at Phillies	YES, TBS, WFAN (660 AM/101.9 FM)
	7:10 p.m.	Twins at Mets	SNY, WCBS (880 AM)
	9:30 p.m.	Dodgers at Padres	MLBN
Soccer	7 p.m.	Club Friendly: Barcelona vs. Manchester United	ESPN
	8 p.m.	Pachuca at Red Bulls	Apple TV+
	9 p.m.	Monterrey at Austin FC	FS1
Tennis	11 a.m.	ATP/WTA Washington- Early Rounds Tennis	
Basketball	7 p.m.	TBT Quarterfinal: Happy Valley Hoopers vs. Eberlein Drive	FS1
	9 p.m.	TBT Quarterfinal: Team Colorado vs. Forever Coogs	FS2

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NFL			
Division of Super Bowl LIX winner		State of Super Bowl LIX winner	
DIVISION	ODDS	STATE	ODDS
AFC East	+600	California	+450
AFC North	+450	Florida	14/1
AFC South	+900	New York/New Jersey	+800
AFC West	+450	Ohio	11/1
NFC East	+700	Pennsylvania	11/1
NFC North	+500	Texas	+800
NFC South	15/1	Other	+135
NFC West	+450	Maryland/DC	10/1
Odds to win division			
AFC EAST	ODDS	NFC EAST	ODDS
Bills	+165	Eagles	-120
Jets	+180	Cowboys	+150
Dolphins	+210	Commanders	11/1
Patriots	25/1	Giants	14/1
AFC NORTH	ODDS	NFC NORTH	ODDS
Ravens	+135	Lions	+135
Bengals	+165	Packers	+200
Browns	+500	Bears	+325
Steelers	+700	Vikings	+900
AFC SOUTH	ODDS	NFC SOUTH	ODDS
Texans	+100	Falcons	-120
Jaguars	+275	Buccaneers	+300
Colts	+325	Saints	+375
Titans	+900	Panthers	11/1
AFC WEST	ODDS	NFC WEST	ODDS
Chiefs	-250	49ers	-200
Chargers	+350	Rams	+325
Raiders	+900	Seahawks	+750
Broncos	18/1	Cardinals	12/1

ODDS & ENDS

NFL Jets 2024 season lookahead lines

DATE, OPPONENT	JETS
Sept. 9 at 49ers	+5.5
Sept. 15 at Titans	-4
Sept. 19 PATRIOTS	-7.5
Sept. 26 BRONCOS	-7.5
Oct. 6 at Vikings	-4
Oct. 14 BILLS	-1.5
Oct. 20 at Steelers	-1
Oct. 27 at Patriots	-4.5
Oct. 31 TEXANS	-3
Nov. 10 at Cardinals	-3
Nov. 17 COLTS	-4
Dec. 1 SEAHAWKS	-4.5
Dec. 8 at Dolphins	+2
Dec. 15 at Jaguars	-1
Dec. 22 RAMS	-3
Dec. 29 at Bills	+2.5
Jan. 4/5 DOLPHINS	-3

Giants 2024 season lookahead lines

DATE, OPPONENT	GIANTS
Sept. 8 VIKINGS	+1
Sept. 15 at Commanders	+3
Sept. 22 at Browns	+6.5
Sept. 26 COWBOYS	+4
Oct. 6 at Seahawks	+3.5
Oct. 13 BENGALS	+4.5
Oct. 20 EAGLES	+4.5
Oct. 28 at Steelers	+4
Nov. 3 COMMANDERS	-1.5
Nov. 10 at Panthers	-1
Nov. 24 BUCCANEERS	+1
Nov. 28 at Cowboys	+8
Dec. 8 SAINTS	+1
Dec. 15 RAVENS	+6.5
Dec. 22 at Falcons	+4.5
Dec. 29 COLTS	+2
Dec. 4/5 at Eagles	+5

SUMMER OLYMPICS Swimming, Tuesday Women's 100m backstroke final

SWIMMER	ODDS
Regan Smith (USA)	-125
Kaylee McKeown (Australia)	+130
Katharine Berkoff (USA)	11/1
Kylie Massey (Canada)	20/1
Iona Anderson (Australia)	30/1
Emma Terebo (France)	40/1
Ingrid Wilm (Canada)	50/1
Beryl Gastaldello (France)	80/1

Men's 800m freestyle final

SWIMMER	ODDS
Daniel Wiffen (Ireland)	-110
Bobby Finke (USA)	+400
Elijah Winnington (Australia)	+600
Gregorio Paltrinieri (Italy)	+600
Ahmed Jaouadi (Tunisia)	+600
Sven Schwarz (Germany)	25/1
Luca de Tullio (Italy)	33/1

ACTION BET SMART

Herb' & Harb' will be 'total' success

By ANDREW NORTON
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A Super Bowl champion has come from the AFC West division for the third time in the past five seasons. However, the champion has been the same team every time — the Chiefs.

Sportsbooks expect much of the same from Kansas City this season, setting its win total at 11.5 wins, with a bit of juice on the Over. Additionally, the Chargers are projected to finish second in the division, while Denver and Las Vegas are expected to be bottom-dwellers.

Check out our AFC West preview and best bet below, with current win totals and odds via DraftKings:

Broncos: 5.5 wins (+105/-125)

Coach Sean Payton has complete autonomy, which was quite evident when Payton and the Broncos selected former Oregon standout Bo Nix to replace Russell Wilson under center.

Payton has compared Nix to Drew Brees, whom he coached in New Orleans; both are somewhat undersized for the position and possess similar qualities.

Assuming Nix starts from Day 1, there will inevitably be growing pains, especially since Denver moved Jerry Jeudy to the Browns for late-round picks.

The Broncos still have Courtland Sutton and signed Josh Reynolds, but overall, the supporting cast is not talented enough to make them more than an average offense.

Denver's defense ranked 31st per PFF last season. The secondary is an atrocity and the Broncos did virtually nothing in the draft and free agency to help.

Chargers: 8.5 wins (-155/+130)

Welcome to the Jim Harbaugh era in Los Angeles. After winning the national championship at Michigan, Harbaugh opted to jump back to the NFL, where he has had success, including taking the 49ers to the Super Bowl in 2012; he also made three consecutive NFC Championship games between 2011 and 2014.

Austin Ekeler, Keenan Allen, and Mike Williams are all gone, which could make life a little challenging for Justin Herbert. Still, offensive tackle Joe Alt, a Notre Dame rookie, should help give him more time in the pocket. Los Angeles did bring

in Gus Edwards and J.K. Dobbins, but Dobbins has only played in nine games since the end of the 2020 season, so his health will be paramount for the offense.

Keeping Joey Bosa and Khalil Mack is also massive for the Chargers' defense, a unit that significantly underperformed last season but could improve under new defensive coordinator Jesse Minter.

Chiefs: 11.5 wins (-115/-105)

By their recent standards, the Chiefs were underwhelming in the regular season, winning merely 11 games, before surging in the postseason.

Ironically, despite still having Mahomes, Isiah Pacheco, and Travis Kelce, the Chiefs' offense struggled at times, ranking 15th in points scored and 12th in overall offense, per PFF.

However, don't expect the same complacency and mediocrity in 2024; the Chiefs have Mahomes, Pacheco, Kelce, and Rashee Rice back (pending his suspension). They also signed Marquise Brown and drafted wide receiver Xavier Worthy, who ran a 4.21 40-yard dash at the combine.

Raiders: 6.5 wins (-130/+110)

Despite starting Aidan O'Connell under center for 10 games, the Raiders were still able to secure eight wins in 2023. O'Connell and Gardner Minshew will duke it out for QB1 in 2024, but neither player is bound to fix the apparent issues at the position.

Further, don't be shocked if Davante Adams is traded at some point this year. Rookie Brock Bowers won't fix all of the problems in the passing game, as tight ends scarcely make immediate splashes.

Signing Christian Wilkins will keep the defense afloat, forming a nice tandem with Maxx Crosby, but the secondary is one of the weaker units in the AFC.

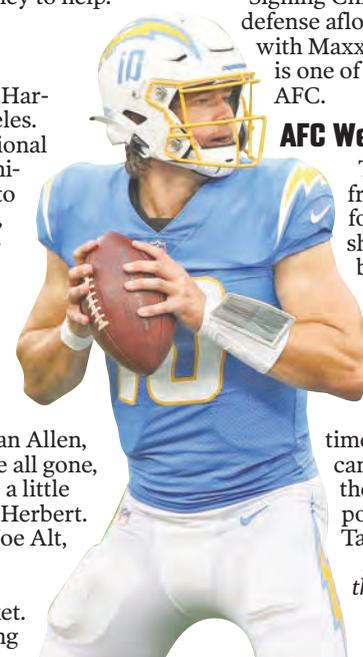
AFC West Best Bet

The Chargers have suffered from horrendous coaching for quite some time. This should change with Harbaugh in 2024. And it certainly helps that the Chargers are projected to have the second-easiest schedule in the NFL.

They improved the O-line with Alt, and more time in the pocket for Herbert can only mean good things for the team, even if the other skill positions are a bit light now. Take the Over on 8.5 wins.

Andrew Norton handicaps the NFL for Action Network.

Justin Herbert



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Daily Horoscope

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♌ LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

You must not allow yourself to get bogged down in petty details, not when there are so many major issues requiring your attention. Your greatest talent is your ability to see the bigger picture, so leave the small stuff to those of more limited vision.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

Some very important people have been watching you closely and there could soon be a promotion of some kind coming your way. They particularly admire the way you handle yourself when dealing with those who are openly hostile to your plans.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

No, Lady Luck has not deserted you and what occurs over the next few days will restore your belief that you are destined for bigger and better things. Opportunities are most likely to arrive via friendships - a perfect

excuse to keep your social life active.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

No good deed ever goes unnoticed and you will receive something worth having today in return for all the favors you have done for other people in recent weeks. The universe especially values those who help friends and colleagues in their hour of need.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

You will leave a task to the very last minute today but you enjoy the pressure and will make a thoroughly good job of it. Not everything in your life needs to be on a deadline though - there is no cut-off point for telling people you love them.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

Recent events may have been frustrating in that they did not yield the results you expected but you stuck to it and refused to be beaten and now you will receive your reward. Something both unexpected and amazing is about to happen in your life.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

You don't have to prove that you are smarter than your rivals but you will do so anyway just for the fun of it. Venus in your opposite sign means that even those who are made to look foolish will be charmed by your wit and wisdom.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

You don't care much for fame or fortune but you do care that people treat you with respect and you may have to remind someone of that fact over the next 24 hours. Don't let them get

away with criticizing the things in life you value the most.

♈ ARIES (March 21-April 20)

No matter how difficult a spell a relationship has been going through it will come together again as from today. You may still disagree on some issues but you both now realize that compromise is possible and communication is the key to mutual respect.

♉ TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

If you need assistance today just open your mouth and ask for it. If you keep your head down and say nothing then others will assume that everything is okay and not lift a finger to help you. They cannot be expected to read your mind.

♊ GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

A difficult task lies ahead of you but if you are serious about making a good job of it then it is sure to be a success. With Mars and Jupiter moving through your sign the one attribute you are not lacking at the moment is confidence.

♋ CANCER (June 22-July 23)

You have taken some tough decisions in recent weeks, some of which seemed a bit ruthless to those on the receiving end, but you are in no mood to play games or forgive people who have let you down. You may have to be ruthless again today.

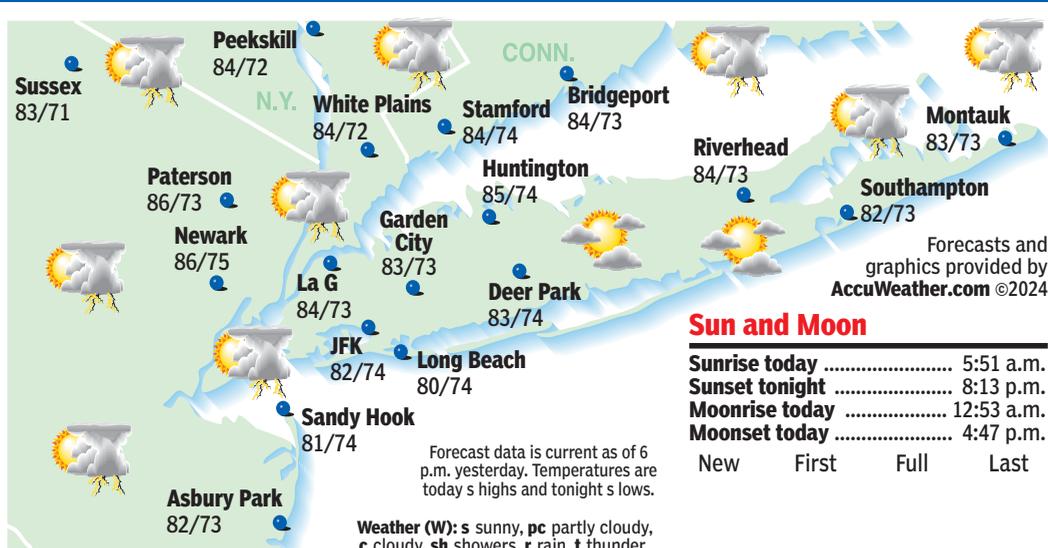
BIRTHDAY TUESDAY

There will be times this year when you have to make decisions that you know will affect the futures of a lot of people. You may want to make those decisions with your heart but if you are aiming to do the greatest good they must be strictly rational.

Post Weather Report

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Tuesday	Wednesday
 Today: Humid with a t storm in the area. High 81 to 87. Tonight: A shower and t storm; humid. Low 70 to 76.	 Tomorrow: Variable clouds with a t storm; humid. High 83 to 89. Tomorrow night: Humid with a t storm in spots. Low 71 to 77.
Thursday	Friday
 Evening Partly cloudy. Low 73 to 79.	 Evening A t storm around. Low 73 to 79.



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YESTERDAY'S CONDITIONS AT CENTRAL PARK THROUGH 6PM

Temperature
High: 84, Low: 68, Mean: 76

Departure from Normal
Yesterday: 2 degrees

Precipitation
Yesterday: 0.05, Month: 4.17, Year: 29.85, Normal year to date: 28.09

Cooling Degree days yesterday11
Total for the month (normal)427 (367)
Total since Jan. 1 (normal)847 (675)
Last year to date680
Heat Index (at noon yest.) 86
UV index (for Tue.) 5 (Moderate)
Humidity (at noon) 49%

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

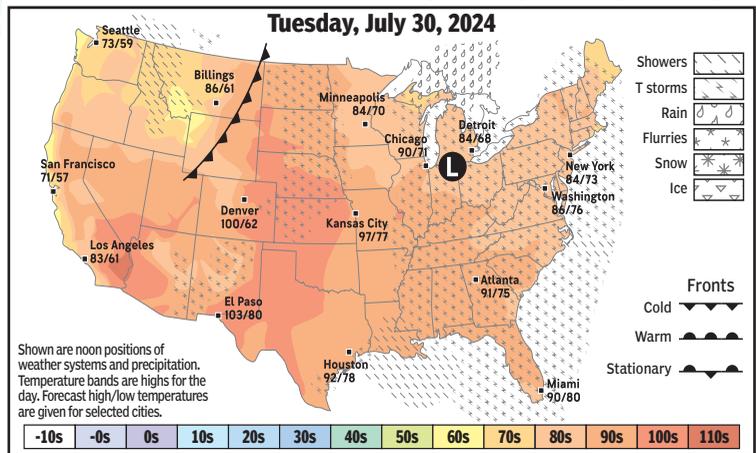
Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 5:51 a.m.
Sunset tonight 8:13 p.m.
Moonrise today 12:53 a.m.
Moonset today 4:47 p.m.

	New	First	Full	Last
Aug 4	Aug 12	Aug 19	Aug 26	

New York Tides	TODAY	TOMORROW
High Tide for	1st 2nd	1st 2nd
Coney Island	3:51a 4:24p	4:56a 5:27p
Fire Island	3:59a 4:53p	5:06a 5:49p
Hempstead	8:07a 8:30p	9:17a 9:35p
Huntington	7:47a 8:11p	8:55a 9:15p
Jones Inlet	3:35a 4:08p	4:40a 5:11p
Montauk Point	5:10a 5:57p	6:12a 6:53p
Port Washington	8:16a 8:38p	9:25a 9:43p
Sandy Hook	3:55a 4:28p	5:00a 5:31p

Regional cities	TODAY	TOMORROW
Albany	89/74/t	84/70/t
Danbury	85/73/t	83/67/t
Glens Falls	87/69/t	82/66/t
Gr Barrington	86/70/t	81/67/t
Kingston	88/71/t	86/69/t
Liberty	80/68/t	80/64/t
Monticello	81/67/t	82/64/t
Newburgh	87/72/t	87/69/t
Poughkeepsie	88/72/t	84/68/t
Saratoga Springs	88/71/t	82/67/t
Stroudsburg	80/69/t	87/65/t
Torrington	84/70/t	81/68/t
Syracuse	91/73/t	82/69/t



World cities	TODAY	TOMORROW
Athens	96/78/s	92/75/s
Baghdad	113/88/pc	115/87/pc
Beijing	82/75/pc	91/76/pc
Berlin	81/58/s	85/61/pc
Cairo	98/81/s	99/80/s
Dublin	68/52/c	67/57/s
Geneva	92/68/c	92/68/t
Hong Kong	84/80/t	88/82/t
Jerusalem	88/69/s	91/72/s
Kabul	98/70/s	100/71/s
London	87/64/s	85/63/pc
Madrid	99/73/s	99/72/s
Mexico City	75/56/sh	75/56/pc
Montreal	88/72/t	80/70/t
Moscow	69/57/sh	68/58/sh
Paris	95/71/t	88/69/t
Rio de Janeiro	72/67/sh	74/67/sh
Rome	94/70/s	92/71/s
Sydney	60/49/sh	60/50/sh
Tokyo	102/80/c	94/78/pc

By LARRY BROOKS

Looking for a deal

Rangers hoping to ink Lindgren to cheaper contract ahead of arbitration



MONEY TALKS: Ryan Lindgren will likely be looking for a contract up to \$5 million per year. Getty Images

The Rangers and Ryan Lindgren are in continued contractual negotiations ahead of the restricted free-agent defenseman's scheduled arbitration hearing on Friday, industry sources have told The Post.

