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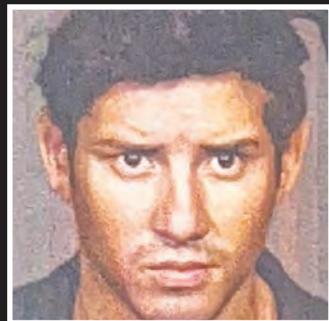
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MIGRANT RAPE HORROR

Two migrants were busted in the rape of a woman at knifepoint on Coney Island on Sunday — Leovando Moreno, 37 of Mexico (below, left) and Nicaraguan Daniel Davon-Bonilla, 24 (below, right), who *already* has been arrested for sex assault in the US.

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Brutal attack on Coney Is.



Getty Images

By STEVEN NELSON

Bronx Rep. Ritchie Torres is asking the Drug Enforcement Administration for information after city health officials detected elephant tranquilizer carfentanil and veterinary anesthetic medetomidine in Big Apple street drugs.

Carfentanil, a more powerful cousin of fentanyl, was found in small quantities in eight samples of local opioids between March and June, including two cases in which the user overdosed, according to the city Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Medetomidine was found in one Bronx sample in June.

"I am writing to inquire about the actions that the ... [DEA] has taken or will take to disrupt the supply chains that perpetuate the spread of carfentanil in America's largest city," Democrat Torres wrote to DEA chief Anne Milgram.

'Deadly crisis deadlier'

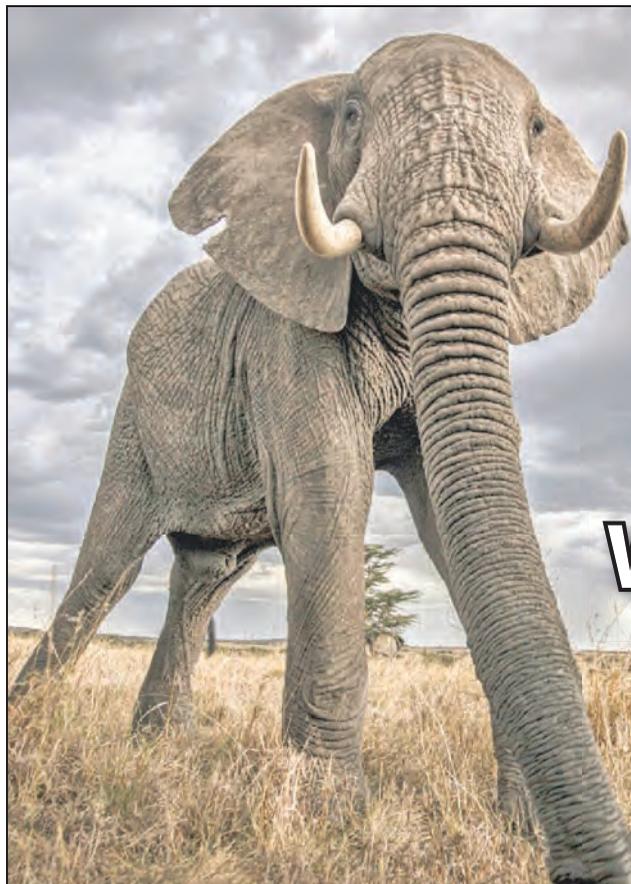
"The spread of carfentanil ... would make the deadliest drug crisis far deadlier — by orders of magnitude," Torres wrote. "Given the growing presence of carfentanil in NYC and the profound threat it poses to both public safety and public health, I am seeking clarity about the DEA's law enforcement efforts in ... combating carfentanil supply chains."

The composition of street drugs and the risk they pose to users has evolved significantly over time, sending US overdose deaths to an all-time high in 2022. National and New York state fatalities dipped only slightly last year, according to preliminary data.

The evolving chemical composition of street drugs has created issues for detection and treatment.

City health officials warned in a recent alert that carfentanil, a synthetic opioid, "was not detected via point-of-care drug-checking technologies" such as fentanyl test strips "due to the technologies' limitations" and was instead found "through secondary laboratory testing."

The city's Office of the Chief Medical Examiner says carfentanil was detected in at least seven cases of fatal drug overdoses between January and June 2024, up



It's powerful enough to bring down one of these — so what's this poison doing in NYC street drugs?

Worse than fentanyl!



ELEPHANT 'GUN': An elephant tranquilizer more powerful than fentanyl and a substance unaffected by overdose antidote naloxone have been found in New York City street drugs.

from three known instances from 2023.

Medetomidine, meanwhile, was found in late June in a sample that also contained fentanyl, the health officials said.

The presence of medetomidine is potentially troubling because its effects can be similar to opioids, but it cannot be treated with the

opioid antidote naloxone.

Medetomidine "is similar to xylazine" — a veterinary painkiller and muscle relaxant commonly cut into street drugs since about 2020 — "but is more potent and causes longer-lasting effects," city officials said.

Health officials recommend "rescue breathing" if apparent

overdose victims do not respond to naloxone due to the possible effects of xylazine and medetomidine.

Xylazine is detected most commonly in the northeastern US, according to federal data, with reports from 2022 showing particular prevalence in New Jersey, but not New York.

The precise contribution of various compounds to overdoses is muddled by the fact that toxicology reports don't always test for all potential substances or describe their specific analogs.

Carfentanil's potential impact has been feared for as long as fentanyl has been prevalent, but it has not eclipsed its better-known relative, although research has shown it has at least contributed

significantly to fatal overdoses in some parts of the country.

Oxy access tightened

A study of drug overdoses in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, which includes the city of Cleveland, found that fentanyl was present among 90% of the 543 overdose victims in 2017, with carfentanil present in 35% of cases, often overlapping.

Opioid addicts largely turned to heroin and other street drugs following the tightening controls on OxyContin and related pain medications, which had been aggressively marketed and heavily dispensed legally, hooking Americans through broad dispensation peaking in 2010.

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Lowdown on lovely Lohan

Lindsay Lohan or the Little Mermaid? The actress flowed into the 2024 Disney Legends awards ceremony on Sunday in Anaheim, Calif., in a sea-green Jil Sander gown fit for a princess. She presented her “Freaky Friday” co-star Jamie Lee Curtis with an award — as the pair work on the hit flick’s long-awaited sequel.

‘Chi Chi’ dies at 68

Actor Angel Salazar, best known for his role as Chi Chi in the hit 1983 film “Scarface,” has died at age 68.

Salazar “passed away in his sleep” at his friend’s home in Brooklyn, “over the weekend,” his rep Ann Wingsong confirmed to TMZ.



A friend went to check on the actor Sunday morning and found his body in his bed.

An official cause of death has not been

revealed. However, Wingsong said that Salazar (inset) suffered from heart issues.

The actor, who was born in 1956, landed the role of Chi Chi — the sidekick to Al Pacino’s iconic Tony Montana character — early in his career.

The film became an instant cult classic.

Nika Shakhnazarova

‘Milk’ of human love

Some breast-feeding Irish moms rushed to help a pregnant orangutan who didn’t know how to feed her babies — personally demonstrating their technique to her through glass.

The teaching took place over the past few months at the Dublin Zoo, before Mujur delivered her healthy boy July 31, officials said.

Mujur, 19, had given birth in 2019 and 2022, but both babies died when she didn’t “exhibit the necessary maternal qualities,” so something else had to be tried this time, the zoo said. David Propper



IT’S UGLY, BUT WHAT THE CELL



HEAR YE: A car cell antenna ain’t pretty but popular in the Hamptons.

Hamptons signal boost

By LYDIA MOYNIHAN

The hottest new accessory in the Hamptons this summer isn’t from Hermès or Loro Piana.

It’s a clunky cellphone signal booster that exasperated Hamptonsites are affixing to their cars to improve their reception in the notorious dead zone.

“There is better cell service in Bangladesh than here,” one Sag Harbor resident complained to The Post.

The devices, made by companies such as weBoost, Wilson Amplifiers and Cel-Fi, sell for around \$500. They have long been popular with truck drivers on long-haul cross-country trips or adventurers traversing the Rocky Mountains. Now, they’re in vogue with a more posh crowd.

