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Kam hub Doug had affair in first marriage

Second Gentleman Doug Emhoff on Saturday admitted to cheating on his first wife after a bombshell report claimed his first marriage ended because he got his children's nanny, identified as Najen Naylor (inset), pregnant. Emhoff, 59, told CNN that he and then-wife Kerstin "went through some tough times on account of my actions." Emhoff did not name the nanny or confirm the allegation he had gotten her pregnant.

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Style queen Victoria



Victoria Beckham is posh in Prada for Vogue Australia, which boasts an interview with the ex-Spice Girl, 50, conducted by Oz native Nicole Kidman. Becks tells her ahead of a potential family trip, “You’ll have to show us around Sydney.”

Paper-cut to chase

If you’ve ever wondered why even the smallest sliver of paper can slice up your fingers, you’re not alone.

It’s a painful riddle that plagued researcher Kaare Jensen enough to launch a scientific study.

“I got many paper cuts and frankly they were starting to annoy me,” the Technical University of Denmark physicist told New Scientist.

Turns out, the paper posing the greatest threat has a thickness of only 65 micrometers — much like the now little-used dot matrix printer paper, Jensen concluded in cutting remarks published in the journal *Physical Review E*. Magazine paper was a close second.

Thickness and angles were two of the major factors at play when it came to slicing the skin.

“Our preliminary data indicate that a successful paper cut is physically impossible outside a relatively narrow range of thicknesses for a given angle,” the researchers wrote.

Brooke Kato



YO, IT'S HOW WE TAWK!

AI's tongue twist

By CHRIS HARRIS

Hey ChatGPT — you talkin’ to me?

If Siri and Alexa tend to misunderstand a lot of your requests, it could be that accent.

A new survey suggests the distinct intonations of folks from New York City, New Jersey and Long Island are among the hardest for artificial intelligence technology to decipher.

To absolutely no one’s surprise, Southern drawls top the list as the hardest accents for AI voice-recognition programs to understand, according to language resource site Guide2Fluency.

“Words like ‘y’all’ and ‘fixin’ to’ can be particularly perplexing for AI, leading to frequent misinterpretations,” the site said.

The New York City accent — perfect for buying some “gabagool” in Brooklyn, but not so great when AI is searching for capicola — followed in second, while New Jersey, home of Tony Soprano (played by James Gandolfini, below) placed third.

The Texan accent ranked fourth-hardest, the survey of 3,000 shows. Shockingly, Bostonians came in at No. 5, not first.

“Accents from major urban centers” like New York City, New Jersey and Boston “often feature distinctive pronunciation and local slang that can trip up AI,” the site explains. “For instance, New Yorkers’ tendency to drop the ‘r’ sound (‘cah’ for ‘car’) or Boston-

ans’ famous ‘pahk the cah in Hahvahd Yahd’ can confuse voice recognition systems.”

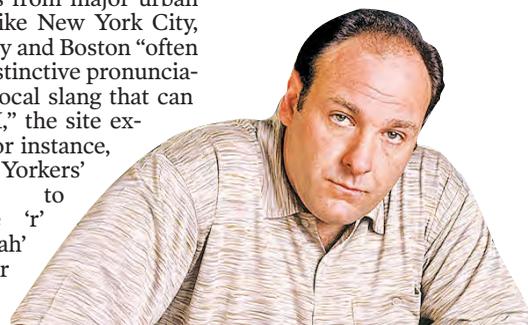
Lawn Guylanders came in at No. 7. “The Long Island accent, with its nasal tone and elongated vowels, often leaves AI guessing,” the site explains.

Not just us

Rounding out the Top 10 were the Appalachian accent (“That feller come a-runnin’ towards ma winder, askin’ for taters”); those from California’s San Fernando Valley (Think Jeff Spicoli’s “All I need are some tasty waves, a cool buzz, and I’m fine”); Miami, an accent influenced by immigrated Cubans; and folks who hail from N’Awlins.

Upstaters are not spared. The Hudson Valley accent — which is also known as “Albany English,” and features traces of Dutch combined with New York City’s short vowels — was identified as the 22nd-hardest for AI to comprehend.

Ultimately, the site contends, “these misunderstandings have real-world implications,” with users who speak with these accents perceiving AI as “less reliable for everyday tasks, leading to frustration and a lack of trust in the technology.”



Kam's long DEI history

By JON LEVINE

Vice President Harris has cheered Diversity Equity and Inclusion and array of woke social-justice initiatives throughout her political career — raising new questions about the domestic policies she would pursue should she be elected president, critics told The Post.

The daughter of radical Marxist economist Donald Harris has never hidden her own left-wing ideology. Just days before the 2020 election, she re-upped her DEI chops, sharing an X post of a video explaining the difference between “equality and equity” — and why the latter, guaranteeing equal outcomes, was superior.

The video shows black and white mountain climbers struggling up a mountain until the ground under the black climber magically rises higher. “There’s a big difference between equality and equity,” Harris cooed in the video. “Equitable treatment means we all end up at the same place.”

Today the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee has been labeled by some conservatives as a DEI candidate — and the record shows she has pushed DEI and similar woke campaigns her entire career.

Ripped by paper

During her years as district attorney of San Francisco (2004-2011) and later attorney general of California (2011-2017), Harris gutted the state’s three-strikes protocols and slow-walked prosecutions. In 2008, The San Francisco Chronicle editorial board blasted Harris for not processing the deportations of drug dealers.

“Her prosecutors should have known that convicted drug dealers were being allowed to bypass deportation. If they did raise objections, they were ineffective. If they did not, then they were either unclear on the law or not looking out for the best interest of the city,” the Chronicle wrote.

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2nd GENT

By JON LEVINE, Marie Pohl, DANA KENNEDY, RICH CALDER and Patrick Reilly

Vice President Kamala Harris’ husband, Doug Emhoff, admitted on Saturday to cheating on his first wife, following a bombshell report claiming he once got the family nanny pregnant.

The second gentleman reportedly strayed from then-wife Kerstin over a decade-and-a-half ago with a blond nanny, Najen Naylor, who taught at a private school attended by their two kids.

Naylor did not keep the baby, a close friend with direct knowledge of the affair and pregnancy told the Daily Mail. It’s unclear what, exactly, the friend meant.

Hours after the outlet’s report, Emhoff admitted to having an affair in a statement to CNN that didn’t name Naylor or address her alleged pregnancy.

“During my first marriage, Kerstin and I went through some tough times on account of my actions. I took responsibility, and in the years since, we worked through things as a family and have come out stronger on the other side,” Emhoff said.

The affair was disclosed to President Biden’s vetting committee four years ago before he chose Harris as his running mate on the 2020 ticket, a source familiar with the conversations told CNN. The person also said Emhoff told Harris about the affair well before they got married and that the relationship ended before Emhoff began dating Harris.

Family fractured

Naylor didn’t deny the affair or pregnancy when approached by the Daily Mail at her Hamptons home. “I’m kind of freaked out right now,” she reportedly said.

One of her neighbors outside her Hampton Bays home told The Post she is “a very nice lady” who was pregnant when she moved in. “When she moved in three years ago, she was pregnant and said the baby was from a sperm donor,” the neighbor said.

Naylor also has another small child, she said, but she has not seen any teenage children — which would be the child’s age from the alleged Emhoff affair — on the property.

One of Naylor’s relatives, Mindy Naylor, did not deny the

‘Knocked up nanny’ while cheating on ex



Doubts about Secret Service

More than two-thirds of Americans are expressing some misgivings over the ability of the Secret Service to protect political candidates in the wake of an assassination attempt against former President Donald Trump.

The Associated Press-NORC Research Center poll released Friday found 28% of Americans were “not very” confident or “not at all” confident that the Secret Service was still capable of its mission, while 40% said they were “somewhat” confident.

Trump was nearly killed at a July 13 rally in Butler, Pa. *Jon Levine*

Lefty ‘vote-hop’ pitch

A lefty nonprofit is encouraging Democrats to vote in the districts where their vacation homes are in order to “maximize” their voting power, a “morally reprehensible” strategy experts said gives an unfair advantage to the rich and motivated.

Even if it “feels weird” or people are invested in politics at home, MoveIndigo needs “all hands on deck in the most competitive districts,” according to a letter received by New York City residents.

It cited New York election law that states voters can choose which residence to which they have a “le-

gitimate, significant and continuing attachment” when deciding to vote.

Though legal, “residence hopping” can compromise “trust and integrity in elections,” Brian Browne, an adjunct political science professor at St. John’s University, said. It gives “an unfair advantage to voters with more mobility, money and motivation” — especially in a close election, he added.

As one Manhattan voter who received the letter told The Post: “The idea that weekenders could go influence an election is morally reprehensible.” *Deirdre Bardolf*

child when asked by The Post on Saturday, saying only, “I’m not the person you should be talking to.”

Stacey Brooks, a friend of the Naylor who gave birth to twin boys around the same time that Naylor was allegedly expecting, also didn’t deny the claims. Instead, she told the outlet she could not discuss the matter without Naylor’s permission.

The news is reportedly causing serious concern in Harris’ camp despite recent polls showing that former President Donald Trump’s battleground-state advantage appears to have evaporated since the veep became the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee

Emhoff, 59, and his movie producer ex-wife divorced in 2009 after she apparently discovered the affair, sources told the outlet. They have a son, Cole, 29, and a daughter, Ella, a 25-year-old model and fashion designer.

The couple cited “irreconcilable differences” in their divorce papers, records show.

Messages left with Harris’ camp were not returned Saturday.

Kerstin Emhoff, 57, who has vowed to support Harris’ presidential campaign, could not immediately be reached.

In September 2009, Naylor posted a video on Facebook to “introduce” three babies, which

BETRAYED 1st WIFE



POOL/AFP via Getty Images



STRAY DOG: Vice President Kamala Harris' husband, Doug Emhoff (far left), admitted Saturday to cheating on his first wife, Kerstin (above left), reportedly with their nanny Najen Naylor (above right).

she captioned, "Baby party!"

Two of the babies were Brooks' children, born two months prior to the post. The third and youngest-looking child, identified as Brook, does not seem to be Brooks' daughter and is not in any later Facebook family photos. It is unclear who the third child's mother is.

A great teacher

After the affair, which appeared to have taken place around 2008 or 2009, Naylor reportedly had to leave her job as a teacher at The Willows, the swanky private elementary school in Culver City, Calif., where she had been teach-

ing the Emhoff children while moonlighting as their nanny, the outlet reported.

"[Naylor] was a lovely person, a great teacher to my kids," a mother who sent her children to the school and was aware of the affair, told the Daily Mail.

The woman also told the outlet she was disgusted by Emhoff.

There's no birth records in Los Angeles County for anyone named "Brook Naylor" born in 2008 or 2009 — nor were there any babies born with the name "Emhoff," the outlet reported.

The second gentleman is a strong advocate of abortion, calling it "an issue of fairness to women."

Don rips veep on Laken

Donald Trump blamed "border czar" Kamala Harris for the savage killing of 22-year-old Georgia college student Laken Riley, who was murdered allegedly by a migrant who illegally crossed the border.

The former president, 78, declared that "Laken's blood is on Kamala Harris' hands," during a rally at the Georgia State University Convocation Center in Atlanta Saturday — where days earlier the Democratic presidential nominee, 59, ripped Trump during a campaign event.

"Kamala Harris let in the savage monster who killed Laken Riley," Trump railed. "Kamala is responsible for the death as though she was watching it herself."

Riley, a nursing student at the University of Augusta, was jogging on the nearby University of Georgia campus on Feb. 22 when she was attacked. Her battered body was found in a wooded area near Lake Herrick. Officials determined she died of blunt force trauma and asphyxiation.

Her alleged killer, 26-year-old Venezuelan national Jose Ibarra, entered the US illegally in

El Paso, Texas, in September 2022, but was released after about a day in custody.

He has been linked to the Venezuelan gang El Tren de Aragua. Ibarra pleaded not guilty to 10 charges linked to her murder.

"Kamala Harris should not be asking your vote, she should be begging Laken Riley's family for forgiveness," Trump said to cheers.

During his 90-minute remarks, Trump also "congratulated" Russian President Vladimir Putin for making "another great deal" in the latest prisoner swap with the US that saw Wall Street Journalist Evan Gershkovich and 15 others released from a Russian prison Thursday.

"They released some of the greatest killers anywhere in the world," Trump said of those whom President Biden, 81, and other Western leaders turned over to Russia to secure the release.

"It's nice to say we got them back but does that set a bad precedent," he warned.

Harris, meanwhile, is reportedly interviewing potential vice-presidential candidates to join her on the Democratic ticket.

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Pension Staffer puff-up

High pay, low returns

By RICH CALDER

City Comptroller and mayoral hopeful Brad Lander wants to sink millions in taxpayer cash to boost the salaries and size of his staff overseeing pension-fund investments — despite lackluster returns in recent years, The Post has learned.

Under the scheme, the Bureau of Asset Management would shell out an additional \$10.4 million for staffers, according to the Comptroller's Office.

An April proposal from the office, which a source provided to The Post, recommended spending \$5 million to hire an additional 21 investment team members. The bureau advises the board of trustees for each of the five city pension funds and oversees over \$274 billion in assets.

The Comptroller's Office also wants windfalls for existing staff, including engorging the already-hefty six-figure salaries of top honchos, according to a July proposal.

Chief Investment Officer Steven Meier would receive a nearly 39% raise, bumping his current salary of \$350,000 to \$485,000. Chief Operating Officer Lynne Fleischman's salary would skyrocket 87.5%, from \$200,000 to \$375,000. The bureau's deputy chief invest-

ment officers would see their salaries jump 45%, from \$300,000 to \$435,000, documents show.

The proposed salary hikes would amount to an additional \$5.37 million annually, according to the Comptroller's Office.

Under Lander, who took office in 2022, the five city retirement systems had a combined 8.1% rate of return for 10-year investments in fiscal year 2023, which fell to 7% for the year ending June 30, according to the website Public Plans Data and the Comptroller's Office.

'Middling results'

That trails several of the nation's largest government pension plans, including the California State Teachers Retirement System, the Oregon Public Employee Retirement System and the Virginia Retirement System, which respectively saw 8.7%, 8.3% and 8.2% returns for 10-year investments in FY 2023, according to Public Plans.

Lander crowed this week that city retirement funds raked in a net 10% return on 1-year on investments through June 30 — above the 7% target rate set by the state.

The gains, however, still fell short of the 13.2% return that would have come from a standard

Brad gamble sets off Dem scramble

Comptroller Brad Lander's mayoral bid will set off a game of political musical chairs, with other lefty Dems scrambling to grab seats once thought to be untouchable.

Lander's long-shot challenge to Mayor Adams in a 2025 Democratic primary

will leave next year's comptroller's race wide open and prompt other competitive races for borough president in Manhattan and Brooklyn.

The political scramble is a result of many progressive Dems believing the moderate Adams is bea-

table, said Democratic consultant Jon Paul Lupo.

"This is really a very rare occurrence in New York City politics where you have mid-cycle races like this," said Lupo.

Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine is expected to soon an-

nounce his candidacy for comptroller, according to multiple sources. And with Levine giving up his post, term-limited Manhattan Councilman Keith Powers would run for borough president.

Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso is

also seriously eyeing a comptroller run — as is fellow Dem and term-limited Brooklyn Councilman Justin Brannan, sources said.

If Reynoso runs for comptroller, Brannan would run for borough president, sources said.

Rich Calder



City Comptroller Brad Lander wants to pour \$10 million more in taxpayer cash into managing city pension system investments, despite a record of below-average returns:

RAISES

Employee/Title	Current pay	Proposed pay	% inc.
Chief Investment Officer Steven Meier	\$350,000	\$485,000	39%
Chief Operating Officer Lynne Fleischman	\$200,000	\$375,000	88%
Deputy Chief Investment Officer Eneas Kadziela	\$300,000	\$435,000	45%
Deputy Chief Investment Officer Petya Nikolova	\$300,000	\$435,000	45%

RETURNS

Retirement system	10-year return rate for FY 2023
Cal State Teachers	8.7%
Oregon	8.3%
Virginia	8.2%
NYC	8.1%

Source: Public Plans Data, NYC Comptroller's Office

portfolio of 60% global stocks and 40% US bonds, according to investment consulting firm Wilshire. The S&P 500 netted nearly 23% return over the same period.

"Why give raises for middling results?" a former senior official in the Comptroller's Office told The Post. "These levels of pay increases are so out of bounds they should

only be for a radical scenario like indexing the whole portfolio and using the savings to pay the CIO."

Shaquana DeVissiere, a rep for the Comptroller's Office, said a review found city salary levels were "substantially lower" than those for similar public pension funds.

Meier and Fleischman didn't return a request for comment.

Matthew McDermott

14 hurt in Qns. blaze

A massive fire ripped through Queens Saturday afternoon, injuring 14 people — including 11 firefighters — and leaving dozens of residents in multiple buildings displaced, officials said.

The blaze began just after 4 p.m., at a two-story residence at 88-21 Francis Lewis Boulevard, before quickly soaring to five alarms and spreading to seven buildings, according to FDNY officials.

More than 200 firefighters, EMTs and paramedics responded to the Queens Village fire, which was brought under control in about two hours, officials said.

The 14 wounded included 11 firefighters and three civilians, all of whom sustained minor injuries, with the majority suffering heat-related injuries, they added.

The Red Cross said it registered seven households — 22 adults and 10 children — for emergency assistance.

In an alley behind Francis Lewis Boulevard where residents parked cars, at least three vehicles were charred. Houses on 207th Street sustained damage as well.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation, officials said, adding that propane tanks in the back of the initial site of the blaze exploded, accelerating the flames.

Georgette Roberts, Matthew Sedacca, Patrick Reilly

Union \$\$ for 'inn' crowd

A powerful union has funneled more than \$700,000 in campaign donations to city lawmakers backing controversial legislation that critics say would drive up hotel rates and wreck the Big Apple's hospitality industry, records show.

Since 2021, the Hotel & Gaming Trades Council has donated \$711,428 to boost political campaigns for 15 of the 28 City Council members who've signed onto the bill, sponsored by Manhattan Democrat Julie Menin.

The measure includes a stipulation requiring hotels to directly employ most of its workers with union contracts.

Rich Calder

BIG APPLE ROT

By DEIRDRE BARDOLF
and SUSAN EDELMAN

It's the core curriculum.

NYC's Department of Education food-service managers ordered three times as many apples as needed — forcing them to throw away thousands of cases of rotting fruit in the last four months, The Post has learned.

In March, the city DOE's Office of Food and Nutrition Services got an offer they couldn't refuse and ordered 279,000 cases of apples worth a whopping \$5,585,580 paid for by the federal government.

The deal was part of an effort between the feds and the state Office of General Services to give schools fresh produce from the US Department of Agriculture. As a result, the city received a massive "bonus" of free Empire, Fuji, Gala, Red Delicious and Granny Smith apples.

But the nation's largest school system bit off more than it could chew: The order is overwhelming the DOE with more apples than schools could use in three years, kitchen insiders said.

"They have apples every day — nothing but apples," said the parent coordinator at a Bronx elementary school.

Many students are served two apples at breakfast and another two at lunch, a food worker said.

Kids are being deprived of other fruit, the worker said.

"Students are looking for a piece of watermelon, or a tangerine, but now it's 'Nope, we have to give you apples,' and if students don't want them, they go in the garbage."

A supervisor griped: "You order one case of oranges, you get two cases of apples. You want bananas, you get two more cases of apples. We're getting apples up the nose."

Out of 5,299 cases of apples already delivered, up to 45% were tossed, the source estimated. The fruits last between 15 to 25 days.

Stomach-churning photos show cases marred with moldy, rotten fruit, some shriveled beyond recognition, and rancid juices soaking through crates.

Food distributors had 28,012 cases on hand this week, with 15,544 more to come in September, according to emails viewed by The Post.

"Despite warnings from distributors, managers and cooks that schools cannot handle such a



Huge order swamps schools

WASTED: Thousands of apples go bad in the Big Apple after a massive gift order of 279,000 cases from the USDA (right) was sent to the city Department of Education. Nearly half of that donation has gone to waste, kitchen insiders say.



large quantity of fresh apples, the OFNS decided to proceed," said a DOE source, adding that officials saw it as "free money." "They ignored feedback that these apples would likely go to waste."

'Very poor quality'

Schools have been forced to take a glut of apples — some already spoiled and bruised — from distributors who are hit

with nonstop supplies from the USDA. The agency offers periodic "bonuses" of free food to schools across the country.

"We have rotting apples, and before we can take more we need to know what your plan is for discarding them as they all begin to rot," one food distributor pleaded to an OFNS director in emails obtained by The Post.

"The apples will need to be accepted," inventory manage-

ment specialist Cristina Perez told the buyer.

"Please make arrangements for delivery," director Lisa D'Amato confirmed.

Buyers are also complaining to the farms, begging them to do quality-control checks.

"We can't tie up our warehouse everyday with thousands of cases of apples that are being shipped to us in very poor quality," a distributor representative said in an email.

One of the city's three grocery distributors said this week that the company will have to discard approximately 3,000 cases of apples. On Thursday, another tossed 86 cases, sources said.

The DOE could donate apples to City Harvest but officials do not want to admit they over-ordered, an insider said: "They don't want to look bad."

DOE spokeswoman Jenna Lyle called reports of wasted apples "unfounded."

"Schools can donate uneaten food," she said.

Additional reporting by Claire Samstag



SHEDDING LIGHT: Jennifer Betit Yen (right) is suing over her First Avenue apartment (left), saying the floor-to-ceiling windows (right) weren't properly treated for UV rays despite assurances.



Suit: Luxe apt windows gave me UV lesions



By KATHIANNE BONIELLO

Her killer view could be the death of her.

A Murray Hill actress and skin cancer survivor claims the massive, floor-to-ceiling windows in her \$6.2 million luxury apartment overlooking the East River exposed her to so much ultraviolet radiation she developed lesions on her face.

"I am in this surreal situation where I unknowingly basically sat in a potentially lethal UV bath almost every day, during peak sun hours, thinking I was safe, for several YEARS," Jennifer Betit Yen wrote in an April blog post about her battle with the owners and developers of 685 First Ave., a 43-story skyscraper near East 40th Street.

Yen, 48, and her lawyer husband J. Peyton Worley, 46, snagged the 2,984-square-foot, four-bedroom, 4.5-bath home in November 2021 — where "every single external wall is floor-to-ceiling glass win-

Nearly death rays

dow," the couple claim in a Manhattan Supreme Court lawsuit seeking \$1 million in damages.

Yen, who hosts the series "Film Lab Presents" and has had roles in "Royal Pains" and other TV shows, said she questioned the building's reps about whether the home had protection from ultraviolet radiation, because she had previously battled melanoma.

Reps for developer Soloviev Building Co. and the building's board of managers repeatedly told the couple the unit "had 100% UV protection," the couple claim.

But the assurances turned out to be "a complete and utter fabrication" the litigation states.

After 2.5 years, "suspicious lesions" were found on the side of Yen's face most exposed to the glass wall window in her office, she says in the legal filing.

The couple also noticed "discoloration and fading of their carpets, artwork and furnishings, which could not have occurred but for UV radiation," according to the lawsuit.

Testing revealed "significant UV radiation intruding to the unit from at least four separate sliding glass, floor-to-ceiling wall panels and two separate terrace doors," including the living room, family room and office, the suit claims.

"Approximately 1/3 of the glass

in the study where I work every day — sitting directly in the sun, thinking I was safe — showed significant UV exposure and no protection," Yen wrote in the blog post. "This is akin to telling someone with fair skin to go sit on a sunny beach and that they'll be safe with this sunscreen but, instead of giving them sunscreen, you give them a bottle of baby oil."

Though her recent lesions tested negative for cancer, melanoma survivors have an increased risk of recurrence, she said.

"I may not know the real impact for a long time," Yen wrote, adding, "Had I known the truth, I could and would have protected myself!

I would have done the same thing as I had done for my previous home and had solar film installed."

Lawyers for the Soloviev Group told The Post the couple should have tested for UV radiation before buying the apartment.

"If it was such an important issue they should have inspected it to their satisfaction," said attorney Alex Estis, who added Yen and Worley "bought a very cheap [UV testing] device from Amazon and said there was a problem. They should have made that test pre-closing and verified."

Michael Hershman, CEO OF Soloviev Group, added that the lawsuit is "frivolous."



'Naked city' nut finally gets boot

A Queens man who traipsed the hallways of his Astoria building naked, masturbated in common areas and screamed threats through a megaphone, has finally been booted — to the relief of his frazzled neighbors.

City Marshal Edward Guida Jr., arrived just after 10 a.m. Friday and headed to the sixth floor of 23-34

Broadway to evict Alexandre Lais (pictured), who hasn't paid rent in more than two years. Last month, The Post exposed his lewd, bizarre antics, which tenants said gave kids in the building nightmares.

"I am relieved, but I won't be all the way there until I know he won't try and hang around here," said one resident, still too afraid to re-

veal their name.

Lais, 48, made life a living hell for neighbors, who said he constantly blasted music or audio recordings of revving chainsaws or his own voice, and once vowed to burn the building down.

He allegedly punched holes in the walls with a hammer and damaged his own apartment door, bashing it from the inside out

with a hammer for hours, tenants claimed.

Lais said any time he was naked in the halls, it was after leaving the shower to check on "scary" noises he'd heard, accidentally locking himself out in the process.

"It's a sad situation," a neighbor reflected. "It really sucks it had to come down to this." *Chris Harris*



'Threat to fire' at Chiefs

An Illinois man was arrested for making a "terroristic threat" to shoot two members of the Kansas City Chiefs during Morgan Wallen's concert at Arrowhead Stadium, authorities said.

Aaron Brown, of Winchester, made the threat on social media before Wallen's Friday show, the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office said.

While the two individuals were not identified by authorities, Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes and tight end Travis Kelce joined the country star on stage.

Kansas City police were monitoring threats at Arrowhead Friday when they observed one against two NFL players who "were present at the event" from an X account.

The threat, redacted in charging documents, read: "Mr. [redacted] at Arrowhead with the wife. If he brings out [redacted] or [redacted] I'll take the f--kin shot. F--k em! Also f--k you bitch!! (hand emoji with middle finger up twice) @[redacted]"

Patrick Mahomes' pregnant wife, Brittany Mahomes, was also at the show.

When cops called Brown's cellphone, he told them where he was in the stadium and officers tracked him down, officials said. He was charged with making a terrorist threat and his bond was set at \$15,000. *Patrick Reilly*

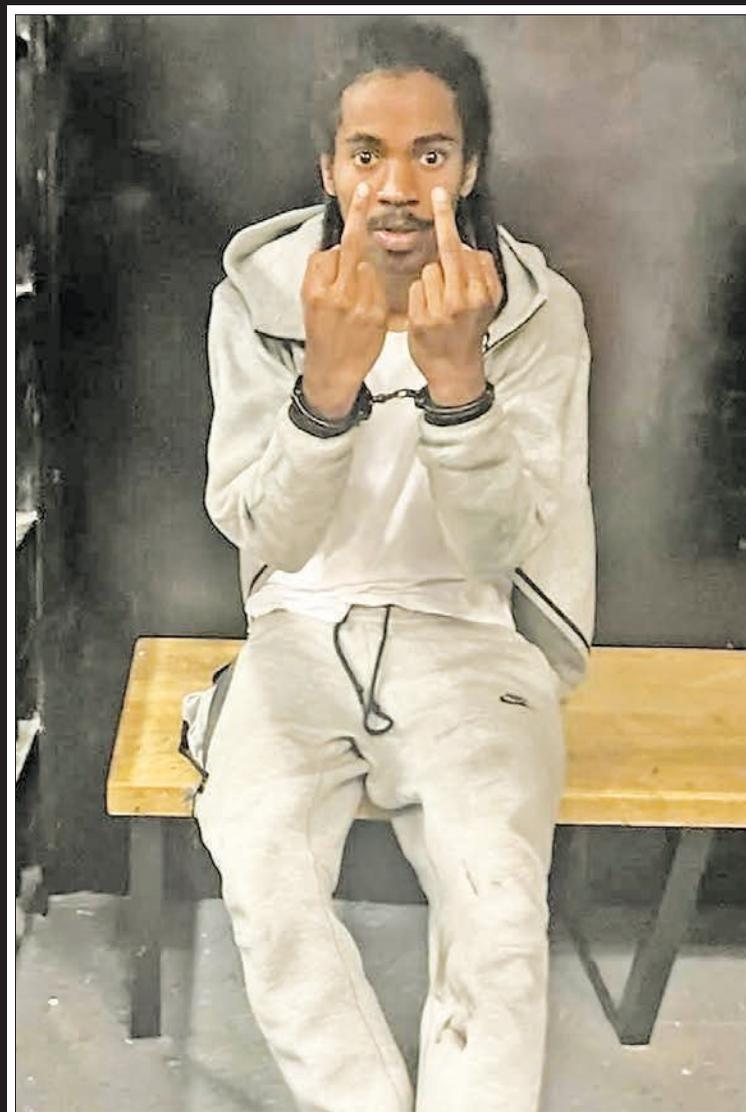
Clip Angels' wings: vet

An Air Force veteran and physician is calling on the Navy to permanently ground its Blue Angels air displays in Seattle because the beloved performances cause too much noise and pollution.

Ahead of annual Seafair Summer Festival demonstrations, Dr. Breck Lebegue wrote in a Seattle Times op-ed, "Although jet noise may be the 'sound of freedom,' long or repeated exposure to sounds above 85 decibels can cause hearing loss." Noise levels at the shows are between 100 and 110 decibels.

Lebegue also said the jets would dump 670 metric tons of carbon monoxide into the air. *Matthew Sedacca*

FLIPPING OUT AFTER 'SHOOTING SGTS.'



Obtained by NY Post: Christopher Sadowski

'NUISANCE': Joshua Dorsett flips 5th Precinct cops the bird after his arrest for shooting NYPD Sgts. Christopher Leap (left, leaving the hospital Thursday) and Carl Johnson (right, going home Saturday).

Picture of disrespect

By TINA MOORE
Police Bureau Chief
and OLIVIA LAND

The suspected gang member who allegedly shot and wounded two NYPD sergeants after robbing women on the Lower East Side this week showed no remorse — giving the middle finger to cops while sitting in his holding cell.

Joshua Dorsett, 22, can be seen flipping off the camera with both hands, while handcuffed and shackled inside the dingy cell, the snap provided to The Post showed. The barefoot suspect is dressed in dirty gray sweatpants and a matching hoodie.

He appeared in court wearing a T-shirt and pajama pants emblazoned with the "I Love NY" logo.

"That's probably a 'f--k you' to the detectives," a veteran NYPD officer said. "He's known in the 5th Precinct. He's been a nuisance in that precinct. I'm sure they're like, 'We finally got you.'"

Another longtime detective said, "He's not just giving the finger to the cops. He's giving the finger to all the people who think we're able to protect them from him."

"The courts don't do what they're supposed to do to keep people like him from hurting innocent people," the detective added.

'Another repeat perp'

"That's a snapshot of everything that's wrong on our streets right now — another repeat offender who has no respect for the law, no regard for human life, and no fear that he'll face any consequences," Police Benevolent Association President Patrick Hendry said. "The justice system needs to step up and show him he's wrong. These attacks on police officers won't stop until the message on the streets changes."

Vincent Vallelong, the president of the Sergeants Benevolent Association, said, "It's pretty obvious that he has no respect for anyone at all if he's going to take a shot at two police officers."

Meanwhile, an officer outside the 5th Precinct station house told The Post Saturday, "It's not shocking, it's not uncommon."

Dorsett was arrested Thursday after he allegedly threatened patrons at a Canal Street mahjong parlor with a gun and swiped their purses, video showed.

A few moments later, two sergeants stopped Dorsett and tried to restrain him on Eldridge Street, near Delancey, cops said.

The Up the Hill gang member fired off one shot that hit both officers, authorities said.

'No respect for life'

Sgt. Carl Johnson, 43, of the 5th Precinct, was shot in the groin, and the same bullet passed through and grazed Sgt. Christopher Leap, 34, of the 7th Precinct, in the left leg, police said. Police recovered a .45 Taurus semi-automatic pistol at the scene, NYPD Chief of Detectives Joseph Kenny said.

Both cops were taken to Bellevue Hospital. Leap, an NYPD veteran of 11 years, was discharged around 9 p.m. Thursday.

Johnson, a 16-year vet, left the hospital around 4:30 p.m. Saturday to thunderous applause from a crowd of officers.

The cop gave two thumbs-up as hospital staff rolled him out in a wheelchair to a black van, where his family was waiting.

Johnson told reporters he was feeling "better than when I came in" and thanked the hospital staff.

Dorsett was arraigned Friday on charges of attempted murder, criminal possession of a weapon and assault. He has a long history of trouble with the law, including at least three prior arrests for criminal possession of a controlled substance.

Dorsett sold crack cocaine to an undercover officer six times between March 8 and June 6, 2022, according to a criminal complaint. He pleaded guilty to criminal sale of a controlled substance in the case, and received three years of probation in May.

Dorsett visited his parole officer Thursday morning, just a few hours before the shooting, cops said.

Vallelong said, "This guy is a gang member and he's on parole. Right off the bat he has no respect for life . . . He should be charged to the fullest extent of the law."

Reuters



Embattled boxer: 'I am a woman!'

Controversial Algerian Olympic boxer Imane Khelif — who failed a gender test before the 2024 Paris Olympics — declared “I am a woman!” after winning her bout Saturday and clinching a medal at the Summer Games.

Khelif (above), 25, easily defeated Anna Luca Hamori of Hungary via unanimous decision in the quarterfinals of the 66-kilogram division at Paris Nord Arena. She is guaranteed at least a bronze medal even if she loses in the semifinals to Thailand’s Janjaem Suwannapheng, since there are no bronze-medal fights.

Khelif’s second trip to the Olympics sparked a gender controversy last week when Italian boxer Angela Carini abandoned their opening fight just 46 seconds in after being hammered by the powerful Algerian.

“I am a woman,” was Khelif’s only comment as she walked through the media zone on Saturday after the bout “in tears,” according to The UK Telegraph.

Hungary’s boxing associa-

tion said Friday it planned to contest the matchup between Khelif and Hamori with the International Olympic Committee, but allowed the fight to go ahead as scheduled.

And Hamori said she would fight Khelif “regardless of whether she was a man,” the outlet reported.

Hungarian IOC member Balazs Furjes said after the bout that it was “never an option” not to fight.

Khelif was disqualified at the 2023 Women’s World Championships, sanctioned by the International Boxing Association “after her elevated levels of testosterone failed to meet the eligibility criteria,” according to the IOC database.

Early Saturday IOC President Thomas Bach defended Khelif and fellow boxer Lin Yu-ting of Taiwan, who was also previously disqualified by the IBA.

“Let’s be very clear here: We are talking about women’s boxing,” Bach said. “There was never any doubt about them being a woman.” *Olivia Land and Ryan Dunleavy*

Katie smashes medal

CRUSHED IT: Katie Ledecky’s runaway gold-medal finish in the 800-meter freestyle gave her 14 overall medals to make her the most-decorated women’s swimmer in history. She also joined Michael Phelps as the only swimmers to win the same event at four consecutive Olympics.

REUTERS



AP

By MATTHEW SEDACCA and MOLLIE WALKER

Katie Ledecky won gold Saturday in the 800-meter freestyle at the Paris Olympics, tying her for the most first-place medals won by any female Olympian in history.

The first place finish is Ledecky’s ninth overall, matching former Soviet gymnast Larisa Latynina’s record for the most Olympic golds held by a female athlete.

Ledecky’s performance was her fourth consecutive first-place finish in the event. She’s earned 14 medals in her career so far.

The 27-year-old American swimmer finished with a time of

8:11.04, just 1.25 seconds ahead of Australia’s Ariarne Titmus, who touched the wall at 8:12.29. American Paige Madden snagged the bronze at 8:13.00.

With her latest victory, Ledecky has joined fellow American swimming legend Michael Phelps as the only other swimmer to ever win the same competition at four consecutive Olympics.

The 800-meter freestyle also was where Ledecky earned her first Olympic gold medal 12 years ago, as a 15-year-old swimmer at the London games.

Saturday’s event was the all-star American’s final race in Paris, where she finished with two gold medals, one silver and one bronze.

Her other first place finish this summer was for the 1,500-meter freestyle, which she finished with a time of 15:30.02 — an Olympic record and the eighth-fastest time in race history.

She maintained such a vast lead over the rest of the competition in that race that NBC had to shift its broadcast angle.

Saturday’s race proved to be much more of a nail-biter, with Titmus breathing down Ledecky’s neck for almost the entirety of the competition.

Ledecky, whose uncle is New York Islanders co-owner Jon Ledecky, finished more than six seconds behind the world record for the 800-meter freestyle, which

record as Simone adds more to the pile

MINING GOLD LIKE NO OTHERS

she set at the 2016 games in Rio.

While her Olympics ended in historic fashion, it wasn't all golden: Ledecy earned just a bronze medal in her opening event on July 27, the 400-meter freestyle.

The gold in that race went to Titmus.

She was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in May at the White House, where she was declared an "athletic prodigy."

While Ledecy could hang up her goggles, she seems to want to take her swimming career further.

Even with her history-making achievements, the Stanford University grad — who was born in Washington, DC, and has 21 World Championship titles to her

name — recently expressed her interest in competing in the 2028 Olympics in Los Angeles.

"I've been consistent over these last few months and last few years in saying that I would love to compete in LA and that hasn't changed," Ledecy said, according to ESPN.

"That could change. I mean, you never know. I really haven't thought much beyond this week in terms of what my fall is going to look like," she said. "But yeah, I don't feel like I'm close to being finished in the sport."



Biles vaults to 3-peat — and counting

It's three gold medals and counting for Simone Biles in Paris.

The most decorated gymnast in US history catapulted to the gold medal in the women's vault final at Bercy Arena Saturday with an average score of 15.3.

Biles, 27, was joined on the podium by silver medalist Rebeca Andrade, 25, of Brazil, and fellow Team USA member Jade Carey, 24, who won bronze.

Paris is the fourth consecutive Olympics where a US woman has medaled in the vault event, a streak dating to the 2012 London Games, where McKayla Maroney won silver.

Saturday's win gave Biles' tenth Olympic medal (below) and seventh gold, tying her with Vera Caslavskva of former Czechoslovakia for the second most gold medals in women's gymnastics history.

Biles — who led Team USA to the women's all-around team gold this week — wowed judges with her signature Yurchenko double pike, also known as the Biles II, one of five moves that carry her namesake.

The vault is the most dangerous in the sport, and Biles nailed it Saturday for an impeccable 15.7 score. She followed it up with a Cheng vault, which earned a 14.9.

The stunning performance (left) was a redemption moment for Biles, who withdrew from the vault final at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics after balking mid-air at the team all-around competition.

The 4'8" powerhouse later said she was struggling with "the twisties," a disconnect between the body and mind that can inhibit the athlete's ability to stick their performance and, in worst case scenarios, result in serious injuries.

Biles also clinched the gold for the all-around individual competition in Paris. Teammate Suni Lee, 21, came in third.

Biles has two more chances to medal in the floor and balance beam competitions Tuesday.

If she wins gold in both, she will tie Soviet Larisa Latynina with nine Olympic gold medals — the most in women's gymnastics history.

Olivia Land



Reuters

Kyle Terada-USA TODAY Sports

BLISS, THEN BLOOD



FATEFUL DATES: Marisa Galloway and Zachariah Reed on a 2019 date and the scene of the crime that claimed Galloway's life.

Pic shows couple years before slide into slay tragedy

By MATTHEW SEDACCA
and GEORGIA WORRELL

A date-night photograph shows special-ed teacher Marisa Galloway and her ex, Zachariah Reed, in romantic bliss — four years before Reed's mother fatally gunned down Galloway and took her own life amid a bitter custody dispute.

The image — exclusively obtained by The Post from Galloway's now-scrubbed, private Instagram account — shows the smiling couple on a rooftop overlooking the Empire State Building. It was posted Sept. 3, 2019, along with the caption "Highlights of Summer."

Just two years later, the two were

engaged in a brutal court battle over custody of their daughter, Lili, now 4.

On July 26, Reed's mother, Kathleen Leigh, 65 — a terminally ill, retired probation cop from Chicago — shot Galloway, 45, twice before turning the gun on herself on East 88th Street around 9 a.m.

The scene unfolded as Galloway was putting her other daughter, 1-year-old Mariel, inside her car on the tree-lined street just half a block away from Gracie Mansion. Lili was with Reed, 45, at the time.

The source who provided the happy photo told The Post it was taken before Lili was born.

"It appears she scrubbed her In-

stagram of photos with him" at some point, the source said. "I remember there being more photos than there are now."

Contentious

Kathleen Distro, who lives across the street from Galloway's parents in Wildwood, NJ, said she has known the family for 51 years and had also heard that the relationship had been contentious.

Although Distro never saw Reed with Galloway on weekend trips to visit her family in her native Wild-

wood, she said, she believes they started dating around 2018, and called it quits soon before the custody dispute started in August 2021.

Between July 2021 and November, authorities took five domestic incident reports involving the exes, law enforcement sources said.

The custody fight is what sent Leigh over the edge, cops believe.

In a seven-page note left "For Police," Leigh, 65, lamented no one believed her and Reed's contentions that Galloway abused the

child — a claim many of Galloway's friends and acquaintances have blasted as unthinkable.

"The notion she would abuse a child is absolutely f—king insane. The idea that she would even hurt a child is insane," said the source.

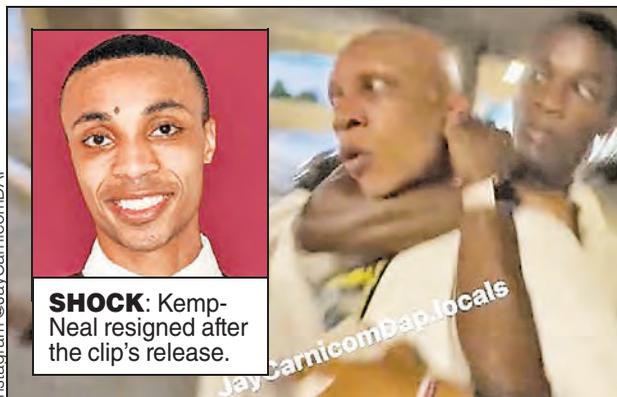
Lili is now in Reed's custody as the NYPD investigates the murder-suicide, while Mariel is with Galloway's parents in New Jersey, according to police sources.

Stephen McSweeney, an attorney for Reed, declined to comment.

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Ass't DA outed by anti-perv online sleuths



SHOCK: Kemp-Neal resigned after the clip's release.

A Bronx prosecutor abruptly resigned after allegedly being caught attempting to meet a young boy he communicated with online, as shown in a clip released by Internet vigilantes who expose wannabe child predators.

William C.C. Kemp-Neal, 30, quit his job as an assistant district attorney in the Bronx District Attorney's Office four days after the group Dads Against Predators posted footage of

him filmed in the parking lot of the Target on East Sanford Boulevard in Mount Vernon.

In the clip, taken at around 8:30 p.m. on July 8, the video vigilantes approach a man identified as Kemp-Neal, asking if he's "Marcus." Almost immediately, Kemp-Neal runs.

The men give chase while yelling, "Excuse me everybody, this man right here came to meet a 13-year-old boy." A bystander then in-

tervenes, grabbing Kemp-Neal and placing him in a chokehold.

As Kemp-Neal struggles to breathe and break free, one of the men asks, "You wanna take him to get a milkshake, right, Marcus?"

"I didn't," Kemp-Neal replies.

No arrests resulted, but police said in a statement that officers "encountered several individuals making allegations of wrongdoing" and promised a "compre-

hensive investigation."

Kemp-Neal handled mostly assault, harassment and child endangerment cases. He has not been charged with any crime.

"William Kemp-Neal worked here as an ADA from June 28, 2020, until July 17, 2024," reads a statement from DA Darcel Clark's office. "He resigned from the office."

Kemp-Neal could not be reached for comment.

Chris Harris

Sorry, Brit, we're at biopic capacity



DANIEL SCHIELS
Left NYC to teach in Conn.

Alleged perv gets ax again

An allegedly pervy special-ed teacher was booted from Connecticut classrooms after *The Post* revealed he had been investigated by the New York City school system for inappropriate behavior with a student.

Daniel Schiels began working for Stamford, Conn., public schools in August 2021, the same month New York City's Special Commissioner of Investigation substantiated allegations of him grooming a female student over three years while he taught at a Manhattan school, beginning when she was just 15.

When Stamford officials learned of the allegations from the report in *The Post*, "Schiels was immediately placed on administrative leave," per a school district official.

Schiels, who didn't respond to a request for comment, resigned from Stamford schools in June, officials told parents.

Lauren Elkies Schram

Poolin' cool \$28M at box

It was more heroics for "Deadpool & Wolverine," with the Marvel Studios flick staying No. 1 at the box office Friday, earning \$28.3 million, per *The Numbers*.

M. Night Shyamalan's "Trap" opened in second place Friday, with \$6.7 million in sales.

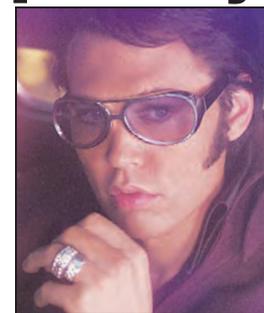
"Twisters" got blown down a rung from No. 2 last week to No. 3 this Friday, grossing \$6.5 million.

Animated juggernaut "Despicable Me 4" dropped to fourth place from third last week, but still raked in \$3.32 million. *Lauren Elkies Schram*



CUT! A biopic on Britney Spears' rise from Disney kid to pop icon follows Elvis, Amy Winehouse and Whitney Houston flicks (among many others).

Baby, no more times!



JOHNNY OLEKSINSKI
SOMETHING you never hear when a biopic of a musician is announced?

"I'm so excited to see that!"

No other movie genre inspires such a collective exasperation from the public while still getting made by Hollywood en masse.

Nevertheless, in an attempt to get free-spending millennials to give a fig about them, plans for a Britney Spears film were revealed last week. Huzzah...

Directed by Jon M. Chu of "Wicked" and "Crazy Rich Asians," the untitled Universal project will be based on her bestselling memoir, "The Woman in Me."

You can close your eyes and picture the whole two hours without having to spend a cent.

Start with the Louisiana childhood and cut to her big break on "The Mickey Mouse Club." Ooh, there's Justin Timberlake, Ryan Gosling and Christina Aguilera!

Then whooshes in her music career with the teen breakout hit "... Baby One More Time."

But the tone darkens as the drama creeps in: Her scandal-plagued twenties and, of course,

the formation of her father's much maligned conservatorship. Free Britney! There will be messy marriages and rocky relationships with her kids. Or that will be all glossed over because she's involved.

Will Brit be a hit? Or will Hollywood cry "Oops! We did it again!" So many music biographies that sound like 100% sure things prove disastrous flops.

This May, the Amy Winehouse film "Back to Black" grossed \$51 million off a \$30 million budget (that's before tens of millions in marketing costs). Horrendous, it was a tragedy two times over.

I will always loathe you

More surprising, considering her many chart toppers, was the 2022 failure of the Whitney Houston flick "Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance with Somebody."

That dreadful dud did \$59.8 million off a \$45 million budget (again, not factoring in expensive ads and promotion).

A few more: "Respect" about Aretha Franklin (\$33 million); "Jersey Boys" about the Four Seasons (\$67.6 million); "Love & Mercy" about the Beach Boys' Brian Wilson (\$28.6 million).

Of course, there have been a sprinkle of notable successes. The most obvious is the 2018 Queen home run, "Bohemian Rhapsody,"

which grossed more than \$900 million and was a Best Picture Oscar nominee.

And Baz Luhrmann's stunner "Elvis" managed \$288 million worldwide in 2022.

Why did they buck the trend? I reckon it's because the life stories played second fiddle to cinematic flair.

The best part of "Bohemian Rhapsody" was a pulse-pounding reenactment of the 1985 Live Aid concert that made moviegoers feel like they were at a real Queen gig. You can't beat word of mouth like that.

And Luhrmann "Moulin Rouge"-ified *The King* far beyond a dramatized Wikipedia page. The movie was visually dazzling, non-traditional and actor Austin Butler was a revelation who fit snugly into that spectacular vision.

Neither got caught up in being too informative or reverential, as these subpar dirges so often do.

And, yes, "Bob Marley: One Love" was a surprise seller earlier this year, grossing \$177 million. But the Marley fandom is practically a lifestyle. They couldn't not go see it.

Despite the headwinds, a lot of behind-the-times "Behind the Music"s are on the way.

First up in December is Timothée Chalamet as Bob Dylan in "A Complete Unknown."

With "Wonka" and "Dune," Chalamet's turning into a bona fide

hitmaker. But do his young fans have any clue what "Like a Rolling Stone" is?

Wacko Jacko up next

Next year, a Michael Jackson movie called "Michael" will star his nephew Jaafar in the title role. It's claimed the script will include references to the sexual abuse allegations made against the "Billie Jean" singer. My guess is they moonwalk right over it.

Daisy Edgar-Jones of "Twisters" just bowed out of a Carole King picture. Smart!

And Sam Mendes ("1917") plans to direct four Beatles biopics — one from each band member's perspective. That self-indulgent announcement made me twist and shout in anguish.

Should these films wish to succeed, they cannot rely on the big names and popular songs and assume ticket-buyers will show up like nostalgic lemmings.

People demonstrably want big, only-at-the-movies experiences right now.

I take great heart in knowing that however the Britney Spears biopic turns out — and Chu is a great director — it won't do nearly as well as the epic story of a 1940s theoretical physicist and bomb-maker that most of its viewers had never heard of.

ISRAEL UNDER ATTACK

MONSTER TRUCK

Drenched in antisemitic decal taunts

By KATHIANNE BONIELLO

Lefty “Squad” Reps. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Jamaal Bowman and Ilhan Omar have been slapped with a class-action lawsuit for “inciting and encouraging” the anti-Israel encampment and protests at Columbia University earlier this year.

The three radical Democrats were among the “outside champions” who also slammed law enforcement for breaking up the hateful demonstrations — which included masked protesters taking over a campus quad, chanting “Free Palestine!” and burning an Israeli flag and throwing rocks — resulting in the violent April 30 takeover of the school’s Hamilton Hall, according to court papers.

“If any kid is hurt tonight, responsibility will fall on the mayor and univ presidents,” AOC wrote April 30 on X, adding “a nightmare in the making.”

Five anonymous students filed the legal action against at least a dozen groups, including the virulently anti-Israel Within Our Lifetime, as well as AOC, Bowman and Omar — whose college-student daughter Isra Hirsi attends Barnard University and was arrested at the Columbia encampment.

“The Gaza Encampment was extreme and outrageous conduct,” the students said in the litigation. “It was illegal. It violated university rules. Its occupants harassed, followed, physically blocked, intimidated, and bullied Jewish students.”

The encampment and its cheerleaders “not only consciously disregarded the rights of others, but the impact on the rights of others was the point of the protest: the more disruption [they] could cause for the University and the [students], the more leverage they thought they would have for their agenda,” according to the lawsuit.