It is believed that the club is looking for a shorter-term deal in the length of two-to-three seasons while the 26-year-old Lindgren is seeking a deal for four or five seasons. It is also believed that the Blueshirts are offering between \$4 million and \$4.25 million per year while No. 55 is seeking up to \$5M per.

Lindgren has only one year to go before becoming eligible for unrestricted free agency. We're told that it is possible that the club and the left-matchup defenseman could reach agreement on a one-year contract ahead of arbitration. This would allow the parties to reset and resume negotiations for a long-term deal on Jan. 1, as per the collective bargaining agreement. If unfulfilled, Lindgren would go onto the open market next summer.

Arbitration hearings are

adversarial procedures. Team management unambiguously is obligated to point out flaws in the player's game. Nothing good ever comes of these.

The Rangers haven't gone through an arbitration hearing since 2009, when they walked away from Nikolai Zherdev after the winger was awarded \$3.9M for one year when the club had argued the 24-year-old was worth no more than his \$3.25M qualifier after his first (and only) season on Broadway concluded with John Tortorella behind the bench that made for a dicey coexistence.

That's not this at all. Lindgren is the consummate teammate and the personification of a heart-and-soul

Ranger. He follows in the line of Dan Girardi and Adam Graves. He is as physical, combative and willing at his listed 6-foot, 190 as anyone who has ever worn the Blueshirt. He is one of the prizes of the 2018 deadline purge, acquired from the Bruins in the rental deal for Rick Nash.

But management has to be cognizant of the wear-and-tear Lindgren's body has already absorbed. There are the unknowns of the next contracts for Igor Shesterkin, K'Andre Miller and Alexis Lafreniere that will kick in 2025-26 when the cap increases from this season's \$88M to an expected approximate \$92M.

Again, it would be beneficial for both parties to

avoid arbitration, where the arbiter can choose any number between the team's and the player's respective submissions. It's not baseball. The Rangers could offer, say, \$4.15M, Lindgren's representatives could ask for \$5.25M, and the award would likely be around \$4.65M.

Decisions are guided by numbers. Gaudy offensive stats help. That's not Lindgren, who recorded 17 points (3-14) in 76 games a year ago while averaging 19:21 of ice per game. The Minnesota native has recorded 80 points (10-70) in 333 career NHL games.

But here is a number that GM Chris Drury, head coach Peter Laviolette and the arbiter — if this gets to

his desk — should take critical note of, and that is in the 4,279:42 of ice time that Lindgren has been paired with Kemosabe Adam Fox since they joined forces in 2019-20, the Rangers have scored 200 goals and have allowed 136 for a 59.5 percent goals-for ratio. This is a partnership worth more than traditional offensive numbers, certainly for the Rangers

The Blueshirts are thin on the blue line, with Lindgren, Miller and Zac Jones the top three on the left and Fox, Braden Schneider and Jacob Trouba on the right. It appears as if righty Chad Ruhwedel and lefties Matt Robertson, Brandon Scanlin and Ben Harpur will vie for the seventh spot. Drew

Fortescue, a 19-year-old sophomore at Boston College, is probably the next prospect in line.

The club currently has approximately \$8.8M of cap space remaining on a shadow roster that features 11 forwards — including Sam Carrick but not Matt Rempe, Adam Edstrom or Jonny Brodzinski — and five defensemen and two goaltenders.

Once the Rangers reach an agreement with Lindgren, Drury is expected to pick up negotiations with the camp for Shesterkin, who is seeking a record NHL goaltending contract with unrestricted free agency looming after this season.

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THE remarkable thing about all of them was, you'd call and you'd make an appointment, even if it was to talk about the old days, and as soon as you sat down you'd realized how very wrong Fitzgerald had been. There most certainly *are* second acts in American lives. The CCNY Beavers, almost to a man, proved that in full.

"The shame, of course, is that because of the scandals, nobody ever talks about how good a basketball team we were. And let me tell you something, son: We were as good a basketball team as anyone has ever seen. People who saw us knew. People who played us knew. People talk about us, they talk about the fixers. OK, that's fair. But, damn, we could play."

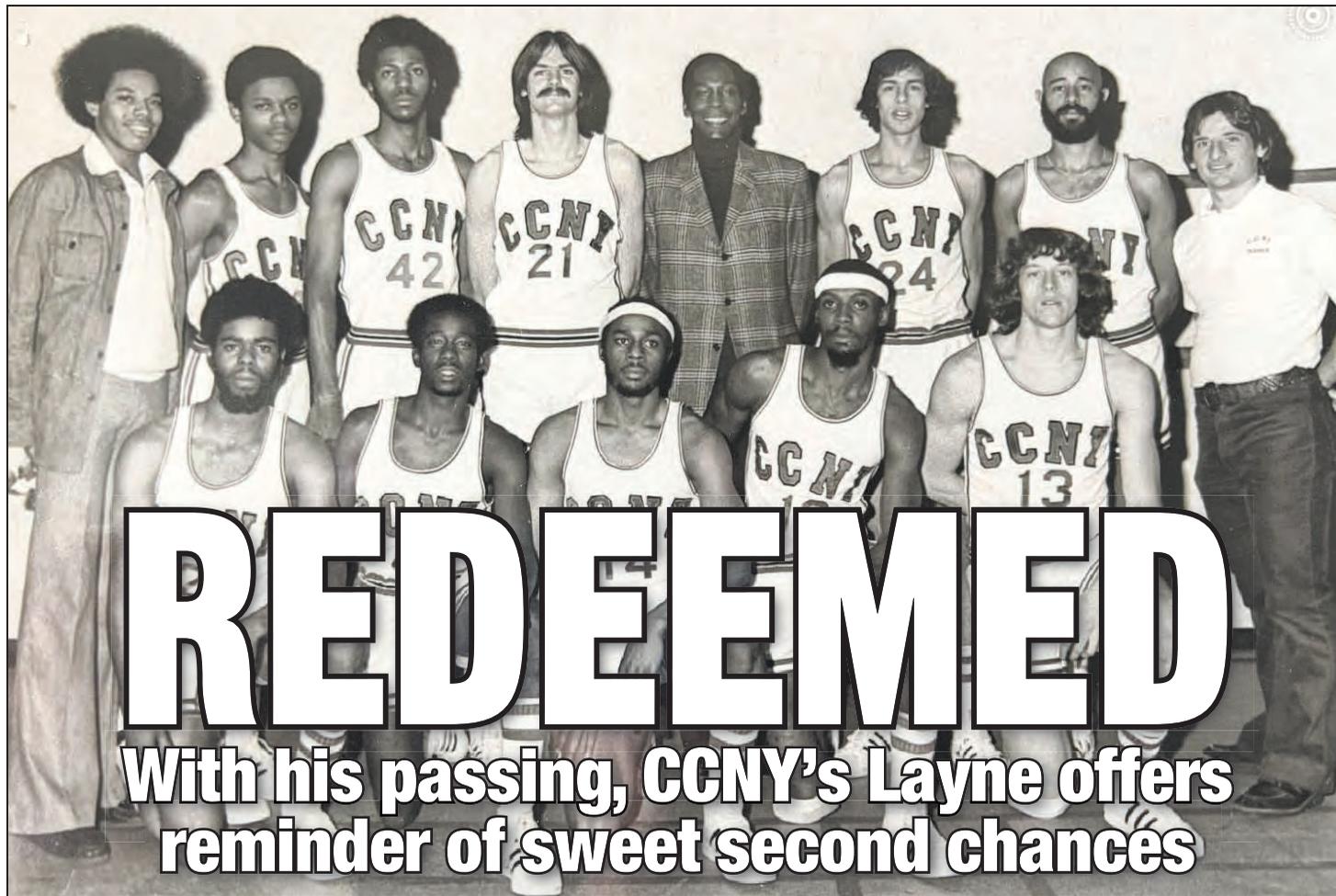
That was Al Roth, a foundational player on the 1950 Beavers team that did what no team had ever done before and no team will ever do again: They won the NCAA Tournament and the NIT in the same year, winning seven games at Madison Square Garden that thrilled their city and filled that smoky gym on 50th Street.

This was 2000. Roth was speaking in his office at Air-Zee Supply in Mahwah, N.J., the building-supplies company that made him a wealthy man. He was living proof you don't have to be defined by the worst moment of your life, especially if that happens when you're 19, 20, 21 years old.

Floyd Layne proved that more than any of them, and it's good to remember that now, after Layne died Monday at age 94, the last of the double-champion Beavers to pass. On the eve of his induction to the New York Basketball Hall of Fame in 2003, Layne was the one who brought up the infamous part of his rich tapestry of a life. He never ran from it.

"What it did," Layne said, "was force me at age 22 to put my feet on the ground and realize I was going to have to answer for my mistakes, but I didn't have to be crippled by them."

Floyd was one of the six CCNY players — and one of dozens at more than 90 schools — who were ensnared in the point-shaving scandals of 1951. He received \$2,500 from gamblers. He used a portion of the money to buy his mother a new refrigerator and hid the rest in a flower pot, too



TURNAROUND: Floyd Layne, who was caught up in the point-shaving scandals of 1951 that rocked national champion CCNY and all of college basketball, went on to helm his alma mater (top row middle with his 1976 team) as well as guide Harlem youngsters. Courtesy CCNY; Getty Images



Mike Vaccaro

scared and filled with guilt to touch it until the cops came to bring him away.

The scandal broke New York's heart, and it nearly broke the sport of basketball in the city, but it never broke the athletes themselves, even though, while mostly spared prison time, they were immediately banned for life from the NBA, where most of them would've had 10-, 12-year careers.

Ed Roman became one of the most respected school psychologists in the New York City sys-

tem. Irwin Dambrot became a dentist and invented a mouth guard for athletes. Herb Cohen, Roth, Norm Mager: They all became prosperous businessmen.

Layne spent the next 70 years of his life going another way. He was a star in the old Eastern League. He got a masters in education, became a public school teacher and a force in his Harlem community. In the '60s he met a gifted kid named Nate Archibald, "Tiny" even then, and helped focus him on basketball, shield him from the city's more sordid temptations.

"Floyd was a tremendous influence on my life," Archibald said a few years ago. "He was responsible for keeping me off the streets. He ran a great basketball program and encouraged me to apply myself and to succeed in high school and go on to college."

It was in 1974 when Layne's story took a wonderfully cyclical turn. By then, CCNY had long given up the ghost as a big-time hoops power, was playing Division III and scuffling. Layne had spent a couple of years coaching Queensboro Community College. When the job opened, he was interested. When he was hired, it caused a sensation, not all of it positive.

"I had known his name because he was famous on campus because of how great a player he'd been, and because of the scandal," says Mike Flynn, who was a junior on that first CCNY team. "But he never talked about any of that. He just wanted to teach us basketball. He wanted to share what he knew. He was calm, easy-going and that rubbed off on us."

He also threw out the old, walk-

it-up philosophy of previous coach Jack Kaminer, urged his players to run, and they took to him quickly. On Jan 28, 1976, the Beavers went into Rose Hill Gym and beat D-I Fordham, 61-52, easily the school's biggest win in 26 years.

"I learned so much from him," says Flynn, who hadn't played high school ball at Van Buren but became a prominent Beaver. "He had a way about him. He was just a good, good man."

Across the city Monday came similar testimonials from the thousands of kids Floyd Layne helped to become men.

"I hope," he'd said in 2003, "that when the time comes, I'll be remembered for the whole of my life and not small and regrettable part of it."

He did that. The game, and the city, is a lesser place without him.

Shoulder issue at center of Alvarez's recent rest days

By ZACH BRAZILLER

METS NOTES

For the second time in three days, Francisco Alvarez was on the bench, but this wasn't about rest.

The young catcher is dealing with a nagging left shoulder issue he has felt for a few days, according to manager Carlos Mendoza. Alvarez was still available, but Mendoza preferred to give him the night off as the Mets opened a

three-game series against the Twins at Citi Field with a 15-2 rout. Alvarez felt the shoulder on Sunday when he had to reach for a pitch from starter David Peterson.

"Just want to monitor his workload here," Mendoza said. "If I need him during the game he'll be available. But if we stay away from

him it would benefit him, not swinging the bat or doing any physical activity."

Alvarez has struggled offensively in July, slashing .212/.278/.333 with a .611 OPS. He went 0-for-4 with two strikeouts in Sunday's loss to the Braves.

► The Mets designated struggling left-hander **Jake Diekman** for assignment on Monday in a

somewhat surprising move. In his place, they called up fellow southpaw **Matt Gage**. Diekman allowed runs in each of his last two outings and had a 10.80 ERA in July. He never could get his walks under control, issuing 24 bases on balls in 32 innings pitched that contributed to an unsightly 5.63 ERA.

"Not an easy one, especially when you're dealing with a guy

like Diekman, who's been here since Day 1 — spring training, here all the way to this point, been in this league a long time," Mendoza said. "He was such a professional. He was always willing to take the baseball. When it was hard for him during his struggles, he was always available, he always wanted to be here. But we got to a point where we needed to make a decision. We decided to go that route."

U.S. rolls over Japan with size

By BRIDGET REILLY

The U.S. women's basketball frontcourt could've just stood in the paint, put their hands up, and called for the ball.

Naturally, they didn't, but they exploited their size with fadeaway shots, drives downhill and break-outs in transition as they towered over Japan, whose tallest player only stood at 6-foot-1, in their Olympic group play opener Monday.

USA	102	Women's basketball
JAPAN	76	

A'ja Wilson and Breanna Stewart ruled the paint, outdoing Japan's outside shooting, for a dominant 102-76 U.S. win in a rematch of the 2021 final in Tokyo.

"We played this team for a gold medal, you know, not too long ago. And the way they play is unorthodox. They shoot a lot of 3s. They're fast. They make you play in a different style," five-time gold medal-winner Diana Taurasi told reporters in Paris. "And I think you saw those different moments where we struggled a little bit, and then we got used to it."

The U.S. outdid Japan with 67 percent shooting from the field and controlled the glass with 56 rebounds to Japan's 27.

Wilson led the way with 24 points and 13 rebounds. Stewart followed with 22 points and Brittany Griner had 11.

"Points in the paint and controlling the boards are going to be huge for us moving forward," Wilson said. "So if we can continue that, I feel like we're in good shape."

Japan was surely hoping to get revenge against the team that beat them for a gold medal in their home country in 2021, but with Griner at 6-foot-9, Wilson at 6-5, and Stewart at 6-4, there was no making up height or points with 3-pointers after the U.S. adjusted to shut down Japan's game plan.

"When it came to our strengths, it was our depth and our height," Wilson said. "And we tried to punish them in the paint, but also on the defensive end, staying in front of them because Japan is a team that's really like to rip and run and that's not like us. So it made us play out of our defensive schemes, which made us lock in even more so I'm just glad about the presence that we have."

'Like a movie'

New Yorker Ivey marvels at journey to coaching upstart South Sudan in Paris

ROYAL TREATMENT: Royal Ivey, a former assistant with the Knicks and Nets, has South Sudan in the Olympics in just its 13th year as a nation. South Sudan already beat Puerto Rico, but draws the U.S. on Wednesday.

Reuters

By BRIAN LEWIS

Royal Ivey — born in Harlem and raised in Queens — has already exceeded expectations by first coaching upstart South Sudan onto the world stage in their first Olympics, and then making a winning debut in Paris.

Now comes Wednesday's showdown with Team USA, and best friend Kevin Durant. For Ivey, 42, it seems like something plucked out of a Hollywood script.

"Being in the Olympics, and getting our first win. ... My life is like a movie. So this is chapter 42, and this is an amazing chapter for me," Ivey said. "Being here, playing in the league for 10 years, now I'm coaching, I'm the OG, I'm the old head. I never thought I'd be a coach. I thought I'd be a schoolteacher or run my own prep school, but I'm a coach and I'm investing in the youth and these young guys, so at the end of the day, man, like I said, my life is a movie."

"Keep it going. Everything's been surreal my whole life. I've

been an overachiever in life. People told me, no, you couldn't do this. You're not quick enough, you're not smart enough, you're not fast enough, and I continue to prove people wrong, and that's the story. You can do whatever you put your mind to. You can manifest whatever you want in this life. It's achievable, so I'm just living proof."

Ivey — who'd been an assistant with the Knicks and then the Nets — took over a South Sudan team in 2021 that had never made the World Cup or Olympics.

The world's newest country at just 13 years old, they reached their first World Cup last year. Finishing as the best African team earned them their first Olympic berth.

"He's done unbelievable. You've got to be good, and you've got to be lucky," Ron Naclerio, who coached Ivey at Cardozo High School in Queens, told The Post. "But when you're good you make your luck; when you're bad you get unlucky. I see what he's done the last two or

three years, slowly building it up, slowly building up. Getting qualified for the Olympics was quite a feat. Then the exhibition game had to have opened up their own eyes ... And then beating Puerto Rico [was huge]."

An opening 90-79 win over Puerto Rico was impressive. Taking Team USA to the wire this month before a 101-100 loss in London — might be more impressive.

"The good thing Royal has is when you coach in the Olympics, it's a little more pure coaching. There's no three seconds on defense, you can play zone," Naclerio said. "I was screaming when Royal was up one against USA — I hate to say I was rooting against USA; I was rooting for Royal."

But that was an exhibition, and Durant didn't play. He will Wednesday.