There’s a hitch, though: The gadgets are bulky and ugly, with not one but three parts.

There’s a 7.5-inch antenna — which can be extended more than three feet — that must be attached to the outside of the car near the center of the roof.

The wire from that antenna is then threaded into the car — either by awkwardly putting it through the window and rolling it up or by drilling a small incision into the roof of the car — where it is connected to a booster box that’s slightly bigger than an iPhone and typically rests on the back seat or floor.

The awkward setup can

be worth it. Wilson Amplifiers claims its boosters increase signal strength by “up to 32 times.”

Hamptonites are finding themselves torn between having better cell service and keeping their luxury autos pristine.

“It’s not going on the Ferrari,” sniffed a vintage auto collector who keeps eight cars at his Southampton home. He is planning to order a booster but will only attach it to one of his more “practical” cars like a 1977 Ford Bronco, he said.

Bad reception area

Cell reception in the Hamptons has long been an issue, especially during the busy months when city folks and their iPhones come up for the weekends en masse, temporarily tripling or even quadrupling the population in some areas. But mobile telecom companies seeking to build new cell towers have been met with pushback.

“The terrible service is the direct result of NIMBYism and now residents are paying the price,” the Sag Harbor resident said.

Hamptonites are fed up.

“It’s a huge safety issue, as more and more homes cut land lines and the problem is exacerbated with [the growing] number of visitors,” said a year-round resident of Noyack in Southampton.

“People are so desperate,” the Sag Harbor source added, “[that] the most vain people are willing to put an ugly extension on their car.”

'RAPE' AT

New York Post, Tuesday, August 13, 2024 nypost.com



REPEAT: Yoheny Brito (right) was out on bail for allegedly beating two cops (above) when he was re-arrested for theft.



Steven Hirsch

Freed in cop beat, he 'robs stores'

A migrant who allegedly led a gang of asylum-seeking thugs in a caught-on-camera beating of two NYPD officers in Times Square and then quickly made bail was just busted for serial theft, police sources say.

Yoheny Brito, 24, of Venezuela was arrested last Tuesday for two thefts at Manhattan Sephora locations: one in July in which he allegedly cut security wires on display cases to steal fragrances, and another Aug. 6, when he ripped off \$1,358 worth of merchandise before fleeing with an accomplice, police sources told *The Post*.

He was previously arrested and released over at least three other thefts — both before and after the Times Square police beatdown.

Brito was one of seven migrants seen punching and kicking an NYPD officer and lieutenant in disturbing video captured the evening of Jan. 27 in Times Square, after officers attempted to break up a rowdy crowd, authorities said.

Yorman Reveron, 24, Jhoan Boada, 22, Wilson Juarez, 21, Darwin Andres Gomez-Izquier, 19, and Kelvin Servita Arocha, 19, were charged with assault on a police officer and obstructing governmental investigation and were released without bail. Boada was later exonerated after prosecutors determined he was not in the video.

Brito was initially also released, but he was taken back into custody after public outcry and ordered held on \$15,000 cash or \$50,000 bond because he was accused of sparking the scuffle and had two pending misdemeanor theft cases.

Rev. Juan Ruiz, the activist minister of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Bay Ridge, put up the \$15,000 to secure his release in February.

Brito was indicted Monday and is being held on \$25,000 cash bond for the July theft. He also is being held on \$50,000 bond on the police assault because of the latest arrests. *Kyle Schnitzer, Joe Marino, Chris Nesi*

Stab near Randall's shelter

A migrant was stabbed just outside the Randall's Island mega shelter Sunday, cops and law-enforcement sources said.

The victim, 26, was knifed in the stomach around 10:30 a.m. at Field 82 on the island — near tents used by migrants at the complex, authorities and sources said.

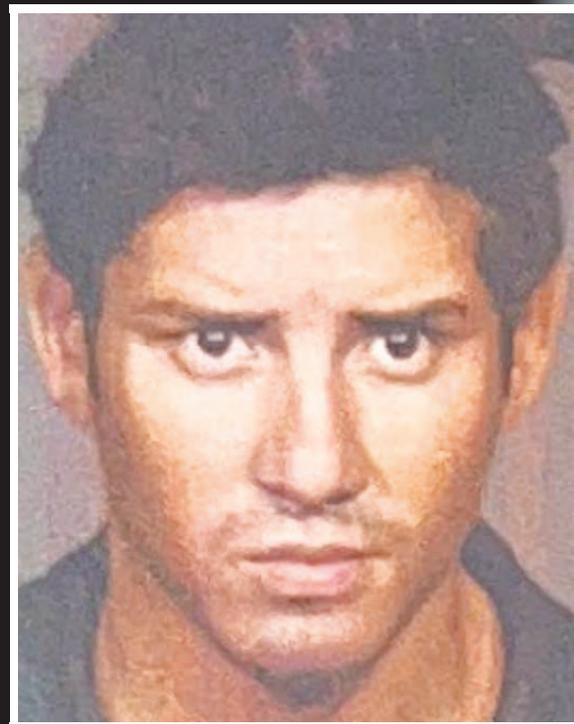
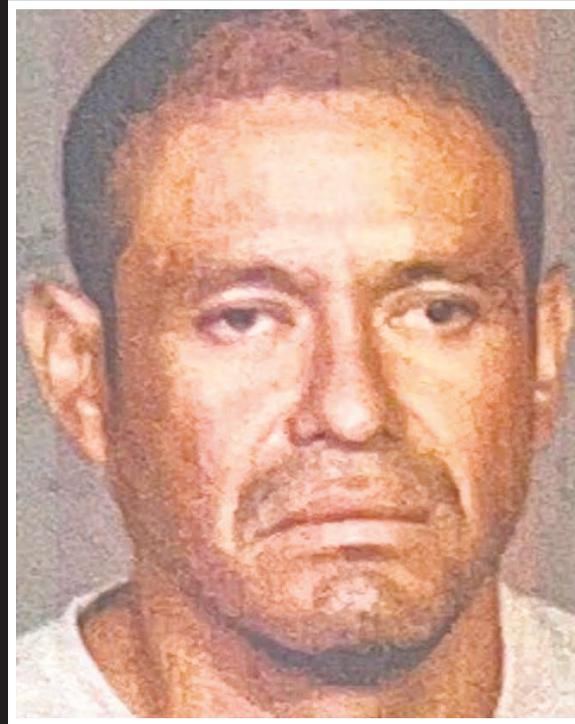
The victim — whom sources identified as a migrant — was taken to Harlem Hospital, where he was listed in stable condition.

The circumstances of the incident were unclear Monday, and no arrests had been made.

A man described as having a light complexion and wearing dark clothing fled the scene, according to cops.

The stabbing is the latest outbreak of violence at the complex, now home to a mega tent shelter housing thousands of asylum-seekers.

Larry Celona, Joe Marino and Amanda Woods



Migrant duo in Coney Is. 'sex attack at knifepoint'

By JOE MARINO, JENNIE TAER and JORGE FITZ-GIBBON

Two migrants were arrested for a knifepoint rape in Coney Island — including one who was released from jail less than two months ago after sexually assaulting another woman at a city-funded shelter, authorities said Monday.

In the latest attack, Daniel Davon-Bonilla, 24, of Nicaragua, allegedly grabbed a 46-year-old woman and threw her to the ground before raping her while holding a knife to her throat on Sunday around 9 p.m. under the Riegelmann Boardwalk, cops and the sources said.

His alleged accomplice, Mexican migrant Leovando Moreno, 37, is accused of hitting the woman's 34-year-old boyfriend with a pipe when he tried to stop the vicious assault, the sources said.

It wasn't the first sex-crime bust for Davon-Bonilla, who is believed to have illegally crossed the US border in Texas in December 2022.

Four months later, he was arrested for allegedly raping a woman at a La Quinta Inn on Third Avenue in Park Slope, Brooklyn that was turned into a migrant shelter.

He spent about a year behind bars before taking a plea deal that put him back on the streets in June, according to correction officials and Brooklyn prosecutors.