Two of the five student plaintiffs are Jewish. All said they were too frightened by the vio-



Suit vs. Ivy hate Squad

BAD REPS: Reps. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (inset, from top), Jamaal Bowman and Ilhan Omar are accused in a lawsuit of inciting hateful anti-Israel protests at Columbia University (above).

lent protesters’ words and actions to reveal their names.

One, a senior identified as Eric Doe, said he “felt like he was living under an ominous cloud of doubt and uncertainty as he waited for the protestors or administration’s next move that would further impact his studies and life on campus.”

William Doe, another senior who joined the suit, said his senior design expo was canceled due to the encampment.

Bullied over yarmulke

Michael Doe, a sophomore, claimed he was told “Keep walking Zionist” and followed and screamed at by protesters.

Tim Doe, a Jewish sophomore, left campus early “because he did not feel safe.”

“During the protests, I witnessed numerous offensive and antisemitic signs and messages, including antisemitic skunk posters with the Star of David,” he told The Post.

“In one instance, I was walking with my non-Jewish friends when I was singled out because I was wearing my yarmulke. A leader of the pro-Palestinian protest approached our group and confronted me. He singled me out, yelling that I needed to move, and when I refused, he began to shove me out of the way.”

The students said in court papers, “In a civilized community, one does not call for the obliteration of a major metropolitan area, praise terrorists, or threaten death and destruction upon our classmates and their families, friends, and coreligionists.”

The encampment restricted access to campus, disrupted exams and ultimately canceled Columbia’s commencement.

All three lawmakers trespassed on the campus in April — “and participated in the encampment,” according to the lawsuit.

None of the Congress members or other groups being sued responded to messages seeking comment.

By RICH CALDER

Its hate on wheels.

Residents in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, are aghast over a souped-up Ford F-150 that rolled into the Jewish neighborhood and hipster haven a few months ago, delivering a menacing antisemitic message dripping in blood.

The black pickup truck is draped in a sadistic pro-Palestine wrap job that includes images of splattered blood and bloodstained handprints — a symbol of the infamous Ramallah lynching of 2000, where two Israeli reservists were savagely killed by a murderous mob.

It also boasts faux bullet holes and a giant portrait of late Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat on the front hood. Two Palestinian flags fly atop the truck.

“Never in my life did I think I would feel scared to be Jewish in Brooklyn — especially Williamsburg,” said a woman who’s lived in the neighborhood 15 years and declined to give her name out of fear.

“And while I recognize that the person who owns that truck must be in a lot of pain to decorate it that way, I can’t help but feel targeted by it being parked at the epicenter of our neighborhood — across from our Chabad. It feels very intentional,” she added.

“I think it’s an intimidation tactic,” said Williamsburg resident Michael Safir, who calls the vehicle the “ Hamas Truck.”

“There’s so many things on it that are offensive to Jews and what really bugs me is that I feel it’s a response” to the ongoing Israel-Hamas War in Gaza.

Safir, who is Jewish and lives in



the neighborhood with his wife and three kids, said he and many other local residents are “insanely offended” by the “God-awful truck and want it gone from the neighborhood.”

The vehicle’s paint job might be allowable under the Constitution, but it’s breaking all sorts of other laws in plain sight.

It also lacks license plates — except what appears to be an illegal vanity “ghost” plate that reads “OH GAZA.” And if you want to see who’s behind the wheel, forget it. All the windows — including the windshield — sport dark tint. Excessive tinting is illegal.

The truck typically parks near the corner of North 4th Street and Bedford Avenue and is owned by Jose Littef, 21, according to his half-brother Anas Ar-

IN BROOKLYN

Iran warns of attacks on civilians



BLOOD, FRET & FEARS: Food-truck operator Jose Litetf talks to cops about his menacingly pro-Palestinian Ford pickup truck that's been parked in Williamsburg to the alarm of Jewish locals.

Artislide/Economopoulos

man. Both Arman, 34, and Litetf operate the Original Caribbean King food truck on the corner.

Chabad down the block

Less than a block away on Bedford Avenue is the Chabad of North Brooklyn, which provides preschool and other services for Jewish children. It's less than a mile from South Williamsburg, home to one of the largest Hasidic communities in the city.

On Wednesday, a Post reporter spotted the truck parked illegally at the intersection, halfway up a curb and inches from a mailbox.

When asked about the complaints, Litetf declined comment and jumped in the front seat to hide behind the tinted windows and avoid being photographed.

For about five minutes, he sat in the vehicle blasting Arabic music from speakers installed outside the pickup.

After spotting two NYPD cops, he illegally drove onto a crosswalk on the other side of the intersection, got out and claimed a reporter and a photographer were "harassing" him.

"I don't have to show them anything!" fumed Litetf, insisting he wanted to file a complaint.

The cops, however, told him the reporter and photographer weren't breaking any laws. They then briefly examined the vehicle's rear end and questioned whether the "license plate" and window tint were legal, but ultimately walked away without taking action.

The motorist got back in the vehicle and drove away.

Arman, however, insisted Litetf is "too young" to understand why bloody red handprints and other features on the pickup truck are offensive to Jews.

During the Ramallah lynching, two Israeli military reservists made a wrong turn into the Palestinian-controlled city and were murdered and mutilated. One of the killers was filmed waving his bloodstained hands in celebration.

"He doesn't know about the hand, nothing! I swear!" said Arman.

Councilwoman Inna Vernikov (R-Brooklyn), a staunch opponent of anti-Israel hate, said the truck is the latest example of "terrorist-minded thugs living among us."

"They want us to cower in our homes; they want to scare us into submission; and ultimately, they want to destroy us," she said.

The Iranian government is warning Hezbollah is hellbent on revenge and will likely focus its retribution on civilian targets deeper into Israel following Tuesday's assassination of Fuad Shukur, the Tehran-backed terror group's most senior military commander.

Iran's Revolutionary Guards vowed that Israel would receive "a severe punishment at the appropriate time, place and manner" for killing Shukur in Beirut.

The IRG issued a statement Saturday, saying Hezbollah will no longer restrict its attacks to military locations.

It further noted Tuesday's strike against Shukur also killed five civilians, and was "supported by the United States." In response, the US deployed additional warships and fighter jets to the region, to help defend Israel against any future Hezbollah aggressions.

On Wednesday, just hours after Shukur's death, Hamas political chief Ismail Haniyeh was also killed by a bomb that'd been smuggled into the Tehran guesthouse where he was staying two months prior.

Meanwhile, two Israeli airstrikes carried out in the West Bank Saturday reportedly killed nine Palestinian militants, including senior Hezbollah terrorist Ali Nazih Abed Ali, reports said.

The attacks and new demands from Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu also appear to have stalled cease-fire talks in Cairo.

Chris Harris, Wires

Heinous hostage vid

The family of a murdered Hamas hostage posted shocking video showing the victim's lifeless corpse being abused and desecrated on the streets of Gaza following the Oct. 7 terror attack.

Eitan Levi's grieving relatives agreed the gruesome video could be shared on Instagram, as "proof that there is no innocent citizen in Gaza."

Levi, 52, was a taxi driver from Bat Yam, who was at Kibbutz Be'eri on Oct. 7 to drop off a passenger.

What exactly happened to him during the attack on the

kibbutz itself is unclear. Family members believe he was either prevented from leaving by Hamas militants, or that his cab was struck by a missile or drone.

In the disturbing clip, Eitan's limp body is seen stuffed in the trunk of a car being driven into Gaza. A crowd can be seen trailing after the vehicle.

A blurred portion of the video shows people kicking and stomping on his remains.

Hamas confirmed Levi's death in December. It is believed Hamas still has Levi's body.

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Scenes from the underground

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Jolie by his side

PAX Jolie-Pitt, 20, remains in the hospital after an electric-bike crash, sources tell Page Six. The son of warring Hollywood exes **Angelina Jolie** and **Brad Pitt** was not wearing a helmet when he rammed into the back of a car stopped at an intersection in LA last Monday. Jolie has been by his side this whole week, reports The Post's **Sara Nathan**. Page Six revealed Pax has been in "multiple" electric-bike accidents prior to Monday's crash — and he's almost never seen wearing a helmet. "His friends are concerned," an insider revealed. Another source added, "It's not great. Pax is a troubled kid, and Angelina is doing her best to help him." Page Six reached out to Jolie's reps.



Wintour games

ANNA Wintour was a fashionable fixture in the City of Light as she took in the Olympics. Spies saw the tennis fan and Vogue boss (above) cheering **Rafael Nadal** while sitting with film director **Baz Luhrmann** at the games. "When Rafa won a point, she stood up and cheered like a schoolgirl," a spy told us. "I've never seen her this animated before!" (In a less fashionable moment, the Condé Nast big's name was displayed on TV as "Annal Wintour.") Even still, New York calls, and Wintour was spotted flying home first class from Paris.

THE hot ticket this sweltering summer week was the opening night of "Life and Trust," the follow-up to the stunningly successful immersive theater show "Sleep No More."

Its predecessor has been running since 2011 and even has its own permanent home, the McKittrick Hotel in Chelsea. So curiosity about the follow-up from hip production company Emursive was high — resulting in a bursting celebrity guest list for the first performance.

The Faustian story about a banking tycoon on the eve of the Great Depression requires its audience to follow the action — literally — across six subterranean floors of a Financial District skyscraper.

We hear that at Thursday night's opening, guests **Murray Hill** and **Bridget Everett** — co-stars of HBO's "Somebody Somewhere" — ran into showbiz legend **Lorna Luft** on one of the staircases in the middle of the performance and stopped to chat.

We're told about "a dozen or so audience members, who were chasing [one of the characters] Mephisto down those stairs," got stuck behind a celebrity gabfest, causing them to lose track of the fast-moving plot.

"It wasn't until an angry first-nighter shouted 'Move!' that the blockage was cleared and the show could continue," we're told.

Other guests at the fun opening included

Talking Heads rocker **David Byrne**, "Black Swan" director **Darren Aronofsky**, "Showgirls" star **Gina Gershon**, Oscar winner **Joel Grey**, NPR brainiac **Ira Glass** and fashion designer **Rachel Antonoff**.

Elsewhere, comedian **Jackie Hoffman** was spotted enjoying a particularly sexy scene between a cowboy and a guy dressed as a horse, quipping, "I haven't seen anyone this horny over a horse since **Daniel Radcliffe** starred in 'Equus.'" We hear there's an even sexier scene depicting a "homoerotic boxing match."

Also at the show were **Danya Taymor**, **Amber Ardolino**, **Daniel K. Isaac**, **Claybourne Elder** and **Montego Glover**.



While her husband campaigns in Atlanta Saturday, **Melania Trump** preps for a possible return to the White House in her own way: leaving Manhattan's Trump Tower with a \$4,000 Burberry tote plus luggage with a "FLOTUS" tag (inset).

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Fresh to a tee

WYCLEF Jean works so hard, he needs a second shirt on hand in case he sweats through the first one. The Fugees legend gave a concert at Calissa in Water Mill on Thursday, we hear, in the 90-degree heat. We're told his white button-down got so drenched that after singing hits such as "Guan-tanamera" and the Fugees' "Ready or Not" that he asked for a substitution. Happily, an assistant was on hand armed with a fresh white tee to finish out the concert. Jean greeted diners at the Greek restaurant and even freestyled a bit about the sweaty situation. "Face all sweaty — can't forget about f-king spaghetti," he rapped.

'Brook'en bone

BROOKLYN Beckham's got a broken bone. The son of **Victoria** and **David Beckham** revealed on Instagram Friday he landed in the hospital with an injured shoulder. "Broke my shoulder but all good cause I have @nicolaanpeltzbeckham to look after me xx love you babe," he wrote alongside a hosp-bed selfie from his hospital bed. Peltz has not replied to his comment. In the snap, Brooklyn lay bedridden while throwing up a peace sign.



Dublin up on Tay

TREY Anastasio, lead singer of the jam band Phish, has revealed his kids are **Taylor Swift** fans. On SiriusXM's Phish Radio, Anastasio told host **Ari Fink**, "My daughters, 27 and 29, saved all their money and went to Dublin to see Taylor... And met another friend and had an Irish adventure. They just got back last night." When Fink said a ticket in Dublin would be less expensive than in the States, the Phish rocker pointed out, "That's why they went. It was the only place you could get a ticket." He added that at the show, "Taylor got stuck on a platform, they had to rescue her." Ironically, the same thing happened to the Phish rocker, too. "I said, 'Is that a coincidence?'" he recounted.

Best sax Luann ever had?

MAYBE his sax appeal gave her the horn? A source tells Page Six that former "Real Housewives of New York City" star **Luann de Lesseps** threw a classy party at her home in Sag Harbor last week — where she wound up dancing the night away with the evening's entertainment. We hear once saxophone player **Curtis Haywood** was done performing at the bash, put together by event planner Revel Rouge, he hit the dance floor with de Lesseps for four hours. "They were dancing from 7 until 11," said our spy. Also at the bash, which included DJ sets, were **Candace Bushnell**, **Nicole Miller**, **Lee Schrager** and **Ramona Singer**. It's not the first time this summer that the "Luann & Sonja: Welcome to Crappie Lake" star has found that music is the food of love. Last month we reported that the erstwhile countess played the bongos onstage with the Gipsy Kings at Greek restaurant Calissa in Water Mill before making out with a mystery man in the audience. Play on, indeed.

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Singing for a cause

THE recording studio founded by tragic singer Elliott Smith will hold All My Rowdy Friends, a benefit concert, on Tuesday — what would've been Smith's 55th birthday. New Monkey Studio said the show at the Regent Theater in LA will feature performances by the touring band from his "Figure 8" album — the last he recorded before taking his own life in 2003. Guests will include members of Granddaddy, Band of Horses and Earlimart, plus **Violet Grohl** — a singer and the daughter of Foo Fighters frontman **Dave Grohl**. New Monkey Studio was a space Smith founded "as a creative sanctuary for his music projects."

We hear

THAT **Jared Freid** appeared on Bilt Rewards' show "Rent Free" with CEO **Ankur Jain** ... THAT designer **Adriana Castro** — whose fans include **Sarah Jessica Parker** and **Kendall Jenner** — is hosting a pop-up shop at the Capri Southampton through Sept. 8 ... THAT socialite **Kimberly Paige Bluhm** was spotted at Club 55 in St-Tropez this week along with stars such as **Orlando Bloom** ... THAT **Alan Hamel** — the widow of Suzanne Somers — was dining at Palm Springs, Calif.'s Le Vallauris, the couple's favorite restaurant ... THAT dermatologist Dr. **Howard Sobel** was among the VIP crowd at Polo Hamptons ... THAT **Julia Haart** was seen dining at UES fave La Goulue.



John Travolta and daughter **Ella Bleu Travolta** (in a sporty French beret) arrive at Paris' Bercy Arena Saturday to cheer on Team USA gymnasts.

Assaoui Nacer / MEGA

Locking up a legend: Kobe locker fetches \$2.9M

KOBE Bryant's Staples Center locker — which was, incredibly, saved from the dumpster by a maintenance worker — sold for \$2.9 million this week. According to famed auction house Sotheby's, the sale is a "testament to how the foresight of one person can save a piece of history." "During the Staples Center renovation in 2018, a prescient maintenance worker recognized the gravity of the locker's significance and ensured it wasn't destroyed," said **Brahm Wachter**, head of modern collectables at Sotheby's. "The maintenance worker sold the locker to an American collector in a private transaction, where it was then reunited with Kobe's original locker nameplate." The locker was then resold with the nameplate in this week's sale. There were four bidders over the course of a 20-minute bidding battle. A portion of the proceeds from the sale will benefit the Los Angeles Lakers Youth Foundation, according to Sotheby's. The Lakers great died in 2020 in an LA helicopter crash that also killed his 13-year-old daughter, Gianna.



"Beautiful Stranger" indeed! A topless **Madonna** teases "Hot Fun in the Summertime" on Instagram with a mystery boy toy.

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STAYIN' LO KEY

ANOTHER chapter in the life of **Jennifer Lopez** (right) has finally closed. The star singer and actress, who seems to be splitting up with **Ben Affleck**, has sold her Madison Square Park penthouse in New York City — seven years after she first put it on the market — for \$23 million, according to city property records. The stately penthouse duplex, at 21 E. 26th St., is a spacious 6,540 square feet. It comes with four bedrooms, 6½ baths and almost 3,000 square feet of outdoor space over four terraces on two levels, including a croquet pitch, a landscaped roof deck and a putting green. It first asked \$26.95 million in 2017, according to StreetEasy records, and it bounced on and off the market in the following years under two separate brokerages. The ritzy spread is one floor above the unit where **Chelsea Clinton** and her family live. The residence went into contract in April, as Gimme Shelter reported exclusively. The closing — recorded on Monday — was first reported by the Real Deal. The posh penthouse first hit the market for \$26.95 million in 2017, three years after Lopez paid \$20.1 million for it, as Gimme Shelter also reported exclusively at the time. It's in a six-story, neo-Georgian building that features just four units. Past and present residents in the boutique condo also include four-time NASCAR Cup Series champion **Jeff Gordon**, and media mogul and TV personality **Dan Abrams**. The building, which dates to 1924, features design details like 12-foot-6-inch-high ceilings and white oak floors. The Lopez residence opens from a private keyed elevator into a great room with a skylight and a wall of Palladian-style windows. French doors lead to a terrace overlooking the park. Views also feature the Flatiron Building and the MetLife Clock Tower. The listing brokers were **Chris Pomeroy** and **Richard Orenstein** of Brown Harris Stevens.



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Urban Aisle

An offer you can't refuse

A BEVERLY Hills home built by Jack Bellin, the stuntman for Marlon Brando (below), asks \$2.9 million for sale. The gated residence is near **LeBron James'** new estate, said listing broker **Stefano Zoccatelli** of Nest Seekers International. Bellin wasn't just Brando's stuntman — he was also a friend. He made his film debut in "One-eyed Jacks," a 1961 Western that Brando starred in. Bellin, who often traveled with Brando, was so taken with the star's private island resort lodge in Tahiti that he drew inspiration from it when building his own home. At 1,554 square feet, the dwelling features three bedrooms and three bathrooms. Its tour de force is an indoor pool surrounded by trees. There's also a modern kitchen that opens to the pool area and wide city views. The home, perched on a knoll overlooking LA, sits on 0.41 acres.



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84 Mercer St.

Shannon Dupre, DDRReps

Klum and board

A CLASSIC Soho loft in a famed five-building, cast-iron complex that has been home to multiple actors and artists over the years is on the market for \$8 million. The six-story development has been home to **Cindy Sherman**, **Hank Azaria**, **Meg Ryan** and **Heidi Klum** (below) — the German supermodel and "Project Runway" star who bought one of the penthouses for \$5.1 million in 2018. This co-op for sale here, at 84 Mercer St., is currently owned by developer **Michael Lerner**. The third-floor spread features three bedrooms and 3½ baths — all in a building that dates to 1884, with a Queen Anne facade of brick, terracotta and cast iron. The 4,500-square-foot space boasts classic details like restored cast-iron columns, high ceilings, hardwood floors and wood beams. The listing brokers are **Leonard Steinberg**, **Hervé Senequier** and **Amy Mendizabal** of Compass.



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70 Limekiln Road

Bernadette Queenan

House of the 'Dragon'

PETER, Paul and Mary, the iconic American folk trio, have been part of music culture with songs like "Puff the Magic Dragon" for more than half a century. Now, a magical pre-Revolutionary War Connecticut farmhouse, where the group's late singer-songwriter and activist Mary Travers (below) lived from 1966 until her death from leukemia in 2009, has hit the market for \$949,000. The seller is the folk icon's daughter, **Ali-cia Travers**. Built in 1730, the property is where Mary "found peace, tranquility and inspiration," said listing broker **Laura Ancona**, of William Pitt-Julia B. Fee Sotheby's International Realty. The charming four-bedroom, three-bath home is at 70 Limekiln Road in Redding. It comes with a pool and gardens, and sits on 2.05 acres. At 2,323 square feet, the residence features wide-board floors and two original fireplaces.



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Speak of the 'Devil'

A DOWNTOWN loft in a landmarked building where the 2006 movie "The Devil Wears Prada" — starring **Anne Hathaway** (below)

and **Meryl Streep** — was filmed is holding a casting call for a new owner. The listing inside the cast-iron building, at 56 Crosby St. in Soho, is asking \$8.99 million. The second-floor unit is directly below one that appeared in the film as the fictional pad of designer James Holt, played by **Daniel Sunjata**. Both share the same floor plan. The spread was staged by **Cheryl Eisen's** Interior Marketing Group. It asked a higher \$9.5 million last May. At 4,440 square feet, the home features two bedrooms and 2½ baths. Details include 16-foot ceilings and large windows overlooking Broadway. The listing brokers are **Leonard Steinberg**, **Hervé Senequier** and **Amy Mendizabal** of Compass.



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Privates in public

More lewd street jerks

By MATTHEW SEDACCA

More sickos are publicly pleasuring and exposing themselves on the streets of the Big Apple, crime statistics show — a nauseating development critics have chalked up to lax laws and a broken mental health system.

Reports of pervs fondling themselves in the open soared 51% through June 30, up to 378 complaints from 251 during the same period in 2023, NYPD data show.

Meanwhile, cops issued 159 criminal summonses through June 30 citywide to New Yorkers for whipping out their genitals — sometimes to urinate — a staggering 396% increase from the 32 tickets written in 2023, according to city data.

“There’s too much junk I don’t want to see,” Greenwich Village resident Brian Maloney told *The Post*.

Three weeks ago, a long-haired naked man fondled himself while sitting in a chair outside the Washington Square Diner in the pouring rain, according to footage Maloney shared with *The Post*. Days later, a woman in his subway car decided to parade in front of commuters in her birthday suit, he added.

SI raily angry at MTA

Seven Staten Island pols are pressing Gov. Hochul to remove an MTA board member who recommended stripping the forgotten borough of its promised new railcars.

The reps penned a letter to the governor excoriating the “outwardly hostile bias and callousness” of nonvoting MTA board member Norman Brown at a June committee meeting on the now-paused \$15 congestion pricing tolling program.

Brown asked whether the 75 state-of-the-art R211S cars ordered up for the Staten Island Railway could be used on the city’s subway system

“We’re exhausted by it,” Maloney said. “We’re trying for help, we’re pleading with our electeds to help and basically getting ignored.”

At a July meeting for Manhattan’s Community Board 1, which covers the Financial District and Tribeca, residents raged over cops’ failure to respond to their complaints about a grime-covered serial masturbator with a Marine Corps tattoo on his back.

‘Out on the street’

Capt. Joel Rosenthal, commanding officer of the 1st Precinct, warned outraged locals that even if the police busted him in the act, the twisted perv likely would be cut loose in no time.

“This is a desk appearance ticket and a non-bail eligible offense, so he will be out within two hours,” Rosenthal said.

“If we don’t enforce laws so individuals aren’t in jails or prisons, and they’re not receiving psychiatric treatment because the mental health system deprioritizes the mentally ill . . . these people are out on the street,” he said.

Additional reporting by Tina Moore

“since representatives from Staten Island . . . do not support the capital plan.”

“Today, we are asking you to remove Mr. Brown from his position on the MTA Board,” reads the July 29 missive signed by Republican Assemblymen Sam Pirozzolo, Michael Tannousis and Michael Reilly, Borough President Vito Fossella, state Sen. Andrew Lanza, City Council Minority Leader Joseph Borelli and Councilman David Carr.

“The complete contempt Mr. Brown exhibited for Staten Islanders was a masterpiece in bureaucratic ignorance.” *Matthew Sedacca*

By ANGELA BARBUTI

IT’S rarely as stylish as Fran Drescher makes out . . .

A former nanny to Manhattan multimillionaires is spilling all about their kids’ designer wardrobes, being made to chase after their golf carts and grumpy celebrities on the school run in a new tell-all book.

Stephanie Kiser, 32, worked for three different families and regularly bumped into the likes of Drew Barrymore, Steve Martin and Robert De Niro at The Episcopal School on the Upper East Side, a private school for children 2 to 5.

Eighty-year-old De Niro, a dad of seven, was the brashiest while picking up his second-youngest daughter, Helen Grace, whom he shares with ex Grace Hightower.

“He did not wait in the line. He waited across the street and his driver would get out of this massive SUV and open his door. And they would let him go in first and he would skip the line. Maybe he was just grumpy. You weren’t going to say hi to him,” she told *The Post*.

“His nannies were formal nannies, so they had uniforms. They wore pink polos with khaki shorts. So you knew that they were the sort of nanny that was not part of the family. They were just doing their job,” Kiser said.

Barrymore “was by far the best” when coming to get her daughters, Olive and Frankie.

“She was an angel . . . I just remember so clearly one day, walking in behind her to the school, and she was stopping to say hi and wave and hug every person that works there,” Kiser said.

Martin was more low-key and kept to himself while waiting for his little one, Mary.

“Honestly, I think he thought he was a regular guy. He was very cute. He always had like a little satchel and a little hat. He was really quiet,” she said.

Multimillionaire bosses

Kiser, a native of North Providence, RI, moved to East Harlem upon graduation from Emerson College to pursue film and TV writing.

Her new memoir, “Wanted: Toddler’s Personal Assistant: How Nannying for the 1% Taught Me about the Myths of Equality, Motherhood, and Upward Mobility in America” (Sourcebooks), out Aug. 6, spills all from her foray into nannyhood, which lasted from 2014 to 2022.

She worked for three multimillionaire Manhattan families, frequently clocking up 55 to 75 hours a week. The highest salary she ever received was \$110,000 per year in cash, sans medical benefits.

“A young, sort of fit, educated nanny on the Upper East Side just gets paid in a whole different way than a career nanny from Nepal. It’s sort of ridiculous because they knew way more about kids than I did,” Kiser said.

The first and last families she



WORKING FOR THE 1%: Stephanie Kiser knows all the wild demands of Manhattan’s richest families.

worked for both lived on the Upper East Side and had three children, ranging in ages from newborn to 6.

She didn’t last long with the second family, who resided in Tribeca and had a 5-year-old son who still soiled his pants, and quit after five months.

Kiser was shocked to see the price tags on items the children owned, like the \$425 Oscar de la Renta dress 4-year-old Ruby, from her first family, wore to school.

“Ruby, probably in my two years I worked there, owned 50 \$400 to \$500 dresses, which, why? She didn’t fit in them very long,” she said.

Kiser was also taken aback by the cost of the children’s extracurricular activities, like the \$500-an-hour Upper East Side reading class and the \$13,000 day camp in the Hamptons, where Lin-Manuel Miranda’s son

was a fellow camper.

Kiser also did a nannying trial for a New York billionaire, who invited her to spend a weekend watching his 18-month-old in the Hamptons — and made her run behind the golf cart he and his son were being transported en route to their docked yacht.

“‘The boat’s down there,’ he says to me. ‘You just follow the path to the water. Just run behind and meet us there;’” she writes.

The billionaire had a staff of 50 — including a chef, a sous chef, servers and a butler all present during every meal at his home.

“This person had an actual dry cleaning service in the basement,” she said. “Like there were housekeepers, their sole job was to do the washing and ironing. Five days a week. It was a family of three. How much laundry do you have?”

Nanny for UES millionaires

spills all about being a

'personal assistant' to

pampered kids

TOILING FOR TODDLERS

Kiser also divulged the worst job she was tasked with — hand-washing the soiled linen underwear of her 5-year-old charge “who s—ts his pants nearly every day, not accidentally, but spite-

fully,” she writes.

“It was like an out-of-body experience, I can picture myself with my nails, trying to scrape this poop out,” Kiser said, adding, “It was really strange because

we’re in a multi-million dollar apartment . . . Let’s just throw the underwear out.”

Kiser also revealed the outlandish requests her nanny friends received from their bosses.

“One nanny has to disinfect every toy that’s been touched, down to each individual building block,” she writes.

Another had to replace anything she had used.

“If she used diaper rash ointment, she would take another container and scoop it out and smooth it out so it looked full . . . [or] she was reprimanded,” Kiser recalled.

In the book, she also noted the glaring red flags she saw on job postings.

“Looking for a nanny who can fade into the back-

ground’ [means] they want someone who essentially is absent of personality,” she said. “They want a servant; they don’t want anything more.”

Food fight

Kiser also had to face the sad reality that, being American-born and educated, she was treated differently than many of the other nannies, who hailed from the Caribbean, South America and Asia.

One mother in a building playground Kiser frequented only ever spoke to her, ignoring the other nannies, who told her, “She talks to you because you are white.”

One of her closest nanny friends also once lamented about a father who would not allow her

and another nanny at his barbecue to eat what the rest of them were having.

“We reach for the steaks, but Mr. Bruce yelled for us to stop. He brought out two tiny pieces of meat. He told us the big steaks are for everyone else,” the nanny told her.

Despite all the headaches, Kiser — who now lives in Astoria and works as a senior executive assistant at an ad-tech company — said it was hard to leave the children she nannied after growing to love them.

“Oh my God, I’ve had breakups that went smoother. For the last family, I was sick in bed for a couple days after leaving, she said.

“But I still see them. Their moms still send me updates,” she added.

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RUBBING SHOULDERS:

Collecting the kids from school, Kiser would run into Steve Martin (from left), Drew Barrymore and Robert De Niro.

By TINA MOORE
Police Bureau Chief
and MATTHEW SEDACCA

EATING AWAY AT HIM

Chief bit by pol fumes at 'vic act'



STINGS: Deputy Chief Frank DiGiacomo wants Councilwoman Susan Zhuang to apologize for biting him (right).

The NYPD chief bitten by a City Council member during a raucous shelter protest last week in Brooklyn is “pissed off” the pol is making herself out to be the victim, The Post has learned.

“After 31 years on the job, I’ve never been bitten, and I can’t believe someone would just bite another human being,” Deputy Chief Frank DiGiacomo told a friend after City Councilwoman Susan Zhuang allegedly bit him at a proposed shelter site in Bensonhurst July 24. “I can’t imagine someone would want to have somebody else’s blood in their mouth.

“The thing that bothers me the most is that she is making out like she’s the victim,” he said, according to the friend.

The veteran police boss also told friends he “bled a lot, needed an anti-viral cocktail and a tetanus shot.”

Zhuang, a Democrat representing the 43rd district based in Sunset Park, told an ally she bit DiGiacomo because he was choking her. But DiGiacomo refutes

that claim, saying his arm was on a metal crowd barrier — not on the politician — when he felt her teeth sink into it, the friend said.

“The bite mark is on the outside of his arm,” the friend recalled. “So it’s not like someone bit the inside of the arm that was wrapped around them.”

Zhuang’s office has said she was trying to protect an elderly woman who had been knocked to the ground.

But NYPD officials said the woman had laid down in front of a traffic barrier an act of civil disobedience.

The police called an ambulance for her, but before it arrived the mob began pushing the barrier, cops said. The woman remained at the protest for the rest of the day, police sources said.

DiGiacomo told his friend he wants an apology.

“People aren’t going to jail for these kinds of crimes

anymore,” he reportedly said. “But I at least thought there would be an apology or acknowledgment of what happened.”

The city’s largest police union also rallied around the deputy chief.

Zhuang “needs to take responsibility for her actions instead of trying to deflect blame towards our police officers,” Police Benevolent Association president Patrick Hendry said.



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Bounce-house horror kills boy, 5

A 5-year-old boy was killed and another child was injured when a bounce house they were in went “airborne” and crashed down on the field at a minor league baseball game in Maryland, officials said.

Strong wind gusts lifted the moon bounce 15 to 20 feet in the air around 9:20 p.m. on Friday night, sending children playing inside it flying before the inflatable structure landed on the playing field at Regency Furniture Stadium, where the Southern Maryland Blue Crabs were in the middle of a game, Charles County officials said.

A 5-year-old boy from La Plata suffered life-threaten-

ing injuries and was airlifted by Maryland State Police to Children’s Hospital, where he later died.

Another child with non-life-threatening injuries was also flown to a local hospital. That child’s condition was not immediately clear.

“Our entire organization shares our condolences with the family mourning the loss of a child, and concern for the child who was injured,” Blue Crabs General Manager Courtney Knichele said in a statement.

The team canceled the game and all baseball activities scheduled for Saturday.

Patrick Reilly

Long Is. shark shock

A perfect Long Island day at the beach was temporarily halted on Saturday when a shark was spotted at Nickerson Beach.

Lifeguards at the Nassau County park, which is located in the town of Lido

Beach, spotted the fins about 75 feet from the shore and immediately closed the beach, officials said on X around 12:30 p.m.

Nearby Malibu and Lido beaches were also closed.

Deirdre Bardolf

SC school firings in Mex. slur

Several South Carolina elementary school staffers were canned after photos emerged showing employees posing as Border Patrol agents and wearing stereotypical Mexican clothing at a school event this week, officials said.

Staff members at Royall Elementary School in Florence donned the offensive outfits for an “Olympic Parade” event on Wednesday — a professional development day before pupils’ first day of class.

Photos from the event posted to the school’s Facebook page showed two employees wearing sunglasses and gray shirts with “US Border Patrol” posing in front of a hand-made brick wall display.

In another picture, several staffers wore bright-colored sombreros in front of a sign that said Royall “Cantina” — Spanish for “bar.”

The Post has reached out to school and district officials for comment. Patrick Reilly

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Like what the cluck?

Chicken-claw 'wich

By MATTHEW SEDACCA



Omar Rahidi and Ibby Farooq caught wind of the hype through social media and jetted into the city Thursday from Queens, hoping to score a leggy sandwich for lunch.

The pair, who have been searching for and sampling the top hot chicken sandwiches around the country for the past few years, rated Birdbox's handiwork as potentially the best in the city at the moment.

"You can taste the marination," said Farooq (inset above). "This is perfectly cooked, perfectly balanced."

Rahidi, however, scrunched his face after biting into the sandwich's well-seasoned claw, the sound of bone and coating shattering between his teeth.

"That's not for me," he laughed.

New Yorkers are clucking over a macabre new chicken sandwich.

San Francisco import Birdbox spread its wings in Times Square this month with its Claude the Claw fried-chicken sandwich — complete with a fowl's foot attached.

The brainchild of co-owner and Michelin-starred chef Chris Bleidorn, the claw-clad sandwich features a thigh-and-drum cutlet nestled in between a potato bun with pickles, slaw and a savory "yeayo" sauce.

Late Thursday morning delivery drivers and office workers gathered outside the Backstage Food Hall on West 46th Street to pick up their orders of the \$19 sandwich, with the restaurant selling out of the menu item almost instantly.

"Today's the first day like this. There was not a rush like this before," Kip Beach, who manages the building housing Birdbox's East Coast operation, told The Post.

Beach partly attributed the sudden rush of customers to a viral video from food influencer Jack Goldberg spotlighting the foot-forward creation.

Uber-spray 'racist'

A young woman who allegedly hit her Uber driver with pepper spray in Midtown Wednesday said she did it because of his skin color, the driver told The Post Saturday.



"Her friend, she is yelling, 'Jen, Jen, what the f--k, what are you doing?'" driver Shohel Mahmud (inset) recalled. "Her friend is asking, 'Why did you do that?' And she say, 'He's brown.'"

Jennifer Guilbeault, 23, was riding in the back seat with another woman at Lexington Avenue and East 66th Street around 11:30 p.m. when she

suddenly sprayed the driver in the eyes with the noxious substance, video showed.

Mahmud, 45, of Queens, said he picked up the duo in Midtown and didn't speak to them before the attack. "They are talking to each other . . . Suddenly, this girl for no reason spray me with pepper spray," he said, adding, "This is totally ridiculous . . . She assault a driver for no reason. This is a hate crime."

Guilbeault was hit with a desk appearance ticket.

Khristina Narizhnaya and Tina Moore

WITNESSES

By SARA NATHAN

PAX Jolie-Pitt remains in the hospital following a shocking electric bike crash which left witnesses fearing he had not survived, sources tell Page Six.

The accident is just the latest incident to spark fears for the 20-year-old Pax, whom multiple sources tell Page Six has grown increasingly troubled, prompting his mother, Angelina Jolie, to seek help for him.

Pax — who was not wearing a helmet — rammed into the back of a car stopped at an intersection on Los Feliz Boulevard in Los Angeles during the evening rush hour on Monday.

Pax was out cold and only regained consciousness when paramedics arrived. Onlookers thought the worst, while medics believed he may have suffered a brain bleed, according to TMZ.

Page Six revealed this week that Pax has been in "multiple" electric bike accidents prior to Monday's crash — and he is almost never seen wearing a helmet.

"His friends are concerned about him," an insider revealed. "He's being reckless. They're worried."

Another source in the know told us it's not just bikes that Pax had crashed, but also cars.

"He has had a string of car crashes," the source claimed. "It's not great. Pax is a troubled kid, and Angelina is doing her best to help him."

Page Six has reached out to reps for Jolie for comment.

All in the family

Pax — who still lives at Jolie's sprawling \$25 million Los Feliz estate, once the home of legendary filmmaker Cecil B. DeMille — was spotted riding around the neighborhood on a \$3,000 Talaria Sting R MX4 electric bike on July 11, without a helmet.

According to the Talaria website, the Sting R MX4 is an off-road bike.

Vendor sites such as REVRides.com specify the \$4,500 bike is "not for street use."

The LAPD incident report for a road accident matching the particulars of Pax's July 29 accident does not specify the make and model of his bike. Asked if Pax could face any charges, LAPD sources told Page Six Friday that there was nothing new to add to the initial report of a traffic collision.

Pax was adopted by Oscar winner Jolie from an orphanage in Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam when he was 3.

His birth mother, Pham Thu Dung, struggled with heroin addiction and reportedly abandoned her son two

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JOLIE BUNCH: Pax Jolie-Pitt, the 20-year-old son of Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt (together above), is said to still be in the hospital, days after a scary bike wreck. His youngest siblings are 16-year-old twins Knox (below left) and Vivienne (below right).



days after giving birth.

He is extremely close to Jolie, as are his five siblings, Maddox, 23; Zahara, 19; Shiloh, 18; and twins Knox and Vivienne, who turned 16 last month.

Maddox was adopted by Jolie from Cambodia in 2002. The star then adopted Zahara from Ethiopia in

2005 and Pax in 2007. Jolie's boyfriend and future husband Brad Pitt adopted Maddox and Zahara in 2006, followed by Pax in 2008.

As Page Six has previously reported, the six children now have basically no relationship with Pitt.

All the children were home-

THOUGHT PAX DIED

After 'troubled' son's scary bike accident, sources say Angelina has sought help



NAME GAME: Maddox (above, with Jolie), 23, has studied in South Korea. He dropped the Pitt name. Shiloh (above right) filed to drop her dad's last name when she turned 18 in May. Zahara (below, with Jolie), 19, was seen referring to herself as "Zahara Marley Jolie."

schooled, sources confirm, with some saying this is a major reason for their fractured relations with Pitt.

"Angelina home-schooled them, she cocooned them, and this was one way to alienate them from Brad," said a Pitt insider.

Pitt and Jolie have been embroiled in a bitter, eight-year divorce that is still ongoing and includes a custody battle over their two remaining minor children.

The 60-year-old "Ocean's Eleven" actor has been estranged from Maddox, Pax and Zahara

since he was accused of hitting one of his children during an altercation on a private jet with Jolie in 2016, prompting her to file for divorce.

Following an FBI investigation into the incident, the Oscar winner was never arrested or charged with any offense.

He has not spoken to Pax since his accident, we're told. Reps for Pitt were unavailable for comment.

Name drop

Maddox, who dropped Pitt from his surname in 2021, is believed to have graduated from Yonsei University in South Korea, where he studied biochemistry, while Zahara is a student at the prestigious Spelman University, a historically Black college for women in Atlanta, Ga.

In November, video emerged of Zahara joining the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority. "My name is Zahara Marley Jolie," she announced during the ceremony.

In an Instagram post on Father's Day 2020, Pax — who had small roles in his mom's Disney movies "Kung Fu Panda 3" and "Maleficent" — called Pitt a "world class a--hole" and an "awful human being."

It's not yet known whether Shiloh, a talented dancer, will be attending college this fall, but she has legally applied to drop Pitt from her surname. This week, it was revealed the name-change hearing had been postponed over a clerical error.

Meanwhile, Vivienne, who stood on stage with her mom at the Tonys after the show they helped produce, "The Outsiders," won best musical, also only goes by the Jolie surname, as per the show's Playbill.

"[Pitt] sees the younger kids sometimes," the Pitt insider said, "but he hasn't seen them in a long

time as he's been filming abroad."

The actor has been working on his new racing movie, "Fl," which is slated to premiere next summer.

Pitt and Jolie are also in the midst of an ugly fight after he filed a \$67 million lawsuit against her over the sale of Miraval, their French vineyard. On Friday, People reported that Jolie is now accusing Pitt of trying to have her sign a \$8.5 million non-disclosure agreement related to her allegations of abuse against her ex.

Brangelina battles

In court documents filed in Los Angeles County Superior Court on Thursday, lawyers for Jolie said she "was not acting with malice and the intent to hurt Pitt in response to any custody ruling" when she sold her share of Miraval in 2021.

"Instead, it was Pitt who refused to buy her interest unless he received his newly expanded

NDA, enforceable by an \$8.5 million holdback specifically designed to force her silence about his abuse and cover-up," the court documents read.

Page Six has asked reps for Pitt for comment.

Meanwhile, the exes will narrowly avoid seeing each other when they debut new movies at Venice Film Festival next month, sources tell Page Six.

Jolie will jet to Italy to promote "Maria," in which she plays opera legend Maria Callas. She is already getting awards buzz for the movie, which will compete for the Golden Lion. "By all accounts, she is excellent" in it, a Hollywood source said.

Pitt will be in Venice for his new hitman-caper movie "Wolfs," with George Clooney.

"The studios have worked it out so Angie and Brad aren't there at the same time," said a Hollywood industry source. "That would be truly awkward."



GANG'S ALL HERE: Angelina Jolie — seen here with Brad Pitt and their kids Zahara (from left), Knox, Maddox, Shiloh, Pax and Vivienne in 2011 — first adopted Maddox, Zahara and Pax, with Pitt following suit.

High on cookies

Pot's legal, so everyone's nibblin'

By LAUREN ELKIES SCHRAM

It's never been easier to satisfy a case of the munchies.

Artisan cookie shops have been popping up across New York City, with more than a couple dozen opening since the state gave a green light to legal grass in 2021 — and more are on the way.

Manhattan baker Oriana Molina Garcia of Oriana's Cookies said she has had stoned customers at farmers' markets that "would be like, 'Oh, my God, I have the munchies right now. This is a perfect way to end it.'"

"I'm about to go to smoke, and this is going to be perfect for my munchies afterward," she recalled one customer confessing.

Residents of states where cannabis has been legalized use marijuana 24% more frequently than those living in states where it remains illegal, according to August 2022 data in *Addiction*, which publishes peer-reviewed research reports on pharmacological and be-



SOFT SPOT FOR NEW DELICACIES:

Forget about store-bought Chips Ahoy. The growth of artisan cookie shops across the city since 2021 appears to have a direct correlation to the legalization of weed in the Empire State.

havioral addiction.

Naturally, there are more cases of snack cravings.

Cookies are great because bakers "can literally create any flavor you want," said Garcia, who has made cookies with hot Cheetos.

Cookies and cannabis have always complemented each other.

That is something *Insomnia Cookies* has known for decades: Most of the chain's locations are open until 2:45 a.m.

Even employees of legal weed shops are mainlining the confections, including the staff at Chelsea's *Verdi Cannabis*, a legal weed shop near a *Crumbl Cookies*.

Double duty

Regina Smith, co-owner of *Yonkers dispensary The Plant* and *Scarsdale-based cupcake and cookie shop Small Cakes NY*, loves cookies on a normal day, and really loves

them when she's high.

"I'm a sweets lover," said Smith, who has an affinity for *Small Cakes NY's* chocolate chip cookie.

So far this year four cookie stores opened, including *Levain Bakery* in the Flatiron District and a pair of *Insomnia Cookies* joints in Penn Station and The Bronx. *Crumbl Cookies* opened in Staten Island's West Brighton in June.

Additional reporting by Claire Samstag



J.C. Freese/AP

\$10M NY Harbor 'facelift'

A former weapons arsenal on Governors Island is getting a \$10 million facelift that will bring new dining options and a large event space to the island that sits in the heart of New York Harbor, according to media reports.

In addition to reimagining *Taco Vista*, a casual Mexican joint that has been on the 172-acre island since 2018, the historic *Building 140* will house *Priscilla's*, a year-round cafe with light fare and crafted cocktails, and the *Riverline*, an indoor-outdoor full-service restaurant, according to *amNY*.

There will be a commissary kitchen servicing all three eateries and event space offering scenic waterfront views for weddings and corporate events, all operated by the Mexican eatery.

The project — which includes about \$1 million in city funds — is slated to open in fall 2025.

Lauren Elkies Schram

Post Weather Report

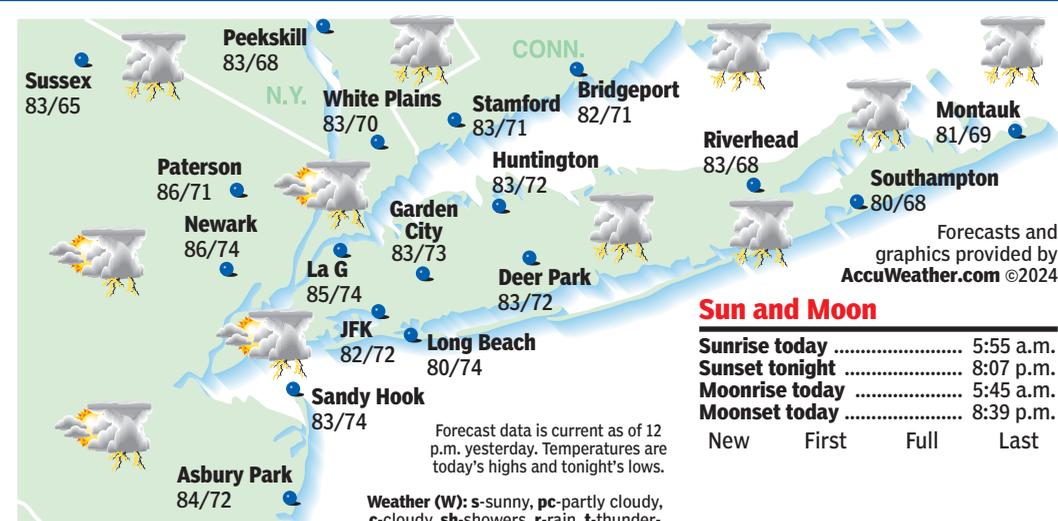
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Sunday
Today: A couple of showers and a heavy t-storm. High 82 to 88.
Tonight: Humid; a t-storm around early. Low 71 to 77.

Monday
Tomorrow: Partly sunny and hot. High 88 to 94.
Tomorrow night: Partly cloudy. Low 71 to 77.

Tuesday
A p.m. t-storm. High 79 to 85.
Evening: Showers/t-storms. Low 64 to 70.

Wednesday
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Evening: Showers/t-storms. Low 62 to 68.



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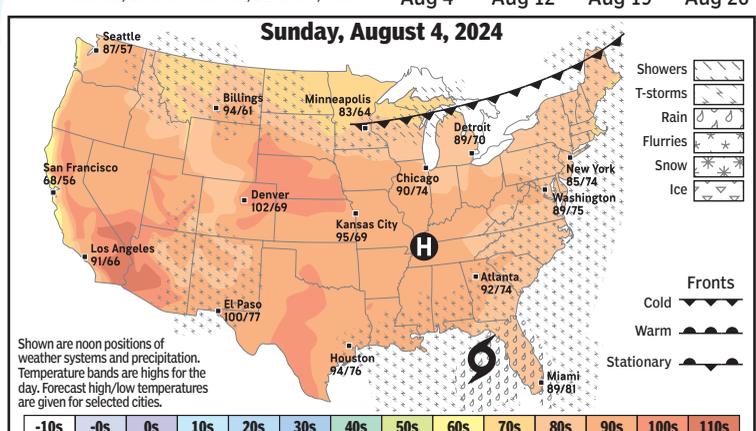
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Cooling Degree days yesterday 17
Total for the month (normal) 56 (37)
Total since Jan. 1 (normal) 936 (738)
Last year to date 724
Heat Index (at noon yest.) 93
UV index (for Sun.) 3 (Moderate)
Humidity (at noon) 53%

AIR QUALITY
Pollen: Low Predominant pollen: Weeds
AQI rating: (for Sun.) Moderate



New York Tides	TODAY		TOMORROW	
	1st	2nd	1st	2nd
High Tide for Coney Island	8:27a	8:38p	9:10a	9:17p
Fire Island	8:25a	8:54p	9:06a	9:30p
Hempstead	12:05a	12:37p	12:44a	1:13p
Huntington	12:22p	---	12:30a	1:00p
Jones Inlet	8:11a	8:22p	8:54a	9:01p
Montauk Point	9:30a	9:58p	10:15a	10:39p
Port Washington	12:14a	12:47p	12:54a	1:24p
Sandy Hook	8:31a	8:42p	9:14a	9:21p

Regional cities	TODAY		TOMORROW	
	High	Low	High	Low
Albany	86/67/t	71/56/t	92/68/t	77/66/t
Danbury	82/67/t	71/56/t	93/69/pc	77/66/t
Glens Falls	84/63/t	71/56/t	85/62/t	77/66/t
Gr Barrington	80/63/t	71/56/t	92/65/pc	77/66/t
Kingston	81/65/t	71/56/t	95/67/pc	77/66/t
Liberty	79/64/t	71/56/t	88/65/pc	77/66/t
Monticello	81/61/t	71/56/t	89/64/pc	77/66/t
Newburgh	83/66/t	71/56/t	94/69/pc	77/66/t
Poughkeepsie	82/66/t	71/56/t	95/67/pc	77/66/t
Saratoga Springs	85/64/t	71/56/t	88/65/t	77/66/t
Stroudsburg	82/65/t	71/56/t	92/66/pc	77/66/t
Torrington	80/65/t	71/56/t	93/67/pc	77/66/t
Syracuse	90/68/t	71/56/t	85/66/t	77/66/t

World cities	TODAY		TOMORROW	
	High	Low	High	Low
Athens	96/78/s	71/56/t	94/77/s	77/66/t
Baghdad	109/83/pc	71/56/t	111/84/s	77/66/t
Beijing	86/74/t	71/56/t	95/76/pc	77/66/t
Berlin	75/54/pc	71/56/t	75/55/pc	77/66/t
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Mexico City	75/55/c	71/56/t	73/56/r	77/66/t
Montreal	87/67/t	71/56/t	77/60/t	77/66/t
Moscow	71/57/pc	71/56/t	74/59/r	77/66/t
Paris	77/57/c	71/56/t	85/63/s	77/66/t
Rio de Janeiro	81/70/s	71/56/t	82/70/s	77/66/t
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AUSTRALIA

Known as the “allergy capital of the world,” Australia has become the first nation to strengthen infant peanut-allergy immunity.

Patients under 12 months will receive “carefully planned” daily doses of peanut powder for two years to raise tolerance.