Ivey met Durant when Ivey was a pro and Durant was a teen. They've become best friends. Ivey was a Nets assistant when Durant was in Brooklyn; now he'll face him with a chance to

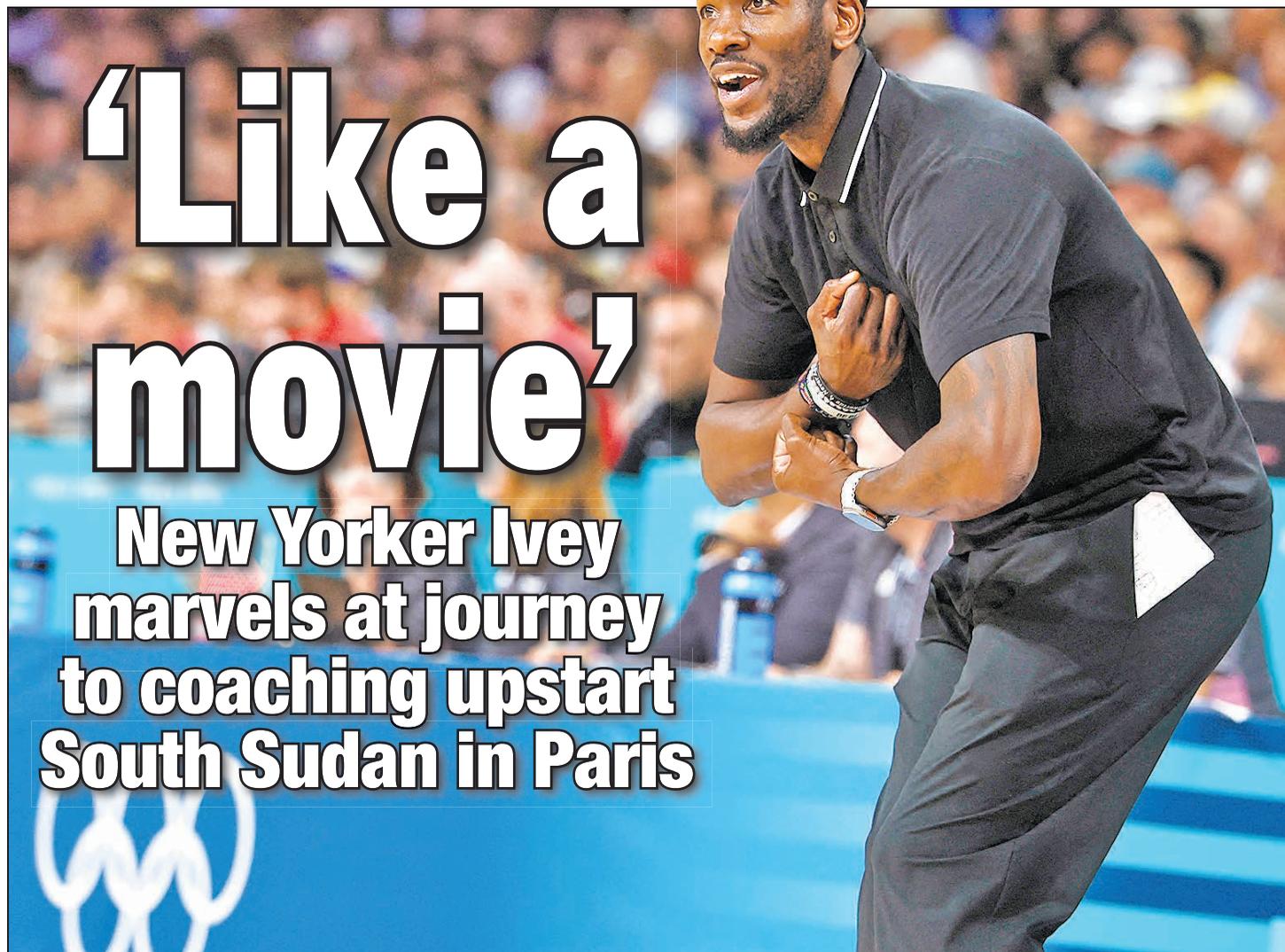
pull off a historic upset.

"KD and him are the best of friends. Royal is the tightest person [to Durant], maybe even tighter than his own biological brother. KD was in [Ivey's] wedding party," said Naclerio. "KD, unfortunately he's just another beast. I don't think the foreigners are used to guarding the 7-footer that shoots like a 6-footer."

After his Brooklyn stay from 2020-23 lined up with Durant's, Ivey spent last season under Ime Udoka in Houston. His work with South Sudan is getting him notice for head-coaching jobs.

"I saw tweets this year about his name being mentioned — possibly with Washington, with Charlotte — and I said just bide your time, it's gonna happen. And now, because [of the Olympics] it might happen," said Naclerio. "If Houston can have a great year, and hopefully he can get some medals in the Games. ... You know what it is, right now he's the beautiful girl. Hopefully he stays beautiful."

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INSIDE
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ATHLETE OF THE DAY

SUMMER McINTOSH
Swimming, Canada

The 17-year-old prodigy blew away the field to win the gold medal in the women's 400 individual medley, securing her second medal of the meet. World record holder McIntosh touched the wall in 4 minutes, 27.71 seconds, far ahead of American silver medalist Katie Grimes and her bronze-winning U.S. teammate Emma Weyant.

BY THE NUMBERS

49 Diving gold medals for China after Lian Junjie and Yang Hao breezed to victory in synchronized 10-meter platform. The 49 golds break the record of 48 by the U.S.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The roller coaster I was [on] I thought I won, and then I got off the ride."

— American Jagger Eaton, who lost out on street-skateboarding gold when Japan's Yuto Horigome scored a nearly perfect 97.08 on his fifth and final trick to pass Americans Eaton and Nyjah Huston, who won bronze

MEDAL TRACKER



Country	G	S	B	Tot
United States	3	8	9	20
France	5	8	3	16
Japan	6	2	4	12
China	5	5	2	12
Great Britain	2	5	3	10
Australia	5	4	0	9
South Korea	5	3	1	9
Italy	2	3	3	8
Canada	2	1	2	5
Hong Kong	2	0	1	3

Complete medal count, Page 35



Associated Press

Cheatin' Canada soccer makes plea for leniency

Canada appealed against being docked six points by FIFA in a drone-spying scandal at the Paris Olympics women's soccer tournament, and a verdict is expected hours before the team plays its last group-stage game Wednesday.

FIFA punished Olympic defending champion Canada on Saturday — and banned coach Bev Priestman and two assistant coaches for one year — for allegations of using a drone to spy on opponent New Zealand's practices.

The expected legal move by the Canadian soccer federation and Olympic body was formally registered Monday by the Court of Arbitration for Sport in a fast-track case.

CAS said it aims to have an appeal hearing Tuesday with its panel of three judges giving a verdict by midday Wednesday. The coaches' bans are not part of this case.

"The appeal is based on the disproportionality of the sanction," the Canadian

soccer federation said in a statement, "which we believe unfairly punishes the athletes for actions they had no part in and goes far beyond restoring fairness to the match against New Zealand."

Canada plays Colombia in Nice on Wednesday night and needs to know where it stands before the game starts.

The deduction by FIFA wiped out Canada's points earned by winning its first two games against New Zealand and France. Canada stunned France, 2-1, Sunday with a second-half comeback capped by a winning goal in the 12th minute.

Canada could still advance to the quar-

terfinals in the 12-team tournament even with a loss in court and win on the field Wednesday. Two third-place teams in the three groups will go to the knockout stage.

Canadian officials have said no player was involved in any alleged cheating, which they suspect has been a systemic problem potentially over years.

Shocker of a water polo upset

In Saint-Denis, France, the U.S. women's water polo team was handed a rare loss at the Paris Olympics on Monday, falling 13-11 to Bea Ortiz and Spain in a rematch of the final at the Tokyo Games.

The U.S. is going for its fourth consecutive gold medal. No team — men or women — has won four straight water polo titles at the Olympics.



PHOTOS OF THE DAY

THEY ARE THE CHAMPIONS

With medals around their necks and the Eiffel Tower in the background, athletes chanted, danced and even cried. In a first for the Summer Games, organizers gave athletes a place to celebrate their victories and be closer to fans — and they made the most of it. Champions Park launched Monday at the Trocadero, the site of the opening ceremony of the Paris Games, where Olympic winners can share their experience with family members and thousands of fans who this time didn't need to buy tickets or make reservations to be part of Games.

Players from the gold-medal winning French men's rugby team (bottom) were the first to be welcomed at the park, dancing and running around the stage as the crowd chanted. American Haley Batten, a silver-medalist in mountain biking, called it a "crazy experience."

Photos by Reuters



It was the program's second loss at the Olympics since it dropped the 2008 final. It went 5-0-1 in London, 6-0 in Rio de Janeiro and 6-1 in Tokyo.

Ortiz scored five times on eight shots for Spain, which beat France 15-6 in its Group B opener on Saturday. Maica Garcia Godoy had two goals, and Paula Leiton Arrones also scored while taking advantage of the United States' youth at the center position.

Subpar Seine delays triathlon training

In Paris, concerns about the water quality in the Seine River led officials to call off the swimming portion of an Olympic triathlon training session for a second straight day Monday.

Organizers overseeing the event at the Paris Games are optimistic that triathletes will be able to swim in the city's famed waterway when the competition starts Tuesday.

The sport's governing body, World Triathlon, its medical team and city officials are banking on sunny weather and higher temperatures to bring levels of E. coli and other bacteria below the necessary limits to stage the swim portion of the race,

which also includes biking and running.

World Triathlon made the decision to cancel the swim workout early Monday following a meeting over water quality in the Seine, which is closely linked to the weather. Rain deluged Friday's opening ceremony and showers persisted Saturday, forcing some tennis matches and the skateboarding competition to be postponed.

Silver medalist positive for COVID

Adam Peaty tested positive for COVID at the Paris Olympics on Monday, the British team said, a day after winning silver in the 100m breaststroke despite apparently feeling under the weather.

The decorated 29-year-old "is hopeful to be back in competition for the relay events later in the swimming programme," according to a Team GB statement.

"Adam Peaty began feeling unwell on Sunday, ahead of his men's 100m breaststroke final," it said.

"In the hours after the final, his symptoms became worse and he was tested for Covid early on Monday morning. He tested positive at that point."

TODAY'S CAN'T-MISS EVENTS



GYMNASTICS, WOMEN'S TEAM FINAL (12:15 p.m., NBC): Simone Biles, who missed most of the 2021 Games in Tokyo with "the twisties" is back to lead the American women. Biles and Suni Lee will compete in all four disciplines for the heavily favored U.S. women.



WOMEN'S RUGBY, U.S. vs. NEW ZEALAND (9:30 a.m., USA): Kristi Kirsh leads the American women's rugby seven squad into the semifinals against powerhouse New Zealand in the morning, with the bronze- and gold-medal showdowns later in the afternoon (1 p.m., E!)



MEN'S 3x3 BASKETBALL, U.S. vs. SERBIA (4:35 p.m., NBC): Glens Falls native Jimmer Fredette, the former high-scoring BYU star who briefly played for the Knicks, will make his Olympic debut as he teams with Dylan Travis and Canyon Barry in the start of the 3x3 tournament.

DAY 4: COMPLETE TV SCHEDULE (*live)

NBC	
9-10 a.m.	Men's Beach Volleyball: U.S. vs. Morocco*
10-10:45 a.m.	Triathlon: Men's Final
10:45-11:30 a.m.	Swimming: Qualifying Heats
11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.	Women's 3x3 Basketball: U.S. vs. Germany*
12-12:15 p.m.	Gymnastics: Pregame
12:15-2:15 p.m.	Gymnastics: Women's Team Final*
2:30-4:15 p.m.	Swimming: Finals* (Women's 100m Backstroke Final, Men's 800m Freestyle Final, Men's 4x200m Freestyle Relay Final)
4:35-5 p.m.	Men's 3x3 Basketball: U.S. vs. Serbia*
5-6 p.m.	Men's Beach Volleyball: U.S. vs. Netherlands
8-11:30 p.m.	Primetime in Paris Gymnastics: Women's Team Final; Swimming: Finals; Surfing: Day 4 Finals*
12:05-1:30 a.m.	Triathlon: Men's Final 3x3 Basketball: Qualifying Round

USA NETWORK	
5-7:45 a.m.	Swimming: Qualifying Heats*
7:45-9:15 a.m.	Men's Basketball: Canada vs. Australia*
9:30-10:30 a.m.	Rugby: Women's Semis (United States vs. New Zealand; S. Africa vs. Fiji)*
10:35-10:45 a.m.	Men's Water Polo: U.S. vs. Romania*
11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	Rowing: Qualifying
12:15-1 p.m.	Table Tennis: Mixed Doubles Final
1-3 p.m.	Men's Soccer: U.S. vs. Guinea*
3-5 p.m.	Men's Volleyball: U.S. vs. Germany
5-6 p.m.	Rugby: Women's Bronze Medal Match and Final
6-7 p.m.	Men's Beach Volleyball: U.S. vs. Morocco
7-8 p.m.	3x3 Basketball: Qualifying Round
8-9 p.m.	Fencing: Women's Team Epee Final
9-9:45 p.m.	Archery: Individual Eliminations
9:45-10 p.m.	Shooting: Men's Trap Final
10-11 p.m.	Women's Handball: France vs. Brazil
11 p.m.-12 a.m.	Men's Beach Volleyball: U.S. vs. Netherlands
12-2 a.m.	Men's Soccer: U.S. vs. Guinea

USA NETWORK	
2-4:10 a.m. (Wed.)	Triathlon: Women's Final*
4:15-5 a.m. (Wed.)	Badminton: Qualifying Round
5-6:30 a.m. (Wed.)	Swimming: Qualifying Heats*
6:30-7:10 a.m. (Wed.)	3x3 Basketball: Qualifying Round

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7:25-8:45 a.m.	Cycling: Women's BMX Freestyle Qualifying*
8:45-9:10 a.m.	Archery: Individual Eliminations*
9:10-10:30 a.m.	Cycling: Men's BMX Freestyle Qualifying*
10:30-11 a.m.	Fencing: Women's Team Epee Semifinal
11 a.m.-1 p.m.	Equestrian: Dressage Qualifying
1-2:15 p.m.	Rugby: Women's Bronze Medal Match and Final*

2:15-3 p.m.	Men's Beach Volleyball: U.S. vs. Netherlands*
3-4 p.m.	Women's Beach Volleyball: Brazil vs. Spain*
4-4:30 p.m.	Canoeing: Slalom Qualifying
4:30-6 p.m.	Fencing: Women's Team Epee Bronze Medal Competition and Final
4-5 a.m. (Wed.)	Women's Beach Volleyball: Switzerland vs. Germany*
5-5:50 a.m. (Wed.)	Diving: Women's Synchro Platform Final*
5:50-6:45 a.m. (Wed.)	Rowing: Finals
6:45-7:15 a.m. (Wed.)	Table Tennis: Elimination Rounds

PEACOCK/DIGITAL	
6 a.m.-1 p.m.	Sailing: Day 3*
6 a.m.-5 p.m.	Tennis: Day 4*
1-10:50 p.m.	Surfing: Day 4 Finals*

PARIS EXTRA 1	
4 a.m.-5 p.m.	Basketball, Soccer, Water Polo, Volleyball and More

PARIS EXTRA 2	
4 a.m.-5 p.m.	Table Tennis, Boxing, Archery, Judo and More

Nadal falls to Djoker as rivalry fades away

By HOWARD FENDRICH

PARIS — Novak Djokovic, who won, and Rafael Nadal, who lost, met at the net and hugged after playing at the Paris Olympics in the 60th — and quite possibly last — installment of a record-breaking and often riveting rivalry between two tennis greats who share a mutual respect if not a close friendship.

This 6-1, 6-4 victory for Djokovic came in only the second round of the Summer Games — instead of a Grand Slam final, like nine previous head-to-head encounters — and it was not the most scintillating contest, either, other than for a 20-minute interlude in the second set, when Nadal's final push made things briefly competitive after he ceded 10 of the initial 11 games.

Afterward, neither Nadal, who is 38, nor Djokovic, 37, was willing to concede they won't play each other again, even if that seems likely. Nadal certainly seems as if he could be close to retirement; he's had two injury-filled seasons, needed hip surgery a little more than a year ago, and spoke in 2023 about 2024 being his farewell.

But he's not done at these Olympics, pairing with Carlos Alcaraz in doubles for Spain, and said Monday he's a bit tired of getting



FOR OLD-TIME'S SAKE: Novak Djokovic (left) shares a moment with Rafael Nadal after Djokovic's straight-sets win. Getty Images

asked every day about his future.

"I cannot live every single day with the feeling that it's going to be, or not going to be, my last match. I come here, I try my best, I play. And when I decide to stop playing, or when I decide to keep going, I will let you know. I don't know," Nadal said. "If I feel that I am not competitive enough to keep going or physically I am not ... ready to keep going, I will stop, and I will let you know."

What was clear for the first 1½ hours against Djokovic is that Nadal was diminished, nowhere near the skilled and ever-hustling version of himself that won a record 14 French Open trophies on the same red clay at Roland Garros that is hosting Summer Games matches.

He acknowledged as much after leaving Court Philippe Chatrier, where fans repeatedly tried to encourage him with chants of "Ra-fa! Ra-fa!"

Djokovic was asked whether this might mark the end of head-to-head competition between the pair.

"Of course it can be, but we don't know that. It really depends on many different factors," the Serbian said. "I just hope for the sake of our rivalry, and the sport, in general, that we'll get to face each other once, maybe a few times, on different surfaces, in different parts of the world." — AP

Banged-up Biles good to go for team gold today

By BRIDGET REILLY

Simone Biles' Olympic redemption journey will continue Tuesday despite a calf injury.

The seven-time Olympic medalist is in the lineup for all four events (beam, vault, uneven bars and floor) in the team final after she tweaked her lower leg during warm-ups in the qualifying round Sunday.

The 27-year-old Biles had her leg taped, but still put up top marks on the floor (14.600) and vault (15.300), ultimately posting the highest all-around

score of 59.566.

Biles is making her anticipated return to the Olympic stage following her bout with the "twisties" during the 2021 Tokyo Games. She withdrew after the first rotation — the vault — of the team finals and didn't compete again. The twisties occur when gymnasts lose a sense of where they are in midair which can result in a dangerous landing.

Team USA won silver in the team event in Tokyo, but is now heavily favored to win back the gold.

In 2016 in Rio, Biles led the U.S. to the team gold and won individual gold in

the all-around, vault and floor exercise.

Last week, U.S. team leaders had considered holding Biles out of the uneven bars in team finals to give her a small break during the Games. Instead, Biles will be part of every event during the finals, when three gymnasts compete and all three scores count. Her husband, Jonathan Owens, a safety for the Chicago Bears, is expected to be there.

The Americans are heavily favored to win gold after finishing as runners-up to Russia in Tokyo three years ago.



BRONZE

U.S. men's gymnasts stand tall to earn first medal in 16 years

By BRIDGET REILLY

While the U.S. men's gymnastics team didn't win the gold, they won their first Olympic medal in 16 years Monday in a Paris storybook ending.

Frederick Richard, Paul Juda, Brody Malone, Asher Hong and Stephen Nedoroscik put in a collective effort to earn bronze in the men's team final at Bercy Arena for the Americans' first medal since the Beijing Games in 2008.