Dark underpass

Sunday's horrific attack took place near Surf Avenue and West 16th Street, where a poorly lit walkway leads to a space under the boardwalk.

Locals said vagrants camp out in

and which was littered with drug paraphernalia and cans of White Claw on Monday.

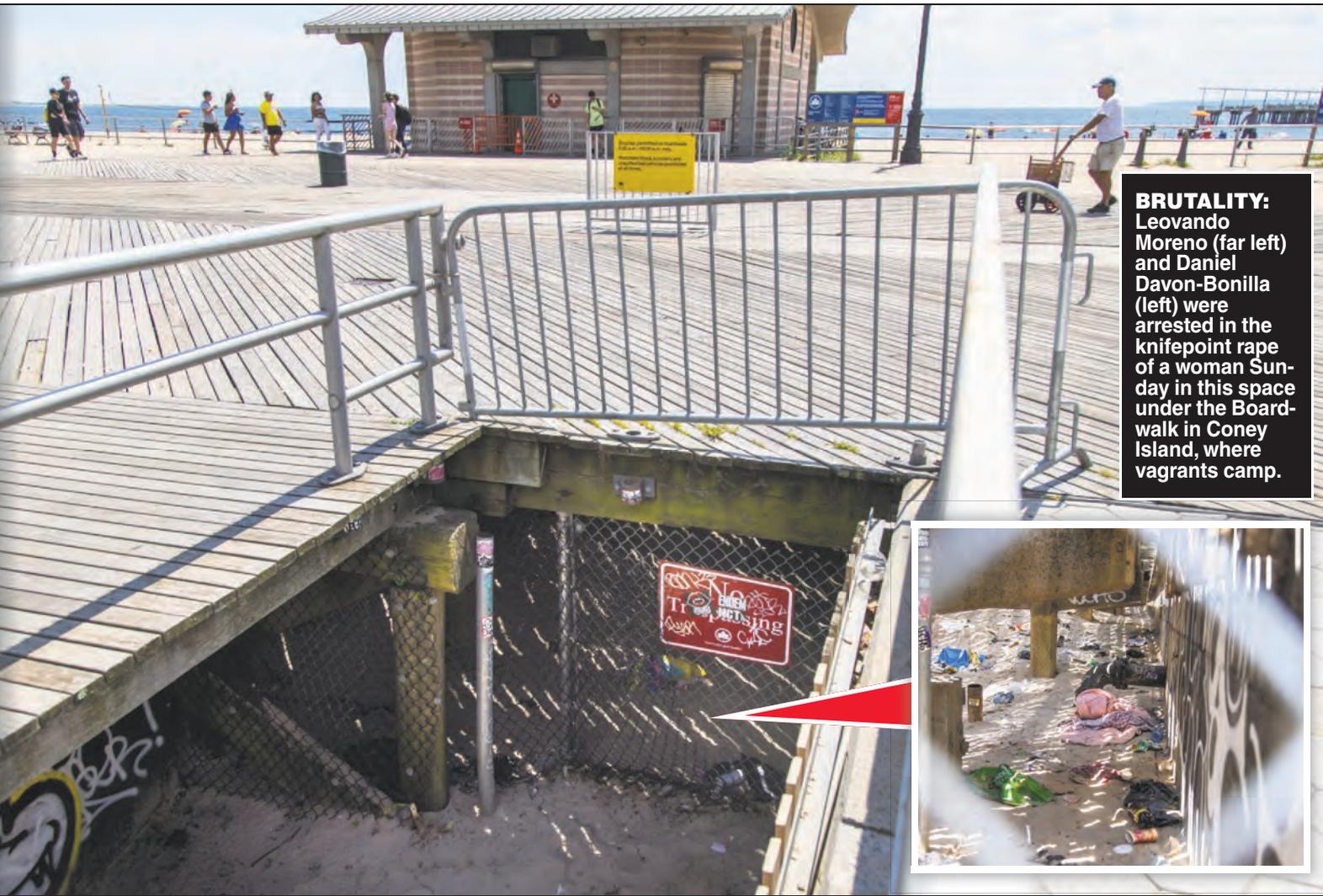
Sources said the victim, who told cops she had been living under the boardwalk with her boyfriend for two weeks, was approached by Davon-Bonilla while she was alone.

He offered her trinkets in exchange for sex, and when she refused, he attacked her, choking her and holding her down while he raped her, the sources said.

The woman's boyfriend showed up during the assault and scuffled with Davon-Bonilla, but was then blindsided from behind by Moreno, according to sources.

Davon-Bonilla was charged with first-degree rape, second-degree assault, first-degree sexual abuse, menacing and criminal possession of a weapon, the sources said. His arraignment in Brooklyn Criminal

BOARDWALK



BRUTALITY: Leovando Moreno (far left) and Daniel Davon-Bonilla (left) were arrested in the knifepoint rape of a woman Sunday in this space under the Boardwalk in Coney Island, where vagrants camp.



Michael Nagle

VICE PRESIDENT HARRIS
Pledged action "on Day 1"

Kam in '19: End private hold sites

Kamala Harris once pledged to "absolutely" close all privately run immigration detention centers "on Day 1" if she were to become president, according to a video obtained by The Post.

The newly resurfaced clip shows then-Sen. Harris (D-Calif.) responding to a question at an October 2019 town hall in Iowa City, Iowa, when she was running as a candidate in the 2020 Democratic presidential primary.

"I want to know, when you become president, would you be committing to close the immigration detention centers?" an attendee asked.

Harris responded: "Absolutely, on day one. On Day 1."

There are about 37,000 migrants in ICE detention nationwide, according to agency statistics — with almost half of them being held in private facilities used by the agency.

As of July, up to 15,000 migrants were being detained across 18 private detention facilities, the stats show.

The Biden administration's policy is to prioritize detaining the most egregious threats to the country, as officials battle a record surge at the US-Mexico border and a lack of detention space.

Of the more than 37,000 migrants in ICE detention centers currently, over 10,000 are convicted criminals, while another 4,000 have pending criminal charges, agency data say.

A spokesperson for Harris' campaign didn't respond to The Post's request for comment.
Jennie Taer and Diana Glebova

Court was pending Monday.

Department of Homeland Security sources said Davon-Bonilla entered the US illegally through Eagle Pass, Texas, on Dec. 7, 2022, and was found by border agents sneaking through the thick brush.

He was taken into Border Patrol custody and told agents at the time that he was going to live in Miami, giving them the address of a homeless shelter.

Davon-Bonilla appears to have eventually moved to New York City, with sources saying he lived at the La Quinta — where he was accused of raping a 34-year-old woman on April 3, 2023, pulling her hair and holding her down as he attacked her, according to a criminal complaint.

He was charged with criminal sexual act, unlawful imprisonment as a hate crime, sexual misconduct and sexual abuse.

The Brooklyn District Attorney's Office said it struck a deal with Davon-Bonilla that granted him credit for time served behind bars in exchange for a guilty plea to assault in the second degree — because the victim did not want to testify.

Back on the streets

City Department of Correction officials said Davon-Bonilla was locked up on Rikers Island from April 4, 2023, until June 24, 2024 — putting him back on the streets less than two months before Sunday's rape.

"After he spent over a year in jail and following the victim's request not to testify in any court proceedings, this defendant was offered a plea of time served and court-managed programming," a spokesman for Brooklyn District Attor-

ney Eric Gonzalez said Monday.

Davon-Bonilla now faces up to seven years in prison for violating the terms of the deal in the 2023 case, the rep said.

It was not clear why Davon-Bonilla was allowed to remain in the US after he was released from jail in June. Immigration officials did not respond to a request for comment Monday.

Sources laid the blame on New York's sanctuary policies, saying they hamper Immigration and Customs Enforcement from deporting dangerous criminals.

"When sanctuary cities and states don't ... work well with ICE, ICE never gets an opportunity to actually do their job and remove subjects with criminal history," one DHS source said.

Another DHS source blamed the Biden administration's limiting "priorities" for immigration en-

forcement and "sanctuary cities not cooperating with ICE."