One in 10 infants in the Land Down Under have food sensitivities.

CYPRUS

Every Saturday for 20 years, a group dubbed the “Traitors Club” has joined for coffee and yogurt drinks in this divided island nation.

Residents from either side of the border gather in Nicosia, the world’s only split capital city, “to show people that Turkish Cypriots and Greek Cypriots can be friends and live together,” one member said.

July marked the 50th anniversary of the conflict that led to the divide.

SOUTH AFRICA

Rhinoceros poaching has declined, thanks to dehorning programs and international cooperation, South African officials said.

In May and June, 43 of the rare animals were poached, compared to 76 in the same period last year.

More than 1,000 rhinos were dehorned since April, fending off poachers who are after their keratin-packed parts, used for medicinal purposes and jewelry.

MEXICO

A group of Mexico City women are keeping afloat the drought-stricken country’s system that converts rain into drinking water.

The government and nonprofits have installed over 100,000 rain catchment systems, but there is little public education on them and many fall into disuse.

The female cooperative Pixcatl works to keep the systems functioning in poor areas and also teaches residents how to maintain them.

SOUTH KOREA

South Korea offered to send much-needed supplies to North Korea after torrential rain that flooded thousands of homes and acres of farmland.

Hostility between the neighboring countries is at its highest in years, but officials in the South urged North Korea’s Red Cross to respond to calls to coordinate relief. It is unclear if North Korea is likely to accept the proposal.

Deirdre Bardolf, Wires

ANARCHY IN UK



ENOUGH IS ENOUGH: Protesters in Liverpool square off with police Saturday over stabbings in Southport.

By MATTHEW SEDACCA

Several British cops were injured Saturday amid ongoing violent clashes nationwide that erupted after three young girls were murdered at a Taylor Swift-themed dance class in northwest England Monday.

A number of police officers were harmed amid “serious disorder” in Liverpool’s city center, about 20 miles from the site of Monday’s stabbing spree in the seaside town of Southport, Merseyside Police said.

There is “no place for this despicable behavior which disrupts the lives of members of the public who live in the city, or are visiting to enjoy the amenities the city has to offer,” the police force, which covers Liverpool and Southport, wrote on X.

In Hull, a city in northeast England, three police officers were injured and four people arrested amid the mayhem, which included demonstrators

Police injured in anti-stab protests

chucking bottles at protests.

Video posted on X shows hundreds gathered outside a shopping plaza in Hull, where rioters looted a shoe store before setting fire to the stolen supplies dumped outside the storefront, with a second blaze raging just a few hundred feet away.

Keir vows crackdown

Rioters also smashed the windows of the Royal Hotel, where riot police with dogs deployed to crack down on chaos, according to the Daily Express.

In Stoke-on-Trent in central England, bricks were thrown at police offices, while scuffles had been reported in cities in-

cluding Belfast, Bristol, Manchester and Nottingham.

Labour Prime Minister Keir Starmer convened an emergency meeting Saturday with senior ministers, where he said police had the government’s backing to crack down on the “extremists” who were attacking cops and attempting to “sow hate,” according to his office in No. 10 Downing Street.

There was “no excuse for violence,” Starmer said.

The suspect arrested in the brutal slaying of the three children, Axel Rudakubana, 17, was born in Wales to Rwandan parents, but false rumors spread online that the killer was a radical Muslim immigrant.



Ukrainian drones hammer Russia

A massive Ukrainian drone attack Saturday walloped the command center Russia is using to wage war on Ukraine.

The overnight barrage destroyed ammunition plants and fuel depots in Russia’s Belgorod, Kursk and Rostov regions.

Among the successfully targeted sites was in Morozovsk, where Russia keeps its fighter-bomber jets. The airfield has played a crucial role in Kremlin operations.

Some of Russia’s anti-aircraft defense systems were also disabled on Sat-

urday by Ukrainian-launched missiles.

Additionally, Russia lost its B-237 Rostov-on-Don attack submarine when it was sunk on Saturday outside Sevastopol.

Ukraine’s Ministry of Defense noted on X that the sub now rests at “the

bottom of the Black Sea.”

Russia launched its own drones overnight, with 24 of the 29 taken out by Ukrainian forces.

Separately, the United Kingdom’s Defense Intelligence Agency’s latest report said Russia has continued to lose an eye-pop-

ping number of men in combat, at a daily average in July of 1,140 — down from a staggering 1,262 a day in May.

DIA officials expect the daily casualty count to remain slightly above 1,000 through this month.

Chris Harris, Wires

THEY BUILT THIS

**STEVE
CUOZZO**



NOT long ago — before the miserable mayoral reign of Bill de Blasio and the troubled one of Eric Adams — NYC truly was “The City of Yes.”

The wildly optimistic slogan Adams recently chose for his worthy but slow-moving struggle to generate new housing development belies how puny his vision is — compared with the Homeric transformation of the five boroughs that took place under Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

Many of the changes were kick-started between 2002 and 2007, when Dan

Doctoroff, Bloomberg’s deputy mayor for economic development, dreamed up, championed and nurtured some of Gotham’s most impressive, game-changing projects.

“I just believe in the idea of New York,” Doctoroff says in the new book “The Urbanist: Dan Doctoroff and the Rise of New York” (Monacelli; out now), edited by Sophia Hollander and Marc Risks.

With striking imagery, the book showcases Doctoroff’s grand achievements.

A true ‘City of Yes’

They stand in stark contrast to today’s City of No, where common-sense initiatives such as speeding up office-to-residential conversion are bogged down by City Council and community board resistance.

Humanely-scaled apartment construction is stymied by progressive elected officials who regard any new development — including a tragically rejected proposal at West 145th Street in central Harlem — as racist, capitalist exploitation.

The Bloomberg-Doctoroff team functioned as a 21st Century Robert Moses without bulldozers, passionate about New York

City’s future growth. Some of their finest accomplishments grew out of Doctoroff’s rejected proposal to bring the 2012 Summer Olympics to New York.

Changes they made to land-use laws — for a never-built stadium and other Olympics facilities in the West 30s — paved the way for Hudson Yards, the Hudson River greenway and spectacular new apartment buildings, hotels and restaurants west of Ninth Avenue.

Hugely impactful

Doctoroff and Bloomberg had help from others who shared their vision, especially city planning commissioner Amanda Burden. They also had advantages that Adams can only dream

of. They inherited a city that was largely free of crime and squalor, thanks to former Mayor Rudy Giuliani, and a public eager for post-9/11 renewal.

Doctoroff, who at 65 is battling ALS, also spearheaded the creation of Brooklyn Bridge Park and Moynihan Station. His impact on the city can’t be overstated.

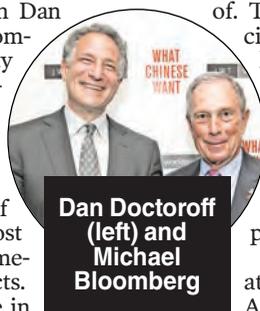
He saved the new World Trade Center when he brokered a deal between developer Larry Silverstein and the Port Authority.

He promoted epic rezoning to unleash the potential of underused manufacturing districts — bringing new homes and offices to 6,000 city blocks.

Any time you marvel at Flatbush Avenue’s skyscraper boom, stroll the High Bridge between Manhattan and The Bronx, or cheer the Nets at Barclays Center, you’re enjoying works that Doctoroff wrought or had an indispensable hand in bringing to life.

In short, as the book states, “He oversaw one of the most profound overhauls of New York’s physical environment in the city’s history.”

Have a look at six of his many achievements.



Dan Doctoroff (left) and Michael Bloomberg

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▲ Governor's Island

The 172-acre oasis in New York Harbor, once a military base and Coast Guard station, was off-limits to the public for 200 years when Bloomberg took office. Doctoroff saw its potential as a spectacular park easily reached by ferry from Manhattan and Brooklyn. He made a deal to buy it for \$1 from the federal government in 2003. Later, as head of the island corporation’s board of directors, he set in motion today’s wealth of family-friendly attractions, which include beautifully landscaped parkland, sightseeing trails, picnic grounds, summertime sheep visits and rotating arts performances.



◀ The Far West Side

Neither Related Companies’ 26-acre Hudson Yards complex on top of a rail yard nor the booming neighborhood around it would exist without Doctoroff’s faith in the area’s untapped potential. He oversaw the city’s 2005 master plan for a district where modern skyscrapers could rise on blocks previously dominated by tire repair shops and junkyards. Although the Related site remains unfinished, it already boasts great office towers — which are home to BlackRock, Tapestry and Wells Fargo — stores, restaurants, the soon to reopen Vessel and the Edge. The latter is the highest open-air viewing platform in the Western Hemisphere at 1,100 feet above street level.

Doctoroff made sure the complex wouldn’t only be about commerce, setting aside space for the stunning arts venue The Shed. After leaving City Hall, he became chairman and president of the nonprofit corporation to build and operate the architecturally striking facility and led the \$550 million capital campaign that paid for it.



NEW YORK CITY

Bloomberg and Doctoroff transformed NYC with bold projects like the High Line and Brooklyn Bridge Park. Mayor Adams could take a tip — and some ambition — from them

► Brooklyn Bridge Park

Many minds and hands contributed to turning rough, inaccessible ground into this 1.3-mile long paradise on the East River, but Doctoroff was undeniably its father figure. A believer in the economic value of recreational land, he embraced Bloomberg's goal to create more than 3,000 acres of parks and to invest \$6 billion in them over 12 years.

As vice-chairman of the Brooklyn Bridge Park Development Corp., he forged a crucial 2002 agreement with then-Gov. George Pataki to co-fund early construction. Today the park is a wonderland of art and leisure beloved by both locals and tourists.

He was instrumental, too, in reviving other East River districts. He rezoned the Williamsburg-Greenpoint waterfront, previously a wasteland of unused factories and empty lots, to spur the construction of more than 12,500 apartments along 1.6 miles of North Brooklyn waterfront.



Etienne Frossard, Matthew Morleith, Daniel Levin, Ed Lederman

◀ The High Line

Everyone loves the High Line Park, but few are aware that it wouldn't exist without Doctoroff. The Giuliani administration wanted to demolish the rotted, unused train trestle, and, although Bloomberg disagreed, it appeared doomed. The city faced going broke after 9/11 and its priorities lay elsewhere. Saving the elevated relic required a herculean effort. Doctoroff had to satisfy the railroad that owned it and dozens of companies that owned property along its 1.5-mile route. The park, which saw its first segment open in 2009 and full completion in 2019, is now projected to generate \$2 billion in economic development over 20 years.



◀ The Brooklyn Cultural District

The plaza at 300 Ashland Place in Fort Greene lies at the heart of the Brooklyn Cultural District, which is home to BAM, the recently renovated Brooklyn Paramount live music venue and dozens of other new and revived arts institutions. The district's turbulent birth required Doctoroff to persuade squabbling real estate interests, local residents and arts venues to find common ground. It was part of his broader vision for the wider area around it. Rezoning nearby Downtown Brooklyn yielded 32 million square feet of new homes, offices, stores and cultural attractions. The city's \$2.4 billion contribution spurred more than \$34 billion in private investment.

► The New Whitney

The Whitney Museum of American Art needed more space for its collection than it could add at its relatively compact upper Madison Avenue location. Doctoroff believed that culture could help drive economic development of the kind he envisioned for the lower West Side. Some Whitney officials bristled at his suggestion to move the museum to the foot of the as-yet unbuilt High Line. But he convinced them it was the way to ensure the institution's future. He was right. Today, the Renzo Piano-designed masterpiece in the Meatpacking District draws over a million annual visitors compared to 400,000 uptown.



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On Oct. 7, our son, Omer was kidnapped by Hamas. Nearly a year later, we want Israel to bring him home now!

by ORNA NEUTRA

IT'S been 300 days since Hamas terrorists abducted our son, Omer, an IDF first responder, who rushed to protect the residential villages near the Gaza border in southern Israel. That's 300 days of marching, chanting, protesting and speaking out on his behalf. For nearly a year, my husband and I have worn his beautiful face on our T-shirts calling on someone, anyone to Bring Them Home Now. It was a sprint that has turned into a marathon since that awful day — Oct. 7, 2023.

Our family has been living a prolonged terrorist attack ever since.

My son Omer was born in New York City one month after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the World Trade Center. I was in Manhattan that day and clearly remember trying to get myself and my unborn child to safety. With public transportation at a standstill, I trekked by foot over the Queensboro Bridge towards our home in Rego Park.

What happened on 9/11 was unimaginable, and yet it happened... the streets after the attack were filled with posters of missing persons. The city was in trauma. In my worst dreams I couldn't have imagined living through yet another terrorist attack — one that drags on for nearly a year — with no sign of life from my 22-year-old son, his smiling eyes looking out at me from posters on the streets.

We are just a regular family from Plainview, Long Island. My husband and I own a small business, we have a second son, Daniel, two and half years younger than Omer. We are private and not very political, and yet we find ourselves caught up in the middle of the most controversial geopolitical war in decades. Our life as we knew it, is gone. The same is true for the families of seven other American hostages being held against their will in Gaza.

As I wake up every morning, I pray that Omer, too, is waking up; that he is strong and is surviving. But at the same time, I also ask myself, "what am I doing today to release Omer?"

This line of questioning has driven Omer's father and myself to places we could never imagine. Two weeks ago, we addressed the Republican National Convention. "Omer, which is a biblical name that means... the first crop, is our firstborn," I told the crowd in Milwaukee. Last week, we sat in the White House Cabinet room, speaking to President Biden and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. The day before, we visited the Pentagon, meeting with Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin. After that, we sat in the gallery

300 DAYS OF HELL

Long Island parents Ronen and Orna Neutra have been on a mission since Oct. 7 to free their son Omer, an IDF first responder born in NYC.



of the US House of Representatives, watching Netanyahu address Congress and the nation, hoping against hope that he would announce our son was coming home.

We pray as though everything depends on God, but we act as though the outcome depends on our actions. So far, no success.

This is a global humanitarian crisis, affecting 115 hostage-citizens from over 20 countries, their families and the Israeli soldiers battling to find them and bring them back, not to men-

tion all the Palestinians in Gaza who are suffering. And yet, we are challenged on a daily basis to find a way to tell the story of our loved ones as the media lurches from one crisis to the next. So, we are forced to become diplomats, making sure to keep our plight apolitical in an election year when every breath you take becomes political and potentially life-threatening.

Just this past weekend, for instance, Hezbollah rockets killed 12 Druze young people in northern Israel — yet another tragedy in a never-ending

stream of tragedies. But for us, this horror is more than just a headline: How will Israel respond? When will Israel respond? How will Hamas respond to Israel's response? How will this impact my child — held in unimaginable peril at the mercy of people I dare not even imagine.

For our child to come home, we need more than chants and statements and words of sympathy. We need action and political will. Based on a framework that Israel has agreed to, President Biden brokered a deal that if accepted by Hamas would bring the hostages home and bring relief to the region.

However, after meeting with the Israeli prime minister last week, we question his sincerity, as well as his sense of urgency. We understand the reality of politics — but the reality is that there is no more time. The hostages are dying and many are already dead. Omer's life, and the lives of every other living hostage depends on all parties making a deal. That needs to happen now. Not in a week, or a month, or another year. Now.



The Neutra family (inset with Omer and brother Daniel at right) appeared at the Republican National Convention last month, with mom Orna telling the crowd how Omer spent his 22nd birthday in Hamas captivity.



Neutras: Family handout

POSTSCRIPT Culture Club

A Yale researcher's 'hot mic' reveals how politics and bias are clouding drug treatment policies

Is it possible that snarky, elite academics, who support extreme criminal justice reforms, privately mock and disdain the actual experiences of minorities and other vulnerable New Yorkers?

Last week, Ryan McNeil, Director of Harm Reduction Research at Yale's School of Medicine, inadvertently answered that question.



HANNAH E. MEYERS

As part of his funded "research" on safe injection sites, McNeil spoke via Yale University Zoom with Shawn Hill, co-founder of the Greater Harlem Coalition, which supports treatment access for drug addicts.

But after the hour-long interview, a hot mic recording caught McNeil and his colleague lambasting Hill for recommending the researchers engage with actual Harlemites about the effects of increased local drug activity.

"Rather than talking to people like me, a talking head, on the street impact," Hill urged, "go and find out what people say."

Unfortunately, McNeil, like so many criminal-justice experts, was more concerned with upholding an ideological agenda — drug decriminalization — than wrestling with the reality of everyday citizens. He doesn't want to hear that safe injection sites, like the one at Harlem's East 126th Street, have introduced harms. Human feces litter the nearby MetroNorth train platform, as mothers shuttle their kids to the school directly across from the safe-injection site. There, dealers loiter alarmingly close to kid-filled classrooms.

"That dude suuuuuuuuucked," McNeil groaned like a teenage girl, thinking his recording with Hill had

Lying shame



Addicts lie sprawled on the filthy ground in Harlem, where residents complain safe injection sites have led to an increase in drug use and related squalor.

Stephen Yang for NY Post

a horrifying 30% in Hispanic ones. Meanwhile, in 2022, the OD rate was over one-and-a-half times greater for NYC blacks than whites.

No wonder a Gallup poll found that 81% of black Americans want the same or more policing in their own communities. And per a Manhattan Institute survey, most want greater quality-of-life enforcement combating "broken windows" offenses such as public urination, graffiti and littering. Apparently, it's not all "white discomfort."

But as with Yale's research, John Jay's report frames facts around a political narrative rather than listening to the impacted communities. In this case, the biased agenda was articulated by the de Blasio-era NYC Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Plan. John Jay was contracted to fulfill six of the plan's "reform initiatives," including sniffing out "structural racism" in NYPD's internal systems and comprehensively documenting "the past and present history of racialized policing in NYC."

None of these initiatives (currently all labeled "in progress") ask researchers to determine if police enforcement makes black and Hispanic New Yorkers safer. But why would they?

To a racism hammer, everything is a racist nail.

Apparently unashamed after the "hot mic" went public, McNeil and his colleague acknowledged that their words "have caused distress." But they express no remorse for the harm biased research inflicts on Harlemites' lives.

It's time academic institutions and city agencies stop investing in these ideologically corrupted criminal-justice studies.

They barely mask their true research aims: imposing progressive "reforms" on the communities who know they don't work.

Hannah E. Meyers is a fellow and director of policing and public safety for the Manhattan Institute.

stopped. Through a vocal fry, he pilloried Hill's "discursive framing of community" that excludes "folks who use drugs." Translation? Predatory



Yale's Ryan McNeil was caught on a Zoom hot mic mocking a Harlem activist who urged researchers to talk to locals about how drug policies affect the area.

dealers and addicts passed out in filth *cannot* be a problem to the community: *they are* the community. At least, the only community that matters to McNeil.

But, like so many Ivy League "experts," McNeil knows why someone might suggest addiction is bad: racism. The only reason Hill could propose that squalor is harmful, McNeil twaddled on, is just "white discomfort" with visible drug use. McNeil's blather that "white discomfort" has some East Harlemites demanding an end to local drug bazaars is comical; three-quarters of the neighborhood is black or Hispanic.

You don't need to catch a MetroNorth train all the way to New Haven to discover academics like McNeil, who are funded to confirm the political

"findings" that they seek. The Data Collaborative for Justice at Manhattan's John Jay College of Criminal Justice accepts NYC tax dollars to do exactly that. In March, they published a report finding cops are "disproportionately issuing summons in black and Hispanic neighborhoods," which they say "perpetuates the criminalization of poverty."

This criticism was issued without considering if these neighborhoods suffer from disproportionately high levels of summons-able crimes, such as reckless driving, open drug consumption and disorderly conduct — and, in fact, *warrant* enforcement.

Data indicates both are true. Traffic deaths have dropped by 4% in NYC's white neighborhoods — but surged by 13% in black neighborhoods and

Chatter

"Children are not supposed to die in the war of adults."

— Israeli opposition leader Yair Lapid, at a funeral for 10 of the 12 Golan Heights kids killed in a Hezbollah rocket attack

"Yes, this was an error."

— Facebook spokesperson Dani Lever, on the platform falsely labeling a photo of Donald Trump moments after his attempted assassination as "altered"



"I wanted the death penalty. The government has failed us."

— Daniel D'Allara, brother of an NYPD cop killed on 9/11, on news of prosecutors' deal with terrorism mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammad

"What I saw made me ashamed."

— Secret Service acting director Ronald Rowe, on security lapses at Trump's July 13 Pennsylvania rally





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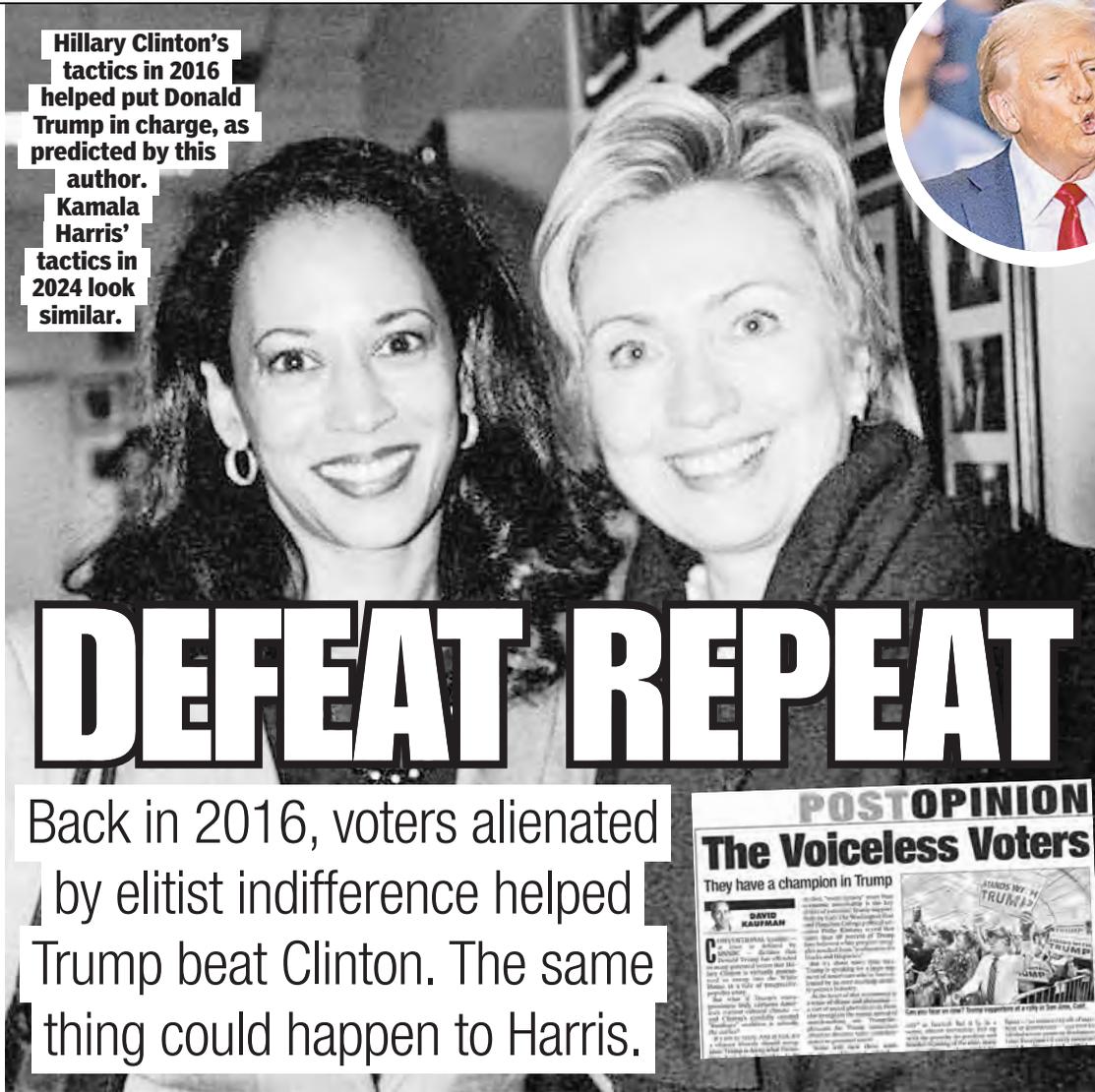
Hillary Clinton's tactics in 2016 helped put Donald Trump in charge, as predicted by this author. Kamala Harris' tactics in 2024 look similar.

In June of 2016, six months before election day, I wrote a column detailing how Donald Trump could defeat Hillary Clinton in the race for the White House. As I explained, a mix of racial anxiety, political alienation and over-reaching identity politics was propelling rural whites and working-class urbanites toward Trump in an act of unanticipated voter retribution.

"Fed up with the preachy do-goodism and blanket-blaming [by] the elite," I wrote, Trump is "offering a safe space to supporters shut out from increasingly rigid definitions of 'acceptable' cultural conversations. Tired of being told what to say and how to think, Trump's supporters are reclaiming their voice — and publicly committing it to the ballot box."

Eight years on, I don't write these words to gloat, but because history looks likely to repeat itself. Two election cycles after Trump's first upset against a heavily hyped Democrat, the former president could easily triumph again. All of the signs are in place.

Today, as in 2016, the US is mired in economic uncertainty thanks to the Biden-era inflation Kamala Harris will inevitably inherit. The nascent wokeness and identity overreach of the Obama-era now extends from Hollywood to corporations and, most dangerously, higher education. Cancel culture no longer merely shames, it's driven some caught in its crosshairs to suicide. Transgender issues now dominate school sports and medical care, while the chasm between left and right is so vast, it almost cost Trump his life.



DEFEAT REPEAT
Back in 2016, voters alienated by elitist indifference helped Trump beat Clinton. The same thing could happen to Harris.



Many things are not merely as bad as they were in 2016; they're worse. And Harris represents everything that's brought us here. Say what you want about Hillary Clinton — imperious operator, sloppy e-mailer — but she was the most qualified presidential candidate of her generation. A former first lady, secretary of state and US senator, her domestic, foreign and Beltway bona fides were unassailable.

Harris, however, can claim few of Clinton's markers, yet alone

achievements. Her CV is lacking and the only "first" Harris offers is the Asian-American heritage she's continually downplayed for political expediency. She's like a discount Obama or fire-sale Clinton — all of the identity but none of the politics. No wonder Michelle and Barack literally phoned in their Harris endorsement.

The worst part about Harris's brief campaign is how far it's leaning into the exact type of woke-babble that helped Hillary lose. Even in this age

of peak affinity groups, Harris's use of race- and gender- and sexuality-based supporter networks borders on the obscene. Imagine mega-Zooms of Whites-for-Trump or pro-lifers-for Trump or Trads-for-Trump. The take-downs by big media would make their Hamas-hyping seem tame, by comparison.

Then there's the left's near total ban on any Harris critique. As with every woke crusade, any dissent must be silenced, every criticism quashed into submission. We do not

dare allude to her race or gender — even though Biden himself said he chose Harris as VP because she was female and black. We cannot question her failures on the immigration front; we can no longer even claim Harris was tasked with handling the border crisis in the first place. Any derision is seen as racist or sexist, and to ask "why" or "how" is the incontestable proof of that racism and sexism.

But woke culture thrives when reasonable people deny their best instincts, and my instincts say Harris is not what's best for America right now. Let alone the rest of the world. I, too, am a mixed-race and California-born Gen X-er — raised on the same noxious dreck of grievance and entitlement as Harris. I come from the same culture that expects little from people of color and demands even less. I'm onto Harris' hustle because it could easily have been my own.

But being born a woman or black or Indian are neither achievements or accomplishments. She's done nothing to earn these totems and deserves little reward for them. Like Harris, I know what it's like to be a DEI hire and let me tell you — it never ends well.

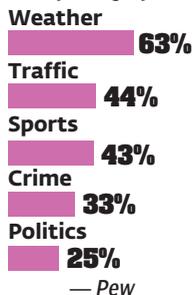
Eight years ago, I predicted Clinton would lose because her campaign lacked authority and authenticity. There was too much girl power and not enough hard power to defeat a brute like Trump. Imposed and manufactured, Harris' campaign offers even less legitimacy, let alone authority. I am all for crowning Kamala the candidate if that's what the Democratic electorate wants. But via the convention in Chicago — not a palace coup.

The conditions that allowed Trump to beat Clinton have been weaponized far beyond their 2016 levels, making Harris — even with her more than \$300 million war chest — an uncertain winner. Sure, her campaign still has time to course-correct. But that would require an actual course, which Harris is still yet to deliver.

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TALK OF THE TOWN

US adults rate their satisfaction with local news by category.



"Now their brutal ordeal is over and they're free."

— President Biden, announcing a massive prisoner swap with Russia that included Wall Street Journal reporter Evan Gershkovich



OLYMPIC HIGHS & LOWS

"As soon as I landed my vault, I thought, 'Oh, yeah, we're going to do this!'"

— Simone Biles, on Team USA recapturing the women's gold

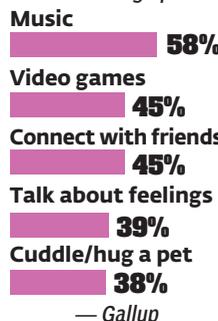


"If people have taken any offense we are, of course, really, really sorry."

— Paris Olympics spokesperson Anne Descamps, on the uproar over an opening-ceremony scene depicting the Last Supper with drag performers

COPING SKILLS

Gen-Z kids ages 10-18 reveal their go-tos when feeling upset.



POSTSCRIPT Future of Tech

From automated caretakers to 'miracle' medical interventions and

ARTIFICIAL intelligence has shaken the windows and rattled the walls of nearly every business, government and institution since it exploded into mainstream consciousness following the launch of ChatGPT less than two years ago.



ALEX TAPSCOTT

Boosters see AI ushering in a new "industrial revolution" led by thinking computers that can reason, plan, and apply knowledge to a dizzying array of industries.

However, so far, most of the value from AI has piled up in chipmakers like NVIDIA, which briefly surged to \$3 trillion in market capitalization in June, making it for a time the most valuable company in the world.

Big tech companies who make their own chips and who have loudly touted the potential benefits of AI have also benefited. But what about the rest of us?

"Investors are finally waking up to all that AI... is much more of an expense right now rather than a revenue generator," Peter Boockvar of The Boock Report, an investment newsletter, recently told Bloomberg news.

Or as Roy Amara, a Stanford computer scientist first said, "we overestimate the impact of technology in the short-term and underestimate the effect in the long run."

AI is on course to create five very significant disruptions to business, culture and our way of life. In **health sciences**, AI is helping to identify disease and discover new drugs,

leading to breakthroughs that will impact medicine and longevity. **Virtual AI companions** are augmenting and improving human capability.

AI is accelerating the development of **autonomous vehicles and robotic humanoid companions**. And a robot may soon be the household appliance of the 21st

century. One day, AI could **disrupt creative industries**, paving the way for an AI-written award-winning screenplay or song.

Finally, machine-human brain interfaces like Neuralink will quite literally **meld organic and synthetic brains**, a moment that prominent futurist and AI expert Ray Kurzweil calls "the singularity."

Decoding the mysteries of disease

Increasingly, AI can identify diseases better than most doctors, and can simulate the impact of experimental drugs without costly clinical trials. It can test how different proteins might combine to make life-changing medicines, and it can 'train' robot surgeons to perform at the same level as people.

According to Professor Massimo Buonomo, an AI expert at the International Electrotechnical Commission, "The market for AI solutions is experiencing significant momentum" with healthcare leading the way.

Denmark's Novo Nordisk (maker of Ozempic), for one, has been using artificial intelligence across its value chain since 2021. Hoffmann-La Roche is also harnessing machine learning to boost its drug discovery and development, breaking free of lengthy linear and sequential research processes.

Canadian health-tech company Triage has demonstrated in various clinical trials that its proprietary dermatology AI algorithm can outperform most doctors – and even exceed the capability of trained dermatologists. "50% of medical visits are for skin diseases," CEO Tory Jarman said. "In many countries, it's up to a pharmacist, nurse or GP to determine if you need to see a dermatologist." Triage and companies like it can help empower healthcare professionals with a life-saving toolkit.

AI assistants

A child born today will have at least one lifelong friend. That's not unusual. What's unusual is that this companion will be her English tutor, and teach her how to improve her tennis forehand, give her cooking lessons, and cheer her up when she's feeling blue. They will eventually



While AI earns fortunes for chipmakers like Nvidia, other firms are racing to roll out real-world applications to show the tech's practical benefits.



Quadriplegic Noland Arbaugh is Elon Musk's first Neuralink patient, linking AI with the power of the human brain.

coach her through her college applications, before helping her craft her thesis paper and later her resume. That companion will become her financial advisor, marriage counselor, and write her will, find her a retirement home, make funeral arrangements when her husband dies, and act as executor of her estate when

she eventually dies too. Get the idea? This companion won't be a person, but an AI companion.

Futurist Ray Kurzweil believes this synthesis of human and machine capability, which he calls "the singularity" will lead to a millions-fold increase in human capability.

Today, Startup DarwinAI has pio-

neered and commercialized what it calls "generative synthesis" technology, where human beings and their AI models collaborate to improve those same models. For example, DarwinAI combined AI with existing vision technologies to create a production-line inspection system for the manufacturing industry. Re-



AI-integrated RealBotix robots could one day take your Starbucks order, or provide companionship to people with dementia, says CEO Matt McMullen (inset).

machine-generated movies – the promise of AI is already arriving

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cently acquired by Apple, Darwin AI is also using geophysical data to identify sites with the greatest potential for drilling.

Dr. Joseph Geraci, founder, chief technology officer and chief scientific officer of NetraMark (a provider of advanced AI products for late-stage clinical trials), describes AI as “science sidekicks” that will expedite scientific breakthroughs.

DarwinAI CEO Sheldon Fernandez doesn't think AI displaces us but compliments us. “AI is superior at augmenting human capabilities rather than replacing them,” he said.

Robot companions

“Robots that look like humans will be best suited for tasks where a human touch is needed,” said Matt McMullen, CEO of RealBotix, a company that literally embodies AI by integrating AI, robotics, and silicone rubber technology to create human-like robots. “I could order a coffee at Starbucks from C-3PO, and that might be cool. But I might like

it more if it looked like a person and interacted with me as a person would.”

McMullen also imagines all kinds of robots with specialties such as elder care and temporary agencies that hire them out to retirement and assisted living facilities. There they could interact with people living with dementia, perhaps contributing to research data on cognitive impair-

ment, supporting caregivers, and watching out for elder neglect or abuse. Robots could boost family members' peace of mind.

Robotics and AI are combining to turbocharge the robotics revolution. Consider Waymo, the autonomous car company. It uses AI to train its fleet of cars, resulting in ‘robot drivers’ that are statistically far better than people. Robots can now ‘watch



Dr. Joseph Geraci likens AI in the health-care sector to “science sidekicks,” as the Responsible AI Institute’s Hadassah Drukarch notes: “the human imagination still has so much further to climb.”



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Boston Dynamics' famously dog-like Spot robots fetch AI data to improve their location abilities in the field. Waymo's fleet of self-driving vehicles use the technology to similar ends.

humans performing tasks and learn from their behavior.

Researchers at Meta AI have been training Boston Dynamic's Spot robot (which looks like a dog with an adjustable robotic head and neck) on training data to improve how the robot “reasons and plans” and “locate and retrieve items in unfamiliar spaces.”

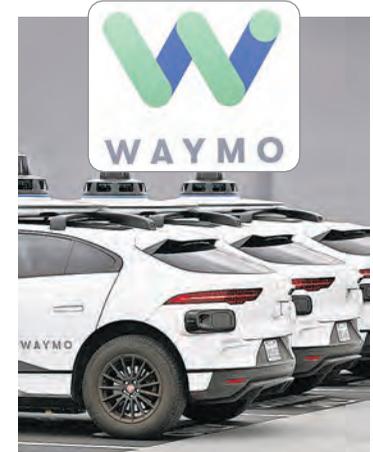
AI and the creative industries

From the dawn of the industrial age, technology has acted as a tailwind for creators. Will AI continue that trend? Cezanne said, “a work of art which did not begin in emotion is not art,” but plenty of studio executives who see an AI-enabled future where they don't have to pay human creators would disagree.

Ted Sarandos, CEO of Netflix, views AI as just another technology tool for creators to harness. “Writers, directors, editors will use AI as a tool to . . . do things more efficiently and more effectively. And in the best case, to put things on screen that would be impossible to do,” he said recently in an interview with *The New York Times*.

Maybe so, but Sarandos is discussing AI as it exists today, and in the future AI is likely to be far more capable. OpenAI's latest invention, Sora, allows anyone to create cinematic-quality content with a simple text prompt. Kurzweil says AI moves so quickly we tend to quickly discount its achievements shortly after they've happened. Sora is a prime example. AI can draw a picture, write a poem, make a short film, and write a mediocre screenplay. Why not a Noble prize-winning novel (some day)?

Despite AI's recent breakthroughs, it can never capture what it feels to be human because it isn't one, some argue. “Strike the creative stuff” for now, said Fernandez of DarwinAI. “AI doesn't understand forgiveness



and redemption or suffering like Dostoevsky.”

The singularity: When man and machine merge

Kurzweil and others believe that AI and human intelligence will soon merge. If we do this right, he argues, we can enhance human capability and unleash an era of economic, cultural, spiritual flourishing.

Today, brain-human interfaces are no longer the realm of science fiction or even speculation. Consider Neuralink, founded by Elon Musk in 2016. In 2024, its first user, Noland Arbaugh, a quadriplegic, received the brain implant and today can use signals from his brain to manipulate a computer to search the web, play video games and much more.

Most new technologies begin with a niche market. Brain computer interfaces today can help disabled people regain their independence. In the future, they may enhance all of us.

These advancements should be celebrated, but they are only the first step towards the merger of human and machine intelligence. That next step is fraught with risks. For one, these AI models are programmed by people on available data. But which people and what data? We want to “avoid the errors and biases that could undermine the validity and reliability of AI systems,” said Hadassah Drukarch, director of policy and delivery at the Responsible AI Institute. This is especially true when it's implanted in your brain.”

But Fernandez of DarwinAI and Geraci of NetraMark see a positive future for human-machine cooperation. “Human intelligence will adapt and find a creative stratosphere that neither AI or humans can achieve alone,” said Geraci. “The human imagination still has so much further to climb . . . we are more powerful together.”

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Tech Bias Just Won't Quit

Here we go again: Another election — another round of Big Tech suppressing perfectly true information and skewing facts in a way that helps . . . Democrats.

Monday, The Post reported that Meta's AI tool was spreading disinfo about the July 13 assassination attempt on Donald Trump in Butler, Pa., calling it "fictional." All while delivering abundant information on Vice President Kamala Harris' campaign.

This is hardly the first time Big Tech has gotten the facts wrong, of course — but the errors always seem to favor one side: the left. The attempt on Trump's life, pictures of his bloodied ear and his defiant fist-pumping may have won him political support from sympathizers and admirers. But if you ask the Meta tool, it never happened.

When was the last time Big Tech disappeared positive news about Kamala Harris or Joe Biden?

Meta AI isn't alone. The company's Facebook platform "mistakenly" censored the Trump raising his fist, and Google's search engine failed to bring up the shooting when prompted on its search bar.

More bugs in the software? Perhaps — but it's hard to believe that's all that's going on here, given that the left rarely seems to fall victim to the glitches.

Here's the problem: The more popular these AI bots become, the more dangerous their bias. AI chatbots are already a prevalent tool in the lives of Americans: Pew Research found that 23% of US adults have used ChatGPT. Google now promotes its own AI bot,

which is supposed to summarize topics for users at the top of every results page. Yet it's made legendary mistakes: It was once caught, for instance, suggesting people eat "at least one small rock per day."

OK, no one would take a tip like *that* seriously. But users may unwittingly buy more subtle misinformation as fact. And when those facts are political in nature, they could grossly distort public understanding of the world and discourse.

Who knows how many voters would've backed Trump over President Biden in 2020 if they'd seen The Post's reporting on Hunter Biden's laptop, which Big Tech suppressed, calling it disinfo?

Worse, these largely left-leaning companies don't exactly race to fix mistakes that harm the right. Can you imagine how quickly Facebook would correct false info that negatively portrayed Kamala?

Instead, they simply release statements promising to look into the problem. And the next thing you know, someone discovers a new AI flaw promoting woke, ahistoric material, as when Google's Gemini churned out images of white founding fathers as people of color.

Rinse and repeat.

Again, all of this muddies the waters and skews public debate and opinion. Correctly or not, these platforms are taken as trusted sources of information (despite their warnings not to). With great power comes great responsibility. Big

NYC's Futile Migrant Fight

The state Supreme Court just nixed one of Mayor Adams' (few) attempts to stem the migrant influx. It's another reminder that the only real fix can come from a change in White House policy — or its occupant.

In January, Team Adams sued 17 bus companies for hauling migrants from Texas to New York, claiming they owed the city \$708 million under the NY Social Services Law. That law imposes a \$100 fine for knowingly bringing "a needy person into the state with the intent of making them a public charge" and requires perpetrators to remove the person and support them at their own expense.

On Tuesday, a judge sided with the New York Civil Liberties Union, which argued that the law violated migrants' constitutional right to interstate travel. City Hall accepted the decision, while claiming that the stall during the lawsuit provided some relief to the constant inflow of migrants.

Alas, the short-lived relief won't be nearly enough to restore normalcy in the city and fix a crisis set to cost New Yorkers billions. Adams has begged Team Biden for help, sought a suspension of New York's "right-to-shelter" law and set a 30- to 60-day time limit for migrants in shelters.

None of those moves went far enough, yet all nonetheless brought on hysterical opposition from left-wing lawmakers. Adams has also contributed to the problem himself by making New York even more of a desirable destination for migrants: Not only are they guaranteed food, shelter, cell phones, medical care and education; they also get free debit cards.

The city's policies have created a new class of people who are entirely dependent on taxpayers for survival — and have turned peaceful neighborhoods into crime-ridden hellholes.

All that said, it's still key to remember that Adams didn't cause the problem, the Biden-Harris folks did, and he can only do so much to fix it.

Meanwhile, the rush of border jumpers continues, despite Team Biden-Harris claims that recent emergency actions (suddenly implemented after 3 1/2 years, just months before the elections) have fixed the problem.

Truth is, New York can't hope for *real* relief until there's *real* security and enforcement at the border. And President Biden and border czar Kamala Harris have made clear they won't provide that. Meaning, New York's problems can only be fixed by new leadership at the White House.



Author Mike Gonzalez arrived in Queens as a kid (right) in 1974 — a different and more dangerous era in a city that nevertheless quickly felt like home.

THIS Tuesday marks half a century since I arrived on American shores, and it was love at first sight. Queens felt snug and homey from the start. The country has changed in important ways over the last five decades, in some ways better and in others worse. But America is still very much worth loving.



MIKE GONZALEZ

The fact that today we have two political camps divided by this question — love of America — would have felt strange to the kid who landed at JFK on Aug. 6, 1974, having been born in Cuba and spent two years in Spain with his family waiting for a visa. When that coveted pass finally arrived and we emigrated in New York, I found Jackson Heights full of unending possibilities. It's not happenstance that this election year divides us precisely on whether you love America for what it is — the Land of Opportunity, even if it could use some improvements — or if you think it's hideously racist and oppressive, and seek to transform it. This is the result of a process that I have witnessed firsthand for 50 years and devoted decades to study.

Take the term "Hispanic," which did not exist 50 years ago and only later did I learn I might qualify as one. That category had not yet been invented by bureaucrats at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). It did not happen until 1977 with OMB Directive No. 15, and then was slapped on the Census for the first time in 1980.

I remember my uncle Ramon, who took us in, coming home sometime in

the '70s and informing us that this curious new term, "Hispanic," was in the works. He was a journalist, one of my mentors and the embodiment of the American Dream, and had heard about this administrative contrivance while working on a story.

We were puzzled. We were Cubans, on our way to becoming Americans, and

saw no need to be told to go to a category apart. Sure, we reveled in the fact that both teams in the 1975 World Series had a Cuban player (Luis Tiant of the Red Sox and Tony Perez of Cincinnati's Big Red Machine), but also enjoyed the Autumn Classic for what it was, while mourning that Yogi Berra's Mets were not in it.

Decades later, as I discerned the threat that this balkanization represented to the American Way of Life — which, after all, had beckoned us here — and I began to research the subject, I found out exactly what had happened.

Leftist activists, the same ones who laid waste to my native island under Fidel Castro, had forced initially reluctant administrators to create the category of Hispanics.

Why? The Left realized that you must create a never-ending slew of special-interest groups, and then make them feel they're marginalized, so they'll sign up for the transformative revolt.

"The challenge with the work that I do at Voto Latino is that I can't get people agitated because often times they don't know the great harm that has happened under the structures that we have been raised by," Maria Teresa Kumar said. "But once they start under-

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PRIDE & PREJUDICE

Fifty years after arriving
in New York, an
immigrant from Cuba
fears America could
come undone from within

standing it and recognizing it, they act and react, and fight.”

When Kamala Harris segregates her supporters into “affinity groups,” I know exactly what she’s up to.

As an American born elsewhere, I have the advantage of being able to compare and contrast. When people ask me where I grew up, I often answer that I came of age in Castro’s Cuba, Franco’s Spain and Abraham Beame’s New York.

It’s less glib than it sounds.

The Cuba that I saw in the 1960s was the setting for the craziest of Caribbean communist revolutions, a Mecca for America’s internal enemies, from Angela Davis to Stokely Carmichael and members of the terrorist Weather Underground.

Francisco Franco in the early 1970s was near the end of a life he had de-

voted to reactionary opposition to any societal change. As Yale’s Allan Bloom wrote, Franco personified the last coercive attempt to undo, “in the name of Throne and Altar,” all the revolutions that followed the one in France in 1789.

New York may have beamed to me in the 1970s, but under Mayor Beame it was also an unnecessarily dangerous place with some bad schools, a reality that no rose-tinted glasses could obscure. That Beame’s New York seems to be returning these days following the relative safety of Mayors Rudy Giuliani and Mike Bloomberg saddens me.

Unsurprisingly, the camp today that does not like America does not take issue with this public safety matter — indeed, they justify it in the name of supposed systemic racism. The rogue prosecutors who contribute to the public danger by releasing criminals or refusing to prosecute them — and yes, I am referring to New York’s Alvin Bragg — are in the camp that dislikes America.

But these public safety matters did not put a dent on my love for Jackson Heights, Queens, New York, or America. It only made me want to improve, not transform, the land I loved from the first step I took upon it.

A lot has changed in 50 years, but that attachment has remained constant.

Mike Gonzalez is a senior fellow at The Heritage Foundation and the co-author of “NextGen Marxism.”

CHATTER

Salt of the Earth

I agree with Missouri state Sen. Holly Rehder about the millions who battle substance abuse and the millions more impacted by it (“Not Forgotten,” Post Opinion, July 31).

We have 38 million folks living below the poverty line. We have people living in fear and locked inside their own homes afraid to walk the streets of their own neighborhoods. We have millions of children who go to bed hungry every night. We have terrible public-school systems consigning today’s children to futures without the prospects of their lives ever really improving. Given the challenges we face, we don’t need politicians pitting us against each other in their pursuit of their winning elections. We don’t need a steady diet of misinformation. Most Democrats seem to have forgotten the lives of ordinary working folks they are supposed to represent.

I grew up as a Boston Democrat, but the party today seems to have forgotten its roots and its message of hope.

Sal Giarratani, Boston, Mass.

Protect federals

As a federal employee, I am deeply concerned about the potential implementation of Schedule F and the politicization of our federal workforce (“Don hails end of Project 2025,” July 31).

The Saving Civil Service Act is a critical piece of legislation that seeks to protect the integ-

riety of the merit-based civil service system, ensuring that federal employees are hired and promoted based on their qualifications and performance, not political connections.

Throughout my career, I witnessed firsthand the importance of a competent and apolitical workforce. The merit-based system provides continuity through changing administrations and preserves the institutional knowledge and expertise necessary for federal agencies to function. It ensures that the work of the government is carried out by component professionals.

This act will preserve the integrity of federal employees who dedicate their careers to serving the public. Our lawmakers must ensure that our government continues to function fairly for all.

Martha McNiff, Manhattan

Tech tyranny

Tech titans like Alphabet and Meta are downplaying everything about assassination attempt against former President Donald Trump (“Don bytes back vs. Big Tech,” July 31).

Every American saw what transpired on July 13 with their own eyes, but technology and AI is obscuring the truth, even calling the attempt a “fiction.”

Louie Rey, Summerville, SC

Trump’s women

As long as Vice President Kamala Harris’ campaign continues its smear campaign against Trump, then he has no choice but to respond in kind (“Trump

Must Fight for Female Voters,” July 30).

According to the editorial, the GOP ticket knows women will play a major role in deciding this election, and perhaps it should start acting like it. But women who have supported Trump over the years are the votes that will count the most in November’s election.

J. J. Crovatto, Ramsey, NJ

Kids’ online health

The Senate took a crucial bipartisan step forward to make our kids safer online (“Online safety push,” July 31).

There is undeniable evidence that social media and other online platforms contribute to our youth mental-health crisis. Today, our children are subjected to a Wild West online, and our current laws and regulations are insufficient to prevent this. It is past time to act.

Paul Bacon, Hallandale Beach, Fla.



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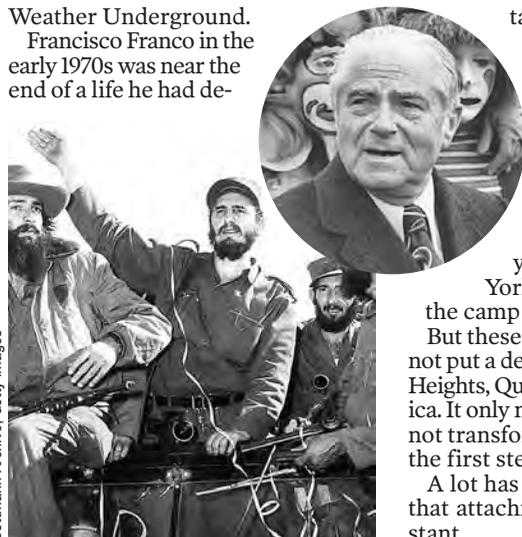


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After fleeing Fidel Castro’s Cuba, Gonzalez fell in love with NYC — then being run, poorly, by Mayor Abe Beame (oval) — at first sight.

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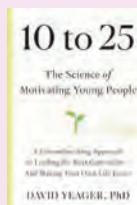
REQUIRED READING

by Hailey Eber

10 to 25: The New Science of Motivating Young People

David Yeager (*Avid Reader Press*)

A noted developmental psychologist mined the latest data to create strategies for better interacting with and connecting to young people at a crucial stage in their lives.



Circle of Hope: A Reckoning with Love, Power, and Justice in an American Church

Eliza Griswold (*Farrar, Straus and Giroux*)

Pulitzer Prize-winner Griswold profiles Philadelphia's progressive Sermon on the Mount church as it unravels amidst the pandemic and the murder of George Floyd. It's both the church's story and a broader look at how we come together and apart and how institutions struggle to adapt to changing times.