Japan took gold with a

score of 259.594, beating long-time rival China by just 0.532 points. The U.S. finished with 257.793 points, comfortably ahead of fourth-place Great Britain.

"My goal even here was to make a statement that the U.S. is getting stronger and stronger and we're only [going up]," Richard told reporters in Paris. "And I think we did that today. I think a lot of young boys watching are inspired by us."

Before the team's final competition even began, the U.S. faced a six-point deficit

due to their low difficulty marks but they didn't record a major fall during any of their 18 routines in the final and finished closer to second-place China than fourth-place Britain.

"We're trending in the right direction," Brett McClure, the high performance director for USA Gymnastics, told ESPN. "Japan and China are still in another category. If we want to get better and push for first place in LA [in 2028], this is going to be extremely motivating."

The U.S. men went from

Meet the self-proclaimed

By BRADLEY LOCKER

Stephen Nedoroscik might be a one-trick pony — but a nearly perfect one at that.

The American gymnast executed a seamless routine on the pommel horse for a score of 14.866 to seal Team USA's bronze medal in the all-around team competition in Paris on Monday, earning him the "Pommel Horse Guy" moniker on so-

cial media.

As he finished, the 25-year-old, a self-professed "nerd" who wears thick black-framed non-prescription glasses when he's not competing, clapped his hands in jubilation and then joined teammates Asher Hong, Paul Juda, Brody Malone and Fred Richard, who hoisted him in the air as he raised his arms to celebrate.

"It went really well today,

I handled the nerves very well," Nedoroscik told reporters in Paris. "I worked my whole life up to those 45 seconds."

"As soon as Steve hit pommel, I knew it," said U.S. high performance director Brett McClure.

Team USA slipped by Great Britain by just more than two points — a feat made more impressive by the fact the Americans were in seventh place before Ne-

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Four medals, but no gold in pool for U.S.

By JANIE MCCAULEY

NANTERRE, France — American swimmers added plenty to the U.S. medal count Monday night, just not the ones they most wanted.

Katie Grimes and Emma Weyant stood side by side on the Paris podium. Ryan Murphy picked up the seventh medal of his illustrious career. And Luke Hobson earned his first in a stirring race.

But none of them were gold.

In a way, it felt like a changing of the guard, especially when Murphy could only manage a bronze and longtime breaststroke stalwart Lilly King was edged out of a medal by a mere hundredth of a second.

“We have a lot of people who have been doing this for a long time, the absolute legends of the sport,” Murphy said. “All the young people that are winning would say they look up to them.”

Grimes and Weyant could celebrate knowing nobody was going to catch 17-year-old Canadian Summer McIntosh in her dominant 400-meter individual medley victory.

“Just so happy to be back on the podium, it’s been kind of a long three years for me,” Weyant said. “So just getting back up there with a teammate means the world.”

McIntosh touched in 4 minutes, 27.71 seconds to capture Olympic gold in commanding fashion. Grimes finished second in 4:33.40 for silver and Weyant earned bronze with a 4:33.93.

For Weyant, this was a comeback of sorts on the biggest stage. She was disqualified in the prelims at the U.S. national championships last summer for doing a dolphin kick during the breaststroke leg.

“This is kind of like a re-



GRIMES' TIME: Katie Grimes is overcome with emotion after winning silver in the 400 IM.

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demption year, that’s been my mindset the whole year,” Weyant said. “Getting that out of my head definitely was not at the forefront but definitely putting in the work to get back to where I need to be.”

Murphy and Hobson each take home bronze medals.

Former world record-holder Murphy won his bronze in the 100 backstroke, while Hobson earned one of his own in the 200 freestyle.

“I feel great. I couldn’t be happier,” said Hobson, a University of Texas swimmer competing in his first Olympics. “It was a really close race and I gave it everything I had in the last 50 meters.”

Murphy, who owns the Olympic record of 51.85 in the 100 back set in Rio de Janeiro eight years ago, touched in 52.39 in a thrilling duel among the medalists. World record-holder Thomas Ceccon of Italy won gold in 52.00, ahead of China’s Xu Jiayu (52.32).

For Murphy, any sting from finishing third was eased during the medal ceremony when he looked up to see his wife Bridget holding a sign that read, “It’s a girl,” revealing the gender of the couple’s baby due in January. — AP



FLAG DAY: Brody Malone (from left), Asher Hong, Fred Richard, Paul Juda and Stephen Nedoroscik celebrate after earning U.S. men’s gymnastics first team medal since 2008. Nedoroscik (below) clinched the medal with a standout effort on the pommel horse.

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METTLE

fifth in qualifying into third place with just one final rotation left having surpassed expectations already, but it was on a notoriously tricky event — the pommel horse.

Juda was the first of the three U.S. competitors and posted a score of 13.900 and Malone delivered with a 13.700 after a tough qualifying day with a 12.100 on the pommel.

Nedoroscik, a pommel specialist, was the final U.S. gymnast to perform. He stuck the landing and quickly smiled in celebration, knowing he had earned a medal for the Americans.

Nedoroscik scored a brilliant 14.866 to lock up the medal.

“We made it very clear from the get-go that we

weren’t going to watch other teams. We weren’t going to watch anyone else’s gymnastics or worry about scores,” Malone told reporters in Paris. “That helps you stay in the moment.

We had a team huddle after every event just to re-center ourselves. I was telling the guys, ‘It’s not over yet. We still have a lot more to do. Stay in our bubble and keep moving forward.’”

Similar to the 2008 group, this U.S. team is filled with young and first-time Olympi-

ans and endured struggles on the opening day of competition only to crawl back for a spot on the podium.

Malone, who was the only returning member



of the team, was key for the U.S. turnaround and made up for his rare falls on the pommel horse and high bar during qualifiers.

“We had a meeting before the meet and told each other, ‘We’re just going to treat this like NCAA championships,’” Malone said. “We all come from NCAA backgrounds and know what it’s like to compete for a team, compete for a brotherhood, and it’s very easy to translate that to Team USA. That was our approach going into today and it worked out.”

Richard and Juda will compete in the all-around final at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday.

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‘nerd’ who put end to USA’s drought

doroscik’s routine, but the Massachusetts native quickly flipped the standings.

“We were probably going to medal if I nailed my set, and they were jumping up and down and I was like, ‘I think we did it!’” Nedoroscik said. “And they picked me up and, man, that’s a memory that’s going to live in my head forever.”

As it turns out, Nedoroscik might have had one job

in Paris, but he’s one of the most accomplished in the world at it.

Nedoroscik won the 2024 U.S. pommel horse championship. Before that, the Sarasota, Fla. resident attended Penn State, where he won two national titles in pommel horse competition and was a four-time All-American. The self-proclaimed nerd aslo studied electrical engineering.

He’s earned a legion of

fans due to his specs — “They’re more for show than anything,” he said. “They don’t have prescription in them. We’ll see if they make an appearance in one of the next couple of competitions I have” — and his quirks, like his personal record for solving a Rubik’s Cube in a stunning 8.664 seconds, according to his TikTok bio.

“Stephen was in the hardest seat of the entire com-

petition,” McClure said. “Last up on the last event, knowing that if you hit a routine, you’re probably going to medal—and he did it.”

There’s potentially more coming, too.

Nedoroscik will vie for gold Saturday in the event final, having to go up against Great Britain’s Max Whitlock, who has won two straight gold medals in the event.

SAFETY LOCK

New backup QB hoping to play after Jones leads Giants into postseason



DEVIN SENT



Veteran running back **Devin Singletary** showed some elusiveness and got to the second level multiple times in the first full-pads practice of training camp.

SIGN OF THE DIMES

Another mixed-bag day overall for **Daniel Jones**, who completed seven of 10 passes in 11-on-11 drills, but also dropped a shotgun snap in the end zone before recovering to throw the ball away.

CAUGHT MY EYE

Third-round pick **Dru Phillips** showed why he's pushing for the starting nickel spot. The rookie made a couple of nice plays, including a tackle for loss of **Eric Gray**.

INJURY REPORT

Brian Burns (foot/ankle) and **Lawrence Cager** (leg) left practice early. **Dexter Lawrence** (illness), **Tyler Nubin** (calf), **John Michael Schmitz** (shoulder) and **Tomon Fox** (hamstring) did not participate.

— Peter Botte

OF COURSE, he wants to play. Drew Lock, like any other NFL quarterback, believes he should be a starter in the league.

But Lock, who signed a one-year contract in the offseason as the Giants newest backup to starter Daniel Jones, knows the ideal scenario to 2024.

"When Daniel plays well, that's great for everyone here, including myself," Lock told The Post after practice on Monday. "That means we're a winning football team. So, when we win, he plays his ass off and we get to those last couple weeks and he doesn't need to play, they throw me out there to play a little bit and we go to the playoffs."

"That's the ideal position of a backup. You never want to play unless your team is locked up with a playoff position."

This scenario, given Jones' checkered injury history and the Giants calamity at the quarterback position in 2023, seems as likely as Lawrence Taylor coming out of retirement and challenging Kayvon Thibodeaux to a sack contest.

A lot went wrong for the Giants last season. The thing most responsible for the 6-11 end result was the team's mess at quarterback.

Jones was lost for three games after suffering a neck injury in Week 5. It was his second neck injury in three seasons. Then, Jones failed to last a full game once returning from the neck injury when he was lost for the season with a torn ACL in Week 9 at Las Vegas.

Backup Tyrod Taylor showed some promise in Jones' place while he was out with the neck injury before he was knocked out with a concussion in Week 8 against the Jets.

That left the Giants, when Jones injured his knee against the Raiders, having to turn to rookie free agent Tommy DeVito.

DeVito, a North Jersey native,

carved out a nice story for himself, going 3-3 as a starter, but he never seemed to gain the full trust of head coach Brian Daboll as a truly dependable No. 2.

When Taylor signed a two-year deal with the Jets early in free agency, enter Lock, who began his career as a second-round pick with Denver, where he lasted three seasons before being traded to Seattle, where he spent the past two seasons.

Lock, the Giants hope, will provide a better safety net than they got last season in case Jones succumbs to another injury.

Lock had other options in free agency, but he was locked in on the Giants because he saw it as his best opportunity to get reps with the starters in spring OTAs since Jones wasn't cleared to practice until training camp. He, too, knows the obvious: Jones' injury history.

Asked to describe the narrative of his career, which has included 23 starts with a 9-14 record, Lock used the word "resilience," citing the litany of "ups and downs" in his unsettled five NFL seasons.

Lock spoke about the Broncos firing his first offensive coordinator, Rich Scangarello, who was replaced by Pat Shurmur, ironically Jones' head coach his rookie season.

Then, he referred to the Broncos bringing in Teddy Bridgewater to start in place of him in 2020. Then came the trade to Seattle where he had to "go through it again and be the backup there."

Then "waiting for my chance to play, waiting a whole year (2022) without playing once," he

said, because that was the year of the Geno Smith career resurgence.

"He's had some things early on in his career that he's had to learn from and grow from," Daboll said Monday. "He's got some good experiences. He did a good job backing up Geno at Seattle. He's mature, got some size and got enough athletic ability. We thought he'd be a good fit for us."

Lock on Monday spoke with reverence about Jones, saying he would never have known he was coming off an ACL injury by watching him work in the weight room, calling his work ethic "through the roof."

"First guy in and last guy out," he went on. "Smart as can be. I pick his brain on everything and watch every single rep he takes. He's what you want to be. This city saw that out of him when they made the playoffs [two seasons ago]. He's dealt with new head coaches, new OCs, finally hitching his wagon to 'Dabes' and making the playoffs."

The Giants can only hope that the quarterbacking scenario Lock laid out comes to fruition in 2024.

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Drew Lock

Burns exits practice early with foot injury

By PETER BOTTE

The Giants invested so much in their blockbuster offseason acquisition, that any question about Brian Burns' health feels noteworthy.

The \$141 million edge rusher was seen late in Monday's practice having his right foot or ankle examined by team trainers. It might have been precautionary, but Burns removed his cleats and sat out the final minutes of the session.

Brian Daboll addressed the media before but not after the team's first full-pads practice of training camp, so more should be learned about Burns' status when the head coach speaks again Tuesday morning.

GIANTS NOTES

Tight end Lawrence Cager also left practice early with an apparent right-leg injury and was seen hurling his helmet on the sideline in frustration.

► **Dexter Lawrence** missed practice with an illness, while **Tyler Nubin** (calf), **John Michael Schmitz** (shoulder) and **Tomon Fox** (hamstring) also remained sidelined.

► Undrafted free agent **Jake Kubas** has received some first-team reps at guard in recent days, with **Jon Runyan Jr.** shifting to center at times with Schmitz unable to practice.

"We'd like to just have the five [starting offensive linemen] out there, but the reality is they're not, so you have to make alternative plans," Daboll said. "Getting center reps for Jon, maybe not this early in camp, but we were going to do that at some point. It just so happens that JMS was out, so we sprinkled him in there a little bit."

► Daboll said that the first day of full-pads practice often brings "some anxiety," but linebacker **Matt Adams** alleviated some of that by showing up to a morning team meeting already dressed in his full pads and uniform.

"He had his whole gear on, so I had him stand up," Daboll joked, before adding, "It's good to get out there and work your craft and really start the initial phase of training camp."

FIRST SHOT: Third-round pick Dru Phillips (below, talking with Brian Daboll earlier in camp) is already earning reps with the first-team defense, and said he's just trying to "make them count" as he continues to adjust to life in the NFL.

Showing what he can Dru

Big Blue rookie making push to be starting slot CB

By PETER BOTTE

Dru Phillips sliced into the backfield from his nickel spot, before dropping running back Eric Gray for a tackle behind the line of scrimmage.

The Giants' third-round pick already is earning first-team reps and making eye-opening plays in training camp from that slot corner position, such as that highlight moment during the team's first 11-on-11 drills in full pads Monday at Quest Diagnostics Training Center.

"Just another day of going out there and competing. I don't think of it as where I'm at. It's more with the reps I do get, make them count the most," Phillips said after practice. "I've made some plays. It shows the hard work I've put in, and what I've tried to get done."

"I've been making plays, but my focus is on what I still can do."

The rookie corner out of Kentucky is vying for immediate playing time in the Giants' revamped secondary after Cor'Dale Flott was moved from the slot to the outside to replace departed starter Adoree' Jackson opposite 2023 first-round pick Deonte Banks.

Isaiah Simmons, a former first-rounder who mostly has played safety and linebacker over four



NFL seasons with the Cardinals and the Giants, also is taking reps at the slot position.

Phillips, who is listed at 5-foot-11, calls the 6-4 Simmons "a freak of nature," and says he's "learning a lot" from veteran defensive backs such as Simmons and Nick McCloud.

Facing rookie first-round pick Malik Nabers in practice also has been a valuable learning experience.

"That kid's a baller," the 22-year-old Phillips said. "I've been running through reps and I'm trying to emphasize the details, but you're gonna see a guy like Malik every week of the season. Going

against him in practice, I now know what to expect."

The speed of the NFL game, Phillips added, has been the biggest adjustment during his first pro camp.

"Definitely, it's been so fast, the talent of the guys and the efficiency ... and the attention to detail is so much higher," Phillips said. "There's so much going on, especially at nickel, at one time — like, bam, bam, bam, bam. It's like two seconds, so you gotta think and be in the right spot to make a play. Yeah, it's faster, but it's gonna slow down eventually. I'm just taking my time with everything."

After safety Xavier McKinney signed with the Packers in free agency, the Giants allotted two of their top three draft picks to the secondary. Minnesota safety Tyler Nubin was selected in the second round (47th overall) and Phillips was taken in the third with the 70th-overall pick.

Pro Football Focus listed Phillips among the best picks of the third round.

Asked what he believes makes him a good run stopper out of the defensive backfield, Phillips replied, "I think the main thing is just wanting to."

"I'm glad we had pads on today because now you can actually go put your body on somebody," Phillips added. "I feel like coming in here, that's one of the main reasons they got me here is my physicality. So today something just sparked in me, like, 'Man, I'm gonna hit somebody.' I think the main thing is the will to just want to go do it."

"It's one of those things where it just happens. Most times out there, for example, [Sunday] I made a play on a screen. We have the play call and you're thinking so much about what could happen, but at the end of the day, it's trusting your gut and if you feel like you can make a play, go make the play."

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TRAINING DAY

BREECE DE RESISTANCE

Rookie **Braelon Allen** looked every bit like a physical 235-pound running back as he stiff-armed one would-be tackler and knocked down another for a big gain. But he flashed some speed, too, when he broke up the middle for a big gain. He could be the perfect runner to spell three-down starter **Breece Hall**.

HUNG OUT TO DRY

The **offensive line** had plenty of trouble blocking for both Aaron Rodgers and Tyrod Taylor on the first day in full pads. Rodgers was “sacked” on back-to-back snaps during one possession and later one more time in the red zone during a stalled move-the-ball drill. A defense-dominated practice fittingly ended with Tanzel Smart “sacking” Taylor.

CAUGHT MY EYE

Do the Jets have a snapping problem? Center **Joe Tippman** sent a handful of snaps flying too high in Rodgers’ direction, which threw off the timing of plays. “He’s got to work on it,” head coach **Robert Saleh** said. “There’s clearly something going on.”

RODGERS REPORT

Rodgers was angry with teammates — barking and emphatically gesturing — as the offense struggled. TE Tyler Conklin chalked it up to the quarterback holding everyone accountable.



Rodgers completed 8 of 13 passes with an interception to Chuck Clark that was a catchable pass off of **Allen Lazard**’s hands. The ball was on the ground after Rodgers’ foot was stepped on by an offensive lineman and he fell to the ground trying to stretch for a handoff.

INJURY REPORT

TE **Jeremy Ruckert** hobbled off the field at one point but returned to practice. ... WR **Xavier Gipson** and CB **Brandin Echols** remained sidelined.

— Ryan Dunleavy

LAZARD REBOOT

Wideout needs to find his place after disappointing first season

ALLEN Lazard should change his uniform number from 10 to a question mark.

That is what the veteran wide receiver is for the Jets this season.

Are they getting the player who worked himself from undrafted free agent to starter in Green Bay? The one that made the Jets think a four-year, \$44 million contract was a good idea last year?