"I have child molesters that I can't arrest because they're not a priority," griped the source.

Moreno was also awaiting arraignment on charges of second-degree assault and criminal possession of a weapon Monday and was referred for psychiatric evaluation, the sources said.

It is not clear when Moreno entered the country. Sources said he was being sought on a warrant for public lewdness in Seaside Heights, NJ, stemming from an Aug. 16, 2022, incident.

The victim in Sunday's attack was taken to Coney Island Hospital, where she was listed in stable condition. Her boyfriend refused medical attention, sources said.

Additional reporting by Kevin Sheehan, Amanda Woods and Desheania Andrews

Caught up in flames of Eric speech

By CRAIG McCARTHY, LARRY CELONA and MATT TROUTMAN

The FDNY's new commissioner is getting a baptism by fire.

Robert Tucker, who was named the Fire Department head Monday, is already facing fresh fire from rank-and-file firefighters rankled by how the city handled his swearing-in ceremony.

Sources said that Mayor Adams' speech touting former Commissioner Laura Kavanaugh's work fighting lithium-ion battery fires and his promise to quench internal departmental blazes that engulfed her tenure had inflamed many of New York's Bravest.

"The mayor talked about putting out fires, and he started a new one," said one FDNY supervisor.

Some were also stunned that Regina Wilson — an FDNY veteran and head of the black firefighters' group the Vulcan Society who waged a discrimination lawsuit against the department — not only took the stage to speak during the ceremony, in an apparent last-minute addition by City Hall, but also was given final say over the commissioner's appointment.

"The fires burning, it seemed like a self-inflicted wound," one source said. "You're going to equate lithium-ion battery fires with culture inside firehouses — we have a 9/11-related death almost each week."

Some smoke clearing

The supervisor source, however, said Tucker counted as a "double-win" that got rid of Kavanaugh and replaced her with someone who knows the department — before turning to lambasting Adams for seemingly only consulting with the Vulcan Society on the pick.

"Since when do you ask a president of one fraternal group to OK your choice for commissioner?" the source griped. "There are a lot of other groups that would like to be asked. In two-and-a-half years, Mayor Adams hasn't learned anything about politics."

While introducing Tucker at the FDNY Fire Academy building on Randall's Island, Adams brought up longtime cultural "fires that were burning inside the agency"

and the caregivers.

The governor quietly rammed through a measure during state budget negotiations earlier this year to replace the hundreds of financial intermediaries that pay caregivers in the popular Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program,

or CDPAP, with a singular firm to be picked by the Department of Health.

A group representing the "middlemen" firms she is trying to cut out is now suing to halt the proposal.

"This sweeping change... will have the effect of putting hundreds of New York

state companies out of business, costing thousands of jobs, and significantly disrupting services and/or fully depriving Consumers of services within their homes, forcing them to be institutionalized," the group's lawyers wrote in its lawsuit.

Under CDPAP, New York-

discrimination lawsuit that accused her of purging older brass in favor of less-experienced chiefs.

In a speech after his swearing-in, Tucker vowed to make things easier for the Bravest.

"I know my role here. You are out doing the hard job, and I'm here to make that easier," he said.

Additional reporting by Carl Campanile



PASSED TORCH: Mayor Adams swears in Commissioner Robert Tucker Monday at the FDNY Fire Academy.

Matthew McDermott

New commish in heated start

— which some sources said would do more to rekindle controversies over discrimination than extinguish them.

He touted Tucker's résumé and argued he can mend fences inside the department that have been broken for decades.

"I knew that Robert could do it and take this department to the next level," Adams said of the businessman and lawyer with life-

long ties to the FDNY, although no direct firefighting experience.

Tucker's appointment was an unsurprising pick, nearing on an open secret, by Adams after Kavanaugh announced last month that she'd be stepping down following a fraught two-year tenure.

Kavanaugh, the first woman to lead the FDNY, had many clashes with the department's male-dominated culture, including an age-



LAMOR WHITEHEAD
Stuck up for \$400K.

Jail in rob of 'Bling Bishop'

An ex-con who robbed "Bling Bishop" Lamor Whitehead will spend less time in prison than the fraudster pastor he held up at gunpoint during a live-streamed sermon.

Say-Quan Pollack, 25, received a seven-year prison sentence Monday during a hearing in Brooklyn federal court. He pleaded guilty to sticking up the pastor and his wife for \$400,000 on live video during a July 2022 church service.

"Pollack has been held accountable for committing a bold robbery in a house of worship with a gun," said Brooklyn US Attorney Breon Peace in a statement.

Whitehead, who claimed Mayor Adams as a friend and mentor, was slapped with a nine-year sentence in June for defrauding a parishioner's elderly mother of \$90,000 to blow on luxury goods.

Pollack's lawyer, Gary Villanueva, had tried to argue that Whitehead's crimes should lead to a lighter sentence for the robber, but Judge William Kuntz ultimately handed down the 87 months requested by prosecutors.

Matt Troutman

Mich. hopeful in '20 cop rip

In the days after George Floyd's death in 2020, a candidate seeking a toss-up US House seat in Michigan called for police "overhaul" and said police themselves were "born of a structure put in place to oppress," New York Post research found.

Kristen McDonald-Rivet, a Democrat, made the remarks in a June 3, 2020, Facebook post, which is still online.

James Dickson

'Middlemen' sue Kat for home care change

Gov. Hochul's plan to overhaul the fraud-ridden \$8 billion Medicaid home care program — which allows New Yorkers to get paid to take care of elderly adults — is facing a legal challenge from the "middlemen" companies who work as a payroll agent between Medicaid

SHEDDING THEM DOWN

Al fresco fees too pricey for eateries

By NICOLE ROSENTHAL,
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and VALENTINA JARAMILLO

The blighted dining sheds that sprang up en masse during the COVID-19 pandemic could soon be a thing of the past due to strict new regulations — with thousands shuttering across the city as restaurant owners say they aren't worth the cash and hassle.

Dubbed “Dining Out NYC,” the rules that went into effect Aug. 3 mandate restaurant owners to pay both a four-year \$1,050-to-\$2,100 licensing fee and an annual fee based on the size of their sidewalk café — and shell out more if their establishment is below 125th Street in Manhattan.

Eateries must also be able to store the sheds elsewhere from December to April (sidewalk dining will still be permitted year-round); avoid sheds encroaching on trees; maintain sheds at least 15 feet from fire hydrants and ensure ADA-compliant setups, among a bevy of other provisions.



ALL DONE: A worker demolishes the outdoor dining shed at Bricolage in Brooklyn, as pricey new fees are making a once-common pandemic-era sight in city streets and sidewalks (inset) no more.



Christopher Sadowski

“To be able to take it down, put it up, store it — unless you had a huge storefront, I don’t think it’s worth it,” said Maureen Donohue, owner of the 74-year-old Upper East Side mainstay Donohue’s Steakhouse, which tore its sheds down two weeks ago.

The pandemic-era outdoor dining cabin saved Donohue’s

business, she said. The dining cabin once accounted for 35% of revenue — and its loss would make it hard to renew her lease.

“It’s too costly . . . [but] I miss it,” she told The Post.

Donohue isn’t the only one drawing the same cost-benefit conclusion. Less than 2,600 restaurants applied for permits be-

fore last week’s deadline, according to the city Department of Transportation, compared with the roughly 6,000 restaurants that touted COVID-era dining permits as recently as last month.

‘Big and in the way’

Though eateries surveyed by The Post mourned the dining sheds as an additional source of revenue, most deemed the pandemic vestige an expensive headache as a result of this year’s additional regulations.

“There are too many specifications, so we’re going to get rid of this one and that’s it,” said Sam, the morning manager of the Qahwah House café on Bedford Avenue in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. “I get why the city has put in the regulations. Honestly, these structures are big and in the way.”

At its peak, 13,000 dining shed setups were erected during the pandemic. All of those restaurants self-certified under an emergency executive order without an application or approval process, the DOT said.

Mayor rips boards on housing GOP aide quits over panel ‘fail’

Mayor Adams rapped neighborhood activists for refusing to address the city’s housing crunch — including his “City of Yes” plan that would overhaul zoning regulations and allow the construction of tens of thousands of more dwellings.