The Mysterious Mrs. Nixon: The Life and Times of Washington's Most Private First Lady

Heath Hardage Lee (*St. Martin's Press*)

A historian digs deep into the life of the enigmatic first lady, getting beyond how she weathered Watergate to reveal her efforts to get more women in politics, help earthquake victims in Peru and support reproductive rights.



Hum: A Novel

Helen Phillips (*Simon & Schuster/ Marysue Rucci Books*)

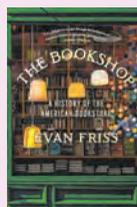
A mother loses her job to artificial intelligence, and takes her technology-addicted family on a getaway to a lush garden so they can take a break from their devices. But then things take a dark turn.



The Bookshop: A History of the American Bookstore

Evan Friss (*Viking*)

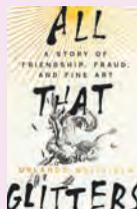
This lively, thoroughly researched look at booksellers begins at Benjamin Franklin's first bookstore in Philadelphia and covers everything from New York's Strand to Barnes & Noble to Amazon.



All That Glitters: A Story of Friendship, Fraud, and Fine Art

Orlando Whitfield (*Pantheon*)

Whitfield met Inigo Philbrick at university in London, became fast friends and went on to work in the art world together. But the charming Philbrick was running various schemes, to the tune of a whopping \$86 million in fraud.



by CAROLINE HOWE

THE early summer of 1982 was a very spacey time on America's movie screens.

Six major studios released a whopping eight science fiction and fantasy films between May 16 and July 9, with hundreds of millions of dollars riding on the line — from “E.T.” to “The Thing,” from “career-grounding flops to career-making triumphs,” writes former Entertainment Weekly film critic Chris Nashawaty, in his new book, “The Future Was Now: Madmen, Mavericks, and the Summer Sci-Fi Abducted Hollywood [Flatiron].”

The films were about to “brawl and jockey for the attention of the same audience. The only problem was there would only be so much attention — and allowance money — to go around,” observes Nashawaty in his deep-dive account of the making and unmaking of “E.T. the Extra Terrestrial” (Universal), “Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan” (Paramount), “Poltergeist” (MGM), “Conan the Barbarian” (Universal), “Tron” (Disney), “Blade Runner” (Warner Bros.), “The Road Warrior” (Warner Bros.) and “The Thing” (Universal).

Of the pack, Steven Spielberg’s “E.T.” would reign supreme, with audiences responding to it like “wide-eyed children,” as it instantly became America’s #1 blockbuster, and with a prescient prediction that Spielberg was on his way to become “the most effective popular artist of all time.”

NOT everyone agreed.

Early on, Frank Price, the head of Columbia Pictures who had put close to \$1 million into the film’s development, saw the screenplay and thought of it as a “wimpy Walt Disney movie,” writes the author, and he put Spielberg’s extra-terrestrial baby in the “black hole of turnaround.”

A “crestfallen” Spielberg contacted Universal boss Sidney Sheinberg, his longtime mentor and backer on Spielberg’s monster 1975 hit “Jaws,” and Sheinberg was instantly on board, the author writes. For “E.T.,” the rest was box office and critical acclaim history. Spielberg made “E.T.” and the supernatural horror film “Poltergeist,” simultaneously producing the latter. He chose as director Tobe Hooper of the gruesome “The Texas Chainsaw Massacre.”

According to the author, Hooper would have “little actual involvement” in the story’s development, and rumors would spread across Hollywood that he wasn’t actually directing the film, that Spielberg was “calling all the shots.”

Spielberg received “a rare public black eye” in Hollywood, after being long treated like “the world’s most decorated Boy Scout,” writes the author.

In the monster box office race that was summer of 1982, “The Thing” would come in last.

A remake of the frightening 1951 classic was director John Carpenter’s dream project and faced a major problem at

A young and apparently drug-fueled Oliver Stone (below) turned in an unfilmable and “insane 140-page original script” that was like a “dream on acid” for the Arnold Schwarzenegger project that became “Conan the Barbarian.”

Universal; Getty Images



Universal: how to make it any better than the original about a creature that is discovered frozen in the ice near an Antarctic research station, and comes to harrowing life.

THE screenplay — Carpenter’s first big-budget, big-studio assignment with a \$15 million bankroll and with Kurt Russell as the leading man — was “bloodcurdling,” writes Nashawaty, who notes that a tenth of the budget was spent on “gross-out” prosthetics and other effects.

Filmed near the Canada-Alaska border, temperatures dipped to 20 degrees below zero in the daytime, making film-

ing arduous for cast and crew. But Carpenter was thrilled with the film’s progress; down the road, however, his contract with the studio would be “ripped into shreds” and he would be “booted off the studio lot” due to the poor box office performance, the book details.

In “Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan,” Leonard Nimoy’s Spock was brought back to Paramount by director Nicholas Meyer, “pinching pennies like a miser,” and bringing the film in “at a fraction of the price of its successful-but-unloved predecessor,” observes Nashawaty.

The studio was spooked, however, when the big Spock death scene was



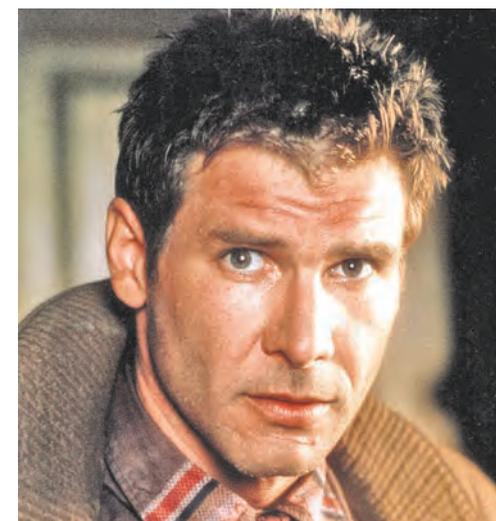
SIX WEEKS

of Thrills

How the summer of 1982 transformed the sci-fi and fantasy film industries from mid-sized to mainstream



“E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial” was the top box-office sensation of 1982 after an eventful summer for genre fare that included “Poltergeist” (near right) and Harrison Ford in “Blade Runner.”



leaked by Johnny Carson during his late-night TV monologue.

Meanwhile, Nimoy was “almost looking for an excuse *not* to do” the death scene. He was so overcome with emotion “that he nearly walked off the lot,” Nimoy later stated.

Studio executives decided Spock’s death was “too final,” and that the film “needed a resurrection;” the director disagreed “but there was little he could do about it besides kick and scream, which he did.”

A new ending was filmed and Spock remained with us, making more sequels possible.

“Conan the Barbarian,” starring Arnold Schwarzenegger as a warrior, first appeared in pulp-fiction magazine stories in the 1930s. By the time the Austrian muscleman was signed by independent producer Ed Pressman, a whopping four million Conan comic books were being snapped up by fans.

Waiting for filming to start, Schwarzenegger spent his days

“punishing himself” at Gold’s Gym, and his nights “carousing and gratifying his insatiable sexual appetite,” writes Nashawaty.

PRESSMAN’S first choice for screenwriter was John Milius, a real-life “macho” guy, who would often claim that his three goals in life were “girls, gold and guns.”

When Milius initially turned down Pressman’s writing offer because of another commitment, the hot, young screenwriter Oliver Stone was signed. But there was a problem: “he was using drugs fairly liberally, including cocaine and psychedelic mushrooms.”

As the author observes, “lines of coke were as ubiquitous as canapes and crackers at parties in the Hollywood Hills during the era.” Stone’s drug-fueled writing was easily spotted in his “insane 140-page original script for Conan,” writes Nashawaty. “It reads like the

work of someone who’s been up for two weeks straight.”

Meanwhile there were financial problems, mainly based on Stone’s over-the-top script, according to the author.

“Paramount had estimated that Conan would end up costing closer to \$70 million than Pressman’s estimated \$15 million. Spooked, the studio pulled out” of the deal. As luck would have it, the producer Dino De Laurentis had been on a “personal quest” for the rights to Conan. Moreover, De Laurentis had Milius already under contract for his next picture. De Laurentis also convinced Pressman to sell him the rights to Conan, and he became the new executive producer.

Milius wasted no time complaining that Stone’s script read like “a dream on acid” and was unusable, while Stone thought of Milius as a “likable egomaniac.”

As for Stone’s screenplay,

Milius cut it in half, tailoring it to keep Schwarzenegger’s difficult to understand dialogue at a minimum.” Despite their creative differences, however, Milius and Stone shared the film’s writing credits.

WITH the new script and De Laurentis on board, Universal green-lit the picture with a \$17 million budget, and everything appeared copacetic.

Of the eight sci-fi and fantasy films that hit the big screen in the

summer of 1982, writes Nashawaty, “Conan” placed fourth, with \$39.6 million by the end of its initial run, far behind first place “E.T.” with a whopping \$359.2 million in box office receipts; “Star Trek II” placed second, with \$79.6 million, followed by “Poltergeist” at a close \$76.6 million.

“Tron” was in fifth place, with \$33 million, followed by Blade Runner at \$27.6 million and “The Road Warrior” at \$23.7 million. John Carpenters’ “The Thing” brought in just \$19.6 million.

The author maintains the barrage of sci-fi and fantasy films that summer “would broaden the boundaries of what a genre that was once considered on the fringes of popular entertainment was truly capable of . . . For better, and for worse, they would each in their own unique ways end up showing the movie business a new path forward.”



Author Chris Nashawaty



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How a deaf football team in California beat the odds — and their entire league

by GAVIN NEWSHAM

WHEN a fundraising email from the California Department of Education arrived in reporter Thomas Fuller's inbox in November 2021, informing him of the unbeaten season that a local school football team were having, he thought little of it — until he realized it was the Cubs, the team from the California School for the Deaf (CSDR) in Riverside, east of Los Angeles.

"Something about the Riverside Cubs pulled me in like metal to a magnet," he writes in "The Boys of Riverside: A Deaf Football Team and a Quest for Glory" (Double-day).

Upon further investigation, Fuller discovered an irresistible tale of triumph over adversity, and in the book he charts the Cubs' remarkable journey from perennial losers to championship winners for the first time in the school's 68-year history.

Much of the credit, he explains, goes to inspirational coach Keith Adams, a deaf athlete himself, who forged an indomitable spirit among his charges.

"Teenagers, boys in particular, are known for their adolescent grunt years, for eyes-cast-down, monosyllabic conversations," Fuller writes. "But there was an important difference for the Cubs, a kind of inescapable togetherness."

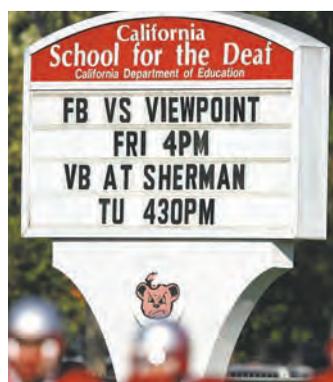
The Cubs players would run through brick walls for Coach Adams — even if they couldn't walk.

When the Cubs' fastest player, Felix Gonzales, broke his leg, for example, he was particularly upset as he



The Squad at Riverside's California School for the Deaf held themselves to elite standards, forsaking junk food for the weight room.

Los Angeles Times via Getty Images



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was close to reaching 2,000 receiving yards.

Desperate to make the landmark, Gonzales "asked the doctor treating his broken leg whether he could go back into a game just for one play.

That's all he would need to get to the 2,000 mark," writes Fuller. "Not surprisingly the doctor said no."

By fostering a rare bond among them as they emerged from COVID, Adams galvanized his players into something greater than the sum of their parts and was determined that their deafness would never be an obstacle to success: "It's not something we are going to cry about. Those are the cards that we were dealt.

"And you just have to work harder." That hard work was overseen by Adams' assistant, Galvin Drake, a mountain of a man capable of deadlifting 405 pounds who finished all his text messages with a flexing bicep emoji. "He was the team's enforcer, lecturing the players on the impor-

ance of weightlifting and eating well," writes Fuller. "No junk food and soda during the season, he told the student athletes."

As a deaf team playing in a league full of hearing teams, CSDR encountered many practical difficulties in their quest for glory. Before games, an interpreter reminded referees that players wouldn't be able to hear the whistle and to use hand signals to convey decisions.

They also had to replace the traditional "Ready, Set, Hike!" used to start plays with a silent count as the quarterback clapped his hands rhythmically and the center looked through his legs to snap the ball.

The secret, as Adams explained, was communication and the Cubs' system of coded hand-signals ensured everyone knew their role. "The Cubs had another weapon in their arsenal: American Sign Language. They were able to sign to each other from across the field beyond the distance over which voice might easily carry."

Fuller also cites research showing deaf people can often see better than hearing people in specific situations and that gave the Cubs an ad-

vantage. "The neural difference meant that players had not only a potentially wider view of activity on the playing. They could also react more quickly to an opposing team's moves," explains Fuller.

"Milliseconds count in football."

Being deaf had other benefits, as Trevin Adams, Cubs quarterback and son of Coach Adams, explains. "I can't hear their fans, the crowds or the heckling," says Trevin, who is also deaf. "Trash talk, I can't hear it. They can get in my face and tell me anything."

Deafness wasn't the only issue for some Cubs players.

Homeless student Phillip Castaneda, for example, slept in his father's Nissan Sentra each night, get-

ting up each morning and waiting for the nearby Target to open so he could use their bathroom before he headed to CSDR and football practice.

But such was the team spirit Adams created.

"Inside the fence that ringed CSDR, they were at home in language and culture. It was a feeling of belonging amplified in the locker room and on the playing field. Football players at any high school share the bond of brothers in combat. For the Cubs it was an even tighter bond," writes Fuller.

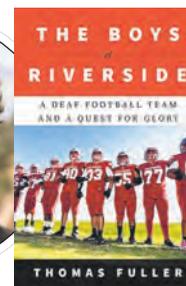
The Cubs blitzed most everyone they faced.

In 2021, they lost just one game when they were beaten 74-22 by Canoga Park's Faith Baptist in the championship game. When the teams met again in the title decider a year later, the Cubs avenged that defeat with a crushing 80-26 win to complete an undefeated season.

As the Cubs celebrated, Adams joked the whole experience had been like a film scripted 60 miles west in Hollywood. "It's a good ending. We beat them with a perfect record. And we're closing out the movie," he says. "Let the credits roll."



Thomas Fuller



BUZZ BOOK: Trad Wives

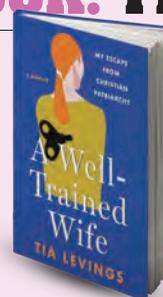
Trad wives are all the rage on social media, but Tia Levings reveals the dark underbelly to being a wife in a deeply conservative Christian marriage in "A Well-Trained Wife: My Escape from Christian Patriarchy" (Macmillan, Aug. 6)."

Levings was raised in a Southern Baptist church that railed against homosexuality and abortion while encouraging women to marry early and procreate. She met her future husband Allan at 18 and married him the following year despite numerous red flags including physical violence.

Despite Allan's protests, Levings remained a virgin during their year of courtship. However their wed-

ding night was certainly not the stuff of romance novels. Allan "tore into me like long-awaited mail, shocking me with dry, hard stabs and strokes," she writes. "I gasped from searing pain as my skin broke, and then my body went numb." Four days later, Levings went to see a doctor who told her she had a terrible infection and advised her to take a rest because "your body can't handle that much battering."

Things only worsened as Allan be-



came more immersed in strict Calvinist theology. At one point he insisted that Levings call him "My Lord" and "submit" to his every want. Other traditional wives advised her to follow the tenets of the controversial Institute in Basic Life Principles, which stresses the absolute "surrender" of wives to husbands.

Levings bore five children and home-schooled her brood. She desperately tried to please her husband, but it was never enough. He con-

stantly berated her, calling her a "s--t mother and s--t Christian." However, Levings managed to carve out a tiny scrap of independence by frequenting public libraries, penning a blog and connecting with other women online. Eventually Levings realized that she "liked writer-Tia way more than church-Tia" and fled her marriage in 2007. The memoir ends on a happyish note. She remarried but is now divorced and has devoted herself to exposing the perils of Christian fundamentalism.

Today, the activist describes herself as a "mother, writer, artist, hiker, friend," adding, "I'm a human soul on a journey home and I belong to me."

— Nicki Gostin



Sunday Break



“All Ball” By Kelly Richardson

Across

- 1 Fuses
- 6 Fuse
- 11 Microsoft’s web browser
- 15 Bar
- 18 Really fowl?
- 19 “Fuller House” actor John
- 20 Like a leaf blower
- 21 “Flamin’ Hot” director Longoria
- 22 Goal of a dog running an agility course?
- 24 “___, Brute?”
- 25 Talk by a rev.
- 26 Adds nutrients to, as flour
- 27 Mass x acceleration
- 29 Provide fare for an affair
- 31 Vibe
- 32 Teddy bear picnic need
- 34 Betting setting
- 35 Wildebeest
- 36 Arrive too late for the blanket giveaway?
- 38 Chrysalides, e.g.
- 41 Art able to
- 42 Cove, e.g.
- 43 Stringed instrument
- 44 World’s third-largest river, by volume
- 45 Thanksgiving Day Parade sponsor
- 47 Really grate on
- 51 Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle?
- 53 Hajj destination

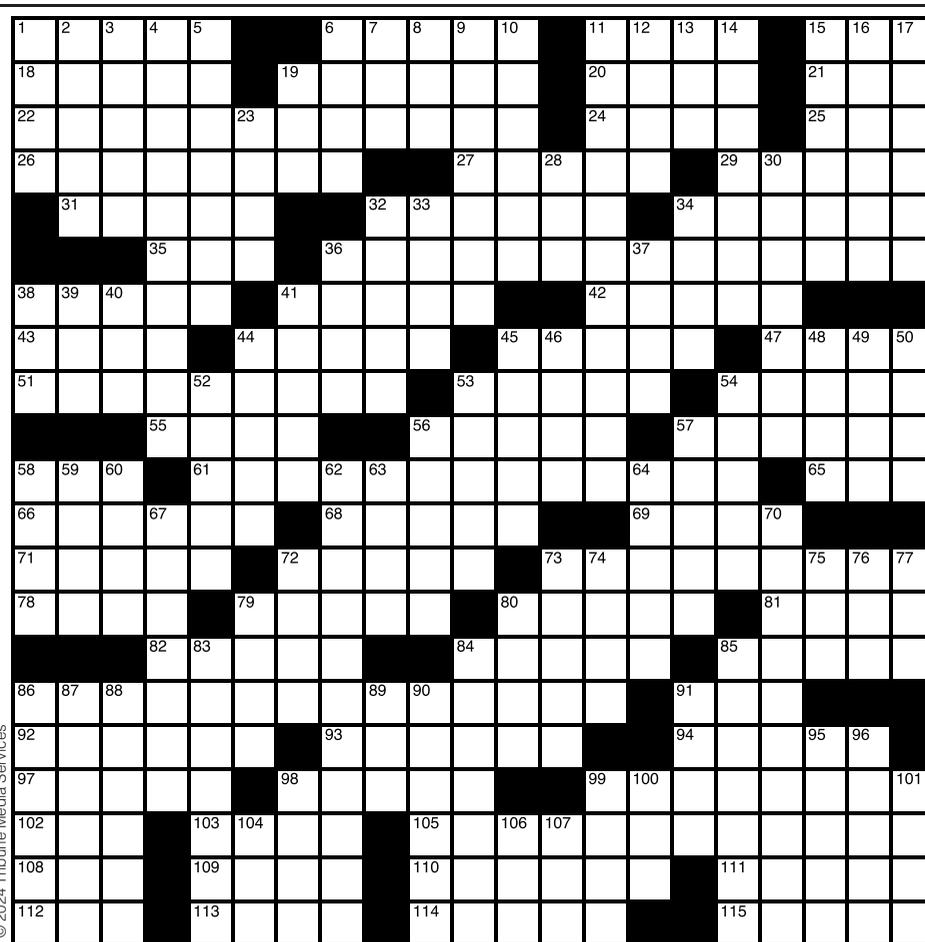
- 54 Ride a bike
- 55 Branch of Islam
- 56 Two-tone bear
- 57 Handles
- 58 Saint-Tropez sea
- 61 Garden privacy border made of psychoactive plants?
- 65 Part of REM
- 66 Graduates
- 68 Major artery
- 69 Sch. between Mex. and N. Mex.
- 71 Nom de plume
- 72 HS assessments
- 73 Gutter ball?
- 78 List of options
- 79 Los Angeles art museum
- 80 Salty side
- 81 Appeal
- 82 Big name in tractors
- 84 Pam of “Jackie Brown”
- 85 Petrichor, e.g.
- 86 All of the reporters covering a trial?
- 91 Brains behind a tech startup?
- 92 Ed who plays Donald Sterling in the miniseries “Clipped”
- 93 Lambaste
- 94 New Hampshire state flower
- 97 Tehran resident
- 98 Take over a dance
- 99 Seats near the action
- 102 “Sneakers” actor Kingsley
- 103 Lowly worker
- 105 Basketball stat,

- and what can be found in six of this puzzle’s long answers
- 108 Back muscle, briefly
 - 109 “Not long now”
 - 110 Over the moon
 - 111 ___ Loops
 - 112 “Rockaria!” rock gp.
 - 113 Sports award
 - 114 Chip dip
 - 115 Forest fronds

Down

- 1 Pay
- 2 Vault or beam, in gymnastics
- 3 Petrol unit
- 4 Modern matchmakers
- 5 Ice-and-syrup treat
- 6 Some Numic speakers
- 7 “Proolly not”
- 8 Letters introducing a judgment
- 9 85 in a 55, say
- 10 Evita, to Juan Perón
- 11 Lyriq or Leaf
- 12 Coddle, with “on”
- 13 Instinct
- 14 Teach
- 15 Awaken
- 16 Skin care brand whose name comes from the Latin for “oats”
- 17 Like a slot canyon
- 19 “___ Used To Be Mine”: Sara Bareilles song
- 23 Not ‘round?

- 28 Pro coin flipper
- 30 Plant with helicopter seeds
- 32 Hint
- 33 Sylvan ___: “Hey Mami” folktronica duo
- 34 Animation stills
- 36 Head locks?
- 37 Artist who has recorded in Tolkien’s fictional language
- 38 Post-M.A. pursuit
- 39 Fed. next to Oman
- 40 Not post-41 Undersea colony creator
- 44 Cook-off bowlful
- 45 Smart society
- 46 “Hells Bells” band
- 48 Lounging
- 49 British title
- 50 If not
- 52 Adds water to
- 53 Soda fountain drinks
- 54 Like some air fresheners
- 56 Celebration
- 57 Celebrations
- 58 “___, this is a Wendy’s”
- 59 Romance novelist Kennedy
- 60 Destroy
- 62 Hopping holiday figure
- 63 Farm animal in some yoga classes
- 64 Mathematician who wrote the first theorem of graph theory
- 67 Schmaltzy
- 70 References in



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- 79 Subj. of John McPhee’s “Annals of the Former World”
- 80 Guitar component
- 83 Celestial obscuration
- 84 Yogurt topping
- 85 Prequel series,
- essentially
- 86 Quirk
- 87 “Far out!”
- 88 Shanty
- 89 Hanoi holiday
- 90 Lion families
- 91 Lump of earth
- 95 Trellised archway
- 96 Two-dot
- punctuation
- 98 Flock flat
- 99 ___ market
- 100 Vermilion
- 101 Hoses down
- 104 Dawn goddess
- 106 LUV competitor
- 107 “Boy With Luv” band

Post SU DOKU

You must put a number, from 1 to 9, in each empty box. Each number must appear once in each horizontal row, as well as in each vertical column and in each of the 3-by-3 grids. **Super Su Doku**, inside, multiplies the challenge — and your enjoyment. For that one, put a number from 1 to 12 in each empty box, making sure each number appears once in each horizontal row, as well as in each vertical column and in each of the 3-by-4 grids. Tips and in-depth strategies at www.SudokuWiki.org. For more Su Doku puzzles, see tomorrow’s New York Post.

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All Sunday puzzle answers on Page 52

Kakuro

Place 1 to 9 in each white cell. To choose the right number, you need to work from the clues in around the edge. The numbers below the diagonal lines are the sums of the solutions in the white cells immediately beneath. The numbers above the divide are the sums of the solutions immediately to the right. Rows and columns do NOT have to be unique.

A 10x10 grid for a Kakuro puzzle. Black cells form a pattern. White cells are for digits 1-9. Clues are numbers in triangles pointing to the start of a run of white cells. Row clues: 11, 3, 17, 45, 6, 14. Column clues: 11, 15, 16, 8, 12, 5, 21, 9. Diagonal clues: 14, 9, 7, 21, 8, 32, 7, 17, 22, 7, 20, 6, 16, 12, 22, 12, 24, 18, 13, 33, 16, 6, 17, 12, 21, 34, 5, 17, 9.

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Chess Sister act

By Andy Soltis

The three Polgar sisters, originally from Hungary, are now retired from tournament chess. But their games — even losses — are inspiring new discoveries.

Judith Polgar was famed for crushing the French Defense, often in fewer than 25 moves.

But this week's game follows one of her memorable setbacks, when she lost after 13 Ng5? h6 14 Ne4 Qd5.

White's 13 Rb4! is a new idea, designed to get the rook decisively to h4 or g4.

It takes some computers a minute or so to see that 13...Nxc5? loses to 14 Bxh7+! Kxh7 15 Rh4+ Kg8 16 Ng5.

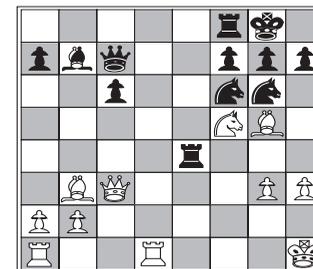
As the game went, Black might have tried 17...Kh8 to that 18 Rh5 e5 allows her queen to defend against Rxh6+.

But 18 Reg5! would have won — in Polgar style: 18...hxg5 19 Qxg5 or 18...Nxd3 19 Rxc7.

In the end, Black resigned after 20 Qxg6+ because 21 Rh4 is checkmate.

FRENCH DEFENSE Cairns Cup 2024

Zhongyi Tan	Anna Zatonskih
1 e4.....e6	11 O-O.....Nd7
2 d4.....d5	12 Rb1.....Qxa2
3 Nc3.....Nf6	13 Rb4!.....Qd5
4 Bg5.....dxe4	14 Re1.....h6?
5 Nxe4.....Be7	15 Qd2.....Nxc5
6 Bxf6.....Bxf6	16 Re5.....Qc6
7 Nf3.....O-O	17 Rg4!.....Nxd3
8 Nxf6+.....Qxf6	18 Qxh6.....g6
9 Bd3.....c5	19 Rxc7+!.....fxg6
10 dxc5.....Qxb2	20 Qxg6+ ...Resigns



Black to play and win.

M. Nikitenko-M. Suyarov

Tashkent 2024

Last week: 1...Rhe8!, e.g. 2 f3 Re2 or 2 h4 Re1+! 3 Bxe1 Rxe1+ 4 Kh2 Nf6!

KENKEN

Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) or 1 through 6 (challenging) without repeating. The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners. Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

A 6x6 grid for a KenKen puzzle. Cages are outlined boxes with target numbers and operations. Row 1: (1,1)-(1,2) 2÷, (1,3)-(1,4) 120×, (1,5)-(1,6) 2÷. Row 2: (2,2)-(2,3) 7+, (2,4)-(2,5) 5+, (2,6) 4-. Row 3: (3,1)-(3,2) 48×, (3,3) 1-, (3,4)-(3,5) 3+, (3,6) 2÷. Row 4: (4,4)-(4,5) 15+, (4,6) 5-. Row 5: (5,1)-(5,2) 3-, (5,3)-(5,4) 30×, (5,6) 2÷. Row 6: (6,1) 1. Operations: ÷ (divide), × (multiply), + (add), - (subtract).

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Sunday Word Force

HEADLINER

From the word or phrase above, form at least 25 five-letter words, without using more than one form of the same word. For example, drink or drank, not both.

Bridge

"I think Unlucky Louie's luck may be changing," Rose told me in the club lounge.

"I doubt it," I demurred. "Never bet on a loser because you think his luck will change."

"Well, Louie and I won today's Swiss teams," Rose said. "And we were lucky."

Rose showed me today's deal from the final match.

"As South I opened two clubs and bid 2NT next, showing 22 or 23 points, and Louie bid 3NT. West led a spade, and when I saw dummy, I tried to hide my dismay. Nine tricks at not-rump were no lock, and we would've had a chance at seven diamonds."

"Louie didn't see his hand's potential," I said. "Did you make 3NT?"

"I took the ace of spades," Rose told me, "and cashed the ace, queen and king of clubs. When the suit broke 3-3, I had nine tricks and ended with 10. If

clubs didn't break, I would have been in dummy to finesse in diamonds."

"Well done," I said. "So how were you lucky?"

"In the replay," Rose said, "North-South bid six diamonds. Their auction was a lot better

than ours: two clubs-two diamonds, 2NT-three diamonds (natural!). Then South bid three hearts, suggesting diamond support and heart strength, and North needed no more encouragement.

"North won the club lead in his hand, led a trump ... and finessed with the queen. He lost two trump tricks. He can afford one

trump loser but not two, so he must cash the ace before leading toward the queen."

Louie was lucky. His team gained a swing when it should have lost one. He wants to play again next Sunday, but his new luck may be a one-week wonder.

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ A 9 6 2
♥ 9 8 5 4 3 2
♦ K 5 4
♣ K 5 4

WEST
♠ Q 10 8 7 4
♥ 10 7 4 3
♦ K
♣ J 8 2

EAST
♠ K 9 6 3
♥ J 8 5
♦ J 10 6
♣ 10 9 6

SOUTH
♠ J 5 2
♥ A K Q
♦ A Q 7
♣ A Q 7 3

South 2♣
West Pass
North 2NT
East Pass

Opening lead — ♠ 7

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INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

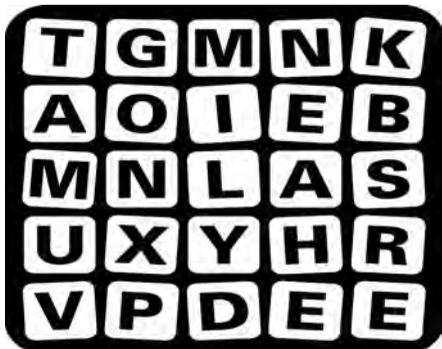
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By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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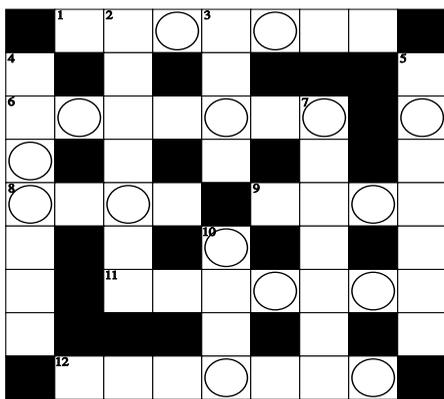
We put special brain-busting words into the puzzle grid. Can you find them?

Find AT LEAST 10 FOUR-LETTER MAMMALS in the grid of letters.

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JUMBLE CROSSWORDS™

by David L. Hoyt
Sunday Puzzle



ACROSS

- CLUE**
1. Staying power
 6. There, to their
 8. ___ marker
 9. Rotating shaft
 11. Vernacular
 12. Yarn can be twisted around it

- ANSWER**
- MANITSA
NYMOOMH
LMEI
ELAX
DLAICET
NLEIDPS

DOWN

- CLUE**
2. Fell, flopped
 3. Semi-aquatic carnivore
 4. Smokestack
 5. Truthfulness
 7. Fictional Smart
 10. Invade

- ANSWER**
- MTBELDU
NIMK
NECMYIH
ESYNOHT
LAWEMLX
DIRA

BONUS

CLUE: The ___ was dedicated on May 30, 1922.



How to play
Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

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A ₁	E ₁	N ₁	R ₁	T ₁	T ₁	P ₃	RACK 3		
E ₁	U ₁	P ₃	D ₂	T ₁	S ₁	B ₃	RACK 4		
E ₁	E ₁	I ₁	O ₁	R ₁	C ₃	T ₁	RACK 5		

PAR SCORE 260-270
BEST SCORE 342

FIVE RACK TOTAL _____
TIME LIMIT: 25 MIN

Super Su Doku

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9			6				1	3	
12				10			5		4
2		5			11	3		12	7
4	10		7					3	2

Wonderword

First read the list of words, then look at the puzzle. The words are in all directions - vertically, horizontally, diagonally, backward. Circle each letter of a word found and strike it off the list. The letters are often used more than once, so do not cross them out. It's best to find the big words first. When you find all the words listed in the clues, you'll have a number of letters left over that spell out the Wonderword.

Accept, Action, Agreement, Alternatives, Answers, Best, Bets, Book, Change, Character, Children, Commitments, Consequence, Courage, Determination, Development, Discover, Discussion, Empower, Evaluate, Future, Goals, Good, Happiness, Hard, Holidays, Home, Ideas, Impact, Integrity, Investment, Issues, Jobs, Lifestyle, Made, Moving, Options, Order, Outcome, Passion, Path, Peers, Pondering, Position, Pros, Purchases, Relationships, Resist, Resolution, Right, School, Select, Sense, Situation, Social, Sports, Spouse, Status, Strategy, Success, Time, Travels, Unfold, Values, Verdict, Vote, Weigh

DECISION-MAKING

SOLUTION: 6 LETTERS

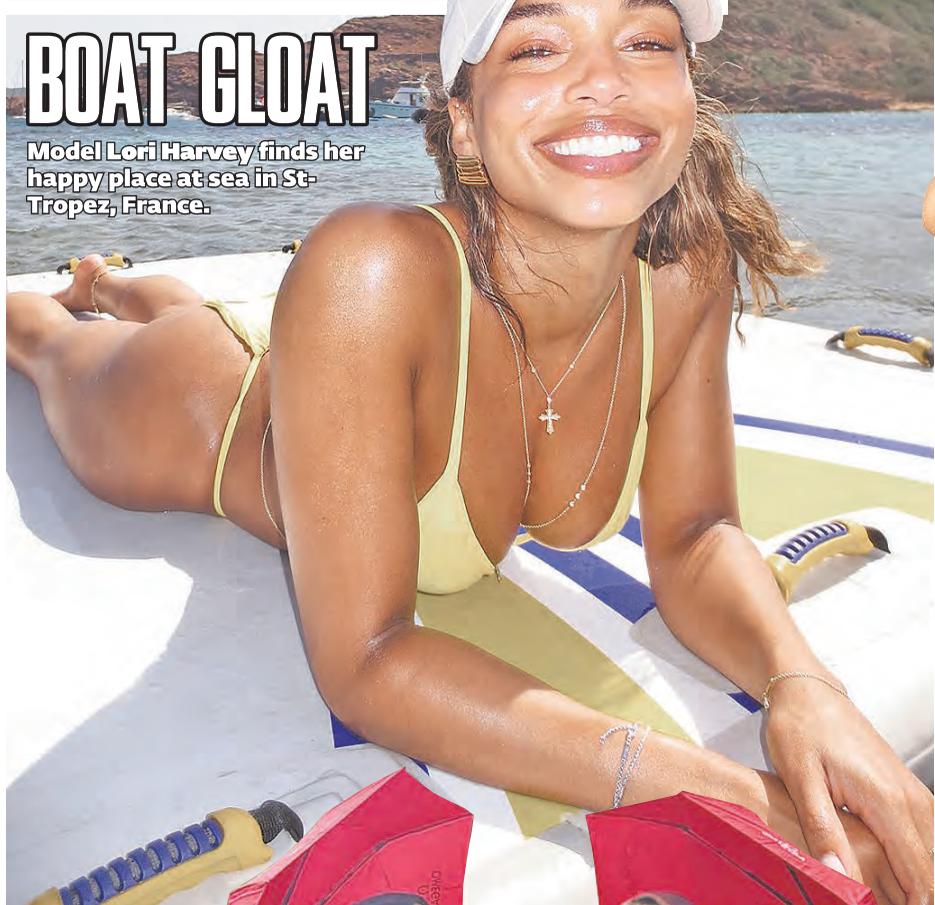
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I	L	T	E	V	S	S	E	S	A	H	C	R	U	P	C	N	I	N	O
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By Maude Campbell, Tori Schneebaum & Donna Grace

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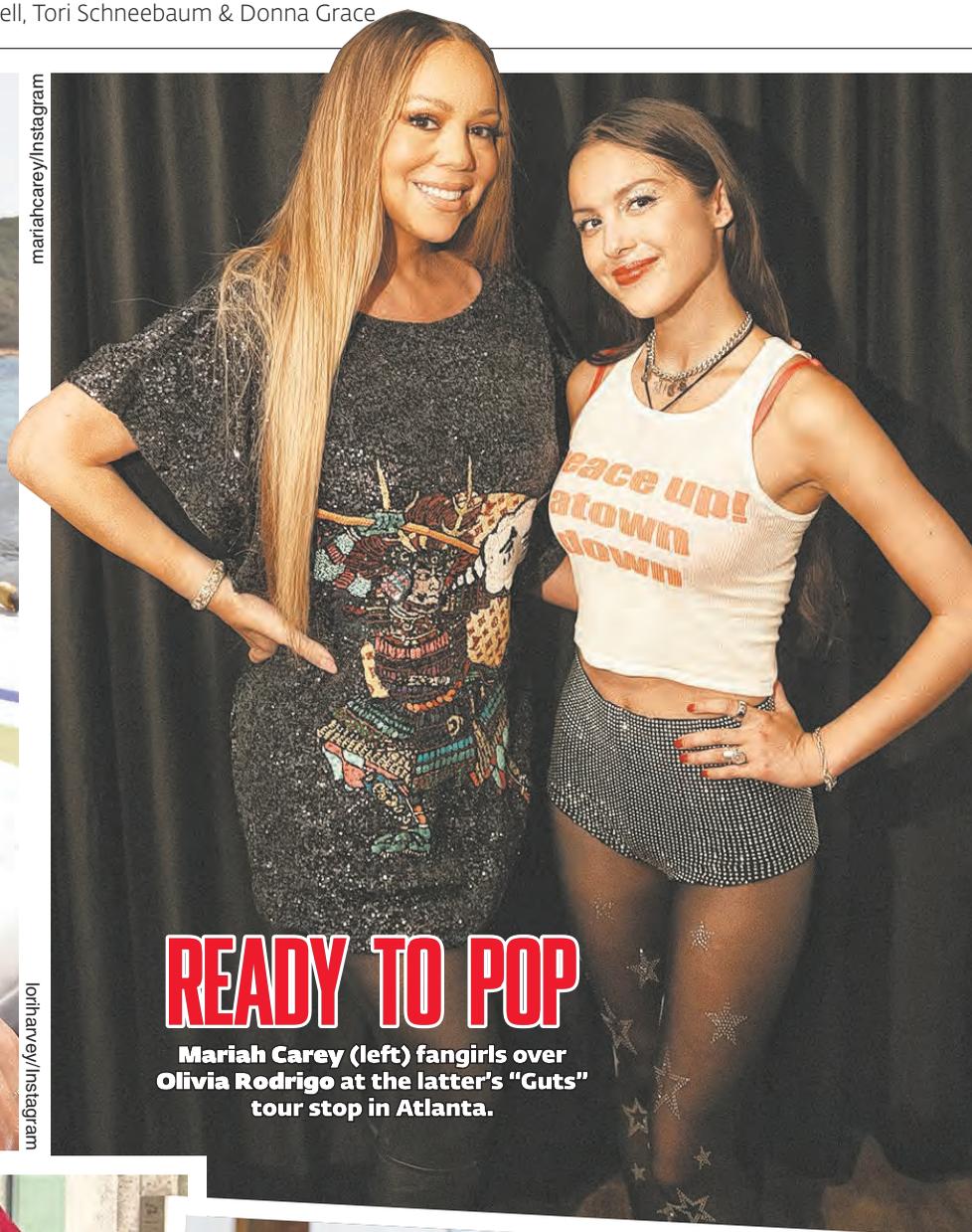
BOAT GLOAT

Model Lori Harvey finds her happy place at sea in St-Tropez, France.



mariahcarey/instagram

loriharvey/instagram



READY TO POP

Mariah Carey (left) fangirls over Olivia Rodrigo at the latter's "Guts" tour stop in Atlanta.

cindycrawford/instagram



WEATHER GIRLS

In Paris for the Olympics, Cindy Crawford (right) and daughter Kaia Gerber, 22, keep dry in style.



OVER THE FINISH WINE

Cameron Diaz steps behind the bar to pour her Avaline wine for East Hampton connoisseurs.

Shutterstock



BEACHY KEEN

evalongoria/Instagram

Eva Longoria soaks up the sun and sand in Spain.



ALL IN GOOD CHEER

At the Olympics in Paris, Chrissy Teigen and her kids Luna, 8, and Miles, 6, root for the US team and their favorite gymnast, Simone Biles.

chrissyteigen/Instagram



LET 'ER RIDE

Katy Perry lets her hair down while filming a music video in Ibiza, Spain.

Backgrid / GItas / Splash News.com



BOUT TIME

In Season 2 of "UnPrisoned," John Stamos helps Kerry Washington wrestle with her emotions in a dream sequence.

kerrywashington/Instagram

Snaps



PRECIOUS CARGO

At sail on the Mediterranean, Paris Hilton snuggles up with 1-year-old son Phoenix.

parishilton/instagram



LANDING A STRIPER

Gwyneth Paltrow cuts a cool silhouette out shopping in the Hamptons.

Tom Nicholson/Shutterstock



VEST REGARDS

Nicole Kidman (left) and 16-year-old daughter Sunday maintain a monochromatic palette at an event in Paris.

jwbr0derick/Instagram



GOOD SPORTS

At the Paris Olympics, Matthew Broderick (from left) keeps it casual with daughter Marion, 15, son James, 21, wife Sarah Jessica Parker and daughter Tabitha, 15.



LEAGUE OF HER OWN

Ahead of the launch of her new Fenty x Puma collection, Rihanna takes in a preseason football match at Yankee Stadium.

Rafael Rios/PUMA/Mega



BEAUTY AND A BIEB

Hailey and Justin Bieber get their glow on as they get ready to welcome their first child.

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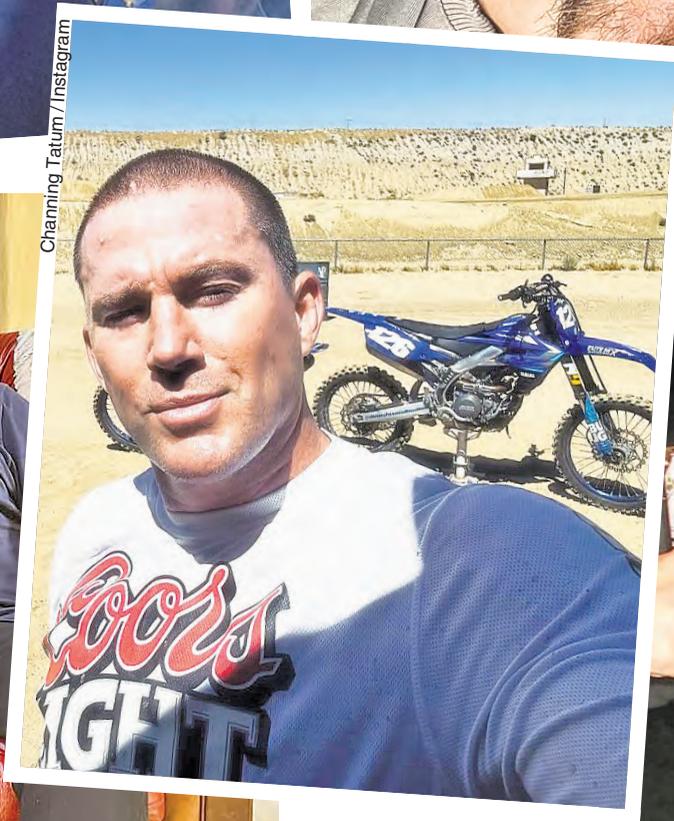
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FAMILY ACT

Chris Pratt (left) grins big with father-in-law Arnold Schwarzenegger on the latter's 77th birthday.

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Channing Tatum / Instagram

CROSS TRAINING

Channing Tatum prepares for a day in the dirt with friends and his 11-year-old daughter Everly.



RED-LETTER NIGHT

At Kosovo's Sunny Hill music festival, sponsored by Dua Lipa and her family, she and boyfriend Callum Turner "Dance the Night" away.

LOOK WHO'S TALKING

THIS WEEK'S GUESTS



LIVE WITH KELLY AND MARK

9 a.m. / ABC
Tuesday: Mike Colter
Monday: Wayne Brady
Wednesday: Blake Lively (above)



WATCH WHAT HAPPENS LIVE

10 p.m. / Bravo
Monday: Elena Dubaich, Gael Cameron
Tuesday: Chanel Ayan, Justin Simien
Wednesday: Cate Blanchett (above), Gina Gershon



STEPHEN COLBERT

11:35 p.m. / CBS
Monday: Bernie Sanders (above)
Tuesday: Melinda French-Gates, Saoirse-Monica Jackson
Wednesday: Jon Favreau, Jon Lovett, Tommy Vietor

Sunday August 4, 2024

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4	WNBC	4	4	4	NBC Nightly News	2024 Paris Olympics: Primetime Weekend Taped.								News 4 New York at 11	(11:35) Paris 2024 Live.
5	WNYW	5	5	5	The 6 O'Clock News	MasterChef: Age is Just a Number (R)	Krapopolis (R)	Krapopolis: Tydra (R)	Krapopolis (R)	Krapopolis (R)	The 10 O'Clock News	Sports Extra	In Depth	Raw Travel (R)	
7	WABC	7	7	7	ABC World News	America's Funniest Home Videos (R)	America's Funniest Home Videos (R)	America's Funniest Home Videos (R)	Honey, I Shrunk the Kids (1989, Family) Rick Moranis. PG				Eyewitness News at 11		
9	WWOR	9	9	9	(6:00) Chicago P.D.	Chicago P.D.: Instinct	Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	
11	WPIX	11	11	11	Paid Program	Penn & Teller: Fool Us: Dan Quayle Gets (R)	Miss USA 2024: Contestants come together at the Peacock Theater to compete for the crown.				PIX11 News at Ten with Kaity Tong		PIX11 Sports Nation	Yankees Nation	
13	WNET	13	13	13	Tell Me More (R)	Mika - Live at the Paris Philharmonic	Hotel Portofino: Proposals		Grantchester		Agatha Christie's England		Luisa Spagnoli: The Queen of Chocolate		
21	WLIW	21	21	21	PBS News	Judy Collins: Wildflowers in Concert (R)	Peter Frampton at Royal Albert Hall				Young Forever with Mark Hyman, MD				
25	WNYE	25	22	25	(5:30) TBA	GZero	Profiles (R)	On Story	Day's Work	Her B Idea	Neighbor	Voyager	Feet	Confucius Was a Foodie	
31	WPXN	31	3	531	(6:00) NCIS	NCIS: The Helpers		NCIS: First Steps		NCIS: Thick As Thieves		NCIS: The Wake		NCIS: Starting Over	
41	WXTV	41	6	41	Noticiero	Me vuelves loca (2023, Comedia) Aislinn Derbez. NR		El show, crónica		Aquí y ahora		Noticias		Noticiero	
47	WNJU	47	16	12	Noticias	La Isla Desafío Extremo (7:58) La Isla Desafío Extremo: Traición				Pica y se extiende		Noticiero		Noticias (R)	
55	WLNY	55	10	10	(6:00) ET	In Focus	The Point	CBS News Sunday Morning			Paid	Judge Judy	Paid	Women Of Wrestling	
A&E	46	46	181		Storage (R)	Storage (R)	Storage (R)	Biography: WWE		Biography: WWE		(10:01) Biography: WWE Legends: Goldberg (R)			
AMC	54	43	231		(6:00) The Mummy Returns (2001, Adventure)	Brendan Fraser. ★★½		Snowpiercer: Life Source		(10:07) Orphan: Echoes		Snowpiercer: Life Source			
BET	37	54	270		(6:00) Madea's Family Reunion (2006)	39th Annual Stellar Gospel Music Awards							39 Annual Stellar Awards		
BBCAM	71	101	189		(5:05) The Bone Collector	(7:36) The Silence of the Lambs (1991, Thriller) Jodie Foster. R ★★★★★			(10:08) Orphan: Echoes		The Fifth Element (1997)				
BRAVO	18	44	185		Housewives	Real Housewives (R)		The Real Housewives of New Jersey		(9:45) Real Housewives of New Jersey		Real Housewives (R)			
CNBC	15	24	102		(6:00) IMSA Sports Car: IMSA Sportscar Weekend Taped.			Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank			
CNN	78	25	100		Newsroom	CNN Newsroom		The Whole Story with (R)		1968: Changed America		1968: Changed America		1968: Changed America	
COM	45	50	190		We're the Millers (2013, Comedy) Jennifer Aniston. R	Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (2006) Will Ferrell. ★★★						South Park		South Park	
DIS	49	31	250		Big City (R)	Big City (R)	Big City (R)	Toy Story (1995, Comedy) Tom Hanks. G		ZOMBIES		ZOMBIES	ZOMBIES	ZOMBIES	Bluey
DSC	66	27	120		(6:00) Naked & Afraid: Last One (R)	Naked and Afraid: Last One Standing		Eye of Storm: Hurricane		(11:08) Eye of Storm (R)					
E!	24	51	196		Family	Family	Family	Family	Family	Family	Family	Family	Family	Family	
ESPN	28	36	70		Baseball	MLB Baseball Live.								SportsCenter Live.	
ESPN2	29	35	74		Baseball	MLB Baseball								UFA: 2024 U.S. Open Ultimate Championships	
FBN	43	106	117		(6:00) TBA	To Be Announced (R)		To Be Announced		To Be Announced (R)		To Be Announced (R)		To Be Announced (R)	
FNC	44	26	118		Fox Report	The Big Weekend Show		Life, Liberty & Levin		Sunday Night		Weekend Show (R)		Life, Liberty & Levin (R)	
FOOD	50	97	164		Grocery (R)	Guy's Grocery Games (R)		Food Truck Race		Alex vs America		Alex vs America (R)		Beat Bobby	
FREFRM	38	49	199		(5:15) Coco (2017) ★★½	(7:45) Jungle Cruise (2021, Adventure) Dwayne Johnson, Emily Blunt. PG-13 ★★★								Ready Player One (2018) Tye Sheridan.	
FS1	400	99	83		CONCACAF	UEFA Euro 2024 Replay.		Leagues Cup Soccer: Philadelphia Union at Cruz Azul. Live.						Leagues Cup Soccer Live.	
FX	10	40	53		Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle (2017)	Jumanji: The Next Level (2019, Action) Dwayne Johnson. ★★★								Jumanji: The Next Level (2019) ★★★	
HALL		191	240		(6:00) Junebug (2024, Drama)	Sand Dollar Cove (2021) Chad Michael Murray.								All Summer Long (2019, Romance) Autumn Reeser.	
HGTV	64	98	165		100 Day (R)	100 Day Dream Home (R)		100 Day Dream Home (R)		100 Day Dream Home		Hunters (R)	Hunters (R)	Hunters (R)	
HIST	40	47	128		(6:00) Food	Food Built: Supermarket		Food Built (R)		Food Built: Peanut Butter		(10:03) The Icons		(11:05) Food Built (R)	
ID	23	171	123		Monster (R)	American Monster (R)		American Monster (R)		American Monster		48 Hours on ID		Evil Lives Here (R)	
LIFE	62	45	140		(6:00) A Neighbor's Vendetta (2024) NR	The Neighbor Who Saw Too Much (2024) NR				(10:03) Obsessed (2009, Thriller) Idris Elba, Beyoncé.					
MeTV	33	33	3		Collector	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Family	Family	Family	Family	Ed Sullivan	Burnett	Van Dyke	
MSG	27	87	78		(5:30) Athletes Live.	The Juice		The Bettor		MSG Shorts		Athletes Unlimited Women		Athletes Replay.	
MSG Plus	48	88	80		(12:00) FanDuel	Racing Live.		United Fight		United Fight		No Gamble No Future		No Gamble No Future	
MSNBC	14	23	103		The Sunday	Ayman (R)		Ayman		Prime Weekend (R)		Inside With Jen Psaki (R)		Ayman (R)	
MTV	20	53	210		Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	The West	The West	Ridiculous	
NATGEO	65	162	121		Wick. Tuna	Wicked Tuna (R)		Wicked Tuna (R)		Wicked Tuna (R)				Wicked Tuna (R)	
NICK	6	121	252		Vacation	(7:15) Hotel Transylvania: Transformania (2022) ★★½		Friends		Friends		Friends: Joey and Rachel		Friends	
OWN	173	180	145		(6:00) 20/20	20/20 on OWN (R)		20/20 on OWN: Disguise		20/20 on OWN: Wrongful		20/20 on OWN: Invitation		20/20 on OWN (R)	
PARMT	36	56	54		Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue: To Death (R)		Bar Rescue: Outta Touch		Bar Rescue (R)		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue (R)	
SNY	26	60	77		MLB Game	Post Game		Undefeated: 2014-2016		Yeah ...		Broadway Boxing: Broadway		Sports Live.	
SYFY	17	48	180		Transformers: Dark of the Moon (2011, Action) Shia LaBeouf. PG-13 ★★½									Transformers: Age of Extinction (2014) PG-13 ★★½	
TBS	8	39	52		(5:45) Grown Ups 2 (2013, Comedy) ★★	Bang		Bang		Bang		Bang		Jokers (R)	
TCM	82	41	230		(5:15) Thoroughly Modern Millie (1967)	Victor/Victoria (1982, Comedy) Julie Andrews. PG ★★★						Hawaii (1966)		Julie Andrews. NR ★★½	
TLC	52	28	139		90 Day (R)	90 Day Fiancé (R)		90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After?: Tell All		(10:01) Forbidden Love		(11:01) 90 Day Fiancé			
TNT	3	37	51		(5:13) The Empire Strikes Back (1980)	Star Wars: Episode VI: Return of the Jedi (1983, Adventure)		Mark Hamill. ★★½		Star Wars: VII (2015) ★★½					
TVLAND	85	34	241		Mike	Mike	Mike	Men	Men	Men	Men	Men	Men	Seinfeld	
USA	16	38	50		Paris 2024	Paris 2024		Paris 2024		Paris 2024		Paris 2024		Paris 2024	
VH1	19	52	217		(5:30) Step Brothers (2008, Comedy) R	Old School (2003, Comedy) Luke Wilson. R ★★★								The Boss (2016, Comedy) Melissa McCarthy. R ★★	
WE	59	42	149		Law & Ord	Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order: Ego		Law & Order: White Lie	
YES	53	89	76		History of	Yankees	My Number	World Chase Tag Replay.		Yankeography		MLB Baseball Replay.			
HBO	511	301	400		Sherlock Holmes (2009)	House of the Dragon: The Red Sowing		House of the Dragon		(10:13) House of the Dragon (R)		Last Week			
MAX	531	371	420		The Strangers (2008, Thriller) Liv Tyler.	Out of Time (2003) Denzel Washington.		(9:46) Immortals (2011, Fantasy) Henry Cavill. R ★★½				Green ★★★			
MGM Plus	595	395			(6:45) Challengers (2024, Drama) Zendaya, Mike Faist. R			Hotel Cocaine: The Price		Emperor of Ocean Park		Hotel Cocaine: The Price			
PARSHO	551	321	365		(6:00) The Lincoln Lawyer (2011, Crime)	Mayor of Kingstown		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		Irena's Vow (2024) R ★★★			

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8 THINGS TO WATCH THIS WEEK

PROPERTY BROS NO MORE

Real estate agent Josh Flagg offers an update on where he stands with his 'Million Dollar Listing Los Angeles' co-stars.