Or will they get the version of Lazard they saw last season who was inactive for three games down the stretch? The one who looked slow and never had more than three catches in a game?

The Jets believe they still can get something positive out of Lazard this season. They hope a reunion with Aaron Rodgers will be enough to spark something that was missing last year. So far in training camp, Lazard has looked good. Other than a drop that led to an interception on Monday, Lazard has been making big catches and has a few touchdowns.

“I still expect to be a valuable starter on this team,” Lazard said Monday.

It is tough to envision that.

The Jets signed Mike Williams to a \$10 million contract his offseason. Williams looks like a better version of Lazard. Williams is still recovering from ACL surgery last year and is not practicing yet. That has led to plenty of reps for Lazard in camp, but that will end once

Williams is healthy. The Jets expect Williams to return before the regular season. With Garrett Wilson on the opposite side, it is hard to see Lazard being more than a No. 4 wide receiver when you also include slot receiver Xavier Gipson.

Even if he is not a Week 1 starter, though, Lazard can have value. Injuries happen and he is more attractive as the team’s No. 4 receiver than their No. 2. Williams also may need some time to regain his form post-injury and Lazard could fill in.

Lazard acknowledged Monday how difficult his 2023 season was. He signed in March, a precursor to the Rodgers trade. The idea was for him to provide Rodgers with a familiar target. Like everything else for the Jets, those plans blew up in Week 1 when Rodgers tore his left Achilles. Lazard struggled with Zach Wilson at quarterback and ended up scoring just one touchdown and having 311 receiving yards. The team made him inactive on Black Friday

against the Dolphins and again for the final two games, choosing to play undrafted rookies Gipson and Jason Brownlee over him.

Lazard did not go too far on the idea of redeeming himself on Monday.

“I’m not here to prove anyone wrong but just to prove myself right,” he said. “I have high expectations for myself this season and for this team, as well.”

As much as the Jets are hoping that Lazard can give them something this year, it still feels like there is a disconnect between the player and the team.

Coach Robert Saleh pointed out that Lazard is participating in special teams this year as a way of praising Lazard for being willing to do that.

“He’s the first one up in every single special teams drill, trying to reconnect to that, which is a big deal,” Saleh said. “His head is in the right spot.”

Lazard did not sound quite as enthusiastic about playing special teams as Saleh did.

“I walked in, I was on the depth chart there,” Lazard said. “Just by the rule of my contract and stuff and not wanting to be fined, I showed up.”

OK then.

The Jets may need Lazard to be on the punt team in order to justify having him active for games. But they don’t need him tackling returners this year, they need him catching passes.

“He’s not the first or the last big-money free agent to kind of have a hiccup in his first year,” Saleh said, “trying to adjust to a new scheme, a new environment, a new practice schedule, a new everything. I think he’s doing a great job.”

Lazard said he wants to “reestablish the value that I bring to this team.”

At the moment, his \$11 million per year salary looks like one of the worst free agent signings in recent memory, and that is not a small list.

Lazard can change all that with a few big games this season. There will be a time where Lazard is called upon this season for the Jets because of injuries or something else.

Will he be able to answer? We’ll find out. Until then, he remains a question mark.

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Brian Costello

Holdout starting to hurt Haa\$on’s wallet

By RYAN DUNLEAVY

Haason Reddick’s quest for a bigger contract from the Jets keeps costing him more money by the day.

When Reddick did not report Sunday for the sixth day of training camp, he became subject to a 15 percent forfeiture of his prorated bonus, under the terms of the NFL’s Collective Bargaining Agreement. The forfeiture, which is a mid-six-figures penalty, increases by 1 percent each day that Reddick does not join his teammates — he was not at practice Monday, either — up to 25 percent.

The Jets already are fining Reddick a non-forgivable \$50,000 per day for each missed day of camp, on top of the at least \$50,000 fine that he received for skipping mandatory minicamp in June and the \$250,000 workout bonus that

he did not collect for skipping the voluntary offseason program. The bonus forfeiture is at the discretion of the team and could run the total tab up near \$1 million.

Head coach Robert Saleh is “assuming” that the Jets will impose the discretionary fine, but it might make sense to tread lightly given that the ultimate goal is to get the 29-year-old edge rusher on the practice field.

“I don’t know the answer to the choice part, but I know that he is subject to a fine,” Saleh said. “Our coaches are all speaking to him and all that. From a business standpoint, he’s got to do what he’s got to do. If this is what he feels is the best choice for him and his family, that’s what he’s got to do.”

JETS NOTES

► **Will McDonald**, the 2023 first-round pick who is expected to carry a heavier snap count as a second-year pro, still isn’t necessarily going to become an every-down player.

Why? Because the Jets’ way is to rotate a deep defensive line.

“The idea of three-down doesn’t apply to us,” Saleh said. “He can play three downs — there’s no doubt he can play three downs.”

Saleh invoked NBA great **Stephen Curry** as an analogy for McDonald.

“Steph Curry can drive the line, post up like other guards,” Saleh said, “but you want him to shoot his 3-pointer, right? Keep launching those 3s.”

“Will McDonald is an elite pass-rusher. Yes, he can do everything that we want him to do, but for him to get that next level of pass rush he’s got to show that he can run through people.”



STILL HERE: Allen Lazard struggled last season after signing a four-year, \$44 million deal to be a familiar target for Aaron Rodgers before the QB went down. Now he's just hoping to show he's worth keeping on the roster, writes The Post's Brian Costello.

Brian Kostroun (2)

STRONG MAN: Javon Kinlaw reminisces on his journey to the Jets after he overcame tribulations in his childhood to become a first-round pick. He's now hoping to prove himself to a new team — adding 30 pounds of muscle in the offseason — and become the dominant force he knows he can be.

Bill Kostroun

Hungry for more

By RYAN DUNLEAVY

Javon Kinlaw lowered his head, wiped tears from both his eyes and absorbed the gravity of where he started and where he was standing.

Surviving homelessness, hunger and violence on the Washington, D.C. streets of his youth to make it to the NFL as a 2020 first-round draft pick was a well-documented triumph for Kinlaw.

But the past four seasons have provided their own challenges because of a torn ACL and a setback in his recovery from reconstructive surgery that combined to sideline him for 24 of 34 games over 2021 and 2022. Injuries cast him through the lens of a draft disappointment.

So, Kinlaw isn't about to take for granted his second chance with the Jets, who signed him to a one-year, \$7.25 million free-agent contract to start on the defensive line.

"I've had a lot of dark days, and just to be able to touch that grass is a big blessing," Kinlaw said during a poignant post-practice moment Monday that lasted nearly 40 seconds as his words caught in his throat. "I've been through a lot. Like, for real. That's all I can really say. But I never gave up, you know? A lot of people would've given up, but I never gave up."

Jets head coach Robert Saleh was the 49ers defensive coordinator when Kinlaw was drafted. He remains a big believer after Kinlaw played a full season for the first time and recorded a career-high 3.5 sacks in 2023.

"He's a dominant football player, and he's got an opportunity to prove it," Saleh said.

Kinlaw comes into camp with more muscle & heart

"The man is built the right way. He wants to be great."

To make the most of his fresh start, Kinlaw stuck with his off-season Pilates workouts and revamped his diet to the extreme.

Kinlaw, 26, said he eats nine eggs, a whole avocado and a handful of spinach for breakfast, six chicken breasts and a side salad for lunch and a pound of ground beef with a little pasta mixed in for dinner. He grew from about 305 pounds last season to above his current training-camp weight of 330 over the course of four months.

"I did it every day," Kinlaw said. "It paid off. I'm still eating that same way right now — a little less, though. I don't want to be too bulky."

And yet, in a way, Kinlaw is still hungry.

"I always looked at a lot of the best [defensive tackles] and dreamed of being a top guy," Kinlaw said. "I still do. Every day, I'm super hungry for it."

With Kinlaw lined up between Pro Bowler Quinnen Williams and ascending pass-rusher Jermaine Johnson, the defensive line dominated Monday's first practice in pads.

"It's been paying off pretty well so far — staying on those double-teams," Kinlaw said. "I felt like last year I was getting moved a little bit — probably just because I didn't have enough muscle. When I take on these blocks out here, I just feel way more sturdy."

The Jets have a history under

Saleh of signing defensive tackles who haven't reached full potential and turning them into contributors on an upward trajectory: Sheldon Rankins, Quentin Jefferson, Solomon Thomas and John Franklin-Myers. Only Thomas remains on a reconfigured line that should operate at least eight deep.

Kinlaw wanted to reunite with Saleh and defensive line coach Aaron Whitecotton (a former 49ers assistant). He credits his religion and his mother for giving him the strength to fight forward.

"I think I fit in very well ... and I can't wait to get to battle with these guys," Kinlaw said. "They just said I had an opportunity and I'm all about opportunity. Even though I've been through a lot, I work super hard. The chips fell where they may, but I never gave up."

Kinlaw's final game with the 49ers was a Super Bowl loss. His first game with the Super Bowl-minded Jets will be against the 49ers.

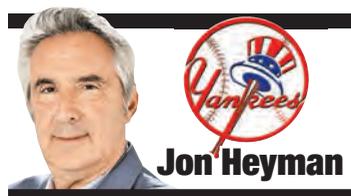
"It [takes] hard work every day," Kinlaw said. "You get to the playoffs and you play against teams and you can feel them wanting to get out of there. That's when you step on the gas even more."

"I'm just glad I can bring that to this team — to let them know that's when you put your foot on their neck. You can hit a guy and feel the energy is not there. It was a great run, but this team is very special and I'm just blessed to be here."

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ARM AND A LEG

THE YANKEES are one of a half-dozen teams to check in on two-time Cy Young winner Blake Snell, but the Giants are telling teams they don't want to pay down Snell's \$30 million 2025 player option.



Jon Heyman

The Yankees asked about White Sox ace Garrett Crochet but were told they "don't match up," at least initially.

And yes, the Yankees have interest in elite left-hander Tarik Skubal — maybe the game's best starting pitcher — but like the rest of baseball they also don't believe the improving Tigers have any interest in trading him.

One person with some knowledge of the Skubal situation, actually texted in regard to a trade possibility, "NO CHANCE."

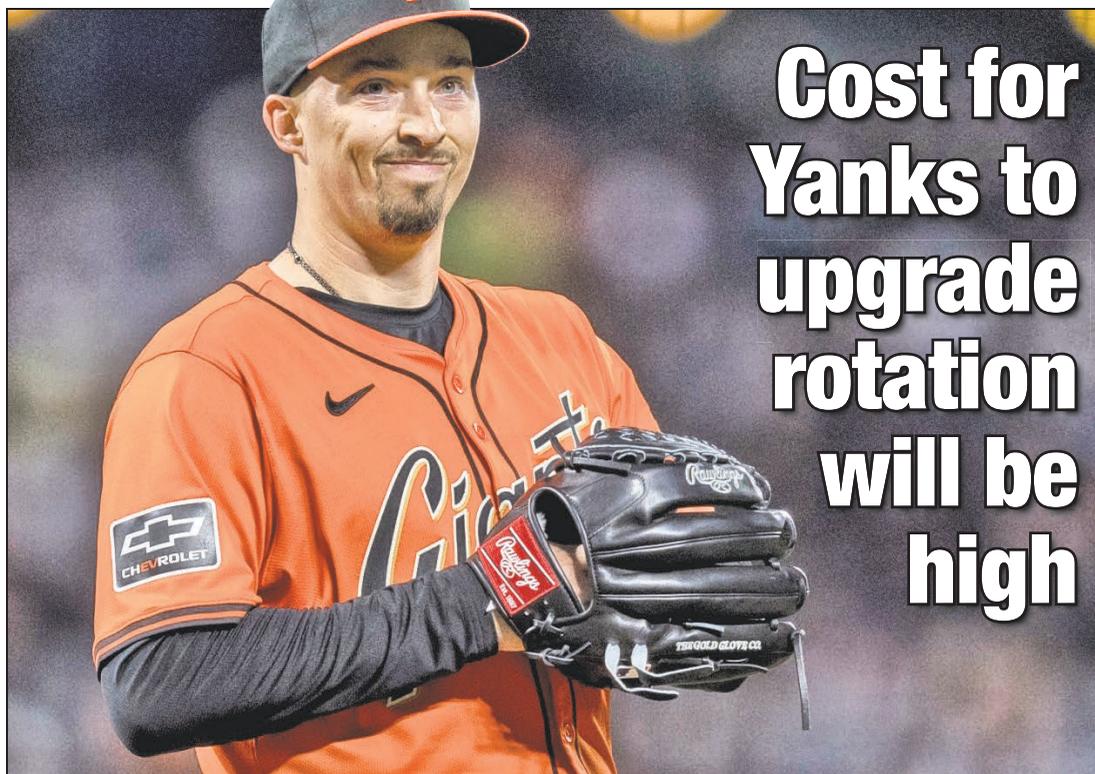
Of course, you never know, but the all-caps text is pretty convincing.

There were also some rumblings the Yankees were in on top right-handed rental Jack Flaherty. However, things didn't look overwhelmingly positive on that front, either.

The Yankees are handicapped by having only a middling stash of prospects, being firmly ensconced in the fourth-tier, 110 percent luxury-tax basket and wanting desperately to give themselves enough financial flexibility to maintain an excellent chance to extend superstar hitter Juan Soto after the season.

But they better do something.

The rival Orioles already landed nice righty starter Zach Eflin and they're loaded to keep adding. And if there were legitimate betting



Cost for Yanks to upgrade rotation will be high

IT'S GO TIME: For the Yankees to acquire a starter the caliber of a Blake Snell, they're going to need to find a way despite their lack of prospects in the minors and their need to budget for Juan Soto this offseason writes The Post's Jon Heyman. They have to do something as their rotation currently isn't strong enough. USA TODAY Sports

houses taking wagers on Snell and Skubal, they'd probably be the favorite for either one.

Jazz Chisholm Jr. was a nice, fun add for the Yankees, and it's great he's super-happy to try to play third base (a spot he'd never played in professional baseball until Monday), and he'll probably hit better than league average now that he's in the middle of a real major league lineup. But this deadline can't be considered a huge winner if the Yankees only land Chisholm and a reliever or two — even if they somehow outflank the dozen or so teams in the bidding for All-Star-caliber closers Tanner Scott, Kyle

Finnegan or Pete Fairbanks.

The Yankees are the marquee franchise of Major League Baseball, they haven't won or even been to a World Series in 15 years and Soto conceivably could head elsewhere after the season (though the New Yorker in me believes he'd be smart to stay). And if they do nothing more, they aren't even the best team in their own division, much less the league or MLB.

The Orioles beat the Yankees by 19 games last year, and while reasonable health, Judge's extraordinary hitting and Soto's presence closed the gap a bit, it's hard to see the Yankees as the AL East favorite.

They're good. But they aren't good enough.

I do like the Jazz move, and not just because he's good for newspaper headline writers. He brings new life to our Jekyll-and-Hyde team which followed more than a month as the second-worst team in baseball after two-plus months playing like they were the best team.

Of course, we know now that was a mirage, and while it's always possible to recapture that magic in October (heaven knows they're due for some playoff over-performance against somebody other than the Twins), the smart money says

that's not too likely. This team has too many questions, from the unbalanced lineup to the pitch-contact bullpen to the rotation that has great names and potential but like the rest of the team performed impossibly poorly for over a month after performing improbably wonderfully for two-plus months.

It's great that Gerrit Cole is back but he's still trying to recapture his 2023 magic following an elbow issue that cost him the first half of the season. Carlos Rodon, Marcus Stroman and even Nestor Cortes have had their moments, just not quite enough of them since their slide started in mid-June. Luis Gil out of nowhere is their best starter but he, too, is showing some inconsistency.

They need to bolster their rotation in a big way, not just because the Orioles (and Dodgers) are the most likely team to do so, but also because they are just not good enough. I get it. The price of doing business isn't just high, it's extraordinary. But it's time to act.

The folks who follow the minors game a lot more closely say the prospect prices for Carlos Estevez and Jason Adam were enormous. So to get a rotation difference-maker it's clear you'll need to give up big prospects and/or fork over big bucks. The Yankees are in the very same situation they were this spring in needing to add a great rotation piece. Only now we know for sure that's the case.

Crochet would cost big prospects, and come with October uncertainty due to his big innings jump and concern about his arm and elbow. Skubal (if he's even being discussed) would cost all the best prospects. And Snell wouldn't come cheap.

But some marginal moves around the edges, even fun ones like Jazz, just aren't going to cut it. This team needs too much help.

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Boone liked Stanton at-bats in return from bum hammy

By GREG JOYCE

PHILADELPHIA — Giancarlo Stanton was one week late on his initial hope for how long a hamstring strain might keep him out.

But that week was spent building up his stamina and volume of work after feeling like he was past the injury, which the Yankees hope will serve him well as the 34-year-old DH re-

turned from the injured list Monday against the Phillies at Citizens Bank Park.

"I thought G had really good at-bats," manager Aaron Boone said after Stanton went 0-for-4 with a walk in the Yankees' 14-4 win. "Didn't have anything to show for it, but coming back your first draw out of the gate is Zack Wheeler, right on right, that's a pretty tough draw. I thought swing

decisions were good all night. Thought he just missed a couple pitches, got into some counts. It was good to see him like that. He came through all right."

The Yankees need Stanton to keep playing at the level he was before his injury to bolster the middle of the lineup that was largely lacking in his five-week absence — though that has been easier said than done

when he has returned from leg injuries the last two years.

Before getting injured running the bases on June 22, Stanton had provided an important threat in the middle of the order, batting .246 with a .795 OPS and 18 home runs in 69 games. Without him, they went 10-18 with many of their bats struggling outside of Aaron Judge and Juan Soto, for

whom they had little protection hitting behind them.

The Yankees did not send Stanton on a rehab assignment before his return, instead having him spend the past week taking batting practice off a high-velocity pitching machine and the Trajekt (which simulates major league pitchers). He was expected to be an option off the bench Tuesday before starting again

Wednesday and then potentially a full-go from there.

Though Boone said this was not much different than how Stanton treated his comeback from leg injuries the past two years, taking the extra week to make sure he was fully ready seemed to be a more cautious approach to make sure he had a better chance to produce more consistently once he was back.

PHILADELPHIA — DJ LeMahieu has quickly gone from getting a runway to work out of his slump to being a late-game replacement.