During his 107.5 WBLS radio show, the mayor and Housing & Preservation Development Commissioner

Adolfo Carrion said 49 of the 59 community boards have failed to produce an adequate supply of housing units.

Ten of the community boards have produced as much new housing as the other 49 combined, they said.

“If we are saying in 49 community boards that you don’t want housing here, that’s a problem,” Adams said Sunday. “We can’t say

on Monday housing is a right and then on Tuesday we say we don’t want it built on our block.”

Thirty-eight community boards have issued nonbinding votes against the City of Yes for Housing, projected to generate 100,000 new apartments and other dwellings over 15 years. Eighteen support the measure; the rest are on the fence. *Carl Campanile*

A Republican aide on the House Foreign Affairs Committee announced Monday that he had “resigned in protest” after the panel “failed to seek answers” and hold the Biden administration “accountable” for the “disastrous” August 2021 Afghanistan withdrawal.

Committee senior investigator Jerry Dunleavy revealed in an X post that he

had submitted his resignation letter on Friday, accusing Foreign Affairs Chairman Michael McCaul (R-Texas) of having broken “promises” made to Gold Star families of the 13 US service members killed in Kabul by an ISIS-K suicide bomber during the botched pullout.

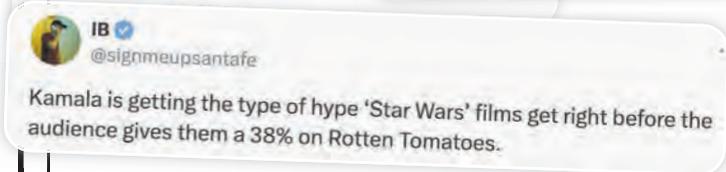
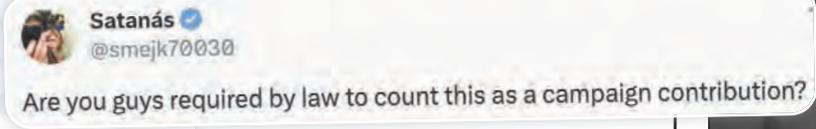
Emily Cassil, a spokeswoman for the committee, responded in a statement:

“Having worked for Chairman McCaul for two years, I can tell you he pours his heart and soul into getting answers for our Gold Star families and Afghanistan veterans.”

The House Foreign Affairs Committee has yet to release its final report on President Biden’s decision to withdraw all US forces from Afghanistan. *Josh Christenson*

ELECTION 2024

Harris cover a Time warp



A-FRONT: Journalists and X users ridicule Time's favorable coverage of Kamala Harris, who has avoided media interviews, including with Time.

By DIANA GLEBOVA

Time magazine was slammed Monday for publishing a fawning cover story featuring Vice President Kamala Harris — despite her refusing an interview with the publication in her long-standing dodging of the press.

Time's front page depicted Harris with her supporters in the background with the phrase, "Her Moment." Inside, author Charlotte Alter wrote that Harris "pulled off the swiftest vibe shift in modern political history."

The piece began with a description of the vibes of Harris' debut with her running mate, Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz: "The soundtrack suggested a Beyoncé concert. The light-up bracelets evoked the Eras Tour. And the exuberant crowd — more than 14,000 strong, lining up

in the rain — resembled the early days of Barack Obama. Inside a Philadelphia arena on Aug. 6, Vice President Kamala Harris was greeted with a kind of reception a Democratic presidential candidate hasn't gotten in years."

Alter argued that the Democratic Party "underestimated" Harris and that the vice presidency hadn't given her the opportunity to "showcase her talents."

Harris has yet to sit down for an interview after replacing President Biden in the presidential race.

Donald Trump's campaign has attacked Harris for her silence in the media. The GOP rival's team has also stressed that it feels outlets are working alongside Harris to boost her image.

In Harris' absence, the Time story quoted allies like Transportation Secretary

Pete Buttigieg, CNN's Bakari Sellers and gun-control activist David Hogg.

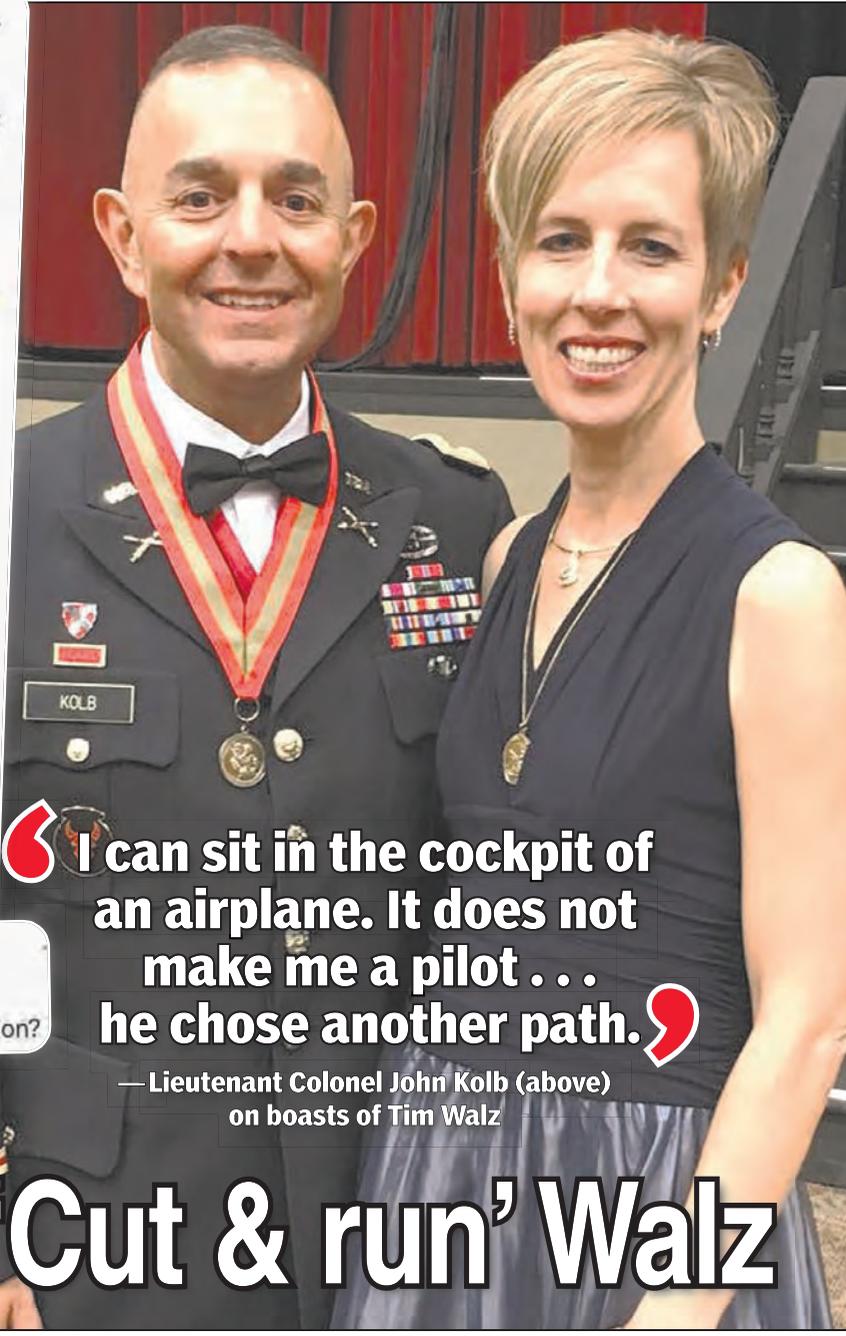
"Elections come down to vibes, and Kamala has got the vibes right now," Hogg said.

Conservatives were quick to criticize Time's coverage.

"The way the US corporate media transformed Kamala Harris from a national embarrassment to a transformative pioneer overnight — without even pretending to care about anything that she thinks or believes — is a powerful testament to how potent the science of propaganda is," journalist Glenn Greenwald posted on X.