By SAMANTHA NUNGESSER

'MILLION Dollar Listing Los Angeles' star Josh Flagg is as busy as ever. Having just sold the late Judy Garland's Bel-Air home for \$11 million, he now has the "most expensive house in America on the market" for a whopping \$200 million. Plus, Flagg revealed he's still in a "great" place with co-star Tracy Tutor, though he couldn't say the same about Josh Altman.

The two men were not on speaking terms at the start of Season 15, with Flagg upset that Altman hijacked a listing they were initially supposed to do



Brian Zak/Page Six; Nicole Weingart/Bravo (inset)

It looks like 'Million Dollar' stars Flagg (above) and Josh Altman (right) are on the rocks again after their recent feud.



know, we're both very happy now.

After your one-on-one with Altman, you end things on a seemingly hopeful note. Is that how you felt at the time?

Well, we met one-on-one and we hugged it out and I thought everything was good. But then he got aggressive with me again, and I don't know what to say, I guess he hasn't cooled down yet. So what can I say?

When we talked to Tracy, she teased that your feud with Altman is far from over. What else can you tell us about that?

We're not feuding anymore, we're just not really talking.

What would have to happen to kind of bring you back to where you were?

He'd have to apologize to me. **Is there anything else you can tease about the rest of this season of Million Dollar Listing?**

There's some good fights. There's some good drama. There's crying, there's fighting, there's table throwing, there's, you know, the usual.

together. Though they later hashed out their differences, Flagg says Altman "got aggressive" and "hasn't cooled down yet."

Flagg stopped by DECIDER's offices to talk about the drama on "Million Dollar Listing Los Angeles" and share an update on where he stands with Tutor and Altman.

DECIDER: What is it about your friendship with Tracy that you cherish most?

FLAGG: I love Tracy, she's one of my closest friends. We're like sisters. We're very, very close and she's an amazing friend and we travel together. We just have a great relationship. Even if we fought before, I was never worried it was over. It's just a little blip.

You start to open up to Tracy about your love life in the episode. What was it like having her there for you as she was going through her

own relationship issues?

Well, keep in mind this was also filmed about a year ago. So now we're a year forward. I mean, Andrew and I, we're no longer together. I'm in a completely new relationship. But at the time, I would say I was able to sympathize with her and be there for her and I gave her my advice of what I thought she should do when she decided to split up with Erik... It was a little traumatic for her. But, you

2 MISS USA 2024

Sunday 8 p.m., The CW
Live from Los Angeles, the annual Miss USA Pageant will find the next lovely lady who will represent the United States at the 2024 Miss Universe pageant in Mexico. **Savannah Gankiewicz** (below), who took the title after Noelia Voigt resigned, will crown her successor.



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3 MR. THROWBACK

Thursday, Peacock
Adam Pally and NBA star **Steph Curry** (above) co-star in this hilarious new sports mockumentary series from Peacock. Pally plays a down-on-his-luck sports memorabilia dealer who reunites with his sixth-grade basketball teammate who is none other than Curry himself.



4 THE UMBRELLA ACADEMY

Thursday, Netflix
"The Umbrella Academy" may be coming to an end, but it will certainly be going out with a bang. The final season finds the Hargreeves siblings in a timeline where they no longer have their superpowers, but that doesn't mean their enemies have also disappeared. Starring **Elliot Page** (left).

5 DANCE MOMS: A NEW ERA

Wednesday, Hulu
'Dance Moms' is getting a much-needed makeover on Hulu, with a new coach, new dancers, and new moms. Dance teacher Glo Hampton challenges her team of tween dancers, pushing the girls and their moms to the limit.

5 BOB HEARTS ABISHOLA

Monday, 8 p.m., CBS

7 THE INSTIGATORS

Friday, Apple TV+
Academy Award winners **Matt Damon** and **Casey Affleck** (below) star in "The Instigators" as thieves trying to rob a corrupt Boston politician. But when the heist doesn't go exactly as planned, the two are forced to go on the lam. And things only become more complicated when they "kidnap" Rory's therapist, played by **Hong Chau**.



8 HARD KNOCKS: TRAINING CAMP WITH THE CHICAGO BEARS

Tuesday 9 p.m., HBO
The five-episode series offers an inside look at the Chicago Bears camp in Lake Forest, Illinois, where first overall draft pick **Caleb Williams** (left) and his veteran teammates will go through training this summer ahead of the next NFL season.

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♌ LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

The new moon in your sign will encourage you to take the kind of risks that most people steer clear of, but you're not most people you're a Leo and that makes a world of difference. As far as you are concerned life is too short to play safe.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

You need to answer two questions. First, are you strong enough to take on your shoulders a responsibility that would crush most people? Second, is there a good reason why you should take it on? Only proceed if the answer to both questions is Yes.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

There are so many opportunities available to you now that it may be hard to decide which of them to focus on. If you are smart you will choose no more than two objectives, at least one of which must benefit other people as

much as yourself.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

If you have been looking for a chance to move up on the work front it should soon be here. Keep your eyes and ears open and don't be afraid to put your hand up if someone in authority asks for volunteers. It could be the making of you.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

Something in your life is about to change in such a profound way that you won't be the same person that you were before. It may be a material change but more likely it will be a change in the way you choose to interact with the wider world.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

A development that comes out

of nowhere will take you by surprise this week but you will recover your wits quickly and find ways to take advantage of it. When you get an opportunity to move ahead you are not the sort to waste it.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

A few harsh words may have been spoken in recent weeks but it is not too late to make amends and get a relationship back to how it was before. Be smart enough and big enough to accept that the first move needs to come from you.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

Because there is a new moon in the area of your chart that governs your everyday routines this is the ideal time to swap things around and come up with some fresh ideas. Anyone who says you are a creature of habit

will be proved very wrong indeed.

♈ ARIES (March 21-April 20)

The Leo new moon makes this an exciting time to be an Aries as it invites you to unleash your creativity and give substance to your vision. Some people will say you are expecting too much of yourself but they are wrong - for you there are no limits!

♉ TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

You must resist the temptation to get involved in other people's private affairs. Even if you truly believe you have the answer to their problems it is highly unlikely they will thank you for poking your nose in. Let them learn for themselves.

♊ GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

The path you have been on of late has been difficult but you have proved time and again that you are up to the job. Another challenge is about to come your way and there is no doubt at all you will tackle it with purpose and poise.

♋ CANCER (June 22-July 23)

If you find yourself at odds with the accepted way of doing things that may be a good thing. This is one of those occasions when those who possess the ability to approach problems from unusual angles will come up with match-winning ideas.

BIRTHDAY SUNDAY

Whatever it is you want most from life you have the power to reach out and take it. A new moon on your birthday means you only have to think of a desire, and keep that thought firmly in your mind, to see it come true. Make it happen!

Sunday Break puzzles answers

Sunday Crossword

WELDS	UNITE	EDGE	BAN
AVIAN	STAMOS	LOUD	EVA
GETT	THEHOOP	ETT	SER
ENRICHES	FORCE	GATER	
TENOR	TEASET	CASINO	
GNU	MISSA	FREETHROW	
PUPAE	CANST	INLET	
HARP	CONGO	MACYS	RILE
DEEPT	THREE	MECCA	PEDAL
SHIA	PANDA	FIELDS	
MER	ILLEGAL	SCREEN	EYE
ALUMNI	AORTA	UTEP	
ALTAS	PSATS	ALLEY	OOPS
MENU	GETTY	FRIES	PLEA
DEERE	GRIER	SCENT	
FULLCOURT	PRESS	CPU	
ONEILL	BERATE	LILAC	
IRANI	CUTIN	FRONTROW	
BEN	PEON	DOUBLED	DOUBLE
LAT	SOON	ELATED	FROOT
ELO	ESPY	SALSA	FERN

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Very Easy #6,630

Su Doku

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Difficult #6,420

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Challenging #462

Super Su Doku

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Kakuro #462

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Jumble

ANSWERS: 1A-Stamina 6A-Homonym
8A-Mile 9A-Axle 11A-Dialect 12A-Spindle
2D-Tumbled 3D-Mink 4D-Chimney 5D-Honesty
7D-Maxwell 10D-Raid B-Lincoln Memorial

Boggle Brain Busters Bonus

MOLE, LION, PUMA, SEAL, LYNX,
BEAR, GOAT, HARE, MINK, DEER

SCRABBLE GRAMS SOLUTION

S ₁	T ₁	O ₁	P ₃	O ₁	F ₄	F ₄	RACK 1 =	<u>95</u>
E ₁	M ₃	B ₃	R ₁	Y ₄	O ₁	N ₁	RACK 2 =	<u>64</u>
P ₃	A ₁	T ₁	T ₁	E ₁	R ₁	N ₁	RACK 3 =	<u>62</u>
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PAR SCORE 260-270							TOTAL	<u>342</u>

Sunday Word Force

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	eider			

Wonderword answer: CHOICE

THE WEEK'S WINNERS



NBC

While US athletes nibble on their Olympic gold medals, network breaks record for advertising sales, raking in more than \$1.25 billion.

NFL

In a bombshell decision, judge overturns ruling ordering the league to pay Sunday Ticket subscribers \$4.7 billion, as kickoff to new season nears.

WARREN BUFFETT

Billionaire investor sells nearly \$4 billion worth of Bank of America shares after a big run-up in the lender's stock price.

LOSERS



NORAH O'DONNELL

Anchor of last-place "CBS Evening News" is shifting to a new role as senior correspondent amid expected cost-cutting by Paramount.

INTEL

Shares plunged after the chip giant announced a \$1.6 billion loss and 15,000 job cuts, just months after receiving billions from the Biden administration.

BOAR'S HEAD

Feds widen recall of deli meat after a deadly listeria outbreak, and company also faces a consumer lawsuit.

IT'S THE ECONOMY, KAMALA!

Recession derailment?



CHARLES GASPARINO

COULD an economic "Black Swan" of a recession upend the November election?

Even before Friday's shockingly worrisome jobs report (unemployment ticking up to 4.3%, a slow-down in hiring followed by a 610-point drop in the Dow) that's what some savvy market analysts and economists told me could be happening.

They see some weird stuff in the economic data that hasn't been factored into the recent Dow and the Nasdaq run-ups to record territory. Given the supreme importance of the economy to voters, it could turn a neck-and-neck race between Donald Trump and Kamala Harris strongly in favor of Trump. It's Harris and her boss, Sleepy Joe Biden, whose policies created this possible mess.

The reason economists and analysts believe a recession would be a Black Swan is because it's not expected based on many readings of the economic data, and because if it happened, it would take an already volatile race for the White House to new levels of confusion. Trump, who has been losing momentum, would change the nature of the debate over who deserves to lead the country.

Full disclosure: I have my doubts that we're headed into a type of economic shock that could be a factor for voters this fall, and timing is crucial here. The Fed might be worried about a recession that hits closer to the end of this year or early next, but it's about to stimulate things with lower short-term interest rates

after years of tighter monetary policy, maybe any day now after Friday's report. BlackRock Chief Larry Fink has said he believes all the Biden fiscal spending and money printing by the Fed that sparked inflation before Jerome Powell began to raise rates is still sloshing around the economy and should provide a buffer to prevent a full-blown recession any time soon.

But the people I'm speaking to more recently are serious economic types, and it pays to hear them out. They see something "fugazi" in the stock market's rally, the bond market's relative calm, and all those great headline economic numbers like historically low unemployment. They point out the Biden-Harris administration propped the economy up in ways that can't last: lots of spending (and vote buying) like student-loan forgiveness, and tax credits for businesses to retain employees. They say inflation is falling but hides the fact that prices for necessities are still higher than they were during Trump's first term. Inflation is a tax that hits working-class people — aka most voters — the hardest.

Plus, they say the Biden-Harris White House has set the stage for some bad stuff with massive new regulations that squeezed the private economy. Lots of unnecessary spending that stoked inflation, and papering over it all in duplicitous and dangerous ways. The debt is dangerously high at \$35 trillion and growing. Recently, the Biden Treasury Department sought to hide this inconvenient truth by financing spending with short-term borrowing, rolling over notes and short-dated Treasuries instead of issuing bonds with 10- and 30-year maturities.

Yes, it's risky business. If they issued debt the old-fashioned way, the 10- and 30-year yields pegged to

Is a Dem 'Swan' dive coming?

Middle-of-the-road voters' initial enthusiasm for Democratic nominee Kamala Harris could quickly fade if a recession takes hold due to the short-sighted economic policies of the Biden-Harris administration.



stuff like mortgages would have spiked and crushed the economy in an election year. But you can only borrow short-term to finance long-term obligations for so long. Just ask the geniuses who ran New York City's finances in the 1970s and gave us near-bankruptcy. Borrowers will balk because such gimmicks are a recipe for even more money printing, currency devaluation and possibly default.

Now that Harris and the Democratic elite have kicked Biden to the curb, they're hoping the liquidity in the system can last through the election before any of the you-know-what hits the fan.

There are signs it might not. Jason DeSena Trennert, economist, market strategist and founder of advisory firm Strategas, tells me "cracks are showing" in the Biden-Harris economy even before this past week's data.

Signs of lower consumer spending are cropping up. Then there's the so-called "inverted yield curve" where longer-dated bonds have a lower yield than the short-term fed-funds rate. That usually signals recession since it's a bet that there will be lower economic growth.

As the recently anointed Dem nominee, Harris is doing a lot of scripted stuff — rallies and speeches, and she's avoiding real interviews. So far it's working, with polls showing she's gaining on Trump. Yet if the economy starts

heading into recession, it would be a Black Swan she can't avoid because, as a wise man once said, "It's the economy, stupid."

Unstacking the decks

WE can all remember that strange year of 2020. COVID caused lockdowns, social-justice riots burned cities. There was a nail-biter of an election between Donald Trump and Joe Biden.

The decks were stacked against The Donald for many reasons including powerful social-media platforms being totally in the bag for old Joe. It's a spectacle I explore in my upcoming book, "Go Woke Go Broke." Social media canceled pro-Trump voices, throttling stories such as The Post's Hunter Biden laptop exposé.

Joe Biden is no longer in the picture for the Dems. VP Kamala Harris is, but she won't have the full force of social media behind her. In 2022, the free-speech absolutist, Tesla chief and world's richest man Elon Musk shelled out \$44 billion to buy Twitter, renamed it X, fired its old lefty staff and leveled the playing field, giving Trump and his people a fighting chance to sway public opinion.

It's unclear how much money, if any, Elon will give to the Trump campaign after his recent endorsement. In some ways it doesn't matter — he's already made a \$44 billion in-kind donation.

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Saratoga Results

FIRST-1 mile; \$100,000; mdn spl wt; 2YO
4 Rch fr th Rs (Ortz) 3.70 2.50
3 Insubordntn (IRE) (Cncl) 3.50
Scr: Concord Green, Davy Crockett, Clock Tower, Asbury Park (GB), Sam's Rocket
● \$1 Exacta (4-3) \$8.20

WINNER picked by Vic C
SECOND-6 fur; \$90,000; mdn spl wt; 2YO
2 Smlensyches (Sz) 25.60 10.80 6.60
4 The Toner (Leparoux) 3.60 2.90
7 Corvus (Vazquez) 7.70
● \$1 Daily Double (4-2) \$54.00 ● \$1 Exacta (2-4) \$68.00 ● \$1 Quinella (2-4) \$22.00 ● \$0.1 Superfecta (2-4-7-9) \$389.85 ● \$0.5 Trifecta (2-4-7) \$407.25

THIRD-1 mile; \$60,000; alw; 4up (f&m)
1 Dck'f Crds (Vzquz) 3.10 2.50 2.10
5 Cinderella's Cause (Ortz) 3.90 2.50
8 Movie Moxly (Lezcano) 2.40
Scr: Just a Nyquist, Batucada, Inouaintkintome
● \$1 Pick 3 (4-2-1) \$116.00 ● \$1 Daily Double (2-1) \$34.25 ● \$1 Exacta (1-5) \$4.65 ● \$0.1 Superfecta (1-5-8-9) \$4.57 ● \$0.5 Trifecta (1-5-8) \$4.35

FOURTH-1 mile; \$95,000; alc; 3up (f&m)
12 Call Her Bluff (Prt) 4.60 3.40 2.60
3 Silent Melody (Ortiz) 3.70 2.70
7 Elliptic (Gaffalione) 2.80
Scr: Red Burgundy, Bossy Jeans, Gram, Midnight Concerto, Brooklyn Dantz, Alette d'Oro
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Quinella picked by Vic C
FIFTH-6 fur; \$100,000; mdn spl wt; 2YO
5 Uncaged (Ortiz, Jr.) 12.60 6.40 3.60
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6 Classicist (Velazquez) 3.20
Scr: Tiger Twenty Four, Code of Justice
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1 Ferocious (Castlino) 8.90 4.80 3.60
5 El Prestigio (Carmouche) 5.90 4.20
4 Praetor (Prat) 3.40
Scr: Flat to Da Mat
● \$1 Pick 3 (12-5-1) \$127.25 ● \$1 Daily Double (5-1) \$50.75 ● \$1 Exacta (1-5) \$20.40 ● \$0.1 Superfecta (1-5-4-2) \$52.35 ● \$0.5 Trifecta (1-5-4) \$78.25

SEVENTH-The Saratoga Derby was canceled
EIGHTH-7 fur; \$500,000; Test; 3YO F
4 Wys nd Mens (Prt) 3.40 2.30 2.10
1 Emery (Gaffalione) 3.70 2.50
5 My Mane Squeeze (Saez) 2.50
Scr: Brightwork
● \$1 Exacta (4-1) \$3.75 ● \$0.1 Superfecta (4-1-5-2) \$0.80 ● \$0.5 Trifecta (4-1-5) \$3.55

Exacta picked by Vic C
NINTH-1 mile; \$135,000; Lure; 4up
10 Film Star (Ortiz, Jr.) 3.20 2.40
7 Pioneering Spirit (Ortiz) 2.80
Scr: Smokin' T, Forever Souper, Big Everest (GB), More Than Looks, Irish Aces, Kubrick (IRE)
● \$1 Daily Double (4-10) \$2.70 ● \$1 Exacta (10-7) \$4.15

Double picked by Vic C
TENTH-The Troy was canceled
ELEVENTH-1 1/8m; \$1,000,000; Whitney; 4p
11 Arth'r's Rd (Alvrd) 15.80 6.60 5.20
7 Crupi (Ortiz, Jr.) 8.60 5.30
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Scr: Il Miracolo, Tumarumba
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4 Zadorsky (Saez) 4.90 3.20
2 Striker Has Dial (Carmouche) 2.70
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PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Limes Don't Lie,119	F Prat	x-x-x	C Brown	2-1
2	Lady Pippa,119	J Lezcano	x-x-x	Medina	15-1
3	First Class Lady,119	J Rosario	x-x-x	Asmussen	5-2
4	Amourette,119	J Castellano	x-x-x	Delgado	12-1
5	Ragtime,119	J Alvarado	x-x-x	Mott	9-2
6	Quietside,119	L Saez	x-x-x	J Ortiz	5-1
7	Ivory and Ebony,119	J Velazquez	x-x-x	Stewart	8-1
8	Tiptop,119	T Gaffalione	x-x-x	Lukas	15-1

2 1 3/4 miles; \$150,000; Birdstone; 4up

He defended his title by winning the Brooklyn again. Up next for **NEXT**, the Birdstone. Won last years edition by a dozen lengths. He's won 5 in a row and will pay dimes, not dollars. **MASQUEPARADE** was 3rd to Next in May then 4th in the Brooklyn. May better position today. **TIME FOR TROUBLE** was a distant 2nd in last years Birdstone. Won in January; 0 for 4 since, Prat an interesting pickup.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Slip Mahoney,120	L Saez	6-6-1	Summers	20-1
2	Masqueparade,120	M Franco	4-3-3	Atras	6-1
3	Nimitz Class,120	E Cancel	5-4-4	Weaver	15-1
4	Time for Trouble,118	F Prat	2-4-4	Hiles	8-1
5	Next,124	L Machado	1-1-1	Cowans	1-9

3 1 1/8 miles; \$60,000; clm(\$25,000); 4up

They were slow up front and the stretch running **BOSSMAKINBOSSMOVES** couldn't close the gap. Gets a pace to chase, same distance for Morley. Prat stays on; so do we. **COLLOQUY** drops for Atras after a weak 7th. Won narrowly racing at this level in April. Rider change to Irad. **KAHALA** enters off a close 3rd at Churchill. Won back-to-back at the Fair Grounds this spring. Gaffalione picks him up for Amoss. **PIT BOSS** won twice before shipping from Parx. Will be forwardly placed but has not performed well at this longer distance.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Gun Maestro(L),118	O Hrndz Mreno	5-1-1	Jones	8-1
2	Kahala(L),120	T Gaffalione	3-4-4	Amoss	8-1
3	Life and Light(L),118	R Santana, Jr	3-6-10	Pringle	15-1
4	Higher Quality(L),123	M Franco	3-1-7	Potts	4-1
5	Pit Boss(L),123	J Gomez	1-1-5	Arce	6-1
6	Colloquy(L),123	I Ortiz, Jr	7-2-1	Atras	2-1
7	Take the Charge(L),123	L Saez	7-1-5	Kenneally	8-1
8	BossmakinbossmovesL,123	F Prat	6-7-6	Morley	4-1

4 1 1/16 miles(T); \$55,000; mdn clm(\$40,000); 3up

No kick from **KICK A BUCK** but he will today, falling to mdn claimers for Chad Brown. Made board once from 3 starts. **BEARINGS** ran evenly for 3rd moving a mile. Stretches if we're off turf. **IL SICILIANO** Dirt to turf for Sano. Length short racing on the grass at Gulfstream in April. Castellano will ride.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Mano E Mano(L),118	L Luzzi	9-5-x	Potts	30-1
2	Il Siciliano(L),118	J Castellano	5-4-3	Sano	9-2
3	Sugar Hook(L),118	T Gaffalione	6-6-3	Amoss	6-1
4	Flicker(GB)(L),118	D Davis	4-8-x	Clement	12-1
5	Bad Boy Butch(M),118	I Ortiz, Jr	x-x-x	Falcone	10-1
6	Counter Attack(L),118	R Santana, Jr	5-6-12	Bernardini	30-1
7	Ghost Prince(L),118	E Cancel	8-5-8	Quartarolo	30-1
8	Kick a Buck(L),118	M Franco	6-4-2	C Brown	8-5
9	Vincita(L),118	J Leparoux	3-5-4	Morley	10-1
10	Bolt d'Plata(L),124	L Saez	4-4-3	Terranova	12-1
11	John the Baptist(L),118	K Carmouche	4-11-2	Hennig	8-1
12	Mighty Glory(L),118	R Maragh	5-4-10	Schettino	30-1
13	El Alacran(L),118	J Velazquez	4-10-11	Morley	10-1
14	True Connection(L),118	D Davis	8-4-4	Ryerson	4-1

15	Awesome Life(L),118	T Gaffalione	10-x-x	Joseph	8-1
16	Bearings(L),124	Rider TBA	3-4-6	Atras	7-5

5 5 1/2 fur(T); \$70,000; alw; 3up(f)

Saffie Josephs **IN OUR TIME** is 0 for 2 on turf but was only 2 lengths short in the Coronation Cup, this distance. Earns lawn degree. **SHES ALWAYS ROSIE** MTO. Led, settled for 2nd racing 6/8. **BOSS OF ALL** Beat a neck racing off the 13 month layoff. May be Boss of them all. 2nd off the shelf. **U SHOULD B DANCING** is 2 for 28 but danced home 2nd this distance here last month.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
2	U Should B Dancing(L),122	F Prat	2-5-4	Rodriguez	8-1
3	Shaman Princess(L),122	J Rosario	7-5-1	Rodriguez	10-1
4	Boss of All(L),122	K Carmouche	2-3-1	Rice	12-1
5	Golden Dagger(L),122	D Grises Rave	6-7-10	Barrera	30-1
6	In Our Time(L),120	I Ortiz, Jr	6-2-1	Joseph	5-2
7	Linarite(L),122	J Velazquez	2-2-3	Donk	10-1
8	Answer the Call(L),120	T Gaffalione	4-1-4	Sharp	20-1
9	Tiffany Gold(L),120	L Saez	3-8-1	Barboza	3-1
10	Miss Bonnie T(L),122	J Castellano	4-8-6	Arenas	20-1
11	Hurricane Debbie(L),124	L Dettori	4-1-4	Ward	3-1
1	a-First Class Cat(L),124	J Lezcano	4-1-9	Rice	1-1
12	Oh My Mia(L),120	Rider TBA	1-3-6	Amoss	6-1
1A	a-She's Always Rosie(L),120	K Carmouche	2-1-2	Rice	1-1

6 6 fur; \$90,000; mdn; 2YO(f)

Career debuts for these two-year-old fillies. Our pecking order **SARATOGA SNOW** (Dini/Rosario/Vekoma), **BOSTONS PHINEST** (Brown/Prat), **SCYTHIAN** (Mott/Lezcano), **TWIRLING LULU** (Levine/Irad) and **YOUNGOTTHAVEHOPE** (DePaz/Santana). Saratoga Snow best value.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Aranciata,119	J Castellano	x-x-x	Delgado	6-1
2	Classicals Finale,119	K Davis	9-x-x	Chichakly	20-1
3	Boston's Phinest,119	F Prat	x-x-x	C Brown	3-1
4	Twirling Lulu,119	I Ortiz, Jr	x-x-x	Levine	7-2
5	Early On,119	J Velazquez	x-x-x	Hennig	15-1
6	Scythian,119	J Lezcano	x-x-x	Mott	5-1
7	Wild Mischief,119	L Saez	x-x-x	Maker	10-1
8	Youngottahavehope,119	R Santana, Jr	x-x-x	De Paz	9-2
9	Saratoga Snow,119	J Rosario	x-x-x	Dini	8-1

7 1 1/16 miles(T); \$100,000; mdn; 2YO(f)

First dance for **BALLERINA DORO**. Rosario rides the Medaglia Doro gray for Chad Brown. **LOVE TEMPO** closed well for 3rd debuting at a mile. Walsh gives her another 1/16; gets Gaffalione to ride. **QUOIN** (Ribauda/Davis/War of Will), **PEDIATRIC PRINCESS** (Terranova/Prat/Mendelssohn) and **CHANTICO** (McGaughey/Alvarado/Munnings) load the gate first time as well. Quoin the longest odds.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Pediatric Princess,119	F Prat	x-x-x	Terranova	5-1
2	All Night Revival,119	J Velazquez	x-x-x	DeVaux	8-1
3	Magenta,119	M Franco	3-x-x	Pletcher	10-1
4	Love Tempo(IRE),119	T Gaffalione	3-x-x	Walsh	3-1
5	Chantico,119	J Alvarado	x-x-x	McGaughey III	6-1
6	Lady River Lily,119	D Grises Rave	9-7-x	Seyler	50-1
7	Quoin,119	D Davis	x-x-x	Ribauda	20-1
8	May Day Ready,119	L Dettori	x-x-x	Lee	12-1
9	Ballerina d'Oro,119	J Rosario	x-x-x	C Brown	5-2
10	She's a Swede,119	J Leparoux	8-x-x	McPeck	10-1
11	Chelsey's Choice,119	J Lezcano	x-x-x	Mott	12-1
12	Dr Glick,119	I Ortiz, Jr	x-x-x	C Brown	6-1
13	Il Suo Oro,119	L Saez	6-x-x	Rodriguez	12-1
14	Bossy Dish,119	R Maragh	5-x-x	Rodriguez	15-1

8 6 fur; \$115,000; alw; 3up

CLEAR THE AIR Turf to dirt for Walden. Won by 8+ racing 6/8 at Turfway last winter. 0 for 3 on dirt since but defeated a solid allowance field on the grass in April. Gets Vasquez back. **IMPLEMENTATION** lost by 2+ lengths racing comparable at Churchill. Won here last summer. Irad a good sign. **BILLAL** ran home 3rd of 4 in the Dwyer Mile. Winner racing this

shorter distance at Keeneland in April. **TOP GUNNER** won narrowly racing for 50k to snap a lengthy losing skid. **CHATTALOT** Board hitter last 3 after leading. Can he hang for a share?

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Market Street(L),120	J Rosario	4-5-6	Lukas	15-1
2	Celestial Glaze(L),122	L Saez	3-1-5	Rodriguez	10-1
3	Top Gunner(L),122	M Franco	1-2-2	Kantarmaci	6-1
4	Clear the Air(L),124	R Vazquez	7-10-2	Walden	6-1
5	Cape Trafalgar(L),124	D Davis	1-3-2	Joseph	4-1
6	Billal(L),120	J Alvarado	3-3-5	Mott	7-2
7	Implementation(L),122	I Ortiz, Jr	8-3-3	Joseph	3-1
8	Chattalot(L),122	R Santana, Jr	3-2-2	Asmussen	5-1

9 6 1/2 fur; \$200,000; Adirondack; 2YO(f)

Can **WHITE SANDS** stretch a furlong and keep her record clean in the Adirondack? 2 for 2 after winning a 100k at Prairie Meadows by 13+ lengths. Dettori picks her up for Ward. **THE QUEENS MG** is 2 for 3 after an upset win in the Schuylerville at 44-1. **ITALIAN SOIREE** (Aqueduct, 5 1/2 furlongs), **ATOMIC CITY** (Churchill, 6 furlongs) and **SOCIAL FORTRESS** (Delaware, 5 furlongs) all move to the Grade 3 off debut W's.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Whatintheliteral,122	J Velazquez	11-1-3	Antonucci	8-1
2	Italian Soiree,120	F Prat	1-x-x	Terranova	9-2
3	Atomic City,120	L Saez	1-x-x	Kenneally	8-1
4	Dare to Breeze,120	I Ortiz, Jr	1-3-x	Casse	8-1
5	Social Fortress,120	R Santana, Jr	1-x-x	Ness	6-1
6	Aguas de Cristal,120	J Castellano	1-x-x	Delgado	12-1
7	Anakarina,120	T Gaffalione	1-5-x	Stewart	12-1
8	White Sands,122	L Dettori	1-1-x	Ward	3-1
9	The Queens M G,122	D Davis	1-7-1	Joseph	7-2

10 1 1/16 miles(T); \$50,000; clm(\$30,000); 3up

ST JOE LOUIS is 1 for 19 but 2nd best this distance last out. **ANDY CANT** MTO. **NOW AND LATER** finished up the track at Churchill. Moves lower, runs shorter for Sharp. **NOSTALGIC ONE** (6th start) and **MODICA** (9th start) both moved lower and graduated. Nostalgic One at this distance. Modica is 0 for 3 at the distance.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Now and Later(L),123	T Gaffalione	8-4-11	Sharp	7-2
2	Frizzante(L),120	J Lezcano	2-4-2	Sacco	15-1
3	Officer Derick(L),120	K Carmouche	5-1-7	De Paz	10-1
4	King Freud(L),118	R Maragh	8-10-7	Rodriguez	30-1
5	Skellig Island(L),118	F Prat	10-4-11	Reynolds	10-1
6	A Lister(L),125	R Santana, Jr	1-2-9	Pringle	20-1
7	St. Joe Louis(GB)(L),123	J Rosario	2-4-4	Hennig	9-2
8	Beary Funny(L),123	L Saez	3-4-3	Maker	6-1
9	Modica(L),120	M Franco	1-5-3	Weaver	6-1
10	Nostalgic One(L),125	I Ortiz, Jr	1-9-3	Pletcher	5-1
11	Mr. Mendelssohn(L),125	J Castellano	6-1-3	Toscano	15-1
12	Noble Huntsman(L),123	L Luzzi	7-5-12	Friedman	30-1
13	Barnstorming				

AL Standings

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Baltimore	66	46	.589	—	—	5-5	W-1	34-25	32-21
Yankees	66	46	.589	—	+4	6-4	W-1	28-24	38-22
Boston	58	51	.532	6½	2½	5-5	L-1	27-28	31-23
Tampa Bay	56	54	.509	9	5	6-4	W-1	30-29	26-25
Toronto	51	60	.459	14½	10½	5-5	L-1	26-28	25-32

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Cleveland	67	43	.609	—	—	7-3	L-1	35-16	32-27
Minnesota	61	48	.560	5½	+½	6-4	W-3	31-21	30-27
Kansas City	62	50	.554	6	—	6-4	L-1	36-22	26-28
Detroit	53	59	.473	15	9	3-7	W-1	26-30	27-29
Chicago	27	86	.239	41½	35½	0-10	L-19	17-40	10-46

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Seattle	59	53	.527	—	—	6-4	W-2	33-23	26-30
Houston	57	53	.518	1	4	5-5	L-1	32-25	25-28
Texas	53	58	.477	5½	8½	4-6	W-1	30-24	23-34
Los Angeles	48	63	.432	10½	13½	4-6	W-1	25-35	23-28
Oakland	46	66	.411	13	16	6-4	L-1	27-28	19-38

*WGB: Games behind third-place team in wild-card race

Saturday

Yankees 8, Toronto 3
L.A. Angels 5, Mets 4
 Detroit 6, Kansas City 5, 11 inn.
 Minnesota 6, White Sox 2
 Tampa Bay 6, Houston 1
 Baltimore 7, Cleveland 4
 Texas 7, Boston 4
 L.A. Dodgers 10, Oakland 0
 Seattle 6, Philadelphia 5, 10 inn.
Sunday
 Toronto at **Yankees**, 1:35
Mets at L.A. Angels, 4:07

Baltimore at Cleveland, 1:40
 Kansas City at Detroit, 1:40
 White Sox at Minnesota, 2:10
 Tampa Bay at Houston, 2:10
 Boston at Texas, 2:35
 L.A. Dodgers at Oakland, 4:07
 Philadelphia at Seattle, 4:10
Monday
 Arizona at Cleveland, 6:40
 Houston at Texas, 8:05
 Minnesota at Cubs, 8:05
 Boston at Kansas City, 8:10
 White Sox at Oakland, 9:40

NL Standings

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Philadelphia	65	45	.591	—	—	2-8	L-6	38-21	27-24
Atlanta	60	50	.545	5	+1½	6-4	L-1	32-22	28-28
Mets	58	52	.527	7	½	6-4	L-1	30-29	28-23
Washington	50	61	.450	15½	9	3-7	W-1	24-28	26-33
Miami	41	70	.369	24½	18	5-5	W-1	22-34	19-36

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Milwaukee	62	48	.564	—	—	5-5	L-1	31-21	31-27
St. Louis	57	54	.514	5½	2	4-6	W-1	29-25	28-29
Pittsburgh	56	54	.509	6	2½	5-5	W-1	27-27	29-27
Cincinnati	53	57	.482	9	5½	6-4	W-1	28-30	25-27
Chicago	54	59	.478	9½	6	5-5	L-1	29-26	25-33

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Los Angeles	64	47	.577	—	—	4-6	W-1	34-20	30-27
San Diego	60	52	.536	4½	+½	8-2	W-1	29-29	31-23
Arizona	59	52	.532	5	—	8-2	L-1	31-25	28-27
San Francisco	55	57	.491	9½	4½	7-3	L-1	33-23	22-34
Colorado	41	71	.366	23½	18½	4-6	L-1	24-29	17-42

*WGB: Games behind third-place team in wild-card race

Saturday

L.A. Angels 5, **Mets** 4
 St. Louis 5, Cubs 4
 Washington 6, Milwaukee 4
 Pittsburgh 4, Arizona 2
 Cincinnati 6, San Francisco 4
 Miami 4, Atlanta 3
 San Diego 3, Colorado 2
 L.A. Dodgers 10, Oakland 0
 Seattle 6, Philadelphia 5, 10 inn.
Sunday
Mets at L.A. Angels, 4:07
 San Francisco at Cincinnati, 12:05
 Arizona at Pittsburgh, 1:35

Miami at Atlanta, 1:35
 Milwaukee at Washington, 1:35
 L.A. Dodgers at Oakland, 4:07
 Colorado at San Diego, 4:10
 Philadelphia at Seattle, 4:10
 St. Louis at Cubs, 7:10
Monday
Mets at St. Louis, 5:15
 Arizona at Cleveland, 6:40
 Cincinnati at Miami, 6:40
 San Francisco at Washington, 6:45
 Minnesota at Cubs, 8:05
 Philadelphia at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10

Yankees 8, Blue Jays 3

Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Springer dh	4	1	0	0	1	2	.227
Loperfido cf-lf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.286
Guerrero 1b	4	2	3	1	0	1	.318
Kirk c	4	0	1	2	0	1	.239
Horwitz 2b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.281
Clement 3b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.265
Schneider lf	2	0	0	0	0	2	.214
Varsho ph-cf	2	0	1	0	0	1	.201
Jiménez ss	4	0	1	0	0	3	.219
Berroa rf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.143
Barger ph-rf	1	0	0	0	1	0	.195
Totals	34	3	8	3	3	13	

Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Verdugo lf	5	1	0	0	0	0	.233
Soto rf	5	1	1	0	0	2	.308
Judge dh	3	2	2	2	1	.321	
Wells c	4	0	2	1	1	2	.244
Torres 2b	4	1	1	0	1	1	.233
Chisholm 3b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.308
Volpe ss	4	1	2	3	0	0	.261
Rice 1b	4	1	0	0	0	1	.200
LeMahieu 1b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.182
Grisham cf	4	1	1	2	0	1	.188
Totals	36	8	10	8	5	8	

Toronto	100	000	020	—	3	8	2
Yankees	220	020	11x	—	8	10	0
E: Horwitz (1), Jiménez (2). LOB: Toronto 7, New York 9. 2B: Guerrero (28). HR: Guerrero (22), off Rodón; Judge (41), off Berríos; Grisham (7), off Berríos; Volpe (11), off Berríos. RBIs: Guerrero (72), Kirk 2 (28), Judge 2 (103), Grisham 2 (23), Volpe 3 (44), Wells (28). RISP: Toronto 2 for 5; New York 3 for 8. DP: New York 1 (Volpe, Torres, LeMahieu).							

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Berríos, L, 9-9	5.0	7	6	5	3	6	93	4.11
Swanson	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	10	7.23
Burr	1.0	1	1	1	2	1	23	4.85
Ye.Rodríguez	1.0	2	1	0	0	1	21	9.64

Yankees	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Rodón, W, 12-7	5.1	3	3	3	2	8	106	4.37
Cousins	0.2	1	0	0	0	0	6	2.25
Weaver, H, 17	1.0	0	0	0	1	3	19	2.92
Kahnle	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	6	2.13
Leiter	0.2	3	0	0	0	0	22	3.38
Holmes, S, 23-31	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	4	2.80

T: 2:51. A: 40,218 (47,309).

Reds 6, Giants 4

San Francisco	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Wade 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.286
Ramos cf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.285
Encarnación rf	1	1	1	1	0	0	.200
Bailey c	4	0	0	0	0	2	.260
Chapman 3b	4	2	2	1	0	1	.244
Conforto lf	3	1	2	1	0	0	.224
Fitzgerald ss	4	0	0	0	0	3	.303
Yastrzemski rf-cf	3	0	0	0	1	0	.244
Luciano dh	3	0	0	0	0	3	.324
Schmitt 2b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.222
Wisely ph-2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.260
Totals	32	4	5	3	1	13	

Cincinnati	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
India 2b	3	1	2	1	1	0	.262
De La Cruz ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	.257
Steer lf	3	1	1	0	0	0	.233
Benson lf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.194
France 1b	4	1	1	0	0	0	.125
Stephenson c	4	2	2	4	0	2	.242
Candelario dh	3	0	1	0	0	1	.226
Friedl cf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.208
Fairchild rf	2	1	1	1	0	0	.225
Marte 3b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.172
Totals	30	6	8	6	2	7	

San Francisco	000	000	211	—	4	5	1
Cincinnati	011	000	00x	—	6	8	2
E: Chapman (13), Friedl (1), De La Cruz (2). LOB: San Francisco 3, Cincinnati 2. 2B: Chapman (29), Candelario (22). HR: Conforto (11), off Wilson; Encarnación (1), off Santillan; Chapman (1), off Díaz; Stephenson 2 (13), off Harrison; India (9), off Harrison; Fairchild (7), off Harrison. RBIs: Conforto (41), Encarnación (1), Chapman (49), Stephenson 4 (40), India (41), Fairchild (26). CS: De La Cruz (11). RISP: San Francisco 0 for 1; Cincinnati 1 for DP: San Francisco 2 (Wade, Fitzgerald, Wade; Chapman, Schmitt, Wade).							

San Francisco	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Harrison, L, 6-5	3.2	6	6	6	1	4	73	4.09
Hjelle	1.1	1	0	0	0	1	19	3.78
Hicks	2.0	1	0	0	1	1	31	4.03
Ta.Rogers	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	19	2.27
Cincinnati	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Greene, W, 8-4	6.0	1	0	0	1	11	100	2.83
Wilson	1.0	2	2	2	2	2	17	5.10
Santillan	1.0	1	1	0	0	0	8	1.29
Díaz, S, 22-24	1.0	1	1	1	0	0	13	4.35

T: 2:14. A: 32,602 (43,891).

Angels 5, Mets 4

Mets	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Lindor ss	5	1	2	0	0	0	.255
Nimmo lf	4	1	1	0	1	0	.237
Martínez dh	4	1	2	4	0	1	.268
Alonso 1b	3	0	1	0	1	1	.242
Winker rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.200
Bader cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.268
Vientos 3b	3	0	1	0	1	1	.284
1-Iglesias pr-3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.333
Schneider lf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.288
Torrens c	3	1	1	0	1	0	.235
McNeil 2b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.236
Taylor cf-rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.

Rangers 7, Red Sox 4

Boston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
J.Duran lf-cf	5	0	1	0	0	3	.292
Refsnyder rf-lf	4	2	4	3	1	0	.314
González 2b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.279
Abreu ph-rf	2	0	0	0	0	2	.271
Devers 3b	5	1	1	0	0	2	.306
Wong 1b	5	0	1	1	0	1	.303
Yoshida dh	4	0	0	0	0	0	.269
D.Jansen c	3	0	1	0	1	0	.500
Sogard ss-2b	3	0	1	0	1	1	.286
Rafaela cf-ss	4	1	2	0	0	1	.260
Totals	38	4	11	4	3	12	

Texas	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
J.Smith dh	5	0	3	1	0	1	.282
Seager ss	5	0	1	0	0	1	.278
Semien 2b	4	0	1	0	1	1	.246
Lowie 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.266
A.García rf	3	1	1	0	1	1	.211
Jung 3b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.290
E.Duran lf	3	2	2	1	1	1	.255
Jankowski pr-lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.201
Heim c	4	2	2	3	0	1	.235
Taveras cf	3	1	2	2	1	0	.229
Totals	35	7	13	7	4	7	

Boston	100	200	100	—	4	11	1
Texas	000	403	00x	—	7	13	0

E: Bernardino (2). **LOB:** Boston 10, Texas 8. **2B:** Devers (28), Refsnyder (15), A.García (17). **HR:** Refsnyder (2) (7), off Bradford; Heim (10), off Houck; Taveras (9), off Houck. **RBIs:** Refsnyder 3 (29), Wong (38), Heim 3 (46), Taveras 2 (30), E.Duran (14), J.Smith (46). **SB:** Wong (6), Refsnyder (2), Rafaela (16). **CS:** Wong (5). **RISP:** Boston 3 for 11; Texas 6 for 11. **DP:** Boston 1 (Devers, Sogard, Wong).

Boston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Houck, L, 8-8	5.0	8	6	6	2	7	89	3.09
Bernardino	1.0	3	1	1	0	0	15	2.95
Criswell	2.0	2	0	0	1	0	28	3.80

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Bradford	3.2	4	3	3	1	5	59	3.96
Leclerc, W, 5-4	0.2	1	0	0	2	2	33	4.08
Chafin, H, 1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	16	9.00
Sborz, H, 8	1.0	2	1	1	0	1	24	3.52
Robertson, H, 23	1.1	2	0	0	0	2	35	2.87
Yates, S, 20-20.1	2	0	0	0	2	32	1.13	

T: 3:08. **A:** 39,414 (40,000).

L.A. Dodgers 10, Athletics 0

Los Angeles	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Ohtani dh	5	1	2	0	1	3	.309
Barnes 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.278
T.Hernández lf	4	2	3	0	1	0	.267
Lux 2b	4	0	1	2	0	2	.240
a-Rosario ph-3b	1	1	1	1	0	0	.667
Smith c	5	1	1	1	0	1	.252
Heyward rf	4	2	1	1	1	1	.204
K.Hernández 3b-p	4	2	3	2	1	0	.208
Pages cf	4	0	1	1	1	2	.240
Biggio 1b	4	1	0	0	1	2	.183
Ahmed ss	5	0	1	1	0	1	.226
Totals	40	10	14	9	6	12	

Oakland	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Butler rf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.250
Andujar lf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.297
Bleday cf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.241
Rooker dh	3	0	0	0	1	2	.290
Langeliers c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.212
Brown 1b	4	0	2	0	0	1	.219
Toro 3b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.252
Hernaiz 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.171
Schuemann ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Totals	34	0	6	0	1	8	

Los Angeles	002	000	026	—	10	14	1
Oakland	000	000	000	—	0	6	1

a-single for Lux in the 9th. **E:** Biggio (5), Schuemann (11). **LOB:** Los Angeles 9, Oakland 8. **2B:** T.Hernández (21), K.Hernández (9), Toro (16). **RBIs:** Lux 2 (36), K.Hernández (2), (20), Pages (32), Rosario (1), Smith (57), Heyward (24), Ahmed (2). **SB:** Ohtani 3 (31), T.Hernández (5). **CS:** Lux (2). **Runners left in scoring position:** Los Angeles 3 (Smith, Biggio, Lux); Oakland 4 (Toro 2, Langeliers, Hernaiz). **RISP:** Los Angeles 8 for 15; Oakland 0 for 7. **Runners moved up:** T.Hernández.

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Flaherty, W, 1-0	6.0	5	0	0	1	7	99	0.00
Koepch, H, 1	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	15	0.00
Treinen	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	10	2.76
K.Hernández	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	10	0.00

I: 2:47. **A:** 35,207 (46,847).