The Yankees' veteran infielder was on the bench for a fourth straight game Monday before pinch hitting for Ben Rice in the eighth inning against lefty reliever Gregory Soto in a 14-4 win over the Phillies.

Oswaldo Cabrera had started all three games at third base against the Red Sox over the weekend before the newly acquired Jazz Chisholm Jr. got his first career start there on Monday and looked right at home in addition to swatting two home runs.

LeMahieu, who got into all three games in Boston as a defensive replacement for Rice, is expected to slot back into the lineup on Wednesday when the Yankees face left-hander Cris Sanchez. But beyond that, his opportunities appear to be dwindling.

"I think it's been challenging certainly for him," manager Aaron Boone said before Monday's game. "Obviously anything can happen over the next 24 hours, but we got a lefty on Wednesday. I plan on him being in there. Then there'll be matchups that he'll have opportunities to get back in there.

LeMahieu on bench for 4th straight game

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"His glove off the bench is really important, his versatility. And then the fact that this guy's a great hitter. He's working through some things. You don't want to close the door on him being able to unlock those things."

The 36-year-old LeMahieu, who still has two years and \$30 million left on his contract after this season, entered Monday batting .176 with a .490 OPS in 45 games. His extended struggles — which came after missing the first two months of the season with a non-displaced foot fracture — led the Yankees to trade for Chisholm and use him at third base, where he had never played professionally before Monday.

➤ After popping into Boone's office on Saturday at Fenway Park to make sure his manager knew he was still feeling strong, **Luis Gil** continued to look strong. The rookie right-hander struck out eight while giving up three runs in 5 1/3 innings against a powerful Phillies lineup, with Boone saying he pitched "outstanding" and better than his line.

As for Gil's meeting on Saturday with Boone?

"I just told him that I feel ready for a long season — for a full, complete season," Gil said through an interpreter.

➤ The Yankees designated **Jahmai Jones** for assignment on Monday to make room for **Giancarlo Stanton's** return from the injured list.

Despite trade rumors, Cortes wants to stay

By DAN MARTIN

PHILADELPHIA — As of Monday evening, Nestor Cortes was still listed as the Yankees' starting pitcher for their series finale against the Phillies on Wednesday.

But it's no longer a secret that the Yankees at least considered trading the left-hander to St. Louis in exchange for infielder Tommy Edman, who ended up going to the Dodgers as part of a three-team deal with the White Sox and sent Erick Fedde to the Cardinals.

Before the Yankees faced the Phillies at Citizens Bank Park on Monday night, Cortes walked into the Yankee clubhouse and then threw a bullpen session, just like he typically would to get ready for a start.

Still, he acknowledged he's tuned into the rumors in advance of Tuesday's trade deadline.

"It's all over Twitter," Cortes said of the reports on X and else-

where that he could be dealt — including by The Post's Joel Sherman and Jon Heyman. "I don't think it's anything concrete, but the word is out there. I'm aware of it."

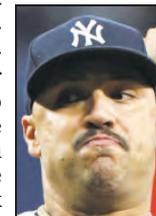
And he hopes it doesn't happen.

"Of course I want to stay," Cortes said of his desire to remain a Yankee. "It's a winning team, it's the team I was drafted by. They've given me many opportunities and I've done a lot of good, some bad, but I'm still fighting, still trying to claw my way up to being a proven starter and winning for this team."

That could become more challenging with the trade rumors swirling.

"I've done a pretty good job blocking it out," Cortes said. "I'm still on this team [and] still trying to win for this team. I'm preparing for Wednesday. ... That's my focus."

He acknowledged though, he's "playing it day by day, hour by hour, minute by minute."



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THE Cardinals were determined to turn Tommy Edman into the best starting pitcher they could acquire. The Yankees wanted him, but St. Louis was able to engage the White Sox and Dodgers in a three-way trade that, instead, sent Edman to Los Angeles and Erick Fedde to the Cardinals.

The Yankees had been aware for several days that the Cardinals favored a three-team proposal that would net Erick Fedde and that, if they pivoted to them, it would cost Nestor Cortes and mean the Yanks had to definitively find a starter elsewhere to replace Cortes.

In the three-team deal, Fedde and Tommy Pham went from the White Sox to the Cardinals, three youngsters went to the White Sox from the Dodgers, who obtained Edman, plus reliever Michael Kopec from the White Sox.

The Yankee involvement had whiffs of 2022, when they traded Jordan Montgomery to the Cardinals for Harrison Bader.

In 2022, the lefty Montgomery was 29, a year-and-a-half from free agency, and the Yankees had real questions whether he would be part of a postseason rotation. In 2024, the lefty Cortes is 29, a year-and-a-half from free agency, and the Yankees have real questions whether he would be part of a postseason rotation.

In 2022, Bader was 29, a year removed from his lone Gold Glove, was on the injured list at the time of the deal and the homegrown Cardinal also was a year-and-a-half from free agency. In 2024, Edman is 29, a year removed from his lone Glove Glove, currently on the IL and the homegrown Cardinal is a year-and-a-half from free agency.

The Yankees concurrently in 2022 traded with Oakland for Frankie Montas, believing he was going to be a better postseason option than Montgomery. But he was bad and injured as a Yankee. Montas was traded once again at the deadline, Monday night from



Joel Sherman

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CATCH '22

Yankees' potential Edman offer had familiar feel to Monty move

YANKED AWAY: Tommy Edman, traded Monday by the Cardinals to the Dodgers, could have cost the Yankees pitcher Nestor Cortes if a deal had been struck, paralleling a 2022 trade between the teams. Getty Images

the Reds to the Brewers.

The big swing — if the Yanks decided to go for a starter — would be for San Francisco's Blake Snell or the White Sox's Garrett Crochet, but others such as Tampa Bay's Zach Littell, Colorado's Cal Quantrill and Detroit's Jack Flaherty also are in play. The Yanks have engaged in multiple

scenarios, including three-way talks, that would net them Flaherty and in many options send Cortes elsewhere, but as of early Monday night — 24 hours until the deadline — nothing had yet proven fruitful.

Edman has yet to play in the majors this season after offseason wrist surgery and then spraining

an ankle. He has been rehabbing at Double-A, so far exclusively as a designated hitter. But Edman is a switch hitter who has started at least 30 MLB games at second, short, third, right and center and probably would have been prominent for the Yankees at third base when he was activated.

Clearly, the Yankees, who previ-

ously added Jazz Chisholm Jr.'s speed, were hoping to get more dynamic overall, since Edman is a strong defender who had 87 steals between 2021-23 — the second-most in the majors in that time.

The Yankees remain active on multiple fronts. The Cardinals, meanwhile, satisfied their two key needs; namely a starter they believe can help get them to the postseason and then pitch in it behind Sonny Gray. Fedde, after an MVP season in Korea in 2023, signed a two-year, \$15 million pact with the White Sox and has excelled (3.11 ERA in 21 starts).

Pham provides the righty bat (.848 OPS vs. lefties this year) St. Louis craved. The outfielder has been traded five times in his career, four times at the deadline, including each of the past three now. The righty-hitter is full circle back with the Cardinals, who drafted him in the 16th round in 2006, the same year they took Adam Ottavino in the first.

The Dodgers wanted Edman in the offseason as a hedge at short-stop if Gavin Lux did not make it back from knee surgery. Ultimately, Lux was moved to second with Mookie Betts stepping in at short. Betts has been out since mid-June with a fractured hand and is due back in a few weeks and Los Angeles wanted to add positional depth, knowing Betts could move between the infield and outfield — just like Edman.

The White Sox were on a MLB-record 122-loss pace with Fedde. Their return was infielders Miguel Vargas, Alexander Albertus and Jeral Perez.

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Mets among several targeting lefty relief without breaking bank

NOT many teams are willing to pay the price for Miami's elite closer **Tanner Scott**. So they are searching for other lefty relief options, a market that includes veterans **Andrew Chafin** (Tigers), **Justin Wilson** (Reds) and the Rays' duo of **Garrett Cleavinger** and **Colin Poche**.

It is why the White Sox have conversed with multiple teams, including the Mets, about **Tanner Banks**, who despite turning 33 in October will not even be arbitration eligible this offseason. He is not

viewed as a front-burner option but more another alternative in the market.

In 40 games this season going into Monday, Banks had a 4.21 ERA, was striking out 25.9 percent of hitters and particularly had limited lefty hitters (.505 OPS) while being beat up by righties (.846). Relievers such as **Ian Hamilton** and **Tim Hill** left the White Sox struggling and pitched better for the Yankees, for example; so perhaps there are teams that believe Banks has a yet further untapped upside.

➤ The Tigers scratched **Jack Flaherty** from making his start on Monday night as a way to guard against injury with the righty likely to be traded.

It left Detroit's rotation with **Tarik Skubal**, currently the AL MVP front-runner and ...

The Tigers had a 10-man bullpen and that if you consider **Keider Montero**, who joined the rotation in late June and has a 6.38 ERA, and **Kenta Maeda**, who was removed as a starter this month with a 7.26 ERA, as part of

the rotation. Maeda was used as a length piece out of the pen on Sunday.

Reese Olson and **Casey Mize** are currently on the injured list.

The Tigers, 52-55 through the weekend, were in sell mode, with Flaherty, relievers Chafin and **Shelby Miller** and utilityman **Mark Canha** all in their walk year and all likely to be traded before Tuesday's 6 p.m. deadline. Skubal remains highly doubtful to move. But even if he stays, you see how badly Detroit is going to need to find a few starters

off the scrap heap, perhaps, just to finish the season.

➤ **Justin Turner** singled in his first at-bat of a double-header against the Orioles on Monday and finished his Blue Jays career with 14 hits in his last 24 at-bats. He was pulled from the game soon after that first-inning single because he had been traded to the Mariners.

Turner, at 39, isn't what he used to be — his 106 OPS-plus going into Monday was his lowest since his final season with the Mets in 2013. But among

the 12 Mariners who have hit most often this year that would rank third on a team that was hitting .218 (second worst in the majors) and averaging 3.85 runs per game (third worst).

It is why the Mariners traded with the Rays for **Randy Arozarena**, especially with **Julio Rodriguez** and **J.P. Crawford** on the IL. They will hope Turner is invigorated by a pennant race and helps the offense, especially against lefties where they were hitting a MLB-low .215 with a .668 OPS (sixth worst). Turner was .292/.793.

Mets' pursuit of rotation aid looms large

By MIKE PUMA

In the weeks leading into the trade deadline the Mets have addressed the bullpen and bench. The big remaining question before Tuesday's 6 p.m. cutoff for deals might be whether the team will bolster the starting rotation.

Just over a week ago, the Mets appeared covered in that area: Christian Scott was still a factor and Kodai Senga had been cleared for his season debut with the club. But Scott has since been shut down with a sprained right ulnar collateral ligament and Senga left the field Friday with a strained calf that is expected to keep him sidelined for the remainder of the regular season.

With names such as Blake Snell, Tarik Skubal, Jack Flaherty, Garrett Crochet and Chris Bassitt still potentially available as the Mets began their series against the Twins on Monday, president of baseball operations David Stearns certainly had options. But



PLAY 'BAL: The Tigers' Tarik Skubal could be available before Tuesday's 6 p.m. trade deadline. Getty Images

would the Mets strike a deal for a starting pitcher? "I don't know how long Scott is going to be out, but that would be good to have somebody to help us out there," Luis Severino said.

Tommy John surgery still hasn't been ruled out for the rookie Scott, who will

rest for at least another week before he is evaluated, so it would behoove the Mets not to count on the right-hander's return. The Mets also have Jose Butto as an internal option that could bolster the rotation, but the right-hander has dominated in the bull-

pen and for now at least is too valuable in that role.

Snell, a two-time Cy Young Award winner, was never seriously considered by the Mets last offseason because of the contract length he was seeking and the fact he was extended a qualifying offer — meaning the team that signed him would be required to surrender a draft pick. But Snell settled for a two-year deal worth \$62 million with the Giants that includes an opt-out after this season and the qualifying offer is no longer a factor. After a sluggish first half to the season, Snell has pitched to a 0.75 ERA over his last four starts.

"I think he is coming back to his old self," Severino said. "It would be really fun to have somebody like that."

The Mets acquired reliever Ryne Stanek from the Mariners on Friday in a deal for minor league outfielder Rhyllan Thomas. A day later the Mets landed outfielder Jesse Winker in a trade that sent pitching prospect Tyler Stuart to the Nationals.

Stearns also dealt before the All-Star break, acquiring reliever Phil Maton from the Rays for a player to be named later or cash considerations.

The Mets planned a six-man rotation upon Senga's return, but that has been scuttled with his injury. For now, it's Severino, Sean Manaea, Jose Quintana, David Peterson and Tylor Megill to carry the load. Without a trade for a starting pitcher, the Mets' best hope might be to wait for relievers such as Reed Garrett, Dedniel Nunez and Sean Reid-Foley — all are projected to return in August — and hope that will be enough to allow Butto to shift back to the rotation.

Butto has dominated as a reliever and the Mets might be best served keeping him in that role. But on Monday he was used for a three-inning save in which he threw 44 pitches and manager Carlos Mendoza later acknowledged that the right-hander is stretching out in case he's needed as a starter.

"We'll worry about that [decision] if we get there," Mendoza said before the game. "But as of right now he's a huge piece of our bullpen and we are going to use him that way. We'll see what happens, five days, 10 days, two weeks from now."

A proven starting pitcher would again allow the Mets to consider a six-man rotation, which could help a workhorse such as Severino, who leads the Mets with 120 2/3 innings pitched. Severino hasn't pitched that many innings since 2018 with the Yankees.

But the right-hander said he and the organization will be smart in their approach during summer's dog days.

"I think the guys here know that at say 145 innings, let's try to keep it to 80 pitches," Severino said. "I think they will try to be smart about that and if I feel tired or feel something I will tell them. But right now I feel really good."

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TWIN KILLING

Quintana gets Mets back on track ahead of deadline, as offense crushes Minnesota

By MIKE PUMA

Jose Quintana was high on the Mets' list of expendable players by July 30 if the team continued along the path it was on for much of the first half.

But the left-hander's success since mid-June has coincided with the team's torrid play, bringing this happy outcome at the trade deadline: the Mets are in the playoff hunt and Quintana likely isn't going anywhere.

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Monday night against the Twins he gained momentum after a shaky two-batter stretch to begin the game and helped the Mets roll to a 15-2 victory at Citi Field that snapped the team's two-game skid.

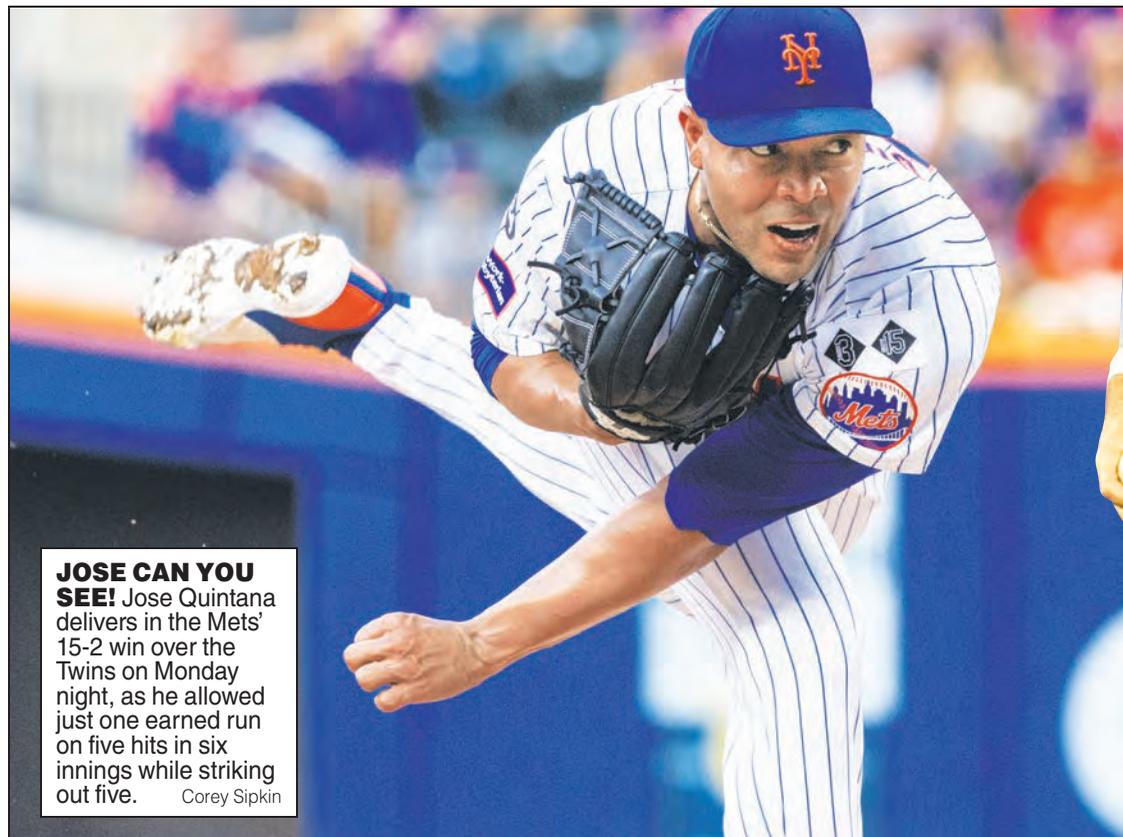
The Mets spread around the offensive contributions (eight different players drove in runs) and arrived to the final hours before Tuesday's 6 p.m. trade deadline at six games above .500, after beginning the night as the leader for the NL's third wild card.

Quintana had a second straight start of allowing only one earned run. Overall, he lasted six innings and surrendered five hits with five strikeouts and one walk. It marked the seventh time in eight starts he had done that since June 9. Over that stretch he's pitched to a 2.10 ERA.

"I am just thinking, bring more players to help us and keep going," Quintana said in reference to the trade deadline. "We're in a pretty good race and we're playing together and I want to stay and make the playoffs — that would be huge for us."

It was a much appreciated performance by Quintana after Tylor Megill and David Peterson scuffled in consecutive games against the Braves. On this night Quintana continued a recent trend by relying heavily on his curveball. Of his 97 pitches, 49 percent were curveballs.