Harris also appeared on Time's cover in July, walking into frame as Biden exited.

After pressure from Republicans, Harris vowed Thursday to schedule an interview "before the end of the month." *With Wires*



I can sit in the cockpit of an airplane. It does not make me a pilot... he chose another path.

—Lieutenant Colonel John Kolb (above) on boasts of Tim Walz

'Cut & run' Walz

Hamptons money grab

Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz is heading to the Hamptons this week for a \$50,000-per-ticket fundraiser in his first New York campaign appearance, Page Six has learned.

The Democratic VP hopeful will be in Southampton Thursday to pass the hat around and he'll share a stage with Grammy-winning British folk band Mumford & Sons, who are expected to perform.

"This will be the Governor's first event in New York for Harris-Walz 2024, and we are looking forward to gathering a group of energized supporters for the campaign ahead of the DNC convention," reads an email to donors about the event obtained by Page Six.

Donors can get in the door for \$50,000, but those who raise a cool \$75,000 will get a photo op with Walz and access to a "VIP reception."

It won't be the Harris-Walz campaign's only stopover in the Hamptons before the election.

Second Gentleman Doug Emhoff will be appearing in Sag Harbor and Watermill later this month, as well as at an event on Aug. 31 alongside Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo.

A source tells Page Six exclusively that Vice President Kamala Harris will skip the Hamptons event because the summer season is nearly over, and instead will appear at a New York City donor event in Manhattan this fall. *Ian Mohr and Chris Nesi*

Facebook / John Kolb

GUARD BIG: TIM A 'RANK' LIAR didn't earn it: officer

By ISABEL KEANE

A former battalion commander of Tim Walz's National Guard unit is the latest to attack the vice presidential nominee for stolen valor, saying it's an "affront" for him to claim a title he did not earn — and accusing him of running when service got too tough.

John Kolb, who became lieutenant colonel of the Minnesota unit a few months after Walz quit to run for Congress, joined the attacks soon after Vice President Kamala Harris admitted her running mate "misspoke" about retiring as a command sergeant major.

In a widely shared Facebook post, Kolb said Walz not only "retired early" and "broke his enlistment contract," the Democrat also failed to "complete the Sergeants Major Academy" and "did

not successfully complete any assignment as a sergeant major."

Cuttingly, Kolb said he did "not regret" any of that — because Walz "got out of the way for better leadership."

But he was infuriated by Walz "sitting, frocked, in the [command sergeant major] chair."

"He did not earn the rank or successfully complete any assignment as an E9," Kolb said of the highest rank in the unit.

"I can sit in the cockpit of an airplane. It does not make me a pilot," Kolb wrote in a post with the hashtag #NotmyCSM.

"Similarly, when the demands of service and leadership at the highest level got real, he chose another path."

Kolb shared his views in a post with Thomas Behrends, the guardsman who replaced Walz when he suddenly quit and has

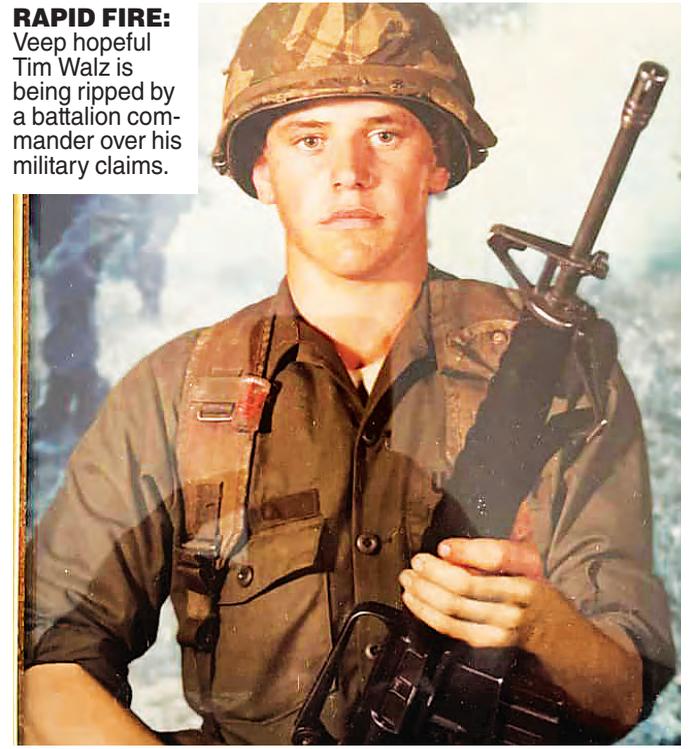
since called him a "coward" and a "traitor." He drew a clear contrast between Walz and the man who replaced him, saying Behrends "sacrificed to answer the call" and "earned the privilege of being called command sergeant major."

"Holy s--t, Tim Walz's Battalion Commander absolutely destroys him over his Stolen Valor. How long is the leftwing media going to keep ignoring all of this?" Donald Trump Jr. asked on social media.

Walz, who quit the Minnesota Army National Guard just before Kolb came into power, has faced heat from veterans for misrepresenting his rank.

The two-term Democratic governor had been facing pressure to clarify his military record after a 2018 video surfaced of him touting his career in the National Guard as a reason for increased

RAPID FIRE:
Veep hopeful Tim Walz is being ripped by a battalion commander over his military claims.



Facebook / Governor Tim Walz

Tale a disservice

Democratic vice presidential candidate Tim Walz is drawing fresh scrutiny for implying in recently unearthed remarks that a congressional trip to Afghanistan was part of his National Guard service — after his Republican counterpart, Ohio Sen. J.D. Vance, accused him of "stolen valor."

The Minnesota governor in 2021 spoke about his "guilt" that he "came home" when others did not, before mentioning his time at Afghanistan's Bagram Air Base, without clarifying he was there as a civilian.

"I had the privilege of serving in this state's National Guard. And when I left, I had a 2-year-old, and when I came home, I had a 3-year-old. But as I listened to [Gold Star families speak] — the guilt," said Walz, who deployed to Italy in a support role in 2003.

"And as our nation changed and as our political systems became more difficult for all of us to understand, I stood

one night in the dark of night on the tarmac at Bagram and watched a military ramp ceremony. And if you've seen it, which these folks — many have, unfortunately — you don't leave the same."

Walz did not enter the war zone as a National Guardsman and retired in May 2005 ahead of a looming deployment to Iraq. He said he left the service to run for Congress.

Walz's remarks — which a campaign rep said referred to a 2008 congressional delegation trip — stoked a firestorm among conservatives.

"How can a casual listener hear this and not conclude he's implying he deployed to war?" former Illinois GOP congressional candidate Mike Koolidge posted on X. "He 'went away' and 'came back' To where? He doesn't say?"

Vance, an Iraq war veteran, slammed Walz last week for allegedly exaggerating his military exploits in remarks from 2018. *Steven Nelson*

gun control. "We can make sure that those weapons of war, that I carried in war, is the only place where those weapons are at," Walz said in the clip.

Sen. J.D. Vance (R-Ohio), former President Donald Trump's running mate, has jumped to cap-

italize on Walz's blunder.

"What bothers me about Tim Walz is this stolen valor garbage. Do not pretend to be something that you're not," Vance said.

"I'd be ashamed if I was him and I lied about my military service like he did."

Ex-prez slams Joe & Kam from

By VICTOR NAVA

Former President Donald Trump and billionaire business tycoon Elon Musk chewed over a number of key 2024 election issues during their much anticipated X discussion on Monday.

More than 1.2 million users of Musk's social media platform tuned in to the interview and heard the Republican nominee for president and the tech titan put their heads together on immigration, foreign policy, inflation, government spending and energy issues.

Trump, 78, also lobbed several barbs at the Harris-Walz ticket after Musk, 53, noted that the X Spaces event was "aimed at open-minded, independent voters just trying to make up their mind" with less than three months to go before Election Day.

Border crisis

The crisis at the besieged southern border was the first major issue they discussed.

"We're already overwhelmed, Elon," Trump said of the more than 8 million migrants that have entered the country under President Biden.