Padres 3, Rockies 2

Colorado	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Tovar ss	4	0	0	0	0	2	.283
Rodgers 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.268
Doyle cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.266
McMahon 3b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.256
Toglia 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.206
Bryant dh	3	0	1	0	0	1	.211
Díaz c	3	0	1	0	0	1	.271
Goodman lf	3	1	2	1	0	0	.183
Hilliard rf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.216
Stallings ph	1	1	1	0	0	0	.265
Cave rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.251
Totals	32	2	5	2	0	11	

San Diego	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Arraez dh	4	0	1	0	0	0	.309
Profan lf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.298
Cronenworth 1b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.248
Machado 3b	2	2	1	0	1	0	.270
Bogaerts 2b	3	0	2	1	0	0	.271
Merrill cf	1	0	1	0	0	0	.282
Peralta rf	3	0	0	1	0	0	.229
Johnson rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.178
Kim ss	3	0	0	0	0	1	.224
Campusano c	3	0	0	0	1	1	.238
Totals	27	3	5	3	1	5	

Colorado	001	000	010	—	2	5	0
San Diego	000	010	020x	—	3	5	0

LOB: Colorado 3, San Diego 3. **2B:** Bryant (4), Machado (19). **HR:** Goodman (8), off Pérez; Stallings (6), off Scott. **RBIs:** Goodman (23), Stallings (26), Peralta (11), Bogaerts (21), Merrill (55). **SF:** Merrill. **S:** Merrill. **RISP:** Colorado 0 for 2; San Diego 1 for 5.

Colorado	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Gordon	6.0	1	1	1	4	86	6.75	
Lambert, L, 2-5	1.0	3	2	2	0	0	16	5.98
Chivilli	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	12	6.14

San Diego	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Pérez	6.0	3	1	1	0	7	80	1.54
Adam, W, 1-0	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	13	0.00
Scott, H, 1	1.0	1	1	1	0	2	12	9.00
Suarez, S, 24-27	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	9	1.44

T: 1:59. **A:** 44,029 (40,222).

Orioles 7, Guardians 4

Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Slater lf	3	0	2	0	0	1	.750
Mullins ph-cf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.220
Mountcastle 1b	5	0	1	0	0	1	.266
Henderson ss	5	2	3	1	0	0	.288
Santander rf	5	2	2	0	0	0	.248
Jiménez dh	3	0	2	1	0	1	.500
Rutschman ph-dh	1	1	1	2	1	0	.262
Mayo 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.000
e-O'Hearn ph	1	1	1	1	0	0	.271
Urias 3b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.243
Cowser cf-lf	3	0	1	1	1	1	.250
McCann c	4	0	0	0	0	0	.213
Holliday 2b	4	1	2	1	0	1	.146
Totals	40	7	15	7	2	6	

Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Kwan dh	2	2	0	0	2	1	.330
Martínez cf-lf	4	1	1	2	0	0	.238
Ramírez 3b	4	1	1	2	0	0	.276
J.Naylor 1b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.250
Thomas rf-cf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.188
Giménez 2b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.249
Schneemann lf-ss	4	0	2	0	0	0	.222
B.Naylor c	2	0	0	0	0	1	.202
b-Fry ph	1	0	0	0	1	1	.284
Hedges c	1	0	0	0	0	1	.157
Rocchio ss	2	0	0	0	0	0	.209
c-Noel ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.239
Totals	33	4	6	4	2	6	

Baltimore	000	210	040	—	7	15	1
Cleveland	002	000	020	—	4	6	0

E: Holliday (1). **LOB:** Baltimore 8, Cleveland 4. **2B:** Slater (1), Holliday (1), Henderson (22), O'Hearn (14), Mountcastle (24), Schneemann (8). **3B:** Rutschman (1). **HR:** Martínez (3), off Eflin; Ramírez (29), off Domínguez. **RBIs:** Jiménez (1), Cowser (49), Henderson (67), Rutschman 2 (64), O'Hearn (45), Holliday (7), Martínez 2 (8), Ramírez 2 (93). **CS:** Schneemann (1). **RISP:** Baltimore 8 for 20; Cleveland 0 for 3. **DP:** Cleveland 2 (Giménez, Rocchio, J.Naylor); Giménez, Rocchio, J.Naylor).

Baltimore	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Eflin, W, 2-0	6.1	5	2	2	1	3	92	3.65
Pérez, H, 14	0.2	0	1	1	1	1	15	4.36
Domínguez	1.0	1	1	0	1	1	15	2.25
Cano, S, 5-8	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	8	2.76

T: 2:56. **A:** 37,251 (34,788).

Pirates 4, Diamondbacks 2

The *POST* Line

MLB		
Favorite	Money Line	Underdog
YANKEES	\$190-230	Blue Jays
Mets	\$130-155	ANGELS
Royals	OFF	TIGERS
Orioles	\$120-140	GUARDIANS
TWINS	\$230-280	White Sox
ASTROS	OFF	Rays
RANGERS	\$110-130	Red Sox
Giants	\$110-130	REDS
Brewers	\$110-130	NATIONALS
PIRATES	\$130-155	D'backs
BRAVES	OFF	Marlins
CUBS	\$125-150	Cardinals
Dodgers	\$135-160	ATHLETICS
Phillies	\$110-130	MARINERS

Home teams in CAPS

Women's Olympic Basketball		
Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
United States	19.5 (160.5)	Germany
France	6.5 (141.5)	Australia
Canada	6.5 (133.5)	Nigeria
Belgium	8.5 (144.5)	Japan

All games in Lille, France

NFL Preseason		
Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
GIANTS	3.5 (36.5)	Lions

Saturday

Commanders	1.5 (34.5)	JETS
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CFL		
Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
STAMPEDERS	4.5 (49.5)	Argonauts

Thursday

REDBLACKS	1 (48)	Roughriders
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Friday

Stampeders	1 (51)	ARGONAUTS
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SPORTS SHORTS

NFL: Fins, Hill agree to \$90M deal

Five-time All-Pro wide receiver **Tyreek Hill** and the Dolphins agreed to a restructured contract Saturday worth \$90 million, with \$65 million guaranteed, his agent told The Associated Press.

● **Titans** star wide receiver **DeAndre Hopkins** won't require surgery for a knee injury suffered in training camp but "will miss several weeks," said first-year coach **Brian Callahan**.

MLB: White Sox lose 19th in row

The White Sox extended their team-record losing streak to 19 — the longest since the Orioles dropped 19 in a row in August 2021 — in a 6-2 loss at Minnesota.

At 27-86, the White Sox — who have not won since July 10 — are on pace to finish 39-123, which would be the most losses since the 1899 Cleveland Spiders went 20-134.

● **Zach Eflin** won his second straight start since joining Baltimore's rotation and **Gunnar Henderson** had three hits and an RBI as the visiting Orioles stopped Cleveland's five-game winning streak, beating the Guardians, 7-4.

● **Jesus Sanchez** hit a tiebreaking double in the seventh inning, and the visiting Marlins beat the red-hot Braves, 4-3.

● In Arlington, Texas, **Jonah Heim** and **Leody Taveras** homered back-to-back to erase a three-run deficit in the fourth inning of the Rangers' 7-4 win over Boston.

● In Chicago, a Cubs fielding mix-up allowed **Nolan Arenado**'s short fly to drop

for a tying, two-run single in a three-run eighth inning, Tommy Pham tripled and scored in the ninth, and St. Louis won, 5-4.

● **Bryan Reynolds** and **Joey Bart** homered in the Pirates' 4-2 home win over Arizona.

● **Tyler Stephenson** hit two of Cincinnati's four home runs to lead them to a 6-4 win over visiting San Francisco.

● **Xander Bogaerts** hit a go-ahead RBI single in the seventh inning and **Martin Perez** pitched six strong innings in his debut for San Diego to snap a five-game losing streak to last-place Colorado, 3-2.

● **Jack Flaherty** pitched six sharp innings in his Dodgers debut, and Los Angeles snapped a three-game losing streak by winning at Oakland, 10-0.

● **Wenceel Perez** singled with two out in the 11th inning, and Detroit rallied three times to beat visiting Kansas City, 6-5.

ETC.: Karl claims Hambletonian

Karl won the \$1,050,000 Hambletonian at the Meadowlands as trainer **Nancy Taktar** continued a family tradition and Hall of Fame driver **Yannick Gingras** scored his first win in the trotting classic.

● The Mavericks are bringing back former Net **Spencer Dinwiddie**, who played a key role in the club's run to the conference finals.

● In Portland, Ore., **Andrea Lee** took the lead in a bid for her second Portland Classic victory in three seasons, shooting a 5-under 67 for a one-stroke advantage over **Dewi Weber** and **Alexa Pano**.

ACTION TOP PLAY

Hot bats + tired arms = Over

By TANNER MCGRATH
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Six consecutive games between the Blue Jays and Yankees have gone over the closing total, with the AL East foes scoring an average of 12.5 runs per game during that stretch. I'm banking on more of the same in Sunday's battle.

Though reigning AL Cy Young winner Gerrit Cole will start for the Yankees, I'm starting to see signs of regression. Over the past two seasons, he's lost two ticks of velocity on his fastball, resulting in a drastic decrease in strikeout rate, a slight uptick in walk rate and a monstrous increase in home runs — Cole has allowed nine in 35 innings this season. He was also scratched from his most recent outing because of "body fa-

tigue," which doesn't lend confidence.

Conversely, Toronto will start Yariel Rodriguez, a solid arm but ultimately too erratic to trust (14 percent walk rate). Behind him is the worst bullpen in baseball.

These tired-out, lame-duck arms will face two of baseball's hottest lineups. The Blue Jays are producing more offensively behind the resurgence of Vladimir Guerrero Jr. and George Springer. At the same time, the Yankees have been unstoppable after pairing Jazz Chisholm Jr. with Aaron Judge and Juan Soto.

These two lineups combined for 13 runs on Friday and 11 on Saturday, and I don't see anything changing Sunday.

THE PLAY: Over 9.5

Tanner McGrath analyzes MLB for Action Network

Pitching Form

	(Game time)	2024			'24 vs OPP		CAREER		LAST 3 STARTS		
		W-L	ERA	*REC	W-L	ERA vs OPP	W-L	IP	ERA		
Blue Jays	Y. Rodriguez (R)	1-4	4.31	5-5	—	—	—	0-1	10.1	6.10	
Yankees	Cole (R)	1:35pm	3-2	5.40	4-3	2-0	1.80	9-2	2-1	17.2	4.08
Mets	Quintana (L)	6-6	3.89	12-9	—	—	1-3	2-1	16.2	3.78	
Angels	Canning (L)	4:07pm	3-10	5.25	9-13	—	—	0-0	0-1	14.1	8.16
Royals	Wacha (R)	8-6	3.58	10-9	1-1	5.87	2-1	2-0	18.2	2.41	
Tigers	TBD	1:40pm	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Orioles	Burnes (R)	11-4	2.47	15-7	—	—	2-0	2-0	20.0	2.70	
Guardians	Williams (R)	1:40pm	1-3	3.72	2-4	—	—	1-2	14.2	3.68	
White Sox	Flexen (R)	2-10	5.13	2-19	0-0	3.43	1-2	0-2	15.1	7.04	
Twins	Woods Richardson (R)	2:10pm	3-2	3.74	12-6	0-0	3.29	0-0	0-1	13.2	5.27
Rays	TBD	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Astros	Arrighetti (R)	2:10pm	4-9	5.58	7-12	—	—	0-2	18.0	4.00	
Red Sox	Pivetta (R)	5-7	4.47	9-8	—	—	1-0	1-1	15.1	5.87	
Rangers	Evoldi (R)	2:35pm	8-4	3.38	12-7	—	—	3-0	2-1	18.0	5.50
Giants	Ray (L)	1-1	4.82	1-1	—	—	1-2	1-1	9.1	4.82	
Reds	Spiers (R)	12:05pm	4-2	3.46	4-2	—	—	2-1	14.2	4.30	
Brewers	Myers (R)	6-4	3.10	8-7	—	—	—	1-1	17.1	1.56	
Nationals	Parker (L)	1:35pm	5-6	4.31	9-10	0-0	67.51	0-0	0-1	8.2	13.50
D'backs	Nelson (R)	8-6	4.53	10-8	—	—	—	2-0	18.2	2.41	
Pirates	Skenes (R)	1:35pm	6-1	4.50	9-4	—	—	1-1	21.1	1.27	
Marlins	Cabrera (r)	1-3	6.65	5-5	—	—	0-1	0-0	15.0	3.60	
Braves	Fried (L)	1:35pm	7-5	3.08	12-6	2-0	0.59	5-3	0-2	18.0	3.50
Rockies	Quantrill (R)	7-7	4.50	11-11	1-0	1.47	2-0	1-0	15.2	6.82	
Padres	Waldron (R)	4:10pm	6-9	3.89	9-13	1-0	1.50	1-0	1-1	16.0	5.06
Cardinals	Mikolas (R)	8-8	4.99	11-11	1-1	5.23	6-5	1-1	17.1	5.71	
Cubs	Steele (L)	7:10pm	2-5	3.38	5-12	—	—	4-1	0-2	15.0	7.20
Dodgers	Ryan (R)	1-0	0.82	2-0	—	—	—	1-0	11.0	0.82	
Athletics	Bido (R)	4:07pm	2-2	5.00	1-2	—	—	0-0	1-2	11.1	5.67
Phillies	Wheeler (R)	10-5	2.94	12-9	—	—	—	1-1	17.0	4.24	
Mariners	Gilbert (R)	4:10pm	6-7	3.11	11-11	—	—	0-1	0-2	16.1	4.41

* **REC:** Won-lost record of pitcher's team in games he has started.

STITCHES

Let's go Mets! Jose is the play

As you might have guessed, we have been fighting off a case of the "twisties" the past three games. No, Simone Biles, we can't take the next four years off.

The Met's Jose Quintana came through for us last week. Beat the Twinkies, allowing one run over six sensational innings. This after limiting the Yankees to one run over five frames in his previous start. The Amazins' are in La La Land. The Angels' Griffin Canning was KO'd by the Rockies for six runs and is 0-2 in his past seven starts.

The Mets should pad the win column against the Trout-less Halos. Play \$50 on the Mets.

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Good timing. Picked the Reds on the right night. After getting no-hit by Blake Snell on Friday, the Reds broke out the lumber and jacked four homers, two off the bat of Tyler Stephenson. Lumberjacks 6, Giants 4. Hunter Greene with 11 K's. Down -701 johnnybenches.

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Home Team Lineups HOME AWAY

	TODAY August 4	MON Aug. 5	TUE Aug. 6	WED Aug. 7	THU Aug. 8	FRI Aug. 9	SAT Aug. 10
	Toronto 1:35 YES WFAN 660 AM/ 101.9 FM	NO GAME	LAA 7:05 YES WFAN	LAA 7:05 Prime Video WFAN	LAA 7:05 YES WFAN	Texas 7:05 YES WFAN	Texas 1:05 YES WFAN
	Los Angeles Angels 4:07 SNY WCBS 880 AM	St. L. 5:15 SNY WCBS	Col. 8:40 SNY WCBS	Col. 8:40 SNY WCBS	Col. 3:10 SNY WCBS	Sea. 10:10 SNY WCBS	Sea. 9:40 PIX11 WCBS
	Exhibition- Thursday Detroit 7:00 TV- Channel 5						
	Exhibition- Saturday Washington Noon TV- Channel 2 Radio- Q104.3 FM						
	Olympic Break: Next Game- Thursday, August 15 Los Angeles 9:00 ESPN						

Saturday, Aug. 24	Monday	Tuesday
Charlotte FC 7:30 Apple TV+	Leagues Cup FC Cincinnati 8:00 Apple TV+	Angel City 5:00 CBSN

Today's Sports on the Air

MLB	12 p.m.	Giants at Reds	Roku
	1:30 p.m.	Orioles at Guardians	MLBN
	1:35 p.m.	Blue Jays at Yankees	YES, WFAN (660 AM/101.9 FM)
	4:07 p.m.	Mets at Angels	SNY, WCBS (880 AM)
	4:30 p.m.	Phillies at Mariners (in progress)	MLBN
7 p.m.	Cardinals at Cubs	ESPN	
Golf	6 p.m.	LPGA Tour: The Portland Classic, Final Round	Golf
	11:25 a.m.	SPFL: Kilmarnock at Celtic	CBSN
Soccer	5 p.m.	CONCACAF U-20 Championship Final: United States vs. Mexico	FS1
	8 p.m.	Leagues Cup Group Stage: Cruz Azul at Philadelphia Union	FS1
	10:30 p.m.	Leagues Cup Group Stage: Necaxa at Seattle Sounders	FS1
	2:30 p.m.	WTA Washington DC- Singles Final	Tennis
Tennis	5 p.m.	ATP Washington DC- Singles Final	Tennis
	Basketball	2 p.m.	TBT Final: Forever Coogs vs. Carmen's Crew
3 p.m.		BIG3: Week 8	CBS
Auto Racing	7:30 a.m.	FIM MotoGP: The British Grand Prix	truTV
Lacrosse	1 p.m.	Women: Athletes Unlimited - Team North vs. Team Kennedy	ESPN2
	3 p.m.	PLL: Boston at Maryland	ABC
Softball	3 p.m.	Athletes Unlimited: Team Wallace vs. Team Lorenz	ESPN2
Rugby	4 p.m.	MLR Championship: New England vs. Seattle	Fox
Little League Baseball	2 p.m.	Southeast Regional: TBD	ESPN
	4 p.m.	Southwest Regional: TBD	ESPN
Horse Racing	Noon	FanDuel Racing	MSGSN
	1 p.m.	Saratoga Live	SNY, FS2

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ODDS & ENDS

OLYMPICS

Sunday Men's basketball Puerto Rico vs. USA

MONEYLINE	ODDS
Puerto Rico	+1,600
USA	-10,000
PLAYER POINTS	O/U
Jose Alvarado	16.5
Kevin Durant	15.5
Tremont Waters	14.5
LeBron James	14.5
Anthony Edwards	12.5
Stephen Curry	11.5
Anthony Davis	9.5
Devin Booker	9.5
George Condit IV	8.5
Bam Adebayo	8.5
Gian Clavell	7.5
Jrue Holiday	7.5
Christopher Ortiz	7.5
Jordan Howard	5.5

Odds to win gold medal

COUNTRY	ODDS
USA	-550
Canada	+800
Germany	11/1
Serbia	14/1
France	20/1
Greece	40/1
Australia	40/1
South Sudan	100/1
Brazil	150/1

Sunday Women's soccer USA vs. Japan

RESULT	ODDS
USA wins	-165
Draw	+310
Japan wins	+400

Spain vs. Colombia

RESULT	ODDS
Spain wins	-375
Draw	+475
Colombia	+875

Canada vs. Germany

RESULT	ODDS
Canada	+260
Draw	+280
Germany	-115

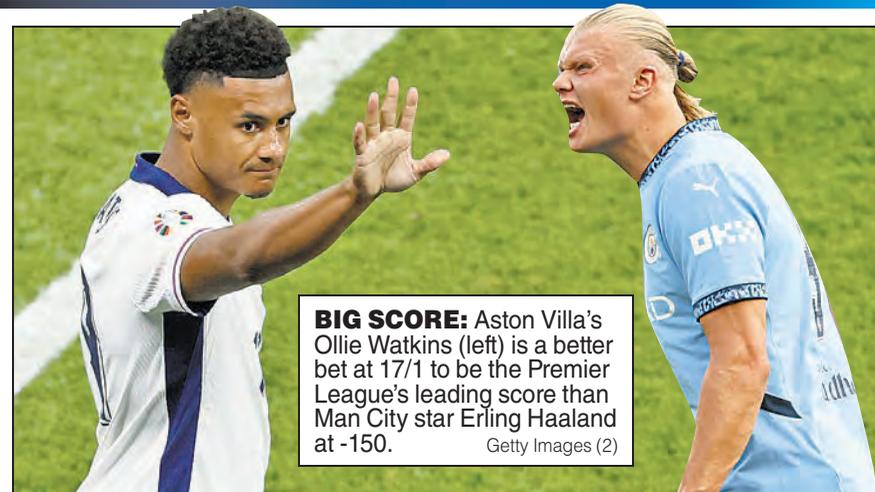
France vs. Brazil

RESULT	ODDS
France wins	-145
Draw	+290
Brazil wins	+333

Favorites to win gold medal

COUNTRY	ODDS
USA	+138
Spain	+175
France	+500
Germany	11/1
Canada	11/1
Japan	116/1
Brazil	25/1
Colombia	33/1

ACTION BET SMART



BIG SCORE: Aston Villa's Ollie Watkins (left) is a better bet at 17/1 to be the Premier League's leading scorer than Man City star Erling Haaland at -150. Getty Images (2)

Goal i\$ to find soccer bargain

By MICHAEL NWANERI
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Premier League fans tend to think that a player who can score 20 or more goals is a prerequisite to winning the title. Thus, if you're trying to pick the league's top scorer, perhaps it makes sense just to pick a player on the country's best team.

However, that strategy hasn't always been successful, considering there have been 11 instances in 32 seasons (34 percent) when the league's top scorer also went on to lift the cup.

Manchester City's Erling Haaland could be the exception, given his back-to-back Golden Boots with Premier League titles.

With the Cityzens once again favorites to win the league with odds as low as -105, Haaland's an even bigger favorite (-150) to finish as the top scorer.

Though it's clear we can't deny Haaland's quality, it isn't worthwhile to back him at such a heavy price. Instead, bettors can find better value by targeting one player who could see his stock rise following a breakout campaign.

Since Pep Guardiola took over as manager in 2016, Manchester City has won four straight Premier League titles, including six of the past eight.

However, there is some hope that the Spaniard's dominance in English football has started to wane. Clubs are starting to show more ambition in England's top flight through their recruitment, spending and managerial changes.

One team that comes to mind is Aston Villa, which qualified for the Champions League in its first full season under manager Unai Emery.

Emery has a potential 20-goal scorer with Ollie Watkins at the forward position. Watkins scored at least 10 goals in each of his four EPL seasons and bagged 19 in the 2023-24 campaign. His efforts led

to a call-up to England's national team, and his goal in the 90th minute against the Netherlands sent the Three Lions to the finals of the European Championship.

In a summer when most teams have been somewhat slow to open the checkbook due to fears of falling out of compliance with the league's financial rules, Aston Villa has been very aggressive in the market.

The Villans set a new club transfer record by signing Amadou Onana from Everton for \$64.6 million. They also brought in left fullback Ian Maatsen from Chelsea for \$48.9 million while adding left-winger Samuel Iling-Junior from Juventus for \$15.5 million.

Lewis Dobbin, who joins Onana from Everton for \$11.6 million, will be another threat on the left side of the pitch. Argentina's Enzo Barrenechea is another defensive-minded player who can play on the back line and in midfield. He joins Villa from Juventus for \$9 million.

But perhaps the most underrated signing might be Ross Barkley from Luton Town for \$6.4 million. Barkley played well enough for Luton Town to warrant a place on the England roster for the European Championship.

There are also other pieces in the attack, with Cameron Archer coming in from Sheffield United (\$18 million) and Jaden Philogene (\$16.7 million) from Hull City. Archer can play on the forward line, while Philogene mainly operates as a winger.

While being the league's top scorer is an individual accomplishment, no player can achieve such a feat alone. With a better team around him, Watkins can be the beneficiary of more scoring chances and opportunities and is a strong bet at 17/1 (FanDuel) to finish as the EPL's top goal-scorer.

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Birdsong's Hayday

Hurler should get Giant boost after Cobb trade

SOMETIMES a change of scenery is all that's needed to get a little perspective, or to clear your head.

That could mean anything from taking a drive with no destination, taking a road trip with your significant other or taking a family vacation to, well, anywhere that isn't Disney World. (Sorry, that place it too crowded and, once you have children, it's not exactly what one would consider a "peaceful" getaway).

The baseball trade deadline passed this week, and there were several players who found themselves in new homes, places that could help their value for the rest of the season. Sometimes a change in location is all it takes for a player to turn a middling season around — or make it even better.

There were also players who didn't move but were aided by a teammate being shipped away, like Hayden Birdsong in San Francisco.

Alex Cobb hadn't pitched the entire season because of hip and shoulder issues but was gearing up for a return to the Giants' rotation. That was before being traded to the Guardians, opening the door for Birdsong to rejoin San Francisco's rotation (after being optioned after a July 27 start as Cobb neared a debut) and get plenty of opportunity down the stretch.



Birdsong was 3-0 with a 2.97 ERA, 1.220 WHIP, 11.3 strikeouts per nine, a .204 opponents' average and a 15 percent swinging-strike rate in his first six big league starts.

In his past two outings, both against the Rockies, he struck out 20 and had a 23 percent swinging-strike rate. He held Colorado to a .135 average and .454 OPS. He also has not allowed more than three earned runs in any of his starts, and was 3-0 with a 2.45 ERA, 33 strikeouts, a 16 percent swinging-strike rate and .180 opponents average in five July starts.

From June 26-July 27, Birdsong ranked ninth in strikeouts per nine (11.27), sixth in swinging-strike rate (14.8 percent), 17th in opponents' average (.202) and 24th in ERA (2.97).

This all tracks with what he did over 169²/₃ innings in the minors — where he owned a 3.02 ERA, 1.196 WHIP and struck out 13.1 per nine.

Though Birdsong uses his mid-90s fastball 42.3 percent of the time and has a .220 opponents' average and 20 percent whiff rate, it is his secondary pitches that have caused opponents to swing and miss early and often.

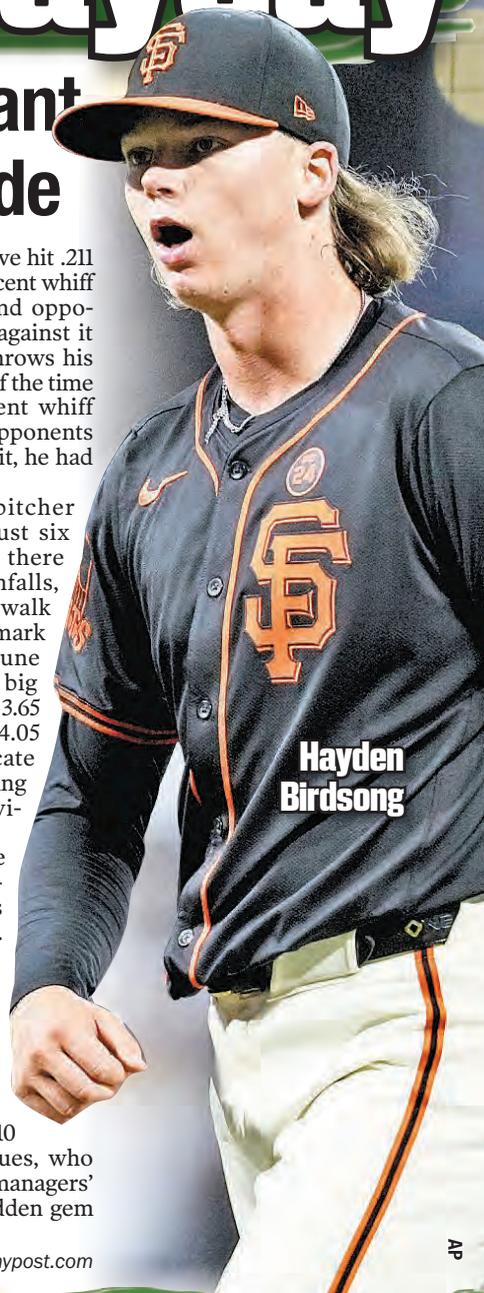
Birdsong has a 39.7 percent whiff rate with his slider, a pitch he throws 22.8 percent of the

time and opponents have hit .211 against. He has a 43 percent whiff rate with his curve, and opponents are hitting .034 against it with a .054 xBA. He throws his changeup 16.5 percent of the time and owns a 51.2 percent whiff rate with it. Though opponents are hitting .421 against it, he had a .223 xBA with it.

This is a young pitcher who has pitched in just six big league games, so there are going to be downfalls, with his 11.9 percent walk rate (the third-worst mark in the majors from June 26-July 27) being the big one. There also are his 3.65 xERA, 3.82 xFIP and 4.05 FIP — which all indicate he has been lucky (facing the Rockies twice obviously doesn't hurt).

At this stage of the season, however, Birdsong's swing-and-miss stuff is hard to ignore. Workload also shouldn't be a factor after pitching 100 innings in 2023 and logging 87 innings between the minors and majors this year. This is a young pitcher, rostered in fewer than 10 percent of ESPN leagues, who should be on fantasy managers' radar as a potential hidden gem this late in the year.

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Hayden Birdsong

No need to swing for fences in trades

WHEN it comes to trading, one of the biggest mistakes fantasy baseball managers make is routinely targeting top players.

Need power? I'll try trading for Aaron Judge. Pitching woes? Let's see if I can get Tarik Skubal. You need to take your cue from the MLB general managers this year, who largely held onto marquee names rather than deal them away. Instead, everyone made smaller deals to bolster their lineups for the playoff push, just as you should in your fantasy leagues.

By HOWARD BENDER

FANTASY ALARM



If you're looking for power, check out new Cubs third baseman Isaac Paredes. With 16 home runs this season and a career .204 isolated power mark, Paredes is in for a solid statistical boost in the second half.

The park factors alone, going from Tropicana Field to Wrigley, are extremely favorable. The left-field line might be 355 feet at Wrigley, compared to just 315 feet in Tampa Bay, but the walls from left to center are roughly 10-15 feet closer to home plate in Chicago.

You also can't ignore certain intangibles as well — going from a cavernous echo-chamber to now staring at the hallowed ivy crawling along the outfield walls while 40,000-plus are cheering on your every at-bat.

When the Guardians sent a few prospects to the Nationals, they added outfielder Lane Thomas, who has been wildly underrated this season with eight home runs and 28 stolen bases. Thomas is now batting second, with table-setter Steven Kwan giving him traffic on the bases while Jose Ramirez provides elite lineup protection behind him.

With time left before your fantasy trade deadline, it's important to know how much you can spend to fill a need. You don't have to trade for the elite players. There is nothing wrong with making a few minor tweak deals to get you what you need. There is nothing wrong with a more affordable route to your championship.

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BIG HITS

Xander Bogaerts 2B/SS, Padres

Had at least one hit in 12 of his first 13 games off the IL, hitting .453 with a homer, six RBIs, eight runs, a stolen base and a 1.087 OPS.

Brady Singer SP, Royals

Owned a 1.29 ERA and .181 opponents' average while winning each of his past three starts, and is 4-3 with a 2.33 ERA, .222 opponents' average and 11 percent swinging-strike rate over his past nine.

Colton Cowser OF, Orioles

Entered Friday on a 14-game hit streak, hitting .385 with four homers, 13 RBIs, 13 runs, two stolen bases and a 1.114 OPS in that span.

Eugenio Suarez 3B, Diamondbacks

Though he entered Friday hitting .230 for the season, he hit .333 with 10 homers, 27 RBIs, 21 runs and a 1.131 OPS last month.

BIG WHIFFS

Luis Robert OF, White Sox

Struck out 25 times while hitting .174 in his previous 12 games before Friday. He whiffed 71 times over his previous 199 plate appearances.

Drew Thorpe SP, White Sox

Is 0-2 with a 22.24 ERA, .448 opponents' average, 1-4 strikeout-walk rate and four homers allowed over his past two starts.

Taylor Ward OF, Angels

Hit .174 with 34 strikeouts, four extra-base hits, two homers, 11 RBIs, seven runs and a .499 OPS in 24 games last month.

Cristopher Sanchez SP, Phillies

Not only has he lost three straight decisions, but he lost four of his five starts last month. Opponents hit .313 against him and scored 20 earned runs in 27¹/₃ innings (6.59 ERA).

CHECK SWINGS

● Oakland's **Lawrence Butler** ended June hitting .179 with two homers, eight RBIs, a 30.6 percent strikeout rate and .529 OPS in his first 52 games. He raised his average to .253 after going 33-for-91 (.363) with 10 homers in 24 games in July.

● Boston's **Masataka Yoshida** entered July hitting .246, but ended July with a .279 average after going 26-for-78 (.333) with three homers, 20 RBIs and a .898 OPS.

● Former Yankee **Michael King** was 3-1 with a 1.82 ERA, 29 strikeouts, no homers allowed, a 15 percent swinging-strike rate and a .131 opponents' average in July. He has allowed more than two earned runs only once over his past 11 starts, going 5-2 with a 2.27 ERA, 77 strikeouts and a .205 opponents' average.

TEAM NAME OF THE WEEK

The Hunter for Red October

Submit team names to: @NYPost_Roto

Olympic Rowing Results

Olympic Rowing Results

Saturday

Men

Single Sculls

Finals

Final C

1. **Jacob Plihal, United States, 6:41.97.**

2. Kristian Vasilev, Bulgaria, 6:44.61.

3. Lucas Verthein Ferreira, Brazil, 6:47.37.

4. Bendeguz Pal Petervari Molnar, Hungary, 6:47.81.

5. Javier Insfran, Paraguay, 6:50.48.

6. Sid Ali Boudina, Algeria, 6:51.99.

Women

Single Sculls

Finals

Final C

1. Jovana Arsic, Serbia, 7:26.09.

2. Paige Badenhorst, South Africa, 7:27.76.

3. Beatriz Cunha Tavares Cardoso, Brazil, 7:31.31.

4. Kenia Lechuga Alanis, Mexico, 7:31.99.

5. Diana Dymchenko, Azerbaijan, 7:35.19.

6. Nina Kostanjsek, Slovenia, 7:39.00.

Final B

1. Alexandra Foester, Germany, 7:23.53.

2. Tatsiana Klimovich, AIN, 7:25.61.

3. Aurelia-Maxima Katharina Janzen, Switzerland, 7:27.01.

4. Magdalena Lobnig, Austria, 7:30.54.

5. Anna Prakaten, Uzbekbekin, 7:33.57.

6. Virginia Diaz Rivas, Spain, 7:34.61.

Olympic Boxing

Results

Saturday

Men

57kg

Quarterfinals

Abdumalik Khalokov, Uzbekistan, def.

Jose Quiles Brotons, Spain, 5-0.

Charlie Senior, Australia, def. Carlo Paalam, Philippines, 3-2.

Munarbek Seitbek Uulu, Kyrgyzstan, def. **Jahmal Harvey, United States**, 3-2.

Javier Ibanez Diaz, Bulgaria, def. Shudai Harada, Japan, 5-0.

71kg

Quarterfinals

Omar Jones, United States, def. Rami Mofid Kiwan, Bulgaria, 5-0.

Asadkhuja Muydinkhujaev, Uzbekistan, def. Nikolai Terteryan, Denmark, 5-0.

Lewis Richardson, Britain, def. Zeyad Eashash, Jordan, 3-2.

Marco Alonso Verde Alvarez, Mexico, def. Nishant Dev, India, 4-1.

Women

50kg

Quarterfinals

Wu Yu, China, def. Chuthamat Raksat, Thailand, 5-0.

Nazym Kyzaibay, Kazakhstan, def. Ingrit Lorena Valencia Victoria, Colombia, 4-1.

Buse Naz Cakiroglu, Turkey, def. Pihla Kaivo-oja, Finland, 5-0.

Aira Villegas, Philippines, def. Wassila Lkhadiri, France, 3-2.

66kg

Quarterfinals

Janjaem Suwannapheng, Thailand, def. Busenaz Surmeneli, Turkey, 4-1.

Imane Khelif, Algeria, def. Anna Luca Hamori, Hungary, 5-0.

Chen Nien Chin, Taiwan, def. Navbakhor Khamidova, Uzbekistan, 5-0.

60kg

Semifinals

Yang Wenlu, China, def. Wu Shih Yi, Taiwan, 5-0.

Olympic Badminton

Olympic Badminton Results

Saturday

Women

Singles

Quarterfinals

An Se Young, South Korea, def. Akane Yamaguchi, Japan, 15-21, 21-17, 21-8.

Gregoria Mariska Tunjung, Indonesia, def. Ratchanok Intanon, Thailand, 25-23, 21-9.

Saturday's Olympic Medalists

ARCHERY

Women's Individual

GOLD: Sihyeon Lim, South Korea

SILVER: Suhyeon Nam, South Korea

BRONZE: Lisa Barbelin, France

ATHLETICS

Men's Decathlon

GOLD: Markus Rooth, Norway

SILVER: Leo Neugebauer, Germany

BRONZE: Linton Victor, Grenada

Men's Shot Put

GOLD: Ryan Crouser, United States

SILVER: Joe Kovacs, United States

BRONZE: Rajindra Campbell, Jamaica

Women's 100m

GOLD: Julien Alfred, Saint Lucia

SILVER: Sha'carri Richardson, United States

BRONZE: Melissa Jefferson, United States

Women's Triple Jump

GOLD: Thea Lafond, Dominica

SILVER: Shanicka Ricketts, Jamaica

BRONZE :Jasmine Moore, United States

4 x 400m Relay Mixed

GOLD: Netherlands (Eugene Omalla, Lieke Klaver, Isaya Klein Ikink, Femke Bol, Cathelijn Peeters)

SILVER: United States (Vernon Norwood, Shamier Little, Bryce Deadmon, Kaylyn Brown)

BRONZE: Britain (Samuel Reardon, Lavai Nielsen, Alex Haydock-Wilson, Amber Anning, Nicole Yeargin)

BADMINTON

Women's Doubles

GOLD: China (Qing Chen Chen, Yi Fan Jia)

SILVER: China (Sheng Shu Liu, Ning Tan)

BRONZE: Japan (Nami Matsuyama, Chiharu Shida)

CYCLING ROAD

Men's Road Race

GOLD: Remco Evenepoel, Belgium

SILVER: Valentin Madouas, France

BRONZE: Christophe Laporte, France

EQUESTRIAN

Dressage Team

GOLD: Germany (Jessica von Bredow-Werndl, Frederic Wandres, Isabell Werth)

SILVER: Denmark (Daniel Bachmann Andersen, Cathrine Laudrup-Dufour, Nanna Skodborg Merral)

BRONZE: Britain (Charlotte Fry, Carl Hester, Becky Moody)

FENCING

Women's Sabre Team

GOLD: Ukraine (Olga Kharlan, Alina Komashchuk, Olena Kravatska, Yuliia Bakastova)

SILVER: South Korea (Jisu Yoon, Hayoung Jeon, Sebin Choi, Eunhye Jeon)

BRONZE: Japan (Misaki Emura, Risa Takashima, Shihomi Fukushima, Seri Ozaki)

ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS

Men's Floor Exercise

GOLD: Carlos Edriel Yulo, Philippines

SILVER: Artem Dolgopyat, Israel

BRONZE: Jake Jarman, Britain

Men's Pommel Horse

GOLD: Rhys Mc Clenaghan, Ireland

SILVER: Nariman Kurbanov, Kazakhstan

BRONZE: Stephen Nedoroscik, United States

Women's Vault

GOLD: Simone Biles, United States

SILVER: Rebeca Andrade, Brazil

BRONZE: Jade Carey, United States

JUDO

Mixed Team

GOLD: France (Shirine Boukli, Amandine Buchard, Sarah Leonie Cysique, Clarisse Agbegnenou, Marie Eve Gahie, Romane Dicko, Madeleine Malonga, Joan-Benjamin Gaba, Walide Khyar, Luka Mkheidze, Alpha Oumar Djalo, Maxime-Gael Ngayap Hambou, Aurelien Diesse, Teddy Riner)

SILVER: Japan (Uta Abe, Haruka Funakubo, Natsumi Tsunoda, Saki Niizoe, Miku Takaichi, Akira Sone, Rika Takayama, Hifumi Abe, Soichi Hashimoto, Ryuju Nagayama, Sanshiro Murao, Takanori Nagase, Tatsuru Saito, Aaron Wolf)

BRONZE: Brazil (Larissa Pimenta, Rafaela Silva, Ketleyn Quadros, Beatriz Souza, Daniel Cargnin, Willian Lima,

Rafael Macedo, Guilherme Schimidt, Leonardo Goncalves, Rafael Silva, Mimi

Huh, Yerin Jung, Hyekyeong Lee, Jisu Kim, Hayun Kim, Hyunji Yoon, Baul An, Won Jin Kim, Juyeop Han, Joonhwan

Lee, Minjong Kim)

ROWING

Men's Eight

GOLD:Britain (Sholto Carnegie, Rory Gibbs, Morgan Bolding, Jacob Dawson, Charles Elwes, Tom Digby, James

Rudkin, Tom Ford, Harry Brightmore)

SILVER: Netherlands (Ralf Rienks, Olav Molenaar, Sander de Graaf, Ruben

Knab, Gert-Jan van Doorn, Jacob van de Kerkhof, Jan van der Bij, Mick Makker, Dieuwke Fetter)

BRONZE: United States (Henry Hollingsworth, Nick Rusher, Christian Tabash, Clark Dean, Chris Carlson, Peter Chatain, Evan Olson, Pieter Quinton, Rielly Milne)

Men's Single Sculls

GOLD: Oliver Zeidler, Germany

SILVER: Yauheni Zalaty, AIN

BRONZE: Simon van Dorp, Netherlands

Women's Eight

GOLD: Romania (Maria Magdalena Rusu, Roxana Anghel, Ancuta Bodnar, Maria Lehaci, Adriana Adam, Amalia Beres, Ioana Vrinceanu, Simona Radis, Victoria Stefania Petreanu)

SILVER: Canada (Jessica Sevick, Cailleigh Filmer, Maya Meschkuleit, Kasia Gruchalla-Wesierski, Avalon

Wasteneys, Sydney Payne, Kristina Walker, Abby Dent, Kristen Kit)

BRONZE: Britain (Heidi Long, Rowan McKellar, Holly Dunford, Emily Ford, Lauren Irwin, Eve Stewart, Harriet

Taylor, Annie Campbell-Orde, Henry Fieldman)

Women's Single Sculls

GOLD: Karolien Florijn, Netherlands

SILVER: Emma Twigg, New Zealand

BRONZE: Viktorija Senkute, Lithuania

SAILING

Men's Windsurfing

GOLD: Tom Reuveny, Israel

SILVER: Grae Morris, Australia

BRONZE: Luuc van Opzeeland, Netherlands

Women's Windsurfing

GOLD: Marta Maggetti, Italy

SILVER: Sharon Kantor, Israel

BRONZE: Emma Wilson, Britain

SHOOTING

Skeet Men

GOLD: Vincent Hancock, United States

SILVER: Conner Lynn Prince, United States

BRONZE: Meng Yuan Lee, Taiwan

25m Pistol Women

GOLD: Jiin Yang, South Korea

SILVER: Camille Jedrzejewski, France

BRONZE: Veronika Major, Hungary

SWIMMING

Men's 100m Butterfly

GOLD: Kristof Milak, Hungary

SILVER: Josh Liendo, Canada

BRONZE: Ilya Kharun, Canada

Women's 200m Individual Medley

GOLD: Summer McIntosh, Canada

SILVER: Kate Douglass, United States

BRONZE: Kaylee McKeown, Australia

Women's 800m Freestyle

GOLD: Katie Ledecky, United States

SILVER: Ariarne Titmus, Australia

BRONZE:nPaige Madden, United States

Mixed 4 x 100m Medley Relay

GOLD: United States (Regan Smith, Charlie Swanson, Caeleb Dressel, Abbey Weitzel, Ryan Murphy, Nic Fink, Gretchen Walsh, Torri Huske)

SILVER: China (Jiayu Xu, Qianting Tang, Yufei Zhang, Zhanle Pan, Haiyang Qin, Junxuan Yang)

BRONZE: Australia (Iona Anderson, Zac Stubblety-Cook, Emma McKeown, Kyle Chalmers, Kaylee McKeown, Joshua

Yong, Matthew Temple, Mollie O'Callaghan)

TABLE TENNIS

Women's Singles

BRONZE: Brazil (Larissa Pimenta, Rafaela Silva, Ketleyn Quadros, Beatriz

Souza, Daniel Cargnin, Willian Lima,

Group A Country	W	L	Pts
Canada	3	0	6
Australia	1	2	2
Greece	1	2	2
Spain	1	2	2
Group B Country	W	L	Pts
Germany	3	0	6
France	2	1	4
Brazil	1	2	2
Denmark	1	2	2
Japan	0	3	0
Group C Country	W	L	Pts
United States	3	0	6
Serbia	2	1	4
South Sudan	1	2	2
Puerto Rico	0	3	0

Saturday

At Le Golf National Gyaucourt, France

Yardage: 7,174; Par: 71

Third Round

Jon Rahm, Spain 67-66-66_199

Xander Schauffele, United States 65-66-68_199

Tommy Fleetwood, England 67-64-69_200

Nicolai Hojgaard, Denmark 70-70-62_202

Hideki Matsuyama, Japan 63-68-71_202

Thomas Detry, Belgium 71-63-69_203

Tom Kim, South Korea 66-68-69_203

Rory Mcllroy, Northern Ireland 68-69-66_203

Scottie Scheffler, United States 67-69-67_203

Ludvig Aberg, Sweden 68-70-66_204

Jason Day, Australia 69-68-67_204

Joaquin Niemann, Chile 66-70-68_204

Christiaan Bezuidenhout, South Africa 70-71-64_205

Thorbjorn Olesen, Denmark 71-68-66_205

Victor Perez, France 70-67-68_205

Erik Van Rooyen, South Africa 67-69-69_205

Byeong Hun An, South Korea 72-68-66_206

Corey Connors, Canada 68-69-69_206

C.T. Pan, Chinese Taipei 69-65-72_206

Alejandro Tosti, Argentina 68-69-69_206

Stephan Jaeger, Germany 71-64-72_207

Matteo Manassero, Italy 69-69-69_207

Wyndham Clark, United States 75-68-65_208

Ryan Fox, New Zealand 67-73-68_208

Shane Lowry, Ireland 71-71-66_208

Collin Morikawa, United States 70-68-70_208

Carlos Ortiz, Mexico 68-70-70_208

David Puig, Spain 69-69-70_208

Min Woo Lee, Australia 76-65-68_209

Guido Migliozzi, Italy 68-67-74_209

By MOLLIE WALKER

Largely the same Rangers defense corps is primed for another season together with five of six members set to return, as has repeatedly been the case in recent years.

The top five defensemen may be the same for a fourth season that has yet to result in a Stanley Cup. For a young and talented blueline like the one the Blueshirts have, however, the hope is that all the reps and development time together will allow the group to naturally take steps forward.

Still, the beginning of this offseason teased possible changes, because the Rangers' clear deficiencies on the way to their second conference final loss in three years warranted it.

It never quite lived up to the hype.

Talk of retooling the blue line by trading Jacob Trouba, the Rangers captain and most senior defenseman, ran rampant but never materialized. Then the one major move was made to the forward group, after Barclay Goodrow was waived and claimed by the Sharks in a prearranged deal with San Jose.

Though next offseason's laundry list of free agents also promises big changes, to both the defense corps and forward group, the Rangers will first try to make the most out of this one.

Despite the similarities to the past few seasons, there are decisions — regarding both personnel and alignment — to be made on defense. Decisions that will be made based on a myriad of factors, and directly influence the look and playing style of the Rangers' backend.

Who steps into the sixth defenseman role now that Erik Gustafsson has departed as a free agent? Will K'Andre Miller play with Trouba or Braden Schneider? Who will quarterback the second power-play unit? How does the depth chart shake out in case of injury?

The first question has been asked for many summers now with just a new name in place of Gustafsson's each year.

Though there's still time left in the offseason, this may be the first summer president/GM Chris Drury didn't bring in a new defenseman to step directly in front of Zac Jones on the depth chart.

That puts Jones on perhaps his clearest path to the sixth defenseman role that he's ever had since getting drafted by the Blueshirts 68th overall in 2019.

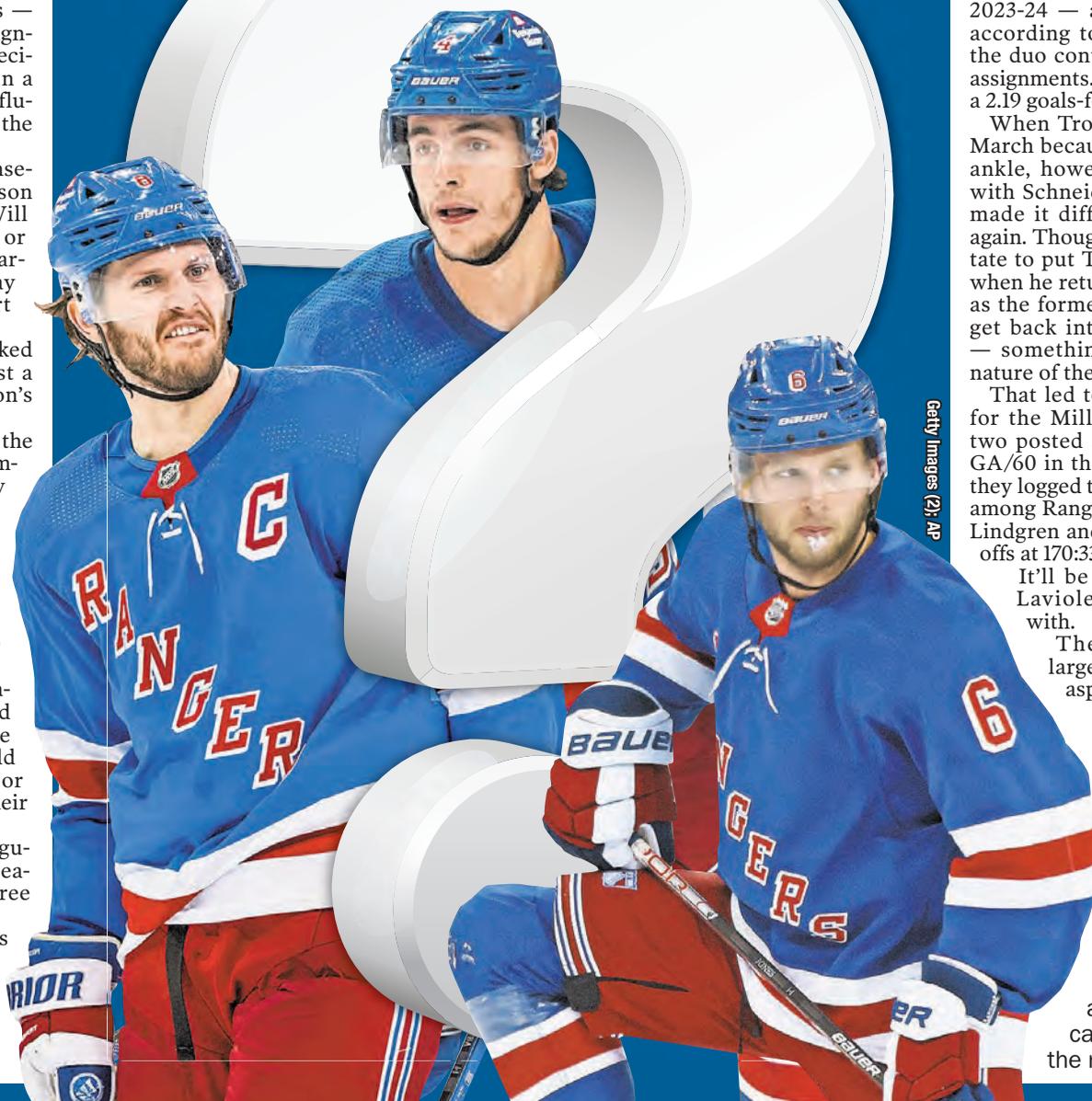
Drury did opt to retain Chad Ruhwedel, who the Rangers acquired from the Penguins at the trade deadline. Though the 34-year-old is viewed as more of a seventh or eighth defenseman rather than their sixth.