"Today was special because I have never used my curveball so



JOSE CAN YOU SEE! Jose Quintana delivers in the Mets' 15-2 win over the Twins on Monday night, as he allowed just one earned run on five hits in six innings while striking out five. *Corey Sipkin*

many times," Quintana said. "I think that was really good, because we read the game quickly and I think [Luis] Torrens [was] on the same page."

Quintana surrendered an RBI single to Byron Buxton in the first that gave the Twins a 1-0 lead. Manuel Margot doubled leading off the game before Buxton delivered, but Quintana retired the next three batters in the inning.

"You could tell from the first pitch of the game they were going to be aggressive with his fastball and sinker," manager Carlos Mendoza said. "And then he went to the breaking ball ... that was the one working for him."

The Mets sent 10 batters to the plate in the fourth inning and scored six runs to go ahead 6-1. In the process they knocked out Siméon Woods Richardson, a former Mets prospect who was pitching for the first time against the organi-

zation that drafted him.

Pete Alonso homered leading off the inning to tie it 1-1. The blast was Alonso's second in as many games and gave him 21 for the season, one behind Francisco Lindor for the team lead.

Jesse Winker, starting his first game in a Mets uniform, followed with a walk and advanced to third on Mark Vientos' double before Jeff McNeil singled to give the Mets a 2-1 lead. Torrens singled in another run and Harrison Bader's walk loaded the bases. Lindor, with the infield drawn in, followed with a ground-ball single to right that extended the Mets' lead to 4-1. Brandon Nimmo and J.D. Martinez continued the methodical bludgeoning with consecutive sacrifice flies.

Woods Richardson, whom the Mets traded to the Blue Jays as part of the 2019 deal that yielded Marcus Stroman, lasted only 3 1/3 in-

nings and allowed six earned runs on seven hits with two strikeouts and three walks. The right-hander began the night with a 3.27 ERA in 17 starts this season.

Nimmo's RBI single started a barrage in the sixth. Before the inning was complete, Martinez added an RBI fielder's choice, Vientos walked with the bases loaded, McNeil hit a sacrifice fly and Bader was hit by a pitch to force in a run, burying the Twins in a 10-1 hole.

In the seventh, Alonso and McNeil each stroked an RBI double. Torrens added a two-run double against outfielder Matt Wallner, who was summoned to pitch with two outs in the inning.

"I thought it was a real excellent day, not only for the offense but [Quintana] was rock solid — he was locating pretty much all his pitches," Alonso said. "He's been excellent for us."

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vs. Twins
Tuesday, 7:10 p.m.,
SNY, WCBS (880 AM)

LHP Sean Manaea



2024 stats:
6-4, 3.74 ERA

Career vs. MIN:
5-1, 2.48 ERA

Last start:
Wed. at NYY;
4.2 IP, 3 H, 2 ER

PITCH BREAKDOWN

38% Sinker **17%** Sweeper **13%** Changeup

RHP David Festa



2024 stats:
1-1, 8.16 ERA

Career vs. NYM:
First start

Last start:
July 3 vs. DET;
5.0 IP, 9 H, 7 ER

PITCH BREAKDOWN

44% Fastball **32%** Slider **24%** Changeup

UP NEXT

WEDNESDAY: vs. Twins
1:10 p.m.
SNY, WCBS

RHP Luis Severino
vs. **RHP Pablo Lopez**

FRIDAY: at Angels, 9:38 p.m.
SNY, WCBS
TBD vs. TBD

INJURY REPORT

■ **Sean Reid-Foley** is scheduled to pitch in a minor league rehab game (his second) in his return from a right shoulder impingement.

■ **Reed Garrett** may begin facing hitters in live batting practice this week as he rehabs from elbow inflammation.

CATCH GOT YOUR TONGUE:

Outfielder Tyrone Taylor is all smiles after making a home run-stealing catch in the seventh inning of the Mets' 15-2 drubbing of the Twins at Citi Field on Monday night.

Robert Sabo

THIS was right in the middle of the wondrous summer of 1969, the year the Mets lost last place, the year they first started to play meaningful baseball games in Queens.

The Mets had taken the first two games of an intriguing midweek series in early July with the first-place Cubs. In the first game the Mets had rallied for three in the ninth for a 4-3 win when a Cubs rookie named Don Young misplayed a fly ball. In the second, Tom Seaver retired the first 25 Cubs before Jimmy Qualls spoiled what came to be known as his "Imperfect Game."

That nudged the Mets to within 3 1/2 games of Chicago at the exact midway point of their season, 81 games. But in the third game, the Mets were stricken by a touch of the 1962 flu: they made two errors, they scratched out only three hits, and lost 6-2.

Afterward, someone asked Cubs manager Leo Durocher, "Are these the real Cubs?"

"I don't know," Durocher snorted. "But these are the real Mets."

Leo the Lip got his a few months later, of course. And Braves manager Brian Snitker is far too gentlemanly a soul to have even thought about channeling such bravado. But you could've understood if he had, because a day after the Braves departed town they left behind a Mets fan base that was audibly muttering to itself.

For two glorious days, they'd looked the Braves in the eye, and as they did that they slipped by them into the lead wild-card position. Then the Braves outscored the Mets 13-2 the next two, to split the series and head to Milwaukee with no blood spilled. Were those the real Braves?

More to the point: Were those the real Mets?

"A good night overall for us," Mets manager Carlos Mendoza said after the Mets halted their two-game slide with a resounding 15-2 pounding of the Twins on Monday night which seemed to pump a little oxygen back into Citi. "We had a lot of really good at-bats as a team to-



Mike Vaccaro



So are these the real Mets?

THAT'S THE POINT: Pete Alonso points to the dugout after launching his second home run in as many days in the Mets' 15-2 win over the Twins. USA Today Sports

night. It was a good night offensively for us."

It is never a terrible thing for a New York baseball team needing a quick fix to look at the schedule and see Minnesota's home nine. The Yankees, if you haven't heard, are 122-44 against them since 2002. The Mets have only played the Twins 25 times in their history but they've now won 16 of them, including 12 of the last 15, an even higher percentage than the Yankees.

The Twins have played four games in New York in 2024. They have been outscored 36-13. They are 0-7 against the Mets and Yankees, 58-39 against everyone else.

They are the gift that keeps on giving around here, The Bronx or Queens. Apparently when Wellington Mara traded Fran Tarkenton back to Minnesota he got in return the deed to the Twins' soul on behalf of New York City, just before hustling off to Jersey.

Kidding aside, it was a welcome resuscitation for the Mets. As they wait out the final few hours before the trade deadline hits, wondering if David Stearns can make an arm or two appear, they put the

lost weekend behind them with a six-run outburst in the fourth inning which they kept adding to. They sent 10 men to the plate in two separate innings; the last time they did that was ... 1976.

Yep. They had a lot of fun at Citi Field watching all those runs trample across the plate, which is good because the faithful aren't going to see a lot of them in August, since the Mets play only nine games here and travel to seven different cities. If the Mets are going to survive that gauntlet still in playoff position, they'll need to take care of business here. This was a good launching point.

There was a lot of things to like. Pete Alonso hit a homer for the second straight day. Jose Quintana threw six terrific innings. New friend Jesse Winker had a walk and a hit in his debut, and when Tyrone Taylor replaced him he robbed Ryan Jeffers of a home run, pulling a deep fly to right back over the face.

Good stuff, all of it, and enough to make Mets fans wonder ...

Are *these* the real Mets?

Between now and Labor Day we'll know for sure. How many reinforcements are on the way? That'll be Tuesday's topic. Even if these are the real Mets they could use a little help.

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Butto gives fellow relievers a break

By ZACH BRAZILLER

The bullpen door swung open and a surprise followed.

It was Jose Butto, the Mets' relief weapon. But why now?

The Mets held a 10-run lead. It was a strange spot for Carlos Mendoza to use one of his most trusted arms. There was a reason for it.

"It's a decision we had to make there," the manager said after the Mets' 15-2 pasting of the Twins at Citi Field on Monday. "We saw an opportunity to keep him stretched out somehow and give the bullpen a blow. He did a helluva job. He went out there, threw strikes and

was able to finish the game.

"I thought it was important to keep his pitch count up. We'll see what happens here [at the trade deadline]."

Butto went the final three frames of this rout, throwing 44 pitches and putting himself in a position to start some point soon if the Mets don't add another starter between now and Tuesday's 6 p.m. trade deadline.

There was another factor in play. The Mets' bullpen was thin on Monday, down four arms due to recent usage. Butto, who started seven times earlier this season for the Mets, enabled the rest of the bullpen to have the night off.

But the more pressing

need is the final spot in the starting rotation in the wake of injuries to Christian Scott and Kodai Senga. For now, it belongs to Tylor Megill and his 5.20 ERA. That may not be the case for long. It's a fluid situation. It could be someone president David Stearns lands in a trade. It could be Butto, though Mendoza seemed to rule out that happening immediately.

"It doesn't necessarily have to be next time through the rotation," the manager said. "But if somehow we need him to make a start, we can feel comfortable with him going, I don't know, 70 pitches."

Butto has been brilliant as

a reliever. He's allowed two earned runs and seven hits over 16 2/3 innings while walking six and striking out 19. He has repeatedly said it doesn't matter how he's used by the Mets, as long as he has a role. He reiterated that on Monday.

"I say, if the team wants me to be a starter, [I'll] go out and be a starter. I just want to be here and help the team," he said. "All my career I've been a starter. But like I said before, if the team needs to be a starter, I'll be a starter. I'll be in the bullpen, if they need me in the bullpen. I'm just happy to be here and grateful to be here."

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By GREG JOYCE

PHILADELPHIA — By the time the Yankees take the field next, their roster may look different for the third straight day.

But the one they rolled out on Monday night on the eve of the trade deadline looked plenty potent against the National League's best as the Yankees won a third straight game for the first time in over a month.

In the midst of what Aaron Boone described as an "unsettling time" for his players, there was of course one Yankees constant: Aaron Judge, who crushed his 38th and 39th home runs of the year.

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But Judge had plenty of help from a lineup that is beginning to look deep and dangerous again, this time in a 14-4 win over the Phillies in front of a sellout crowd at Citizens Bank Park.

And the captain hopes there may be more help on the way before Tuesday's 6 p.m. deadline.

"Other teams are making moves, so hopefully we start making moves too," Judge said. "We'll see."

After clobbering a season-high six home runs on Monday — three against Phillies ace Zack Wheeler — the Yankees (63-45) have now scored 40 runs over their last four games. That includes three straight wins for the first time since winning four straight from June 9-12, shortly before their six-week slumber began.

"At the end of the day, it's still July — we got a long way to go," manager Aaron Boone said. "We're working to get complete and better. It's definitely nice to see, especially with what we've gone through. But we got to keep it going and keep the vibes going. But there's no question you get a glimpse of what we can be."

Jazz Chisholm Jr., in his second game with the team and looking right at home in his first career start at third base, crushed his first two home runs as a Yankee (one off a position player). Ben Rice belted his first homer of the second half. A surging Austin Wells drilled a two-run triple to help knock Wheeler out of the game. Anthony Volpe ripped a two-run shot, his third in the last seven games after going 56 games without one. And Judge's co-star, Juan Soto, added a pair of doubles and three RBIs in another ho-hum night.

The Yankees got an internal addition on Monday as Giancarlo Stanton (0-for-4, one walk) returned to the lineup from a five-week IL stint. He was the only starter without a hit as the Yankees piled up 14.

ALL MIGHT LONG

Judge & Co. clobber season-high 6 homers in rout of NL-best Phils



BEN RICE

Launched 7th homer of season.

And the one external move the Yankees have made so far, Chisholm, has brought an immediate jolt of energy, with Judge describing him as "electric."

"It's super exciting," Chisholm said. "Who doesn't want to come over and help a playoff-contending team win? These guys have been welcoming me with open arms and I can't do much more except go out there and play my best."

The Phillies (65-41) are suddenly in a rut, losing for the ninth time in 13 games on Monday, but at their expense the Yankees tried to claw further out of theirs.

The two wins the Yankees picked up over the weekend

against the Red Sox at Fenway Park were all well and good, but any talk of momentum had to be cautioned by the fact that they were about to face the National League's ERA leader on Monday.

Then they teed off on Wheeler, racking up seven runs and seven hits across five innings against the right-hander, who entered the night with a 2.55 ERA over 20 starts. Judge got it started with a solo shot in the first inning before Chisholm and Rice followed with homers in the second to give Luis Gil an early lead.

Gil took it from there, striking out eight and allowing three runs across 5 1/3 innings while his offense continued to pile on and look more like it did earlier in the year.

"The guys in this room have never faltered," Judge said. "You can ask us, 'How's it feel? Are you worried?' But this team stayed true. We've been hit on the chin a couple times this year, but this team didn't get knocked down. We're locked and loaded, ready to go."

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SMASH HIT: Aaron Judge, who smashed his 38th and 39th homers of the season, watches his 406-foot solo blast in the first inning of the Yankees' 14-4 win over the Phillies.

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By DAN MARTIN

Versatile Chisholm already 'comfortable' at 3rd base

PHILADELPHIA — Jazz Chisholm Jr. came to the Yankees to provide a spark, defensive versatility, speed and some power.

Just two games into his Yankees tenure after arriving in a trade from the Marlins, Chisholm is off to a promising start.

Not only did he homer twice in a 14-4 win over the Phillies at Citizens Bank Park on Monday (once off catcher Garrett Stubbs using Aaron Judge's bat), he looked just fine at third base in his first game at the position in the pros.

"I felt really comfortable at third," said Chisholm, who played center field in his first game as a Yankee on Sunday. "Back in the infield felt great. That's where I feel I deserve to be."

After taking some grounders just prior to his debut at the spot prior to Monday's game, Chisholm said he felt "fine, comfortable" during warm-ups.

"It's just about getting the first one out of the way, letting the ball find you and making the play," Chisholm said.

That happened just two batters into the bottom of the first.

After Kyle Schwarber walked, Trea Turner hit a grounder to third that Chisholm helped turn into a double play.

While he wasn't forced to make any spectacular plays, Chisholm handled just about everything that came his way and made a nice play on a Nick Castellanos liner in the seventh.

"He's electric," Judge said of his



TWO OF A KIND: Jazz Chisholm Jr. celebrates after hitting a solo home run during the second inning. The former Marlin, who made his first career start at third base, also homered in the ninth.

new teammate. "He's excited to be here, having fun. He's made a big impact."

The impact has come on both sides of the ball.

"He's a special athlete," Aaron Boone said before the game of why he felt OK about starting Chisholm at third despite his lack of experience there so soon after his arrival in a trade from the Marlins. "He came up as a short-

stop and we feel like he has all the skills and ability to handle it."

Still, the manager acknowledged there "may be some growing pains that we've got to go through and we've got to live with that."

Boone also added that Chisholm wasn't necessarily going to stay at third — although that is a possibility.

"We'll keep it fluid," Boone

said. "It's not set in stone. We want to get a look at what's the best combination for us out there."

Another option at third base, Gleyber Torres, didn't sound thrilled about the proposition of moving from second to third when the topic came up Sunday and the Yankees also could make other additions before Tuesday's trade deadline that could change the makeup of the infield again.

Asked if he was "concerned" about the potential of breaking in two players at new positions, with Ben Rice also learning on the fly at first Boone said, "We definitely have things we've got to work through. Concerned? Maybe a little bit. But we're a much better roster than we were one or two days ago. We're not a complete product yet."

They've looked better, though, with Chisholm for two games.

"He's fit in right away," Boone said. "He likes the action. ... The energy he walks into the building with, you can feel that. He's a really good dimension added to our club."

They hope Chisholm helps that, wherever he plays.

"I've liked his eagerness here in the early days," Boone said. "He's excited to be here and wants to be with a winner."

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Captain's bat accounts for three big flies

By DAN MARTIN

PHILADELPHIA — Aaron Judge doesn't just lead the world in homers, he's also helping his teammates add to their total.

Judge hit two more blasts in Monday's 14-4 win over the Phillies on Monday at Citizens Bank Park and then let new teammate Jazz Chisholm Jr. use his bat in the top of the ninth against Phillies catcher Garrett Stubbs.

Chisholm ended up going deep for a second time on the night, giving Judge 39 homers on the season — and his bat 40.

Chisholm noted that he didn't think he'd ever had a hit while facing a position player on the mound, so he picked up Judge's bat.

"I told him I was either going up there right-handed or using his bat," said the lefty-swinging Chisholm. "It worked."

Judge said he told Chisholm, "Make sure you

use it [right] and he did."

And Judge added he thought he should get credit for another half a homer.

Despite the result, Chisholm won't use it again any time soon.

"Definitely not," Chisholm said. "That bat is so heavy."

It's just fine for Judge, who has 99 RBIs to go along with the 39 home runs after a solo homer in the top of the first and then a two-run, 430-foot shot to left in the seventh.

Judge lamented his three strikeouts rather than soaking in the homers, but his offensive prowess left Aaron Boone almost speechless.

"He gets walked and pitched around," Boone said. "It's amazing. What he's doing in this hitting climate, [what] he and Juan [Soto] are doing together, I hope everyone is enjoying it."

Soto also doubled twice, as he and Judge combined for four extra-base hits and six RBIs and provided yet another example of

why Tuesday's trade deadline is so vital to the Yankees, who are only guaranteed one season of the duo as teammates before Soto can hit free agency.

For someone like Chisholm, who is only getting to see Judge as a teammate for the first time, he's trying to soak in as much as possible.

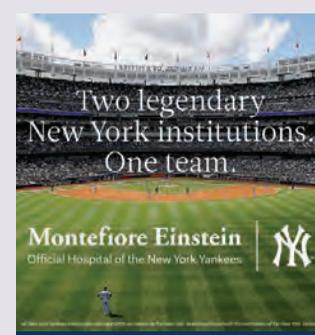
"To see up [close] what he does and the way he goes about it and the way he works is sick," Chisholm said. "It's the first time I'm really seeing a player work like him."

Instead of watching from afar and seeing occasional highlights of his homers, Chisholm has been impressed with what Judge does off the field.

"For me, it's the prep for the day," Chisholm said. "You see the mistake pitch he hits out, but up close, you see the pitches he takes and the pitches he looks at."

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INJURY REPORT

■ **Giancarlo Stanton** was activated off the injured list Monday after missing five weeks with a hamstring strain. He played Monday, but was expected to be out of it Tuesday before playing Wednesday afternoon.