"You had to see the news tonight about New York, New York, and I love that place, and what they're doing to it is horrible," the former president and Queens native continued of his hometown.

"They're coming from Africa. They're coming from Asia. They're coming from the Middle East. They're coming from South America. They're coming from everywhere and there are a lot of really bad ones."

Trump pinned the blame on Vice President Kamala Harris, charging that as "border czar" under Biden, his 2024 opponent could have closed the US-Mexico border.

"She tries to pretend she's going to do something ... she's had three and a half years," he said.

Inflation

The 45th president also decried the state of the economy under Biden and Harris at several points, focusing on the record price increases under the administration.

"If you're just a middle income person, you can't afford it," he said of the toll inflation has had on average Americans.

X MARKS SPOT IN DON-ELON SITDOWN

DESK JOB: Former President Donald Trump sits down for a Monday evening discussion on X with billionaire Elon Musk (inset), during which they covered issues ranging from inflation to foreign policy to immigration, with some barbs at Trump's Democratic rival, Kamala Harris, thrown in.



"You know, four years ago, five years ago, people were saving a lot of money. Today, they're using all that money and borrowing money just to live," Trump argued. "It's a horrible thing that is happening."

"Inflation was caused by oil," Trump said at another point in chat, suggesting that had Russia not invaded Ukraine; Hamas not attacked Israel; and had the US not abandoned Afghanistan — prices would be lower.

Foreign policy

Trump warned that the leaders of North Korea, Russia and

China are "at the top of their game" and argued that Harris isn't up to snuff to counter them.

"I know [Russian President Vladimir] Putin. I know President Xi [Jinping]. I know Kim Jong Un," he said. "They're at the top of their game; they're tough; they're smart; they're vicious — and they're going to protect their country."

"When they see a Kamala, or when they see a sleepy Joe, they can't even believe it."

He also addressed Iran, saying that the US adversary "would not be attacking" if he were president. Tehran is suspected of planning a retaliatory attack

for the recent assassinations of top leaders of Hamas and Hezbollah.

"I don't want to do anything bad to Iran," Trump declared. "But they knew not to mess around. Iran was broke."

Trump specifically criticized Biden for saying Ukraine may become a NATO country and claimed that Russian President Vladimir Putin would not have gone into Ukraine without Biden's rhetoric.

Trump also reaffirmed his support for an Israel-style Iron Dome in the US, arguing that it could sufficiently defend the country from foreign actors.



JOHN AVLON
Residence question.

'Home' cooking for Dem hopeful

Ex-CNN anchor and Democratic congressional candidate John Avlon has a history of missing property tax payments and is apparently netting more than \$2,000 per year in abatements by claiming his primary residence is in Manhattan — while telling voters he really lives on Long Island.

Avlon, 51, is running to represent New York's 1st Congressional District and his campaign told The Post that he is living in Sag Harbor, which the former newscaster says he has called "home" since at least 2009.

"This community is my home, and I've been entirely consistent about that," he told News 12 on Friday. "I left my work at CNN to run for this office in February."

But Avlon appears to have raked in around \$16,000 in tax abatements for his \$3.36 million Gramercy Park co-op unit, according to New York City Department of Finance records, despite the savings only being eligible to units designated as a primary residence.

He and his wife, Margaret Hoover, who hosts "Firing Line" on PBS, purchased the Manhattan condo in 2015 when he was serving as editor-in-chief of the Daily Beast, but the couple wouldn't own the roughly \$1.5 million Sag Harbor pad for another two years, according to an April profile in Vanity Fair. *Josh Christenson*

the border to spending

Trump suing DOJ in raid of his estate



X/@nagomartin



“We’re going to have the best Iron Dome in the world,” the former president promised. “We’re going to have protection.”

Spiraling spending

Trump expressed his support in having Musk serve on a commission that would monitor “government overspending” after the Tesla and SpaceX founder floated the idea.

“I think it would be great to just have a government efficiency commission that ensures that the taxpayer money is spent in a good way,” Musk said.

“And I’d be happy to help out on such a commission,” he added.

Trump responded that he would “love it” if Musk were to serve on such a panel.

“You’re the greatest cutter,” he told the entrepreneur.

‘Radical left lunatic’

Trump blasted Harris and her running mate, Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz, as “radical” progressives.

“She is considered more liberal by far than Bernie Sanders. She’s a radical left lunatic,” he said of his rival.

“And if she’s going to be our president, very quickly, you’re not going to have a country anymore,” he continued.

“She’ll go back to all the things that she believes in. She believes in defunding the police. She believes in no fracking, zero.”

Trump warned that the US is “becoming a very dangerous place” under Democratic leadership — and could spiral under Harris, who “is a radical left San Francisco liberal.”

“If we have her as a president . . . I don’t think our country can survive,” Trump said.

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Former President Donald Trump intends to sue the Justice Department for \$100 million in punitive damages over the execution of a search warrant at his Mar-a-Lago estate in 2022, accusing Attorney General Merrick Garland and FBI Director Christopher Wray of having engaged in “malicious political prosecution aimed at affecting an electoral outcome to prevent President Trump from being re-elected.”

Trump attorney Daniel Epstein filed an administrative tort claim against the DOJ arguing that Garland and Wray applied “inconsistent standards” and were guilty of a “clear dereliction of constitutional principles” when approving the search of the Palm Beach, Fla., resort residence of the former president and his family, a copy of the claim obtained by The Post says.

“Garland and Wray should have never approved a raid and subsequent indictment of President Trump because the well-

established protocol with former U.S. presidents is to use non-enforcement means to obtain records of the United States,” Epstein wrote.

“But notwithstanding the fact that the raid should have never occurred, Garland and Wray should have ensured their agents sought consent from President Trump, notified his lawyers, and sought cooperation,” he said.

“Garland and Wray decided to stray from established protocol to injure President Trump,” Epstein added in the memo, which was first reported by Fox News.

The Justice Department, which declined to comment, has six months to respond to the claim.

If after that time period no settlement has been reached, the claim moves to federal court.

The FBI carried out the Aug. 8, 2022, search at Mar-a-Lago that led to the seizure of more than 100 classified documents, according to a 37-count felony indictment later lodged against Trump by special counsel Jack Smith.

Josh Christenson

Team Harris bangs Musk in bid for bucks

Vice President Kamala Harris’ campaign blasted out a fundraising email Monday as former President Donald Trump was interviewed by billionaire Elon Musk, telling supporters that it needed money to “respond to their lies.”

“Right now, Elon Musk is interviewing Donald Trump live on Twitter (we’re not calling it ‘X’),” the Harris-Walz campaign solicitation message began.

The email, which asked supporters to “chip in \$25 now,” charged that Musk, 53, was attempting to seize “control” of “our democracy” by hosting Trump, 78, for a highly anticipated conversation on X.

“It’s not enough that Musk has

pledged to donate millions of dollars to help reelect Trump,” the Harris-Walz campaign wrote.

“He’s using his purchased platform — one of the largest social media sites in the world — to spread Trump’s unhinged and hateful agenda to millions of users.”

The campaign accused the Tesla and SpaceX CEO of being a “lackey for Team MAGA.”

Musk endorsed Trump for president last month, minutes after the assassination attempt against the former commander in chief. The world’s richest person also reportedly plans on donating millions to a super PAC aligned with the Trump campaign.

Victor Nava

Giving girls leg up



FOLLOW THE LEADER: Deputy Police Commissioner Tania Kinsella, running with girls (on track) and with her 5K run partner, Rukayat Tali, Saturday in Harlem, is using running to inspire girls.

NYPD big uses running to mentor teens

By DORIAN GEIGER
and MATT TROUTMAN

A trailblazing female NYPD honcho has forged another new path for herself: mentor to teen girls who love to run like she does.

Nearly 30 high-school girls laced up for their first 5K race Saturday in Harlem after weeks under the tutelage of Tania Kinsella, both the department's first female and black female deputy commissioner.

Kinsella, 43, a Bronx native, told The Post that mentoring is about inspiring the next generation "to dream big and to do big things."