Ruhwedel skated in just five regular-season games, and zero postseason contests, during his first three months in New York.

Training camp will see Jones and Ruhwedel headline the 6D battle — with Ben Harpur, Connor Mackey and Brandon Scanlin very loosely in the mix. Harpur is coming off a lost 2023-24

Rangers have decision to make on blue line

WHO'S NO. 6



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season, in which the 6-foot-6 defenseman underwent season-ending pectoral surgery, while both Mackey and Scanlin each played in one game with the Rangers when injuries mounted.

For second-year Rangers head coach Peter Laviolette, deciding the alignment will be a lot less straightforward than choosing the sixth defenseman.

There will be ample statistics to consider, but Laviolette will also have to look at history, managing roles and how outside noise has affected the team. The positive is that Laviolette has seen a lot of the different pairings because of all the defensive injuries last season.

Depending how training camp unfolds, there's a real possibility Trouba starts the season on the bottom pair, where the 30-year-old found himself toward the end of the regular season and most of the postseason.

This was part of the argument to trade Trouba, whose final two seasons of his contract at \$8 million per is simply unobtainable for a third-pair player.

The numbers say Trouba and Miller improved as a pairing this past regular season in comparison to the previous. Going from 3.01 goals-against per 60 in 2022-23 to 2.56 in 2023-24 — albeit in less ice time, according to Natural Stat Trick — the duo continued to take on tough assignments. They also finished with a 2.19 goals-for per 60.

When Trouba missed 11 games in March because of a partially broken ankle, however, Miller teamed up with Schneider, and the youngsters made it difficult to separate them again. Though Laviolette didn't hesitate to put Trouba back with Miller when he returned, it didn't last long, as the former struggled mightily to get back into the groove of things — something he attributed to the nature of the injury.

That led to a significant trial run for the Miller-Schneider duo. The two posted a 3.27 GF/60 and a 3.05 GA/60 in the regular season before they logged the second-most ice time among Rangers D pairs behind Ryan Lindgren and Adam Fox in the playoffs at 170:33.

It'll be telling which pairings Laviolette starts the season with.

The Rangers may look largely the same, but they'll aspire for different results.

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BLUE CLUES? One offseason question for the Rangers is who will be the sixth defenseman on the blue line — which includes Jacob Trouba, Braden Schneider and Zac Jones as candidates currently on the roster.

Play time's over

Men's hoops finishes group play with rout

By STEFAN BONDY

The U.S. men's basketball team was so dominant in group play, the only drama was which NBA superstar collected a DNP.

An ankle injury to Jrue Holiday removed that suspense Saturday as the Americans bulldozed Puerto Rico, 100-74, easily clinching the top seed in the Paris Olympics knockout round and a quarterfinal matchup against Brazil.

The Americans needed only to win by five to clear Germany for the top seed, and that seemed inevitable by halftime against the tiny commonwealth island.

The second half, highlighted by an Anthony Edwards windmill jam, was a breeze to the final buzzer.

Edwards was the star with 26 points on 11-for-15 shooting, taking control of the offense while future Hall of Famers Steph Curry, LeBron James and Kevin Durant took a backseat.

"Hell yeah, hell yeah [it felt good]," Edwards said on NBC. "They're top three of the greatest players ever. So the fact that they were letting me put on a show, it shows a lot. Shows their character that they're willing to do anything to win the game."

Otherwise, American scoring was balanced, with double digits from LeBron, Jayson Tatum, Joel Embiid, Durant and Anthony Davis. Durant also grabbed four boards to surpass Carmelo Anthony as U.S. Basketball's all-time leading rebounder.

"It's cool to do that type of stuff, but we're trying to get this gold," Durant told NBC.

After Tatum and Embiid didn't play in games 1 and 2, respectively, coach Steve Kerr swapped out his entire starting lineup in the first quarter and gave time to every available player.

Only Holiday, who is expected to be healthy for Tuesday's quarterfinal, did not get off the bench. Kerr, perhaps sensitive of disrespecting any of the top NBA players (in the age of social media, this has become a bigger priority), used his third different starting lineup and spread out the playing time. The Americans are deep enough to eschew chemistry for individuality. At least until later in the tournament.

The U.S. won its three group games by an average of 23 points, pummeling Serbia and South Sudan before Puerto Rico. The point



differential earned the top seed and set up Tuesday's favorable matchup against Brazil, which only has one marginal NBA player on its roster (Gui Santos).

The Americans also avoided the international heavy hitters in the semifinal, with Canada, Germany and France all on the other side of the bracket. If the U.S. advances to the semis, they face the winner of Serbia, which it already beat handily, and Australia.

The French, runners-up in the last Olympics, advanced to the quarterfinals despite being blown out in their last group game against Germany.

James noticed their struggles. "I wasn't very impressed with their last game," he told reporters. "I didn't think they were ready for the physicality of Germany. Other than that, they were playing some good ball."

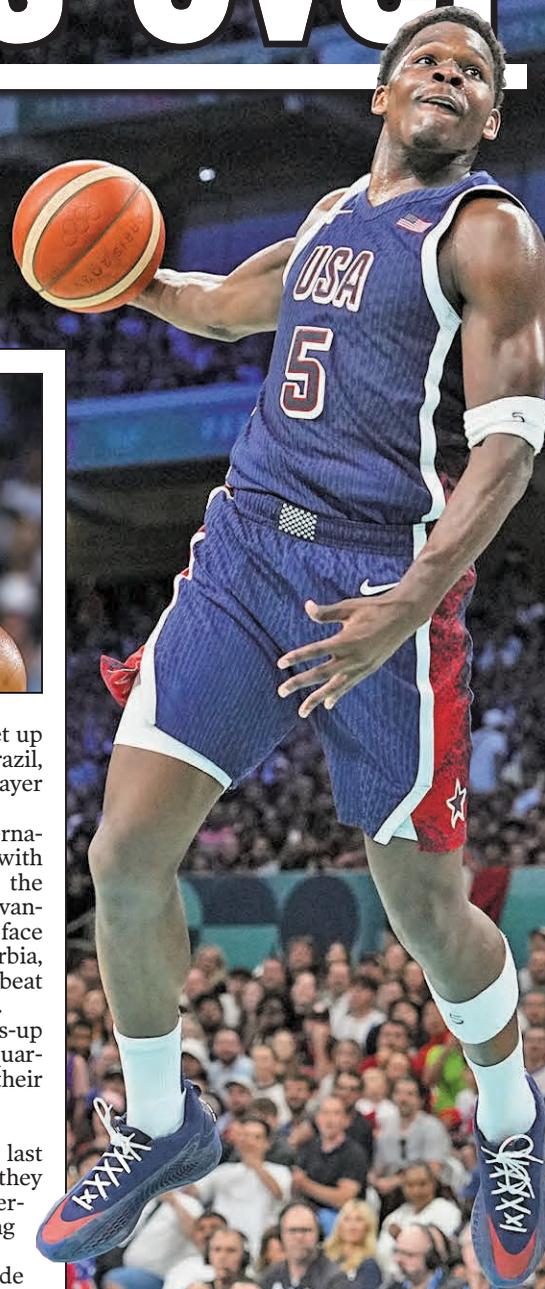
NBA commissioner Adam Silver made the trip to Lille to watch the game against Puerto Rico, which shocked the U.S. in the 2004 Olympics. Twenty years later, there was no such upset. Not even close.

The Puerto Ricans started hot with a 25-17 lead, but the Americans took control for good with a dominant second quarter and a 19-point lead at halftime.

Puerto Rico was led by Jose Alvarado, the diminutive point guard who scored 18 points. Alvarado is a New Yorker, more so than anybody on the U.S. squad. The 26-year-old was born in Brooklyn and went to Christ the King in Queens, where his jersey was retired last year.

But Alvarado's Olympics are over after going 0-3 in group play. The Americans move on with the top spot in the quarters and a Tuesday game against Brazil.

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FLYING HIGH: Anthony Edwards, soaring in for a dunk, and his U.S. teammates — including Joel Embiid (top left) — made easy work of Puerto Rico in Saturday's pool play finale. It gets tougher starting with a Tuesday quarterfinal matchup with Brazil.

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STEPHEN NEDOROSCIK

A 'Super' Saturday for cult gym hero

By MOLLIE WALKER

The Superman of pommel horse powered to bronze for the United States.

Stephen Nedoroscik finished with the third-highest score in the individual pommel horse finals to capture his second medal of the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris, and second bronze, on Saturday.

Posting a score of 15.300, Nedoroscik trailed Kazakhstan's Nariman Kurbanov (15.433, silver) and Ireland's Rhys McClenaghan (15.533, gold).

The 25-year-old from Massachusetts became a viral sensation during these Olympics after he played hero in the U.S. men's gymnastics' bronze-medal finish in the team final earlier this week.

After sitting on the sidelines for nearly three hours while the first five rotations went, Nedoroscik then anchored the U.S. in his specialty event.

Pommel horse is the only event Nedoroscik does and is the only reason he qualified for the team.

The victory marked the first medal for the United States in men's gymnastics in 16 years.

Nedoroscik drew comparisons to Clark Kent and Superman after he took his glasses off just before performing his routine.

"I will definitely take that," he told NBC's "Today." "In a way, it is kind of like that. You know, I'm a goofy guy with the glasses on, but as soon as I take them off, I'm locked in. I'm ready to go."

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In the second in a six-part draft preview series, Fantasy Insanity analyzes tight ends. Next week: quarterbacks.

IT IS hard to finish on top. "Breaking Bad" did, as well as its follow-up "Better Call Saul." Whatever you think of the final seconds of the show, "Sopranos" was strong all the way till the end.

John Elway was at his pinnacle when he retired. Peyton Manning finished his career on top, even if his arm stopped working a season or two prior. Barry Sanders was the best at his position when he called it quits.

But so many others stumble on their way to the finish. Many did not like how "Seinfeld" ended, or "How I Met Your Mother." The colossal failure that was the final season of "Game of Thrones" is legendary.

Similarly, Todd Gurley's final days on the field were forgettable. Julio Jones has been clinging to past success longer than "Modern Family" did. It seems like the Ezekiel Elliott show has been running longer than "The Simpsons."

It is never fun watching stars dim, but if you can spot it happening ahead of time, you can avoid the darkness that comes with poor fantasy picks.

If there is one player who we see currently jumping the shark, it is Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce. We fear he is entering the "introduce a new young character" stage of his sitcom fantasy run.

To be clear, this doesn't mean he is suddenly

FROM THE TOP, DOWN

Kelce's grip on No. 1 TE rank is coming to end



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useless, far from it. He still is one of the top TE options

you are going to find. But he is not the juggernaut he once was. He is now more Kirstie Alley "Cheers" than Shelley Long "Cheers" — still very good, and arguably now more popular and entertaining, even if not as fundamentally strong.

Kelce dominated the tight end position for years. In his second season, 2014, he finished TE6. He dropped to TE8 the next season, then was the TE1 five straight years.

He was TE2 behind Mark Andrews in 2021, then back to No. 1, then fell to TE3 last season, trailing Sam LaPorta and Evan Engram. We feel he could fall further this season.

LaPorta and Engram will challenge him again, and we also expect Andrews to return to the top of

the TE standings. He was TE3 last season before suffering a broken leg in Week 11.

Additionally, Trey McBride averaged nearly 15 points per game in PPR, good enough for TE3 in that span. If the Brandon Aiyuk situation goes sideways, George Kittle could turn in his best season since before the pandemic.

And we expect big jumps in production from Dallas' Jake Ferguson and Pittsburgh's Pat Freiermuth — not necessarily enough to put them in the convo of top fantasy tight ends, but plenty to make picking them in rounds 8-11 an excellent value.

Right now, Kelce almost always is one of the top two tight ends drafted. We're OK

with that, it makes sense. He is in that realm. But ... doing so requires a pick in the top three rounds. That does not make as much sense.

One reason Kelce vaulted up our ratings in recent years is because a factor in our Draft Value Quotient (DVQ) is positional scoring variance. Consider, from 2019-21, Kelce outscored the No. 2 tight end by 25, 34

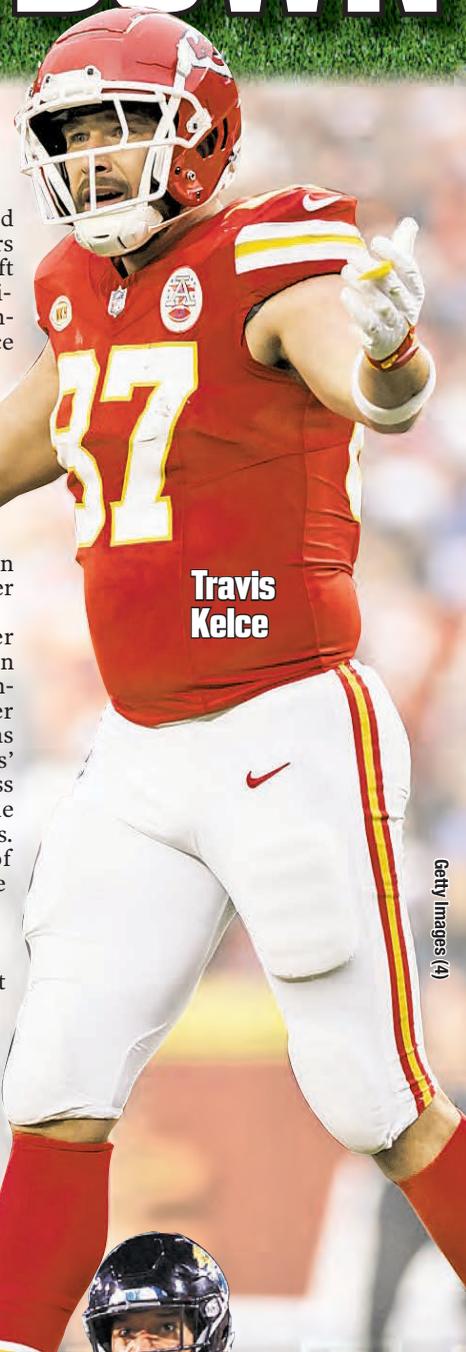
and 38 those seasons. Then in 2022, he was nearly 100 better than TE2.

That separation no longer exists, and we have no reason to believe it is returning. Conversely, some of the younger TEs are in offenses just as favorable, and the Chiefs' offense is likely to become less Kelce-dependent — with the addition of new wide receivers.

Since there is no lack of separation at the top of the tight end projections, Kelce's descent into normalcy is dragging down the DVQ ratings for the entire tight end cast. That means the Madman is much less inclined to pick a top TE and instead wait until much deeper in the draft.

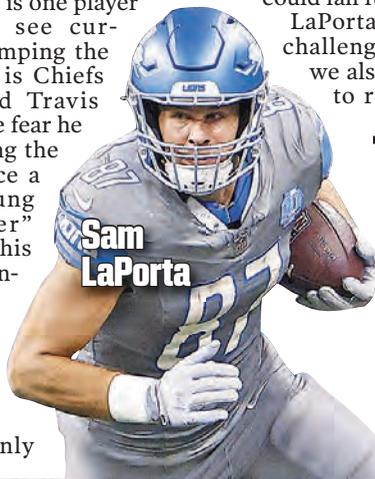
Kelce had a great run. And his run isn't over yet, but it might start to look more good than great. And we don't suggest drafting just "good" in the first three rounds. Time to change the channel on this tight ends show.

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Travis Kelce

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Sam LaPorta



Trey McBride

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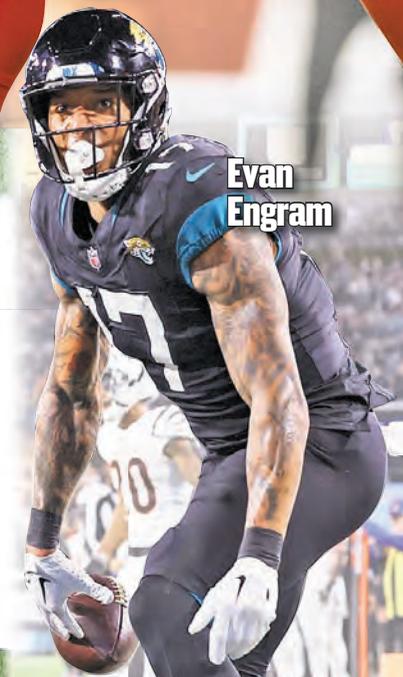
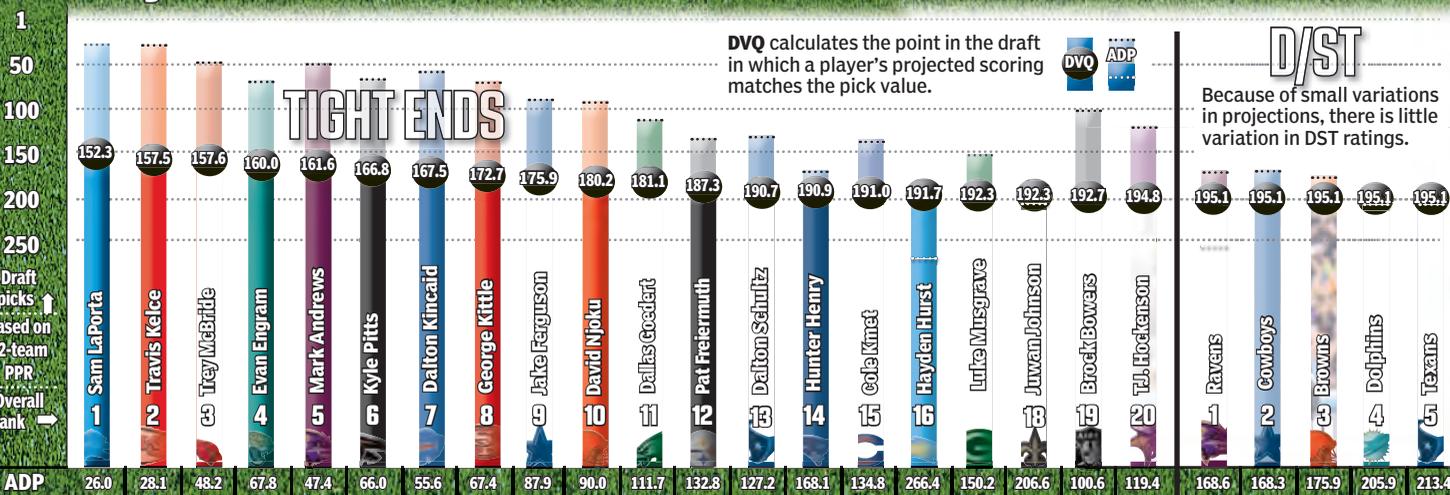
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Insanity insider The Madman's DVQ rates the top tight ends and defense/special teams



Evan Engram



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You can sleep tight with late sleeper tight end

WE ARE dawning on a new era in fantasy football as we welcome the Year of the Tight End.

Unlike years past, the top tier of the tight end position is more than just Travis Kelce.

In fact, many will argue that this year's top tier runs five or six players deep. If you are able to secure one in your draft, it is highly recommended, but if not, there's no

reason to panic, as the position is richer with talent than ever, and you can even punt all the way to the bottom of the player rankings and still find strength at the position.

The key to drafting a productive fantasy tight end is to find someone who ranks among the top two or three in targets on their respective team. Elite wideouts such as Kelce or Dalton Kincaid show you just that. But while others who miss out on the top-tier scramble to draft mediocrity in the likes of Cole Kmet or Dallas Goedert, you can wait even further and still find yourself someone who has the upside to be that top-two target in their offense.

Hunter Henry of the Patriots is a prime example. New offensive coordinator Alex Van Pelt is credited with elevating the game of David Njoku in Cleveland over the past two seasons. With no clear No. 2 receiver on the team, Van Pelt adjusted his scheme to give Njoku a heavier target share, turning him into a top-five fantasy tight end. Now in New England and with no clear-cut No. 1 receiver, Van Pelt is going to elevate Henry's workload in a similar fashion.

You also can look for the chang-

es in Los Angeles as Greg Roman brings his tried-and-true offensive scheme to the Chargers. We all watched as he turned Mark Andrews into an elite tight end in Baltimore, and now we're

ready for him to help Hayden Hurst to the next level. There may be some early competition with Will Dissly, but Hurst is the better route-runner and pass-catcher. In this

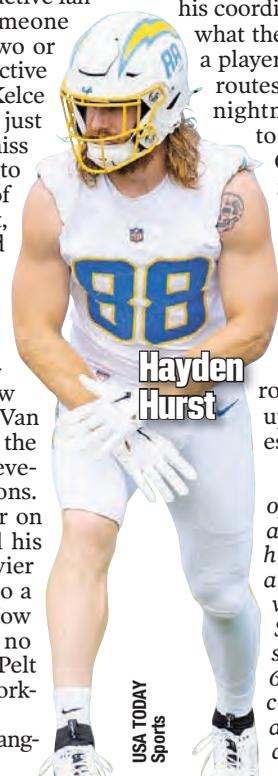
scheme, he should see a heavy workload.

Even Greg Dulcich should prove to be a solid upside play in Denver. There are no reliable receivers behind Courtland Sutton, and head coach Sean Payton, along with his coordinator Joe Lombardi, love to use what they refer to as a "joker" role. It's a player who has speed, can run clean routes, has good hands and can be a nightmare for smaller slot-corners to cover. They did it with Jimmy Graham in New Orleans, and so far in camp it looks like they're doing the same with Dulcich.

Ideally, we'd all love to draft a top-five tight end, but there simply aren't enough to go around. Don't panic if you miss out, and don't settle for mediocrity. Find yourself a late-round player or two who has the upside you need and all the pieces to the puzzle should fall in line.

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Hayden Hurst

USA TODAY Sports

By DAN MARTIN

The Yankees added some bullpen arms at the trade deadline which they hope will pay off down the stretch this season and into the playoffs.

There was a minor league deal, though, that was also intriguing — but for further down the road.

After seeing former MLB outfielder Brett Phillips hit 97 mph with his fastball and show some touch with his breaking pitches while pitching for a semipro team at the National Baseball Congress World Series in Wichita, Kan., on Monday, the Yankees pounced.

"We keep eyes on everything, from big free agents to trade deadline guys," Yankees pro scouting director Matt Daley said.

The Yankees were made aware of the game by Phillips' agent, Tom O'Connell, and liked what they saw.

"By 12 o'clock that night, I was getting messages from a lot of our guys that they were extremely impressed," Daley said.

There were a handful of other teams that showed interest, O'Connell said, but the Yankees and assistant GM Mike Fishman were aggressive in making a deal.

Phillips played in parts of seven major league seasons, split among five teams. He spent three years with the Rays. He last played in the majors as an outfielder last year with the Angels and appeared in 17 games with the White Sox Triple-A affiliate this season before he was let go.

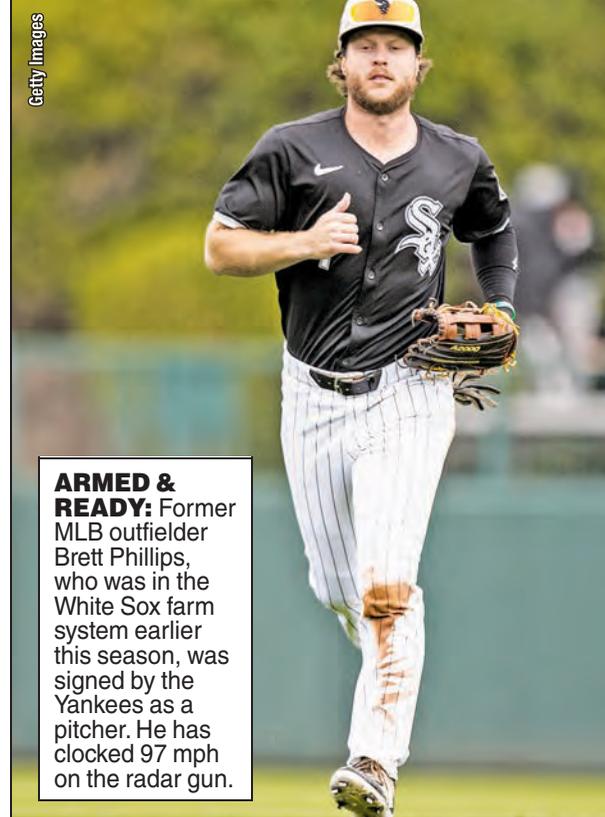
"Even before I got released, I saw the writing on the wall," Phillips said by phone Saturday, shortly after throwing his first bullpen session at the Yankees' training complex in Tampa, near where Phillips lives.

"I wasn't gonna get another opportunity as a position player," Phillips said. "I always knew my greatest asset was my arm, and if I wasn't good enough as an offensive player anymore, I wanted to take advantage of it."

Within days of his release by the White Sox, Phillips started working as a pitcher.

"For the past three months, this is what I've been doing, trying to get built up," Phillips said. "Monday was the first time pitching in a game as a pitcher. I didn't expect this all to come together so quickly."

Though the Yankees decided to sign Phillips in large part because of what they saw on video from Wichita, their scouting of the right-hander began



ARMED & READY: Former MLB outfielder Brett Phillips, who was in the White Sox farm system earlier this season, was signed by the Yankees as a pitcher. He has clocked 97 mph on the radar gun.

Yanks sign converted pitcher

years ago, when he was still a position player.

"He had a very good arm grade as an outfielder, and we keep an eye on those guys in case they convert to pitching," Daley said.

And Phillips also made five appearances in mop-up duty as a pitcher, something Gerrit Cole recalls.

"It was all eephus pitches," Cole said. "Now I'm like, 'What were you doing? You've got 97 [mph] in there.'"

But as Daley noted, there was one non-eephus pitch in Phillips' brief time on the mound in the big leagues, and he hit 94.

The velocity Phillips showed Monday stood out to Cole when he saw Phillips had signed with the Yankees.

"For someone to throw 97, that's real," Cole said. "What a good athlete. I'm certainly intrigued, especially since we signed him. It's not like he doesn't have familiarity with the game. He was a pretty good player. He's not some guy throwing

97 out of nowhere. He had a nice career as an outfielder. I didn't realize his arm was that good."

Daley agreed that Phillips' background should help.

"He played in the majors a while and has been on a major league mound so he knows what that's about," said Daley, who spent parts of five seasons in the majors as a reliever, including the final two with the Yankees in 2013-14. "He has all the tools. He's all in on it."

As Phillips said Saturday: "This is no joke. I'm here to build up and hopefully help the Yankees win games. They know I have experience and can handle the atmosphere of playing on a big stage."

Daley said the Yankees haven't determined where Phillips will start off as a pitcher, but Low-A Tampa is a possibility.

"I'm looking forward to going through the grind again," Phillips said. "If I show I can help them, we'll see what happens."

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ATHLETE OF THE DAY

KATIE LEDECKY
United States, swimming
Ledecky's gold medal — her second in Paris — in the 800m Saturday moved her into exclusive company among some of the greatest Olympic athletes in U.S. history. With nine gold medals, she's tied with Mark Spitz and Carl Lewis for second among Americans, trailing only Michael Phelps. **For more coverage, see pages 10-11.**

BY THE NUMBERS

4 Consecutive skeet shooting gold medals for American Vincent Hancock, who also won at the Olympics in 2008, 2012 and 2021 and is the only skeet shooter to win the event more than once.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Never say never. Next Olympics are at home. So you just never know. I am getting really old."

— U.S. gymnast Simone Biles, 27, after winning gold in the vault final, on possibly competing in the 2028 Olympics in Los Angeles

MEDAL TRACKER



Country	G	S	B	Tot
United States	14	24	23	61
France	12	14	15	41
China	16	12	9	37
Great Britain	10	10	13	33
Australia	12	8	7	27
Japan	8	5	9	22
South Korea	9	7	5	21
Italy	6	8	5	19
Canada	4	4	7	15
Netherlands	6	4	4	14

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Post staff and wire reports

Golf finally has some Olympic buzz from a big and boisterous gallery, and it has the star power to match going into the final round of the men's competition with medals finally at stake.

Xander Schauffele and Jon Rahm were tied for the lead Saturday, one shot clear of Tommy Fleetwood. Hideki Matsuyama salvaged a wild day. Scottie Scheffler and Rory McIlroy were close enough that gold is not out of reach.

Seven of the leading 10 qualifiers for the Paris Games were within five shots of the lead.

"I'm very, very excited to play," Fleetwood said. "The leaderboard is amazing. It's like a leaderboard that you would expect at the Olympics and probably what the sport deserves."

Schauffele felt as if he were running in

place and losing ground until he turned a two-shot deficit into a one-shot lead in a matter of minutes. He hit a 4-iron to 25 feet for eagle on the par-5 14th, just before Rahm three-putted for bogey on the hole ahead of him.

Rahm answered with a 35-foot birdie putt across the 17th green. The swings in momentum were plenty, and so were the possibilities going into Sunday.

Rahm, playing on a big stage for the last time this year before he returns to LIV Golf, finished with a 5-under 66. Schauffele, who won the PGA Championship and British Open this year,

got off to a slow start before posting a 32 on the back nine for a 68.

Historic tennis gold for China

Zheng Qinwen claimed China's first tennis singles gold medal in Olympic history by defeating Donna Vekic of Croatia 6-2, 6-3 in the women's final.

The 21-year-old Zheng displayed the same powerful serves and groundstrokes she used to eliminate No. 1 Iga Swiatek in the semifinals and now has the biggest title of her career.

Not that Zheng hasn't shown plenty of promise already. She is ranked No. 7, after all, and was the runner-up to Aryna Sabalenka at the hard-court Australian Open in January.

Big names leading as golf event shines on big stage





PHOTOS OF THE DAY

The world's strongest man

American Ryan Crouser flexed his muscle at the Paris Olympics on Saturday, winning the shot put event for the third consecutive Games with a throw of 75 feet, 1¾ inches. He's the only man in history to go back-to-back-to-back at an Olympics. Fellow American Joe Kovacs took home the silver for the second Olympics in a row. Crouser was the only American to win gold at Stade de France on the day.

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This, though, could make her a real star in her country. International Tennis Hall of Fame member Li Na is the only Chinese player to win a Grand Slam singles title — at the 2011 French Open and 2014 Australian Open — and served as inspiration for Zheng when she was a kid learning the sport.

Gates son-in-law withdraws

Nayel Nassar, the son-in-law of Bill Gates, was forced to withdraw from the equestrian competition at the Olympics after his horse, Coronado, suffered an injury.

Nassar, who is married to Jennifer Gates, competed in Tokyo as well, helping Team Egypt qualify in equestrian for the first time in 61 years.

"It is with a heavy heart that I announce our withdrawal from the 2024 Olympic Games," Nassar wrote on Instagram. "After successfully passing the first veterinary inspection earlier this week, Coronado unfortunately sustained a minor injury in the days after, and regretfully we must end our Olympic journey here.

"This decision was made after thorough discussions with our veterinary team and the Egyptian Federation, and we all agree that it is our duty to prioritize Coronado's long-term health and recovery."

Ouch! Pain for pole vaulter

Something rather uncomfortable got in the way of French pole vaulter Anthony Ammirati advancing toward his Olympic dream.

Ammirati's manhood, still in his shorts, ended up clipping the crossbar and sending it crashing down as he tried to clear a height of 5.70m during his third attempt at the Paris Olympics on Saturday.

The 21-year-old, who won gold at the World Athletics U20 Championships in 2022, had cleared two previous heights, but the miss kept him from advancing out of his heat and left NBC commentators at a loss for words.

Men's hoops rolls / Page 63

TODAY'S CAN'T-MISS EVENTS



TRACK AND FIELD, MEN'S 100m FINAL (1:05 p.m., NBC): American sprinter **Noah Lyles** will have to outrun Jamaica's Kishane Thompson in order to win his first Olympic gold after earning bronze in Tokyo in the 200m. Lyles is peaking at the right time, however, having run a personal best time of 9.81 in London last month.



TENNIS, MEN'S FINAL (8:30 a.m., Peacock): It'll be a generational battle at Roland Garros as **Novak Djokovic**, 37, tries to hold off 21-year-old Carlos Alcaraz. Djokovic is the oldest man in an Olympic tennis singles final while Alcaraz — who beat Djokovic to win Wimbledon — is the youngest.



GOLF, MEN'S FINAL ROUND (3 a.m., Golf Channel): If you flip on the TV before noon you'll be able to catch American **Xander Schauffele** — tied for the lead after 54 holes with Spain's Jon Rahm — try to add a gold medal to recent collection of PGA and British Open championships.

DAY 9: COMPLETE TV SCHEDULE (*live)

NBC	
7-9 a.m.	Women's Volleyball: U.S. vs. France*
9-11:10 a.m.	Gymnastics: Apparatus Finals*
11:10-12:15 p.m.	Cycling: Women's Road Race*
12:30-1:45 p.m.	Swimming: Finals* (Women's 50m Freestyle Final, Men's 1500m Freestyle Final, Men's 4x100m Medley Relay Final, Women's 4x100m Medley Relay Final)
1:05-3:55 p.m.	Track & Field: Evening Session* (Men's 400m Round 1, Women's High Jump Final, Men's 100m Semifinals, Men's Hammer Throw Final, Women's 800m Semifinals, Men's 1500m Semifinals, Men's 100m Final)
4-5 p.m.	Beach Volleyball: Round of 16*
5-6 p.m.	Women's Volleyball: U.S. vs. France
7-9 p.m.	Women's Basketball: U.S. vs. Germany
7-11 p.m.	Primetime in Paris Swimming: Finals; Track & Field: Finals; Gymnastics: Women's Uneven Bars and Men's Vault Finals
11:35 p.m.-1 a.m.	Canoeing: Kayak Cross Heats 3x3 Basketball: Elimination Round
USA NETWORK	
7:10-9 a.m.	Archery: Men's Final*
9-9:30 a.m.	Table Tennis: Men's Singles Final*
9:30-10:10 a.m.	Canoeing: Men's Kayak Cross Heats*
10:15-11 a.m.	Beach Volleyball: Round of 16
11-11:15 a.m.	Basketball: Pregame
11:15 a.m.-1 p.m.	Women's Basketball: U.S. vs. Germany*
1:05-2 p.m.	Track & Field: Evening Session*
2-3:30 p.m.	Golf: Men's Final Round
3:30-4:30 p.m.	3x3 Basketball: Men's Elimination Round*
4:30-7 p.m.	Cycling: Women's Road Race
7-8 p.m.	Table Tennis: Men's Singles Final
8-9 p.m.	Field Hockey: Men's Quarterfinal
9-9:30 p.m.	Men's Handball: Hungary vs. France
9:30-11 p.m.	Women's Volleyball: Brazil vs. Poland
11 p.m.-12:45 a.m.	Women's Basketball: U.S. vs. Germany
12:45-2 a.m.	Beach Volleyball: Round of 16

USA NETWORK	
2-3:40 a.m. (Mon.)	Triathlon: Mixed Relay Final*
4:05-7:15 a.m. (Mon.)	Track & Field: Morning Session*
GOLF CHANNEL	
3 a.m.-12 p.m.	Golf: Men's Final Round*
CNBC	
7:15-8 a.m.	Beach Volleyball: Round of 16
8 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	Cycling: Women's Road Race*
12:15-1 p.m.	Badminton: Men's Doubles Bronze Medal Match
1-2 p.m.	Badminton: Men's Doubles Final
2-3 p.m.	Tennis: Women's Doubles Final
3-3:45 p.m.	Beach Volleyball: Round of 16*
3:45-4:30 p.m.	Shooting: Women's Skeet Final
4:30-6 p.m.	Tennis: Men's Singles Final
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7-7:45 a.m.	Beach Volleyball: Round of 16*
7:45-8:30 a.m.	Table Tennis: Men's Singles Bronze Medal Match*
8:30-10 a.m.	Fencing: Men's Team Foil Semifinal*
10-10:45 a.m.	Badminton: Semifinals
10:45-11:25 a.m.	Canoeing: Women's Kayak Cross Heats*
11:25 a.m.-12 p.m.	Beach Volleyball: Round of 16*
12-1 p.m.	Beach Volleyball: Round of 16*
1-1:30 p.m.	Men's 3x3 Basketball: U.S. vs. Netherlands*
1:30-2:20 p.m.	Fencing: Men's Team Foil Bronze Medal Competition*
2:30-3:40 p.m.	Fencing: Men's Team Foil Final*
3:45-6 p.m.	Equestrian: Individual Dressage Final
4-5:45 a.m. (Mon.)	Diving: Women's Platform Qualifying*
5:45-9:05 a.m. (Mon.)	Gymnastics: Apparatus Finals*
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6 a.m.-1 p.m.	Sailing: Day 8*
6 a.m.-1 p.m.	Tennis: Day 9: Finals*

UP IN SMOKE

Richardson's delayed dream of 100m gold gets dashed by Saint Lucia sprinter Alfred

By MOLLIE WALKER

There was still a smile on Sha'Carri Richardson's face as she wrapped herself in the stars and stripes on a rain-soaked track at Stade de France on Saturday, after the star American runner clocked in for a silver medal in the 100-meter sprint at the 2024 Paris Games.

It wasn't gold, which was captured with a 10.72-second sprint by Saint Lucia's Julien Alfred, but it was still a redemption race for Richardson.

The 24-year-old made her return to the Olympics this summer after a one-month suspension for testing positive for marijuana had precluded her from competing in Tokyo three years ago. Finishing the event in 10.87 seconds, Richardson had a middling start before making up time to come in second place.

Fellow American Melissa Jefferson, Richardson's training partner, came home in bronze at 10.92 seconds.

Alfred secured Saint Lucia's first Olympic gold medal with her victory, beating Richardson by the largest margin in the women's Olympic 100 since 2008. Getting off to a blazing start, Alfred battled through the rain and beat Richardson by .15 seconds.

"It means a lot to me," Alfred



told the Associated Press. "It means a lot to my coach. It means a lot to my country. I'm sure they're celebrating right now."

Richardson's one-month suspension for cannabis use — which she openly admitted, saying she was

using it to cope with the pressure of Olympic qualifying and the recent death of her biological mother — was criticized from perches as high as the U.S. presidency.

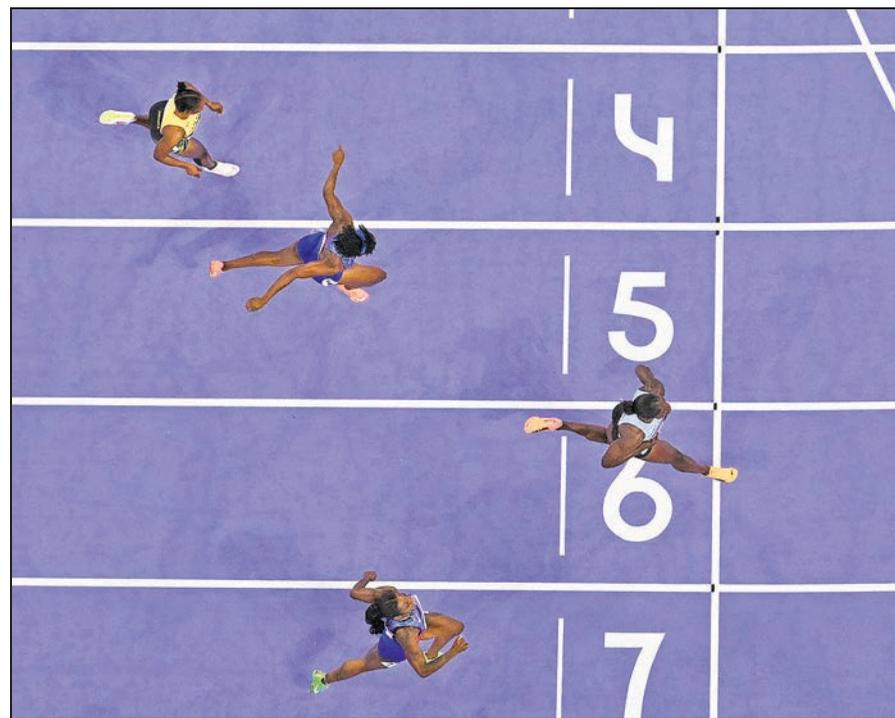
Since then, however, Richard-

son has won a gold medal in the 100-meter event at the 2023 world championships. She also qualified for the Paris games in the U.S. Olympic trials in late June, with a time of 10:71 before winning her opening-round heat on Friday

with a time of 10:94.

Richardson may have been the heavy favorite, but the perception of the race changed drastically without the presence of a few notable runners.

Shericka Jackson was scratched



HIGHS AND LOWS:

Sha'Carri Richardson can't keep pace with Julien Alfred of Saint Lucia in the women's 100m final Saturday at the Paris Olympics. Richardson, who missed the Tokyo Olympics after testing positive for marijuana, nevertheless draped herself in an American flag (bottom left) after winning silver.

Reuters; Getty Images; USA Today Sports

By RYAN DUNLEAVY

Rebounding might be in her genes, but Trinity Rodman showed off her own skills of a nasty crossover dribble and a devastatingly accurate shot.

Rodman saved the United States women's soccer team from a potentially stunningly early exit in the quarterfinals of the Paris Olympics by breaking a scoreless tie Saturday in the first extra-time period and providing the difference in a 1-0 victory against Japan.

The 22-year-old daughter of former NBA star Dennis Rodman became the youngest player to score an extra-time goal for the USA since New Jersey native Heather O'Reilly in the 2004 Olympics semifinals.

"I kind of blacked out," Rodman told reporters when asked to describe the goal. "That's like the best moment in my career."

The USWNT, which cruised through the group stage by scoring nine total goals in three wins against Germany, Zambia and Australia, will face Germany, which beat Canada on penalty kicks, on Tuesday afternoon.

It was the first Olympic match between the USA and Japan since the rivals vied for the gold medal in 2012 — a 2-1 win for America behind Carli Lloyd.

One year earlier, Japan beat the USA in penalty kicks to capture the World Cup title.

Japan, which substituted more freely Saturday and showed fresher legs throughout the second half of regulation, stoppage time and extra time, had the better of chances.

But it only takes one.

Rodman was barely onside, replays showed, when Crystal Dunn sent a cross-field pass into the corner.

She gathered the ball with her right foot, quickly crossed over to

The Worm turns: Rodman lifts U.S.



THE HOLY TRINITY: Trinity Rodman celebrates after her extra-time goal sent the USWNT to the Olympic semifinals with a 1-0 victory against Japan.

Getty Images

U.S.	1	Women's soccer quarterfinals
JAPAN	0	

her left and buried a shot to the left post that the diving keeper might have grazed with her fingertips.

"I keep saying this but we want to just keep improving and I think that's what we're doing," Rodman said. "Being around so many players and staff that want to improve every single day is helping me be my best self and my most confident self."

The goal picked up her teammate Sophia Smith, who misplayed a golden opportunity in the early moments of extra time.

She stole the ball about 30 yards from the net in the 96th minute, but instead of playing the angles and ripping a longer shot, she dribbled

on the charging keeper, who made a sliding save with her knees.

It was the 13th straight win across all competitions for the Americans, who are seeking their fifth gold medal in the eight Olympics since women's soccer was added to the competition but their first since 2012.

The USWNT lost a quarterfinal match to Sweden in 2012 and a semifinal match to Canada in 2020, before bouncing back to beat Australia for the bronze medal.

With the game scoreless in the 35th minute, keeper Alyssa Naeher came up big, moving to her left and dropping to her knees to corral a shot from the box.

Just two minutes later, Japan kept the offensive pressure on and sailed a shot just high of the upper right-hand corner of the net.

Another big "save" for the Americans came in the 51st minute — but not by Naeher.

Dunn, facing her own net, cleared a crossing pass by booting it way high over the crossbar. Any less power, however, and Dunn would have flirted with a disastrous own goal.

Dunn's other big kick was the assist on Rodman's big winner.

A flurry of action happened in the last seconds of the four minutes of stoppage time.

Rodman was tackled in the box only feet from the keeper.

As the Americans were pleading for a penalty kick, Japan raced in the other way and a long shot sailed just over the upper corner of the far post, when Naeher was anticipating something to the near post.

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from the race earlier in the week, after the Jamaican star pulled up with an apparent injury while running the 200 earlier this month at the Hungarian Athletics Grand Prix.

Two-time gold medalist Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce was also listed as "Did Not Start" shortly before the semifinals, while Elaine Thompson, who won gold in Tokyo, did not compete at all.

There are clips circulating social media of Fraser-Pryce and Jamaican team members arguing with officials who appeared to be denying her entry to Stade de France. According to reports, Fraser-Pryce sustained an injury after her preparation was unsettled by the delay.

After Richardson, who runs for Louisiana State University, claimed silver, the United States' 28-year gold medal drought in the event lives on. The last official American winner was Gail Devers in 1996, as Marion Jones was stripped of her 2000 Olympic gold for steroid use.

Jamaica also failed to reach the podium in the event after the country won the last four Olympic golds and 10 of the last 12 possible medals.

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Walsh DQ latest pool disappointment for Americans

By ETHAN SEARS

Alex Walsh didn't get the gold medal she sought in the 200-meter individual medley race.

First, she had to settle for bronze. Then, she had to settle for nothing at all.

Walsh, after finishing third in the pool, was disqualified for an illegal transition from backstroke to breaststroke, handing a spot on the podium to Australia's Kaylee McKeown. Canada's Summer McIntosh won gold with a 2:06.56 Olympic-record time, while Westchester native Kate Douglass finished with the silver in 2:06.92.

Walsh led all qualifiers in the event during Friday's semifinal and had won silver in the Tokyo Games.

She reportedly declined to speak with reporters in the mixed zone.



ALEX WALSH

Disqualification nullifies bronze medal.

Ironically, McKeown was disqualified at the 2023 World Championship 200-meter IM semifinal race for the same reason, which Swimming Australia called "unjust"

at the time, while claiming that Walsh had completed an illegal turn in the finals of that meet.

Walsh's younger sister, Gretchen, is also competing in Paris and won gold in the mixed 4x100-meter relay.

That was one of just six gold medals the United States has won in swimming, behind Australia's seven — with four golds to be handed out on Sunday in the last day of the swim competition.

Outside of Katie Ledecky, who won golds in the 800 and 1500-meter freestyle races, and Douglass in the 200-meter breaststroke, the U.S. has largely performed below par, despite leading in the overall medal count. In particular, Caeleb Dressel's failure to medal in an individual event after winning three golds in Tokyo was shocking.

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GETTING IN SYNC: Giants linebacker Bobby Okereke has a new defensive coordinator in Shane Bowen (far left). Together, the two must get on the same page for the defense to operate smoothly and effectively.

Getty Images; Robert Sabo

Coordinated effort

By PAUL SCHWARTZ

Game plan for LB Okereke, new DC Bowen is to get on same page

It takes time.

That is the case with most meaningful, lasting and successful relationships, right?

For the Giants to be hitting on all cylinders on defense this season, the returning middle linebacker and the new orchestrator of the operation need to be able to finish each other's sentences. They need to be of one mind during games. One needs to anticipate what the other is thinking and expect what the other is set to implement. When one talks, the other hears the words inside his helmet radio transmitter. It is as if they are in lockstep, in unison.

This is what Bobby Okereke had with previous defensive coordinator Wink Martindale, their partnership allowing the brainy linebacker to blossom as he directed his teammates with poise and purpose. The longer these pairings are together, the stronger the bond. Martindale is no longer on the scene, though, and Okereke, in his second season with the team, now has a second coordinator, Shane Bowen, to get to know, get to learn from and get to sync with.

"It is a growing relationship," Okereke said this week after a training camp practice in the intense heat. "Shane has to get to know me, I got to get to know him

— how we're going to be in stressful situations as the plays go on. But I think we're developing a great rapport. Obviously, me and Wink had a great rapport last year. So, just working to develop that again."

It would have been easier for Okereke if things did not so sour between Martindale and head coach Brian Daboll, leading to an ugly confrontation the day after the 2023 season ended, resulting in Martindale walking out (he currently runs the defense at the University of Michigan) and Daboll going through an extensive interview process before hiring Bowen. Mastering the inside and outside of an entire defense — something Okereke must do — is not a springtime project or a summer fling. It is a massive task, and it is ongoing.

Okereke in the huddle is the one player designated to get the call from the coordinator and relay it to the other 10 defensive players on the field. He must be in the middle of everything, because he

actually is in the middle of everything.

"With that position, you want to be on the same page," Bowen said. "You want to make sure that he sees things the same way you do in terms of concept, scheme. I think that will grow as we go in terms of why calls are being made in certain situations. You want to have that leadership from that position, obviously, because he touches everybody. The front, the back end, he's involved with all of them. But that doesn't go without saying, I want all our guys to have an understanding of why."

They all need to know "why," but it is Okereke who must know the "why" and also the "where" and the "how." Martindale's blitz-heavy system was new to Okereke last season, and it took a bit for him to truly know it.

Once he did, it was lights out, as Okereke put in a sensational debut season for the Giants. He made such an immediate impression that he was voted in as a team captain despite being new to

the squad. He led the team with 149 tackles, matched his career high with two interceptions, and set career highs with 11 tackles for loss, 2.5 sacks and six quarterback hits.

No wonder Okereke, 28, wanted Martindale to return and was dismayed when things ended so badly. Now, it is like starting over. Bowen is going to blitz less, play zone on the back end more often and rely on generating pressure from the front group before adding more bodies into the mix.

As an inside linebacker, Okereke will continue to run and hit and hunt the ball and tackle. There figures to be growing pains as he and Bowen figure out each other. The defense is ahead of the offense thus far in camp, but Okereke does not sound satisfied yet.

"Getting a little more comfortable, starting to figure out where we can play with a little more instinct, a little more freedom," Okereke said. "I think Shane's doing a great job. We're all acclimat-

ing pretty well.

"We're in a good spot. We're growing every day. Obviously, we're still installing. Guys are still getting a feel for each other, how we communicate, how we play."

Former Giants linebacker Antonio Pierce, currently the Raiders' head coach, spent four full seasons (2005-08) with defensive guru Steve Spagnuolo, and by the end they were in complete harmony. It does not always mesh as cohesively as that. It is the goal, though.

"He's a veteran player at this point, so he asks good questions," Bowen said of Okereke, "questions that I want those guys to ask. But I think it's important for the entire unit to know why, like, why are we doing this? Why is this called? Because when you understand the why, you understand the strengths of it. You understand the weaknesses of it. There's a little bit more buy-in."

It is a process, again, for Okereke.

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ELUEMUNOR

Jermaine

Giants free-agent offensive line addition Jermaine Eluemunor blocks out some time for some training camp Q&A with Post columnist Steve Serby.

Q: You almost quit football twice. What was the darkest low point of your depression?

A: The first time it was 2020. Things were going wrong when I was in New England, it's not for everyone out there. For me, just experiencing that, dealing with the injuries I was dealing with, I had a few things going on behind the scenes, and the combination of all that just really affected me in the wrong way. And in 2023, obviously everyone knows that game against [Chicago's] Khalil Mack, he had six sacks, three of them were on me. Two of them were out of my control, but one of them he really just whooped me, and no tackle wants to have a game like that because that's all everyone's going to talk about. And I remember being on the plane ride home, I didn't say nothing to no one. I didn't think I was good enough. This was supposed to be the year that I truly showed who I was as an offensive lineman. And I had back-to-back weeks where I gave up five sacks. Like, no one wants that at all. That's terrible. That can go one or two ways — either learn from it and be better, or you let it eat you up, and it destroys you from inside. And for a time it destroyed me. I was struggling bad.