■ **Nick Burdi** (right hip inflammation) made a second rehab appearance on Sunday at Triple-A.



at Phillies

Tuesday, 6:40 p.m., SNY, WFAN (660 AM, 101.9 FM)

RHP Gerrit Cole



2024 stats:
3-2, 5.40 ERA

Career vs. PHI:
6-3, 2.90 ERA

Last start:
Wed., vs. NYM;
5.2 IP, 6 ER, 3 HR

PITCH BREAKDOWN

45% 4-Seamer | **22%** Cutter | **15%** Curveball

RHP Aaron Nola



2024 stats:
11-4, 3.44 ERA

Career vs. NYY:
1-2, 2.88 ERA

Last start:
Wed., at MIN;
6 IP, 1 ER, 6 SO

PITCH BREAKDOWN

32% Curveball | **26%** 4-Seamer | **21%** Sinker

UP NEXT

WEDNESDAY: at Phillies, 12:35 p.m., YES, WFAN
LHP Nestor Cortes vs. RHP Christopher Sanchez

FRIDAY: vs. Blue Jays, 7:05 p.m., YES, WFAN
TBD vs. TBD

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HIT MAN HALLOWEEN “Twisters” star Glen Powell (left) is set to continue his big year by appearing in the Halloween special of the long-running series “Family Guy.” Powell’s appearance will premiere exclusively on Hulu Oct. 14.



THE BOYS ARE BACK IN TOWN Prime Video’s hit series “The Boys” is expanding with a prequel entitled “Vought Rising.” Starring “Supernatural” star Jensen Ackles (left) and “You’re the Worst” lead Aya Cash, the series was announced to huge applause at San Diego Comic-Con.

TV Tuesday

By MEGHAN O’KEEFE

HAMMER TIME

One of the most awe-inspiring moments in all of HBO’s “House of the Dragon” came during this weekend’s episode, “The Red Sowing.” After barely surviving the wrath of the old, lonely dragon Vermithor, Hugh the Hammer (Kieran Bew) tames the “Bronze Fury.” The blacksmith approaches the feral dragon crying, “I’m here!” and “I’m ready.” Vermithor finally accepts Hugh as a rider, the dragon’s first since King Jaehaerys “The Conciliator” Targaryen died decades prior.

Earlier in the episode, Hugh revealed to his wife Kat (Ellora Torchia) that he’s been lying about his heritage all these years. Instead of being a humble blacksmith, Hugh is actually the son of a Targaryen princess-turned-prostitute. Although he doesn’t name her, readers of George R.R. Martin’s “Fire & Blood” will realize that Hugh’s mother is none other than Saera Targaryen, the ninth child of Jaehaerys and his wife Alysanne. And potentially the source of Jaehaerys’s greatest grief, as the rebellious Saera ran away from home to become a sex worker instead of a septa. Jaehaerys never forgave her, but in the books he often mistook a young Alicent Hightower (Emily Carey) as Saera, finally returned home in the days before his death.

Now that Hugh has embraced his Targaryen heritage and claimed Vermithor, he’s poised to be a key player in the battles to come. Rhaenyra (Emma D’Arcy) hopes to quickly end the conflict with the help of Hugh and Vermithor, Ulf the



‘House of the Dragon’ star Kieran Bew on his big turn in HBO’s hit series

Kieran Bew plays Hugh the Hammer in the ‘Game of Thrones’ prequel

White (Tom Bennett) and Silverwing, and Addam of Hull (Clinton Liberty) and Seasmoke. However, given that HBO has already renewed “House of the Dragon” for a third season, it’s easy to predict all will not go according to her plan.

Last week, DECIDER caught up with Kieran Bew over Zoom to discuss how much he knows about Hugh’s backstory, what bonds him with Vermithor, and where the character currently stands on who should sit the Iron Throne.

DECIDER: Some of the actors have read ahead in the book to find out what happens to their charac-

ters. Some take it script by script. I’m curious how much do you know about Hugh in the books and in the lore? How much do you know about where he winds up?

KIERAN BEW: Yeah, I know everything because, like, it’s my job. You know, when I get given an audition, the first thing I do is I look at what they’ve sent me, and then I research the hell out of the origin of the thing. Whether it’s a true story, whether it’s a fictional character, whatever. I try and soak it all up, because you’re trying to load your own performance in the audition to hopefully

hit key beats.

In terms of the action sequence, what was it like for you guys to maneuver with all that fire? How much of it was CGI? Was it all practical?

The majority of it is practical. Anything that is CGI, I really haven’t seen. I don’t think they would need to add any more CGI. I’m sure they did, but it was a lot. I think Rowley (Irlam, “House of the Dragon” stunt coordinator) and his team are the best in the business as far as I’m aware. They did a lot of the very big sequences and the biggest sequences in the “Game of Thrones.”

One of the nights, we actu-

ally had to shoot the sequence in the open air. We weren’t allowed to do it in the studio because they burned so many people, more people than they’ve ever done before. So being next to [the fire], it’s something like nine feet you have to be. Well, nine feet sounds, I don’t know, does it sound a lot? Because when you are close to somebody on fire, 9 feet is not a lot.

I know that Ewan Mitchell has talked about

Vhagar and Aemond having similarities in their personality that they relate to, and a lot of drag-riders seem to have those in “Game of Thrones.” What about Vermithor do you think connects with Hugh?

On one level, I think there’s anger. And I think that there is a familiarity that Hugh has with the previous rider, which is to do with pain and resentment and powerlessness and wanting to be able to control more than you can and wanting to be heard. I think that one of the things that I really loved about Vermithor — and seeing Matt sing to them in the first season — I have this reference of this beautiful dragon with these teeth that look like a sort of overused iron maiden that is going to really hurt if it bites you. And there was a natural simpatico that actually it was meant to be.

Where do you see your character’s political mindset at this point in the story? Where do his loyalties lie?

Whether or not he has an opinion on who should succeed or who should be on the throne, who shouldn’t be on the throne...He has a position. I don’t think he’s looking at them and making

any decisions at all.

There’s a system and it also happens to be cousins that I don’t talk to because they won’t talk to me.

This interview has been condensed for space. To read the complete conversation, visit decider.com/hotd

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It’s All Greek To Me

According to Variety, Dan Harmon’s “Krapopolis” has been ordered for a fourth season by Fox. The Emmy-nominated animated series takes place in Ancient Greece as a dysfunctional family tries to manage some of the first cities of the world.



A Prettier Penguin

Minnie Driver (left) is set to play Oswald Cobblepot, a gender-swapped version of The Penguin in Prime Video’s upcoming “Batman: Caped Crusader” series. Driver joins the likes of Burgess Meredith, Danny DeVito, and Colin Farrell as actors who have portrayed this legendary villain.

What's on Tonight



ACTION

Bad Boys for Life: 3 p.m. on FX. **Will Smith, Martin Lawrence.** Miami detectives must face off against a mother-and-son pair of drug lords.



THRILLER

John Wick: 8 p.m. on AMC. **Keanu Reeves, Adrienne Palicki.** An ex-hitman tracks down the gangsters who killed his dog and stole his car.



ADVENTURE

World War Z: 10:30 p.m. on PARMT. **Brad Pitt, Mireille Enos.** Gerry Lane tries to stop a zombie pandemic that threatens to destroy humanity itself.

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
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4	WNBC	4	4	4	NBC Nightly News	News 4 New York at 7	Olympic Zone	2024 Paris Olympics: Primetime Taped.						News 4 New York at 11
5	WNYW	5	5	5	Family Feud (R)	Extra (R)	TMZ (R)	Beat Shazam: Father's Day Face-Off! (R)	The Quiz with Balls: Brains vs Brawns (R)	The 10 O'Clock News	Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)		Family Feud (R)
7	WABC	7	7	7	ABC World News	Jeopardy! (R)	Wheel of Fortune (R)	Celebrity Family Feud: Daughtry vs Papa Roach	Judge Steve Harvey: Manipulated and	What Would You Do? (R)				(11:35) Kimmel Live
9	WWOR	9	9	9	Dish Nation (R)	Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	Chicago Fire: Show of Force	Chicago Fire: Fire Cop	Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	TMZ Live		
11	WPIX	11	11	11	PIX11 Evening News	Sports Nightly	The Big Bang Theory	The Conners	The Conners	PIX11 News at Ten	Seinfeld: Pledge Drive	Seinfeld: The Maestro		
13	WNET	13	13	13	BBC News America	The PBS News Hour		Finding Your Roots: Rising from the Ashes (R)	Gods of Tennis: Bjorn Borg and John McEnroe	Frontline: Germany's Enemy Within	Amanpour and Company			
21	WLIW	21	21	21	(6:00) News	Boniface	(7:50) Ms Fisher's Modern Murder	Witness	(9:31) Royal Myths	Poetry	Show Me	BBC News		
25	WNYE	25	22	25	Report	TBA	Science	History Presents On NYLife		New York	Secrets NY	To Be Announced		
31	WPXN	31	3	531	(6:00) Fire	Chicago Fire	Chicago Fire	Chicago Fire	Chicago Fire	Chicago Fire: Chopper	Chicago Fire			
41	WXTV	41	6	41	Noticiero	La rosa de Guadalupe	Golpe de suerte	Marea de pasiones	El amor no tiene receta	Noticias	Noticiero			
47	WNJU	47	16	12	Noticias	La Isla Desafío Extremo	(7:58) La Isla Desafío Extremo: La hora cero, Part 2	El Conde: Amor y honor	Noticiero	Noticias				
55	WLNY	55	10	10	Queens	Man	Man	News 8pm	48 Hours: The Verdict	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	
A&E	46	46	181	Neighbor	Neighbor	Neighbor	Neighbor	Neighbor	Neighbor	Neighbor	Neighbor	Neighbor	Neighbor	Neighbor
AMC	54	43	231	(5:30) I, Robot (2004, Science Fiction)	John Wick (2014, Action) Keanu Reeves. R ★★★½	(10:15) John Wick (2014, Action) Keanu Reeves. ★★★½								
BET	37	54	270	(6:00) Feud	Celebrity Family Feud	Celebrity Family Feud	Celebrity Family Feud	Boyz n the Hood (1991, Drama) Laurence Fishburne.						
BBCAM	71	101	189	Bones	Friend in Need	Bones: Fact in the Fiction	Bones: Survivor							
BRAVO	18	44	185	(6:00) The Ugly Truth (2009, Comedy) R	13 Going on 30 (2004, Comedy) Jennifer Garner. ★★★½	Watch What	13 Going on 30 (2004) Jennifer Garner.							
CNBC	15	24	102	Money	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank			
CNN	78	25	100	Situation	Erin Burnett OutFront	Anderson Cooper 360°	The Source with Kaitlan	CNN NewsNight	Laura Coates Live					
COM	45	50	190	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office
DIS	49	31	250	Big City (R)	Big City (R)	Big City (R)	Big City (R)	Big City (R)	Big City (R)	Big City (R)	Big City (R)	Raven Home	Raven Home	
DSC	66	27	120	Dead. Ctch	Deadliest Catch (R)	Deadliest Catch	(9:01) Sin City Tow	(10:01) Sin City Tow (R)	(11:01) Contraband: Sea					
E!	24	51	196	Family	Family	Family	Family	Family	Family	Family	Family	E! News	Sex & City	
ESPN	28	36	70	Sports	Soccer Champions Tour Live.	In the Arena: Ep. 3: Point	The Ultimate	The Ultimate	SportsCenter Live.					
ESPN2	29	35	74	ESPN BET L	NFL Live	In the Arena	The Ultimate	In the Arena	In the Arena: Ep. 3: Point					
FBN	43	106	117	Bottom	Kudlow (R)	Legends & Lies: Patriots	Legends & Lies: Patriots	Legends & Lies: Patriots	Legends & Lies: Patriots	Legends & Lies: Patriots	Legends & Lies: Patriots	Legends & Lies: Patriots	Legends & Lies: Patriots	
FNC	44	26	118	Sp. Rpt.	The Ingraham Angle	Jesse Watters Primetime	Hannity	Gutfeld!	Fox News @ Night					
FOOD	50	97	164	Chopped	Chopped: Sous Chef 4	Chopped (R)	Bobby's Triple Threat (R)	Bobby's Triple Threat (R)	Bobby's Triple Threat (R)					
FREFRM	38	49	199	(4:30) Bride	Jungle Cruise (2021, Adventure) Dwayne Johnson. PG-13 ★★★	Sasha Reid	The 700 Club (R)							
FS1	400	99	83	Speak Live.	The Basketball Tournament Live.	Leagues Cup Soccer: Monterrey at Austin FC. Live.	The Pokerstars							
FX	10	40	53	(5:30) Talladega Nights: Ballad (2006)	Step Brothers (2008, Comedy) Will Ferrell. R ★★★	Step Brothers (2008, Comedy) Will Ferrell. R ★★★								
HALL		191	240	The Summit	*Tis the Season to be Merry (2021)	A Very Vermont Christmas (2024) Katie LeClerc.	Golden	Golden						
HGTV	64	98	165	Fabulous	Fixer to Fabulous (R)	100 Day Dream Home (R)	100 Day Dream Home (R)	Hunters	Hunters (R)	Hunters (R)	Hunters (R)	Hunters (R)	Hunters (R)	
HIST	40	47	128	Aliens (R)	UnBelievable (R)	UnBelievable (R)	(9:02) UnBelievable (R)	UnBelievable: What Lies	(11:05) UnBelievable (R)					
ID	23	171	123	See No (R)	See No Evil (R)	Body Cam: Scene	High Speed Chase	Late Night	Late Night	Body Cam: Split Second				
LIFE	62	45	140	Castle	Castle: Target	Castle: Hunt	Castle: Scared to Death	Castle: The Wild Rover	Castle: Lives of Others					
MeTV	33	33	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	Club 30: Matt Harvey	ATP Tennis: Citi DC Open ATP & WTA Early Rounds, Day 2 Replay.									
MSG Plus	48	88	80	(6:00) Fght Sprt Boxng	Fight Sports: ONE 2	United Fight	Fght Sprt Boxng: Carlos Ocampo vs. Mikael Zewski							
MSNBC	14	23	103	Ari Melber	The ReidOut	All in with Chris Hayes	Alex Wagner Tonight	Lawrence O'Donnell	The 11th Hour					
MTV	20	53	210	Love & Hip	Love & Hip Hop (R)	Love & Hip Hop Atlanta	The Surreal Life: Villa of	(10:01) Love & Hip Hop	The Surreal Life: Villa of					
NATGEO	65	162	121	Protection	Port Protection Alaska (R)	Port Protection Alaska (R)	Port Protection Alaska	Port Protection Alaska	Life Below Zero (R)					
NICK	6	121	252	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
OWN	173	180	145	Dr. Phil	Dr. Phil: Bad Boy Blake	Deadline: Tamron Hall	Deadline: Tamron Hall	Deadline: Tamron Hall	Deadline: Tamron Hall					
PARMT	36	56	54	Men	Men	Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989) Harrison Ford. ★★★½	World War Z (2013, Horror) Brad Pitt.							
SNY	26	60	77	Pre Game	MLB Baseball: Minnesota Twins at New York Mets from Citi Field. Live.	Post Game	Sports Live.	Sports Live.	Sports Live.					
SYFY	17	48	180	(5:00) Pacific Rim (2013, Action) ★★★	WWE NXT: Great American Bash			(10:08) The Shallows (2016, Thriller) Blake Lively. ★★★						
TBS	8	39	52	MLB Baseball: New York Yankees at Philadelphia Phillies. Live.	Post-Game	Family	Family	Family	Family					
TCM	82	41	230	Crack-Up (1946, Drama) Pat O'Brien.	The Endless Summer (1966) PG ★★★½	(9:45) The Endless Summer II (1994, Sports) PG ★★★½	Revisited							
TLC	52	28	139	Fat Life (R)	My Fat Fab Life (R)	My Big Fat Fabulous Life	My Big Fat Fabulous Life	Welcome to Plathville	Unexpected (R)					
TNT	3	37	51	(4:30) The Dark Knight Rises (2012)	What Happened, Brittany	(9:19) What Happened, Brittany	(10:36) Angel Has Fallen (2019, Action)							
TVLAND	85	34	241	(6:24) Andy	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	(9:20) Loves Raymond	Loves Ray.	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens	
USA	16	38	50	Paris 2024	Paris 2024	Paris 2024	Paris 2024	(9:45) Paris 2024: Canoeing, Handball	Paris 2024					
VH1	19	52	217	Hip Hop (R)	Love & Hip Hop (R)	Love & Hip Hop (R)	Love & Hip Hop (R)	Love & Hip Hop (R)	Love & Hip Hop: Bride (R)					
WE	59	42	149	(6:00) 9-1-1	9-1-1: Alone Together	9-1-1: Future Tense	9-1-1: 9-1-1, What's Your	9-1-1: Buck Begins	9-1-1: Jinx					
YES	53	89	76	MLB Baseball: New York Yankees at Philadelphia Phillies. Live.	Yankees Postgame Live.	Homegrown	MLB Baseball Replay.							
HBO	511	301	400	Dragon (R)	(7:02) Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire (2024)	NY Giants	(9:40) Of the Dragon (R)	(10:48) New York Giants	NY Giants					
MAX	531	371	420	Immortals (2011, Fantasy) Henry Cavill.	Silent House (2012) Elizabeth Olsen. ★★	Aliens (1986, Science Fiction) Sigourney Weaver. R	Amityville R							
MGM Plus	595	395		Marlowe (2023, Crime) Liam Neeson. ★★	Robin Hood (2010, Action) Russell Crowe. PG-13 ★★★½	(10:25) King Kong (2005, Adventure)								
PARSHO	551	321	365	(6:15) Charlie's Angels (2000, Action)	Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle (2003) PG-13 ★★	I.S.S. (2024) Ariana DeBose. R ★★	History X R							

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Bombers' new lineup slanks Phillies as Chisholm leads 6-HR outburst

JAZZ IT UP!

Jazz Chisholm Jr. celebrates with his new teammates after his second home run — a two-run shot — in the Yankees' 14-4 pasting of the Phillies. Aaron Judge (inset) drove in three runs — giving him 99 RBIs — and the Bombers won their third straight as the lineup kept rolling. **PAGE 56-57**



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