Q: Can you elaborate?

A: I was at rock bottom. ... You just have negative thoughts, like, you think you're a piece of crap, you think you're worthless. ... You think that you don't deserve to be in the position you're in, you don't think you're worthy, and you don't think that you're like I said just good enough to be out there. And I had to fight all these negative thoughts and demons every single week when I was out there. My confidence was shot, I had no confidence at all. I was trying out there, but I just didn't want to be there. I felt like a shell of myself. ... So I actually reached out to [Eagles right tackle] Lane Johnson, because he had prior struggles with depression. And I was like ... "I'm truly struggling right now. I don't know what I can do to get out of the little funk I'm in, or big funk I'm in." ... And he recommended a mental coach for me, his name is Brian Cain. He has been a big game-changer for me. He's worked with a ton of the biggest and best athletes in the world. And his thing is it's all about your confidence and meditation and just believing in yourself. And he truly changed my entire life when I met with him. You don't really see it, but pregame

I meditate now before games just to get myself in the zone. I meditate twice before a game. I meditate when I go out there, right before my warmup, and then when I go back inside I do like a 15-, 16-minute meditation, and then I have like a mental video that I watch, and it gets me in the zone and gets me to where I need to be, and it centers me so I can go out there and truly dominate. Even if I'm struggling with confidence a tiny bit, I know I have the things in place to beat that — the little thing on your shoulder saying that you're not good enough. I have the tools in place now because of what he's done for me, and what he continues to do for me, and that was the biggest game-changer for me.

Q: So you feel liberated?

A: Yeah, I feel like I had a ton on my shoulder. I don't think there's anyone more confident than me, and comfortable, and just determined, and just aspire to be great. I want this real bad, and I hope that through my play and through the way I talk and the way I present myself, people start to see that.

Q: What did you mean when you said New England's not for everyone?

A: I'm not trying to rip on anything and rip on them, they just have a style to the way they coached and the way they present football and the way it's practiced there, especially when Bill [Belichick] was there, and it just really wasn't for me. Mentally I just couldn't really handle it.

Q: What drives you?

A: Two things. First of all, I want to be great. I want to finish this game, and when I walk away I want people to look back and say, "His career didn't start the way people and players would have wanted it, but he ended it on top and he was one of the best at his position, and for a number of years, he was one of the best." And the second thing that drives me is my family, providing for my wife and now daughter. Especially my daughter. I want her to be able to look back in 10, 15 years and be like, "My dad truly dominated and inspired me to dominate whatever I'm going to do in life." And that's the mentality I want her to have, and that's the influence I'm trying to have on her, and be for her.

Q: Three dinner guests?

A: Winston Churchill — I would love to pick his brain, especially being in that time. Muhammad Ali — the art of war is a big thing for me, and he would go to battle all the time and just the way he was so calm about it and he was

always centered, I would love to see what he did to get to that position to go out there and dominate. Gandhi — I want to know what it's like to have all these things going on around you, and not let them affect you. Just the way you go about life and how you can use different things to center you and be at peace.

Q: Favorite movie?

A: "300."

Q: Favorite actor?

A: Gerard Butler.

Q: Favorite actress?

A: Meagan Good.

Q: Favorite meal?

A: My mother's spaghetti bolognese.

Q: What are your thoughts on UFOs?

A: Oh yeah, I believe in UFOs. Actually, I think I've seen a couple, actually. In Vegas especially, because weird things go on in Vegas. I've seen a couple. And then we were on a plane, coming back from Buffalo. The door to the cockpit was open, and we were talking to pilots, because it was autopilot, and we saw these three little lights appear right in front of the window, and it was just flashing, and then they disappeared in the speed of light. And there was a bunch of other pilots on the com saying, "Did you see that?" We're like a speck in space in the Milky Way, and there's multiple galaxies and multiple Milky Ways, and who knows what else is out there? Like it would be cool as hell to see what's out there.

Q: Are you the starting right tackle?

A: I'm the starter wherever they need me.

Q: But you're comfortable at right tackle?

A: Yeah, I'm comfortable everywhere. As long as I'm out there playing with my guys, that's all that matters to me.

Q: What would you tell Giants fans about the offensive line?

A: That we're working really hard, and we want to be a dominant unit.



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STUDY HAUL

By PETER BOTTE

Neither of the Jets' starting offensive tackles participated in Saturday's "Green and White" scrimmage, giving first-round pick Olu Fashanu the opportunity to work with Aaron Rodgers and the first-team offense.

But head coach Robert Saleh said ideally the Jets prefer that Fashanu — the No. 11 overall selection in the draft — won't be needed to play regularly as a rookie and is able to apprentice behind imported 33-year-old veteran tackles Tyron Smith and Morgan Moses.

"That'd be the goal," Saleh said after practice in Florham Park. "Olu, he's another guy I'm really looking forward to seeing in [games], going against other players."

"He's very strong in his lower half. He is a sponge, an absolute sponge, a technician in every sense of the word. Very smart. Very willing. [We] definitely did not miss on that kid."

Smith was an eight-time Pro Bowler over 13 seasons with the Cowboys, but he missed four games last year due to injury and hasn't appeared in more than 13 in any season since 2015.

Still, the Jets signed Smith and Moses — who was with them in 2021 before spending the past two seasons with the Ravens — as part of a win-now plan surrounding Rodgers in his comeback attempt from Achilles surgery. Oft-injured former first-

1st-round pick Fashanu learning finer points of O-line from veterans

round pick Mekhi Becton signed in the offseason with the Eagles.

"I feel like a lot of people aren't blessed to be in that type of position where you have two great tackles in the same room," said Fashanu, who played collegiately at Penn State. "I've been making the most of it. They've been awesome. They're always right behind me, guiding me in the right path and helping me with anything and everything I need, and giving me extra advice to take my game to the next step. It's been great."

Fashanu, who mostly has been taking reps at left tackle during camp, said that Smith specifically has advised him "on different ways how to load up in my stance and how to be more explosive and different ways to work my hands" in both the running game and the passing game.

"Just having that opportunity and getting that insight and perspective from [Smith] has been nice," the 21-year-old Fashanu said. "I think about it as I have a Hall of Fame left tackle in my room and another veteran tackle in my room."

"They're both great guys who

are willing to help me develop in any way possible, so I just try to think about it like that. ... As a rookie that's what you want, having older guys who want to help you get better."

Of course, as Saleh noted, there is a vast difference between playing that position in college and facing NFL edge rushers, which Fashanu said he's learning by going up against the Jets' vaunted pass rush every day in practice.

"It's been a very big difference," Fashanu said. "I'd say in the Big Ten and just college football in general, you're going against a lot of pass-rushers that are one-dimensional. So it's a lot easier to scout them and know what they'll do. But here, at least with our D-line, all of the edge rushers have both speed and power and they're great with their hands. So it's definitely a lot more challenging."

"There definitely are some things I need to clean up. Here everyone is a lot bigger, a lot quicker and a lot stronger. So for me, to be a half-second quicker than I was last year will make all the difference."

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TEACHING MOMENTS: The Jets are happy to have first-round pick Olu Fashanu (right) learn from established players like 33-year-old Morgan Moses — a 10-year NFL veteran.

Bill Kostroun

NOT MISSING A BEAT: Jets quarterback Aaron Rodgers looks like "he never missed any time," according to coach Robert Saleh. The signal-caller went 19 of 30 in a 90-minute scrimmage on Saturday.

Bill Kostroun

Despite last year's injury, Aaron Rodgers looking like Aaron Rodgers

Exactly.

YOU CAN find 1,000 things to dissect from the first nine practices of Jets training camp, but there is really just one thing that matters: Aaron Rodgers looks like Aaron Rodgers.

Will it translate in the regular season? We'll see. But for now, through these early weeks of

training camp, Rodgers has dazzled at times with incredible throws, matched wits with the defense by changing plays at the line of scrimmage and, most importantly, shown durability.

The 40-year-old quarterback

coming off a torn Achilles has been on the field for every first-team snap in camp. There have been no concessions made to the fact that he is 11 months removed from such a devastating injury.

"He looks like he never missed any time," Jets coach Robert Saleh said Saturday.

Saturday's "Green and White" practice was a particularly grueling one, played in ridiculous heat. The Jets scrimmaged for 90 minutes. Rodgers led drives of 11 and 17 plays. He went 19 of 30 in the scrimmage and was out there for 42 plays.



Brian Costello





TRAINING DAY



AN IMPRESSIVE DUDE

Robert Saleh said **Aaron Rodgers** “looks like he never missed any time” following Achilles surgery and called him “an impressive dude” after the returning quarterback ran more than 40 plays during the Jets’ green-and-white scrimmage in sweltering conditions Saturday in Florham Park.

NOT AS IMPRESSIVE

Not much to complain about, although center **Joe Tippmann** did airmail one shotgun snap over Rodgers’ head and running back **Isaiah Davis** lost a fumble.

CAUGHT MY EYE

The lone touchdown pass during the scrimmage was

a downfield connection between backup quarterback **Tyrod Taylor** and wide receiver **Jason Brownlee**.

RODGERS REPORT

Rodgers led three drives that resulted in field goals against the Jets’ first-string defense. He unofficially completed 19 of 30 passes for around 210 yards.



INJURY REPORT

Cornerback **Michael Carter II** is expected to miss 1-to-2 weeks with an ankle issue. Offensive tackle **Tyron Smith** (rest) also did not practice.

— Peter Botte

Tippmann timing on snaps work in progress

By PETER BOTTE

Aaron Rodgers and the Jets were driving during Saturday’s “Green and White” scrimmage when the march was disrupted by a mistake Robert Saleh hopes to correct before the regular season begins.

Starting center Joe Tippmann snapped the ball over Rodgers’ head for what turned out to be a loss of 22 yards.

JETS NOTES

“We gotta continue working with it,” Saleh said after practice. “[Tippmann] had a couple of good days, and today with the environment a little bit heightened, it got away from him. So we’ll continue working with him.”

Tippmann played center in college at Wisconsin, but the 2023 second-round pick spent several games playing right guard as a rookie last season with the Jets before shifting back to the middle of the offensive line when various injuries arose.

Tippmann and Rodgers have been working on their timing during camp after the 40-year-old quarterback missed virtually all of last season with an Achilles injury.

“There’s some technical stuff in there,” Saleh said. “It’s not mental. He’s not flustered. Like I said, we’re trying to maximize his athleticism, asking to do some things from an athletic standpoint.”

“We’re pushing him, and he’s just gotta learn the timing and the rhythm and all that stuff. He’ll get it under control. It’s one of the least things I’m worried about.”

► Cornerback **Sauce Gardner** didn’t participate in the scrimmage. He had been excused from Friday’s practice, Saleh said, because “he had some personal things he had to take care of.” Gardner’s return flight was canceled Friday night due to inclement weather “until [Saturday] morning, and I wasn’t going to expose him to injury after traveling,” Saleh added.

► Cornerback **Michael Carter II** is expected to be sidelined “a week or two” with an ankle issue, according to Saleh. “Nothing long-term, nothing is broken, he’s just gotta work through the ankle,” he said.

He did not throw any touchdown passes, but he was undermined by mistakes from others like a bad snap from center Joe Tippmann inside the 10 and a fumble by rookie Isaiah Davis.

Everything about this Jets season is riding on No. 8. In many ways, this training camp feels like a continuation of last year and the expectations that he brought with him from Green Bay are back. In other ways, things feel different. Rodgers feels more like a part of the team than a superstar dropped into the middle of the Jets.

Much was made about Rodgers and wide receiver Garrett Wilson having heated exchanges in practices, but that is a sign of how comfortable the two are around

each other now. There is no way Wilson would have fired back at Rodgers last year.

Florham Park felt like the Sahara Desert on Saturday, but that was the only reason anyone would even remember Rodgers’ June trip to Egypt that drew so much attention.

Watching Rodgers operate the offense feels like watching a master practice his craft. Every day there is a pass that makes jaws drop. On Saturday, it was a back-shoulder throw to Wilson. The day before it was a deep pass to Wilson for a touchdown.

“He’s an impressive dude and he’s a Hall of Famer for a reason,” Saleh said.

These Jets have high expectations but they also have issues to

fix. Haason Reddick remains a holdout and there is no indication that the two sides are close. Tippmann is having issues snapping the ball to Rodgers in the shotgun formation. The wide receiver room has been hit by injuries.

But here is the thing the Jets have not had in the past when issues came up: a quarterback who can hide all those flaws. Bad quarterbacks expose your warts. Good quarterbacks cover them up.

Yes, the Jets need to get Reddick into camp. Yes, Tippmann needs to get his snaps down. But there have been years around the Jets where it felt like there was zero margin for error. Rodgers gives them some wiggle room. He’ll make up for their imperfections.

“I talk to my friends back home all the time, it’s like playing with MJ or Kobe,” veteran defensive tackle Solomon Thomas said. “It is like one-of-a-kind. I feel blessed to be around him. I feel blessed to be a part of this team. He’s the best in the game.”

“I mean, the adjustments he makes at the line of scrimmage is crazy. What he sees, what he hears, what he notices, how aware he is. You haven’t seen it.”

You can break down everything you want about the Jets right now and worry about this issue or that issue.

Here’s the only thing that matters: Aaron Rodgers looks like Aaron Rodgers. That should make any Jets fan smile.

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where he left off



Phil Mushnick

EQUAL TIME

Getting
'closer'
but no
cigar

LADIES and gentleman, may I have your fully divided attention!

Thank you. ... Reader G. Wilbur asks a good, though self-dating question: "When did MLB telecasts become 'The David Susskind Show'?"

"The David Susskind Show" was an interview program seen throughout the 1960s and 1970s on Ch. 11 then Ch. 5. It featured long, pensive questions followed by forgot-the-question answers.

This past Saturday, Yankees at Red Sox on Fox, made for the wildest second inning we might've ever seen — had we been allowed to watch it rather than an interview show.

Each team scored — the Yanks once, Boston twice. There was a leaping catch of what became a home run when it was dropped as the right fielder fell into the stands. A runner was picked off third for failure to pay attention while talking to a coach. There was a double-steal, a double play, four hits and a leaping catch at the left-field wall.

Yet, on Fox, the entire inning — 17 minutes — was sacrificed to an in-booth interview with Matt Damon and Casey Affleck to promote their new movie coming soon on Apple TV+. Yep, more baseball lost to streaming.

As Adam Amin and John Smoltz asked forced and meandering questions, Boston's Cedanne Rafaela, inexplicably standing a foot off the bag chatting with the third base coach, was tagged out to complete an insane center field-to-second-to-third double play.

But not only did Fox miss the entire thing, it had no idea what had happened. The interview continued until finally, with Rafaela headed to the dugout, Amin thought he'd caught up with game:

"We're actually getting word that they ruled the runner, Rafaela, out at third base." *Word?* He's getting word? Where is he, Yennerville?

"Oh," Smoltz said, "they might have pulled the old 'hidden ball' on him."

Amin: "Oh man, we got distracted in here. We were having such a good time. And all of a sudden they stuck in the old Little League move."

MISSED IT!

Fox more interested in meaningless distractions than games it covers



WHAT GAME? Instead of seeing some unusual baseball plays during Saturday's Yankees-Red Sox game, Fox viewers had to watch actors Casey Affleck (left) and Matt Damon chat.

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Bad guesses about what just happened from yards away from where it just happened. And if had Fox had been showing the game rather than the actors in the booth, we all would have seen that after Trent Grisham made a shoes-high catch in center, he ran the ball back toward the infield, threw to Gleyber Torres who threw to Oswaldo Cabrera who tagged out an oblivious Rafaela.

We'll never see such a play again, yet Fox, for no good reason, chose to completely miss it the first time —

for all of us.

Damon and Affleck got it. They knew they'd become intrusive. One next said, "Aw, we're ruining your broadcast."

Amin: "No you're not. It's more fun this way!"

Smoltz: "You don't see that very often." But we didn't see it at all!

And Amin continued to call it "a Little League play."

No, a 12-year-old would have stood on third while looking away to talk to a coach. It was another fundamentally

negligent big league play, both by Rafaela and third base coach Kyle Hudson, lost from view to Fox's fundamentally negligent production.

The next night, Yanks-Red Sox on ESPN. Boston first baseman Romy Gonzalez, normally a third and second baseman, was at risk as he was playing first — while attached to a live microphone. It was his turn to play ESPN's "Look what we can do!" while asking what's-your-favorite-color? questions.

Baseball fans are able to distinguish smart from stupid, thus they can't figure out why ESPN, the nation's self-anointed all-sports network, relentlessly sells us stupid.

Gonzalez was asked if he'd shave off his mustache if traded to the Yanks, who haven't allowed facial hair since George Steinbrenner ruled.

But, as several readers noted, Nestor Cortes and Austin Wells have mustaches — they're right there, see? — as did Thurman Munson and Don Mattingly. And it was Gonzalez who told the ESPN booth that the Yanks allow mustaches.

With two strikes on the batter, Gonzalez reached into a back pocket to pull a card. He read it, moved a few feet, then replaced it. Take it reader Chris Dellecese:

"Do you think anyone in ESPN's booth thought to ask, 'What did you just read?' to maybe glean some insight for us to consider? Of course, not."

Reader Tony Savoia: "I don't even talk to my wife, sitting next to me, until commercial breaks."

AFTER Luke Weaver threw a total of seven pitches to make 1-2-3 work of the Phillies on Tuesday, **Aaron Boone** pulled him for closer **Clay Holmes**, who blew the lead. That's the trouble with Boone and most script-addicted MLB managers: They think all their assigned closers, even if for just two or three games until they name the next one, are **Mariano Rivera**.

► Wednesday, after **DJ LeMahieu's** grand slam was delayed to examine if it cleared the wall, **Michael Kay**, taking a good shot at himself as LeMahieu crossed the plate, said, "Finally, I can say, 'See ya!'"

► On the subject of anarchy, the NFL's new kickoff rules should only take three or four seasons for players, coaches and fans to learn.

► Not sure why SNY last week twice chose to show the same passed out Citi Field patron, empty booze cans in front of him, but that's what it did. Charming Sunday afternoon game scene.

► Again, if NYRA TV and Fox/FSI's engaging and giving thoroughbred analyst **Rich Migliore** had been an NFL QB rather than an accomplished jockey, he'd be known as the best analyst in the country.

► Reader **Joe Napoleone** suggests that male-like sluggers vs. women Olympic boxing — exceedingly brutal and conspicuous mismatches — should be renamed Domestic Violence.

Gotta go. My virus has gone viral.
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Girardi seems to think Philly has special love for Jazz

OTHER than the usual bad coaching or no coaching from YES' shot-callers, I can't figure why **Joe Girardi** wants to be heard as Fox's **John Smoltz**, examining every pitch and swing until we no longer hear him.

Tuesday, after hitting

two homers at Philly, **Jazz Chisolm Jr.** batted in the ninth with the Yankees up a run. When applause was heard, Girardi said it was a matter of appreciation that "he's getting a little cheer from the Phillies fans."

He sounded serious. But

not a chance. In Philly, where he managed the Phils? Not a chance. Those were plainly seen and heard as Yankees fans.

► Apparently, the curveball has been eliminated from MLB. Before the start

of last Saturday's Yanks-Red Sox, Fox listed the kinds of pitches thrown by Boston starter **Kutter Crawford**, including "20 percent sweepers." No curveballs were listed, as if he doesn't throw a curveball, only "sweepers," which were in-

vented last season.

► Reader Bob Dahat figures that **Pete Alonso** will soon switch to "OMFG!" And all those SNY shots of fans in Citi Field dressed as Grimace have quickly grown tired and unamusing.

By MARK W. SANCHEZ

Gerrit Cole was inconsistent before getting skipped in the rotation due to body fatigue. Luis Gil has straightened himself out, but his escalating innings total is concerning. Nestor Cortes and Marcus Stroman have taken large steps back after solid starts to their seasons.

Is Carlos Rodon, a flop last season, suddenly the most dependable Yankees starter?

Rodon was solid again and pitched better than his 5 $\frac{1}{3}$ -inning, three-run line in the Yankees' 8-3 win over the Blue Jays in The Bronx on Saturday.

"That's why we went out and got him a couple years ago," Aaron Judge said of Rodon, who has allowed just six earned runs in his past three starts. "He's an incredible pitcher."

The lefty had electric stuff in striking out eight and allowing just three hits while walking two. He dazzled against eight Toronto batters and struggled against Vladimir Guerrero Jr., which is understandable with the Yankees killer.

Guerrero smoked a home run in the first inning, and the Blue Jays didn't get another base runner until the fourth and another run until the sixth.

Rodon's fastball touched 99.6 mph, his second-fastest pitch of the season, and he induced 13 of his 17 whiffs on a good four-seamer with life. He has added to his arsenal this season, which might be making his trusted four-seamer more effective.

"I think [my fastball is] opening back up after using the secondaries a little more, especially in hitters' counts," Rodon said. "Got

some fastballs by guys today."

Rodon's only true bit of trouble after the first inning arrived in the sixth, when he walked George Springer before striking out Joey Loperfido with his 100th pitch of the game. Aaron Boone chatted with Rodon on the mound, and Rodon convinced his manager that he

Rodon suddenly Yankees' rock in sputtering rotation

should see Guerrero one more time.

Rodon pumped in a 99.6-mph fastball just off the plate, but Guerrero

drove it down the right-field line for a double.

"The last pitch I threw was 100 [mph] away, and he shoots it to right," said

Rodon, who watched Jake Cousins allow two inherited runners to score in the only instance of the bullpen getting dented on the

afternoon. "I tip my cap on that."

Part of an otherwise struggling rotation, Rodon's ERA is back down to 4.37 and trending the right way — as is his stuff.

"I thought stuff-wise, he was really good again," Boone said. "I thought the fastball got better as he went. ... Good job of mixing really all day."

Gleyber gets message after Friday's benching

By MARK W. SANCHEZ

A day later, all eyes were on Gleyber Torres — including the approving eyes of Aaron Boone.

Torres was back in the lineup, hustled and went 1-for-4 with a walk during Saturday's 8-3 win over the Blue Jays in The Bronx after getting pulled for not running hard three innings into the previous night's loss.

It was a one-day punishment for Torres, who Boone said handled it well.

Effort was on display especially in the fifth inning, when Torres (who had singled) sprinted to sec-

ond base on a Jazz Chisholm Jr. ground ball to first. Vladimir Guerrero Jr. picked up the ball, dropped it, stepped on the base and threw to second base a split-second too late, Torres sliding in safely.

"Really hot day today," Boone said. "I thought the guys got after it."

Boone, on Friday unhappy with Torres' effort on a play in which he crushed a pitch off the left-field wall that became a long single — which burned the Yankees when Torres was thrown out at home on an Anthony Volpe double — was happy with the way Torres responded.

In the immediate aftermath Friday, Torres returned to the dugout

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and cheered on his teammates. After that night's loss to the Blue Jays, Torres accepted responsibility in a media session and apologized to fans and teammates.

"He is an enormous part of this team, a key cog in what we're doing," Boone said. "As I've told him, if we're going to get to where we want to go, he's an important part of that."

Boone did not offer a whole lot more clarity about the reasoning behind a benching that he called a "gray area" and "nuanced." It was

not simply about a hitter not sprinting to first base on a ball that hitter believed would be a home run; Boone (and the other 29 MLB managers) would have to bench just about everyone if such an action was punished.

"I felt convicted and strongly in that moment that I needed to do that," said Boone, who also had sat down a slumping Torres after he did not run out a ground ball in a June game against the Mets. "I'm not peeling the onion back too much for you."

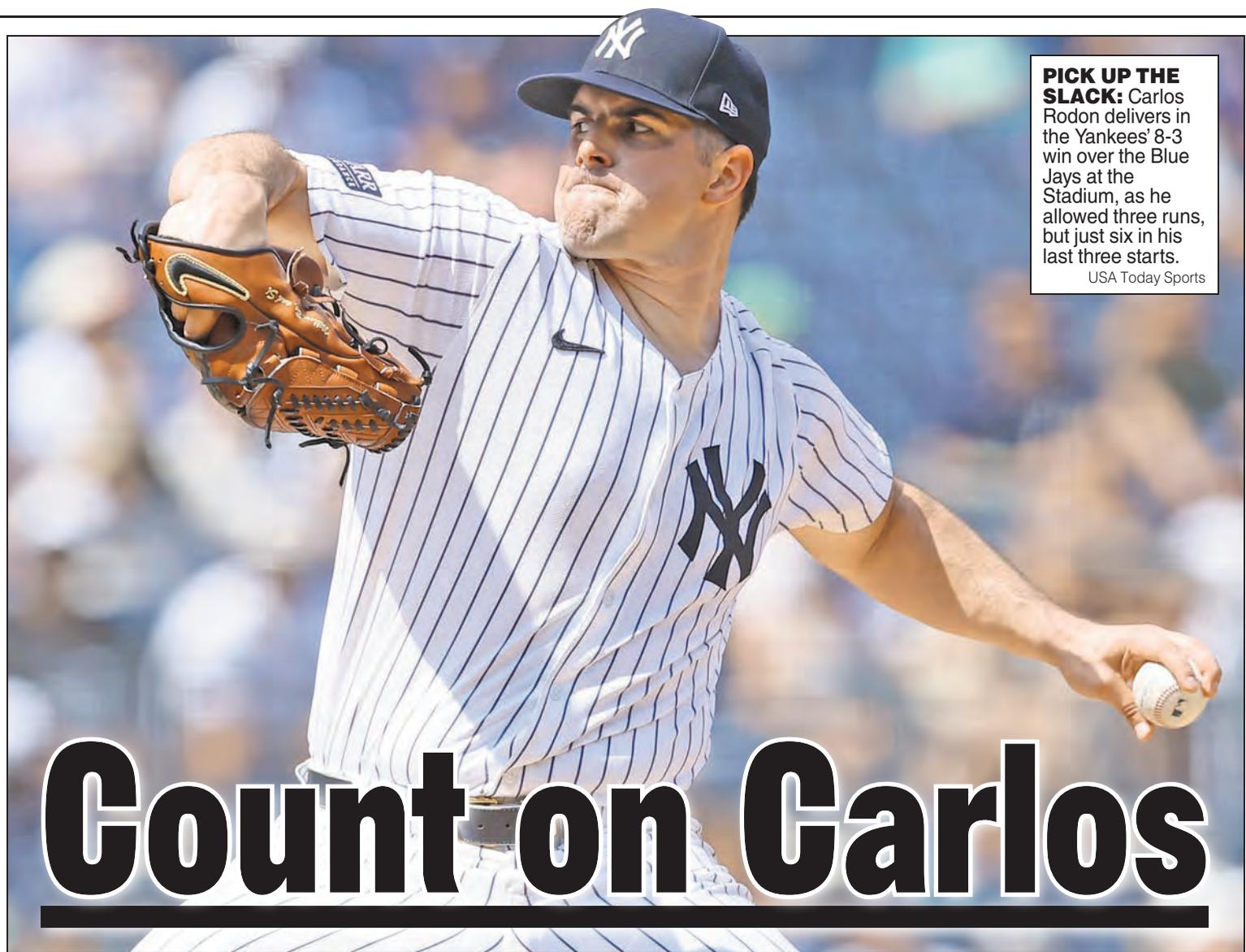
► **Aaron Judge**, who seems to find a new way to astound every

day, reached base four of five times including a two-run homer (his 41st) in the first inning and a two-out, bases-empty, intentional walk in the second inning.

The Blue Jays did not want to pitch to him. **Austin Wells** followed with a single, but Torres struck out.

► **Deadline acquisition Mark Leiter Jr.** made his home debut and allowed three singles that loaded the bases in the ninth inning.

After recording two outs, Leiter was pulled for **Clay Holmes**, who struck out **George Springer** to record his 23rd save.



PICK UP THE SLACK: Carlos Rodon delivers in the Yankees' 8-3 win over the Blue Jays at the Stadium, as he allowed three runs, but just six in his last three starts.
USA Today Sports

Count on Carlos



at Angels
Sunday, 4:07 p.m.,
SNY, WCBS (880 AM)

LHP Jose Quintana



2024 stats:
6-6, 3.89 ERA

Career vs. LAA:
1-3, 4.18 ERA

Last start:
Monday vs. MIN;
6.0 IP, 5 H, 1 ER

PITCH BREAKDOWN

30% Sinker **23%** Curveball **21%** Fastball

RHP Griffin Canning



2024 stats:
3-10, 5.25 ERA

Career vs. NYM:
0-0, 1.29 ERA

Last start:
Tuesday vs. COL;
6.0 IP, 6 H, 6 ER

PITCH BREAKDOWN

36% Fastball **27%** Changeup **23%** Slider

UP NEXT

MONDAY: at Cardinals
5:15 p.m., SNY, WCBS
LHP Sean Manaea
vs. RHP Andre Pallante

TUESDAY: at Rockies
8:40 p.m., SNY, WCBS
TBD vs. TBD

INJURY REPORT

■ **Starling Marte** expects to begin playing in minor league rehab games at some point this week. The outfielder, who was placed on the injured list on June 25 with a bone bruise in his right knee, is scheduled to report to Port St. Lucie on Monday.

ANGELS & DEMONS



By MIKE PUMA

ANAHEIM, Calif. — The Mets' revamped bullpen hiccupped loudly for the first time on Saturday.

Huascar Brazoban, a reliever acquired from the Marlins on Tuesday just ahead of the trade deadline, was entrusted a seventh-inning lead against the Angels, and he started easily enough with two strikeouts. But the fireballing right-hander never got the third out, and this night at Disneyland became a car wreck on the I-5 Freeway for the Mets.

Brazoban surrendered a three-run homer to Zach Neto, and the Mets never recovered in a 5-4 loss at Angel Stadium. The loss was the Mets' second in three games.

J.D. Martinez's grand slam in the seventh that gave the Mets their only runs should have provided the knockout punch, but the Angels rallied against Brazoban in the bottom of the inning.

Old bullpen woes come back to haunt

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Brazoban struck out Jo Adell and Matt Thaiss to begin the frame, but then it got messy. Michael Stefanic singled and Nolan Schanuel walked before Neto's three-run blast on a cutter — the eighth pitch of the at-bat — put the Angels back in front at 5-4.

"I felt like I pitched well, but I left that pitch up in the zone," Brazoban said through an interpreter. "That was the pitch that ended up costing us the game."

The right-hander is one of three relievers on the major league roster the Mets traded for in July. The Mets also traded for Phil Ma-

ton and Ryne Stanek in an attempt to bolster a unit that has suffered from injuries and underperformance.

"[Brazoban] has gotten big outs before, and he's got a big arm," manager Carlos Mendoza said. "We brought him in here to be in those situations."

The Mets had their chance to at least tie in the eighth following Mark Vientos' leadoff double. But Luis Torrens, Jeff McNeil and Tyrone Taylor went meekly against the Angels bullpen. Ben Joyce, who recorded the final out in the eighth for the Angels, worked a perfect ninth for the save. Joyce struck out Martinez on a 104.7 mph fastball to end the game. It was the fastest strikeout pitch in the pitch-tracking era that began in 2008, ac-

ording to Sarah Langs.

"I don't think I have ever seen a fastball like that," Martinez said. "It's the fastest fastball I have ever faced. He threw it and I laughed after he struck me out. I was kind of smiling and was like, 'Whoa.' I had to look up at the radar."

David Peterson was sharp for the Mets, allowing two earned runs on six hits with one walk and four strikeouts over six innings. It was a rebound performance from the lefty, who allowed four earned runs over five innings in a loss to the Braves last Sunday.

Peterson walked the second batter he faced in the game, Neto, and it cost him. With two outs Kevin Pillar delivered an RBI single that produced the game's first run.

OUT OF IT: Jeff McNeil complains about a call at second base early in the Mets' 5-4 loss to the Angels on Saturday as new reliever Huascar Brazoban (inset) gave up a go-ahead three-run homer after J.D. Martinez pulled the Mets ahead with a grand slam.

USA TODAY Sports; AP



Mets after go-ahead slam

Pillar, who played for the Mets in 2021, went full extension in the top of the inning to rob Francisco Lindor of an extra-base hit leading off the game. Pillar belly-flopped on the warning track in left-center with the ball in his glove for the defensive gem.

Lindor had his own defensive beauty in the second when he charged to field Matt Thaiss' chopper behind the mound and threw off balance to Pete Alonso, who lunged to receive the ball and somehow kept his foot on first base.

Neto's RBI single in the fifth put the Mets in a 2-0 hole. Thaiss hit a broken-bat grounder past third base for a leadoff double before Neto delivered a solid single to right with two outs. During the at-bat Pe-

erson received a visit, but without much discussion was allowed to continue.

The Mets loaded the bases in the seventh on walks to Jeff McNeil and Nimmo with a Lindor single sandwiched in-between. Martinez worked ahead in the count to 2-0 before jumping on a sinker from Hunter Strickland and clearing the center-field fence to give the Mets a 4-2 lead. The grand slam was Martinez's second in eight days — he blasted one against the Braves on July 26 at Citi Field — and the 10th of his career.

"Any time we get the lead late in the game, the bullpen has been good at the back end, and we definitely think we are going to hold off," Martinez said.

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Sproat may potentially be late-season call-up

By MIKE PUMA

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Brandon Sproat's latest dominant pitching performance earned him a bump within one stop of the major leagues.

A day after striking out 13 batters for Double-A Binghamton, the stud right-hander was promoted Saturday to Triple-A Syracuse. Sproat, who began the season at High-A Brooklyn, has appeared in 17 games overall and pitched to a 2.05 ERA with 110 strikeouts in 87 ²/₃ innings.

Sproat concluded his outing against New Hampshire on Friday with 11 straight strikeouts. The MLB record is 10 consecutive strikeouts. Only two of the outs Sproat recorded over five innings weren't by strikeout.

The 23-year-old Sproat, with his 100-mph heat, is clearly on the Mets' radar as a potential late-season call-up.

"We are paying attention, especially after an outing like last night," manager Carlos Mendoza said before the Mets lost 5-4 to the Angels. "It's good to see our guys develop and continue to make progress and we are definitely going to need a lot of them and are continu-



MOVIN' ON UP: Mets minor leaguer Brandon Sproat finished his outing against New Hampshire on Friday with 11 straight strikeouts. Sproat was promoted to Triple-A Syracuse on Saturday. Getty Images

ing to pay close attention."

Mendoza wouldn't say if there had been conversations about bringing Sproat directly to the Mets.

"We just want him to continue to develop," Mendoza said. "Hopefully he continues to put himself where he's in the conversation."

➤ The Mets released **Jake Diekman**. The lefty reliever was designated for assignment by the club earlier in the week.

➤ **Pete Alonso** entered play Saturday with three ho-

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mers in his past five games. It followed a stretch in which Alonso hit only three homers in three weeks. The recent surge was enough to push Alonso back into the team lead with 23 homers, one ahead of **Francisco Lindor**.

"I have felt pretty good at the dish for a long time now," Alonso said. "I am just happy that balls, line drives, are starting to carry over the fence so it's a nice happy accident just trying to hit a line drive."

➤ **Reed Garrett** was scheduled to pitch Saturday for Double-A Binghamton in his first minor league rehab appearance since he was placed on the injured list last month with right elbow swelling, but the game was rained out.

➤ Mendoza cited **Jose Butto's** recent usage in the decision to limit the right-hander to two innings in relief on Friday instead of letting him pursue a second straight three-inning save. The Mets have been keeping Butto extended with the possibility he will be utilized in the starting rotation.

After losing job, Baty back in plans

By MIKE PUMA

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Brett Baty disappeared from the Mets' scene two months ago, and with each big hit by his replacement at third base, he appears further in the rearview mirror.

But even with Mark Vientos' success, the Mets haven't forgotten about Baty, who is thriving in his first extended stretch playing at Triple-A. The 24-year-old Baty entered Saturday with a .274/.373/.524 slash line with 11 homers and 34 RBIs in 43 games for Syracuse after beginning the season as the Mets' starter at third base.

Baty's work at Syracuse has included 17 games at second base, a position he never previously played.

"He has been playing well defensively and I think his production has been good," Mets president of baseball operations David Stearns said. "Really that is what he needs to keep doing right now and when there's an opportunity, force his way into the lineup."

Vientos isn't providing an opening. After losing the third base job to Baty in spring training, Vientos started producing

immediately upon his return to the Mets in May — at a time the lineup was in need of a jolt — and has kept going. Vientos, 24, entered play at Angel Stadium with a .284/.339/.555 slash line with 16 homers and 42 RBIs in 64 games for the Mets.

The Mets' need at third base last season perhaps pushed Baty into a starting role before he was ready. After a fast start for the club, Baty struggled and was optioned to Syracuse in August before rejoining the Mets in September, with the Mets still searching for a third base answer.

For this season, at least, it might not be so simple for Baty to return.

"[Vientos] has done a real nice job here, so Brett's job is to continue to get better so that when the opportunity presents itself he will be able to take advantage of it," Stearns said.

One possibility is Baty will be recalled to provide a left-handed bat off the bench in September, when rosters can expand to 28 players. Within the minor leagues, Baty is still viewed as the organization's best at initiating hard contact.

"He is hitting the ball hard — and as long as he keeps doing that I think he will be in a good spot," Stearns said.

POWERFUL MESSAGE

Criticized for lack of hustle, Bombers respond — and show value of long ball

By MARK W. SANCHEZ

On two occasions Saturday, the Yankees' hustle was rewarded. A sprinting Ben Rice made the Blue Jays pay when they literally dropped the ball. Gleyber Torres — yes, Gleyber Torres — dashed hard from first base to second to beat out what might have been a double play.

Both Rice and Torres came around to score on home runs, which are advisable for teams that train a spotlight on effort levels: Hit the ball far enough, and you can run as slowly as you want.

After Aaron Boone sent a message to the entire club Friday by benching Torres because the second baseman turned a potential double into a single, the Yankees responded by hustling — but more notably, by swatting three dingers that allowed them to ease around the bases in an 8-3 win over the Blue Jays in front of 40,218 sweaty fans in The Bronx.

The Yankees (66-46) bounced back from an all-around poor night and won their sixth game in seven tries using their legs, but using their might more.

"Long ball was big for us today," Boone said after powerful swings from Aaron Judge (his 41st homer in yet another ridiculous season), Trent Grisham (seventh) and Anthony Volpe (11th) accounted for the first six of their eight runs, which proved plenty for Carlos Rodon and the Yankees bullpen.

Rodon allowed a solo shot to Vladimir Guerrero Jr. in the first inning before Judge gave the Yankees their first lead of the series and one that they would not surrender. The captain cranked a two-run homer into the visiting bullpen in left-center to tie 1927 Babe Ruth for the

most first-inning home runs (16) in a single season in franchise history.

Judge has another 50 games if he wants to pass Ruth.

"It's surreal," Judge said about his company. "Anytime you hear any of those greats that are all around this building, all around the stadium, it's almost kind of make believe, some of the stuff they did.

"To be mentioned in any type of category with those guys, it's quite an honor."

The Yankees wouldn't face much drama the rest of the way, a respite after a dramatic Friday.

A night earlier, Torres was pulled after three innings for not hustling on a play that eventually cost the Yankees a run. The Yankees appeared to be on high alert Saturday, running out just about everything and converting two close plays into runs.

In the second inning, Rice sent a hopper to second baseman Spencer Horwitz, who dropped the ball, picked it up and fired to first base a split-second too late. The rookie had hustled and reached on an error, which ensured there was a runner on base for Grisham's blast to right that put the Yankees up three.

The lead was stretched to five in the fifth, when Torres' legs came through. After singling, Torres sprinted from first to second base on a Jazz Chisholm Jr. ground ball to first. Guerrero dropped the ball, stepped on the base and threw to second, where Torres beat the tag by a hair.

Three pitches later, Volpe crushed his

fifth home run in his past 11 games.

"Really hot day today, and I thought the guys got after it," Boone said. "But I feel like that's been the case. ... Those are two big plays to extend innings."

The hustle helped. The muscles helped more.

Volpe, in particular, has been a different slugger on the other side of the All-Star break. He denied he has made much of an approach change, but his shot to left field was another example of the shortstop perhaps trying to pull the ball more often.

"Talk about not being a finished product offensively," Boone said of Volpe, who owns an eight-game hitting streak and a two-game homering streak. "But man, the guy just has the ability to make adjustments."

The Blue Jays answered with two runs in the sixth inning against Rodon and Jake Cousins, but that is as close as they would come, in part because they left the bases loaded in the ninth inning.

Insurance arrived in the late innings. In the seventh, Volpe reached out and poked a single into left to drive in Judge (who was on base in four of five plate appearances, including a bases-empty intentional walk) for a four-run edge.

The lead became five in the eighth, when Austin Wells stroked an RBI single.

Fittingly, the Yankees ran away with this one.

"The way the guys are putting at-bats together and swinging it right now," Rodon said, "We keep doing that ... we can win a lot of games for sure."

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STRONG START:

Aaron Judge crushes a two-run homer — his 41st of the season — in the first inning of the Yankees' 8-3 win over the Blue Jays at the Stadium on Saturday.

Jason Szenes

Montefiore Einstein

Official Hospital of the New York Yankees

IT'S BECOME clear now. Gleyber Torres is taking the term "walk year" a little too literally.

Yankees manager Aaron Boone was more revelatory the day after he abandoned character and pulled free-agent-to-be Torres for his controversial, crushed walk-on single. However, it still isn't known exactly why Boone — after watching Torres occasionally play at half speed over more than a half-decade — finally on Friday removed Torres from a game for failing to hustle.

I mean, this is seven years of steady, unrepentant nonchalance. Was this baseball's example of a seven-year itch? Did Boone finally hit his limit? Did someone from above signal to Boone that enough was enough?

And why did Boone wait a half inning to lift Torres? While the manager first suggested after Friday's game he didn't want to disrupt Oswaldo Cabrera from his bench perch, Boone conceded on Saturday that by eschewing the option to pull Torres off the field, he also hoped to limit the "theater."

However this was decided, bravo to Boone.

This sort of casualness carried on too long already. Boone called it a "learning experience" for all, and while I'd suggest this wasn't exactly an honors class since it took until Torres is two months from freedom, this could well become a turning point for an inconsistent squad. (They did beat a B-lineup Blue Jays team 8-3 Saturday.)

Yes, the Yankees remain tied atop the allegedly tough AL East. But this group needs a boost — actually, a few boosts. While the other allegedly great teams — the Phillies and rival Orioles — are somehow stinking a lot worse lately, it's becoming clearer here: it'll take more than two superstars to comprise a champion.

The first lift came when Brian Cashman and Co. imported energetic, dynamic Jazz Chisholm Jr., who's more talented and famous (along with superstars Aaron Judge, Bryce Harper and Shohei Ohtani, he's a past cover boy of the "MLB The Show" video game) than his solid résumé suggests.

Chisholm — who told me Saturday he begged his minors coaches to let



THAT'S MORE LIKE IT: Gleyber Torres slides safely into second base to beat out a throw in the fifth inning before scoring on Anthony Volpe's home run — a day after he was benched for not hustling. Jason Szenes

Running down Torres won't solve all issues

him play third base — immediately embraced third, which, to borrow a phrase by great American Ron Washington in "Moneyball," is incredibly difficult.

Chisholm brings panache to a mostly staid clubhouse that needed it. He also provides an accidental counterpoint to Torres' too-cool approach.

Quick reminder: Here's how the two youngish infielders responded when the subject of third base naturally came up. (It arose because DJ LeMahieu, now baseball's most expensive defensive replacement, looks like he's on his last legs at bat.)

Chisholm said, sure, give me a shot. (That's a paraphrase.)

Torres said: "I'm a second baseman. I play second." (Unfortunately, that's a direct quote.)

While Torres appropriately and readily admitted the obvious, that his lack of hustle on the off-the-wall single was his fault, it remains mysterious why he didn't know it was wrong to play at his own pace since arriving from Chicago.

(To be fair, that might have something to do with no one saying anything in forever.)

Boone suggested he didn't do it to get Torres going — he's already going better, at least by the early-season standard he set — but maybe it wakes up his whole underachieving team. Torres' lack of hustle probably cost the Yankees a base in defeat, but maybe this surprising turn shocks a team that used to be 29 games over but isn't anymore.

Frankly, there are bigger problems than a bag here or there.

The biggest one might be the rotation that isn't close to reaching its potential. We know that because we saw how good they all could be in the first half, and that was before reigning Cy Young winner Gerrit Cole returned.

Carlos Rodon, Marcus Stroman and Luis Gil pitched at All-Star level early. But none of them is consistently quite that good lately. And Cole is frustrated not being himself yet. One good, one bad isn't his thing.

The Yankees understood at the deadline they needed to upgrade. But in an all-time sellers market, it was the worst time ever to buy a starter.

The Yankees were told with a week to go they "didn't match up" for White Sox star reliever-turned-starter Garrett Crochet, who didn't go anywhere after it was revealed by The Post that he sought an extension to pitch in October.

They pulled back or backed out on Jack Flaherty after his medicals highlighted a lower back situation despite Flaherty's amazing 2024 seven-to-one strike-to-walk rate.

And in the big one, the Yankees balked at the Giants' insistence that they take Blake Snell's contract as is, including a \$30 million 2025 player option. The Yankees want to use that loot to retain Juan Soto, who's one half of the best one-two punch in MLB (well, almost half; Judge does have 41 home runs after all).

That may be a mistake as Snell, who'd never before pitched into the ninth inning, threw a no-hitter Friday, lowering his ERA over his last five games to 0.55. That's the ace the Yankees need! In the grand scheme of things, Torres' indifferent baserunning and the loss of a base may wind up being a one-day diversion compared to that Snell call.

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INJURY REPORT

■ Right-hander **Clarke Schmidt** (right lat strain) said he will throw his first live session on Tuesday since suffering the injury.

■ First baseman **Anthony Rizzo** (right forearm fracture) has begun swinging, Aaron Boone said Saturday, though he still has "a ways to go" before he could return.



vs. Blue Jays
Sunday, 1:35 p.m.,
YES, WFAN

RHP Gerrit Cole



2024 stats:

3-2, 5.40 ERA

Career vs. TOR:
9-2, 2.73 ERA

Last start:
July 24, vs. NYM;
5.2 IP, 8 H, 6 ER

PITCH BREAKDOWN

45% Fastball | **22%** Cutter | **15%** Curve

RHP Yariel Rodriguez



2024 stats:
1-4, 4.31 ERA

Career vs. NYJ:
First start

Last start:
Mon., at BAL;
0.2 IP, 1 H, 3 ER

PITCH BREAKDOWN

46% Fastball | **25%** Slider | **10%** Curve

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TUESDAY:
vs. Angels, 7:05 p.m.,
YES, WFAN
TBD vs. TBD

WEDNESDAY:
vs. Angels 7:05 p.m.,
YES, WFAN
TBD vs. TBD

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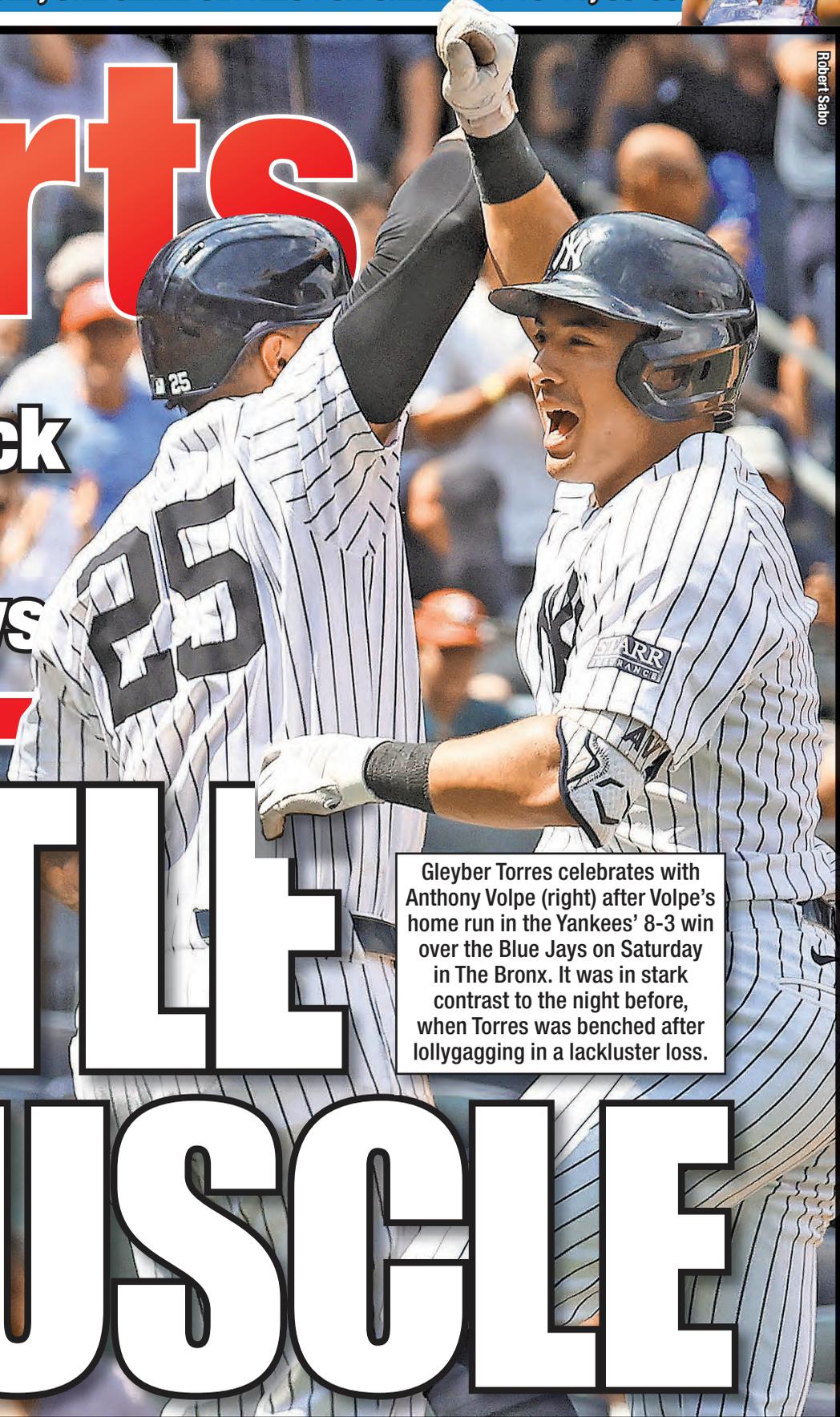
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Gleyber Torres celebrates with Anthony Volpe (right) after Volpe's home run in the Yankees' 8-3 win over the Blue Jays on Saturday in The Bronx. It was in stark contrast to the night before, when Torres was benched after lollygagging in a lackluster loss.

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