"When I was a young girl ... I never thought my world would be outside The Bronx and with these girls, I feel like I see myself in them," she said.

Road Runners

"It's important for these young girls to see people that look like them, that's from where they're from, that are in positions in city government and even private sectors.

"I don't want to be the last woman of color and I don't want to be the last woman to hold such a position in the city like this," Kinsella said.



Roughly 5,000 runners — including Kinsella and her mentees — took their marks at the Percy Sutton 5K road race during the hot and humid summer morning.

Kinsella mentored the 29 teens, a grab bag of athletes and running neophytes from The Bronx and other low-income neighborhoods, as an ambassador for the New York Road Runners Run for the Future program.

As a long-distance runner for seven years who has nearly 60 Road Runners races and multiple mara-

thons under her belt, Kinsella said the program was a chance to share a "gift to her life."

"It was a no-brainer," she said. "Coupled with running and mentoring — two things that I have passion for and love — it's been amazing."

Her group ran on a "buddy system," with Kinsella pacing her match-up, Rukayat Tali, 16, stride for stride.

Tali, who described the race's hilly inclines of St. Nicholas Avenue as "really hard," finished with a solid time of 29 minutes, 56 seconds

and a pace per mile of 9:39.

"She was amazing," Rukayat said of Kinsella. "She really did push me, and I appreciated her a lot."

"I did my best — and that's all that matters," the teen said.

Angelica Gervais, 18, also trekked from Queens to Harlem for her first race.

"At the beginning of the program, I couldn't run for 5 minutes straight without stopping and breathing so heavy," she said. "But now look at me — I ran a 5K today."

Gervais gushed over the example Kinsella set, too.

"She's so bold and bright, and she shows young women that we can accomplish anything we want," Angelica said. "She showed us that, even though she started all the way from the bottom, look how she made it all the way to the top."

The race, which is organized by the nonprofit Road Runners, is named after another black trailblazer: Percy Sutton, a Harlem native, politician, lawyer, civil-rights activist and former Manhattan borough president who is widely credited with being one of the driving forces behind the New York City Marathon in 1976.

Saturday's event coincided with the kick-off of the 50th anniversary of Harlem Week, which Sutton also founded.

Pa. race fentanyl twist

A Chinese fentanyl manufacturer — and who's tossed money at it — is a flashpoint in the US Senate race between Bob Casey and his Republican challenger, Dave McCormick.

Third-term incumbent Casey, 64, attacked McCormick, 58, for "profiting off people's pain" through his former gig as CEO of the hedge fund Bridgewater Associates, which invested \$1.7 million in Chinese fentanyl manufacturer Yi-chang Humanwell under his leadership, the Philadelphia Inquirer reported Monday.

But Casey actually owns stock in Humanwell himself, according to the Inquirer.

As of June, he has about a three-cent stake in the company through an index fund that's part of a mutual college savings fund, which he doesn't control himself, the Inquirer reported.

Fentanyl has caused the fatal overdoses of 4,000 people in Pennsylvania last year alone.

But tracing its path into the US is often murky and far from straightforward.

Humanwell says it manufactures only legal fentanyl intended for medical use and it says it does not doesn't export to the US.

Allie Griffin

Chuck blasts GOP CDC cuts

Sen. Chuck Schumer on Monday pilloried the GOP's proposal to slash the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's budget by more than a fifth, saying the mammoth cuts would unleash utter chaos during a major listeria outbreak that's killed three and sickened dozens across the nation.

The proposed cuts, made by GOP members of the House who want to prune about \$1.8 billion from the CDC's coffers, would hamstring the agency and "wreak havoc and chaos on food safety funding mechanisms and tracking operations at a core level," the Democratic majority leader said.

Steve Janoski

Katie's now Holmes alone

Katie Holmes has been single from Tom Cruise for so long now that their daughter, Suri, is heading to college in the fall. "I will miss the close proximity," the actress, 45, says in the September *Town & Country* of the imminent empty nest, "but I'm really proud of her and I'm happy."

Ruven Afanador



Boy, 6, killed by BB torture

A 6-year-old Michigan boy died after being stapled to a wall and shot with a BB gun — part of "horrific" abuse by his mother and her boyfriend often in front of their other kids, according to authorities.

Elaina Rose Jennings, 25, and Daniel John Giacchina, 32, were charged with murder after Giovanni "Chulo" Jennings was found unconscious with injuries all over his body July 30, WDIV has reported.

Investigators soon learned that Giovanni was confined to a pen and left to sleep on a wooden slat in his mother's bedroom in their mobile home in Madison Heights, where the helpless boy was routinely beaten by the adults in front of the youngster's two younger siblings, according to prosecutors.

"As we carefully sifted through the evidence, what we found can only be described as horrific," Oakland County Prosecutor Karen McDonald said.

Jennings and Giacchina face life in prison if convicted.

Isabel Keane

BABY iPADSIFIERS

Outbursts from screens: study.

By TRACY SWARTZ

They've become iPad pros. Preschoolers who use a tablet to entertain themselves may not learn to manage their emotions, leading to angry outbursts, which prompt their parents to give them a tablet to quiet them down.

Researchers from the Université de Sherbrooke in Canada detailed this "deleterious" cycle Monday in *JAMA Pediatrics*.

The study authors note that the average amount of time young children spend on mobile devices

has increased from five minutes a

day in 2020 to 55 minutes a day in

2022, with many 4-year-olds having their own devices.

Research shows that too much screen time can negatively affect preschoolers' health, academics and social skills because they are not interacting with their parents — who can teach them how to regulate their emotions — or playing with others.

For this study, parents of 315 kids from Nova Scotia reported their iPad, tablet or mobile device use in 2020 when they were 3½, in 2021 at 4½, and in 2022 at 5½. Temperament was measured with a behavioral questionnaire.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends screen time be limited to an hour a day (or seven hours a week) of high-quality programming for children 2 to 5 years old.

Children in the study spent an average of 6½ hours a week on tablets at 3½, 6 hours and 42 minutes a week at 4½, and 7 hours at 5½.

The researchers linked child tablet use at 3½ to more expressions of anger and frustration a year later.

The child's tantrums at 4½ were associated with more tablet use by 5½.

The authors also didn't consider the quality of the content the preschoolers were viewing, like whether they were looking at a book or watching YouTube.

"Some applications and programs may offer support in the development of emotional regulation skills," they noted in the study.

"For instance, the Daniel Tiger program and mobile application [have] been shown to help children improve their emotional regulation skills."

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INVASION

By RONNY REYES

Ukraine's top military commander said Monday his forces are now in control of nearly 400 square miles of Russia in the Kursk border region, while an embarrassed Vladimir Putin vowed to "kick the enemy out."

Gen. Oleksandr Syrskyi announced the progress in Kursk on Monday in a video posted on social media by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, the first time Kyiv has commented on the days-long fighting on Russian soil.

"The troops are fulfilling their tasks," Syrskyi said. "Fighting continues actually along the entire front line. The situation is under our control."

Zelensky praised Syrskyi and his troops "for their steadfastness and decisive actions" in Kursk, where the Ukrainian army has reportedly seized dozens of Russian villages in the surprise cross-border incursion that has left Russian President Putin scrambling to respond.

7.5 miles deep

Aleksey Smirnov, the acting chief of the Kursk region, told the Kremlin that at least 28 settlements have been captured by Ukraine, with their forces now operating as deep as 7.5 miles into Russia.

Putin, who condemned the attack that began Aug. 6, suggested the assault was a means for Ukraine to gain leverage in possible peace talks.

"But what kind of negotiations can we even talk about with people who indiscriminately strike at civilians, at civilian infrastructure, or try to create threats to nuclear power facilities. What can we even talk about with them?" Putin told his defense officials Monday.

Ukraine's forces are near a nuclear power plant in Kursk.

Taking over bear's lair

400 sq. miles in Russia: Ukr. gen.

GAINING GROUND: A Ukrainian soldier inside Russia guards POWs from Chechnya. The Kursk regional chief admits that 28 towns have been captured.

His claims could not be independently verified.

"It's obvious that the enemy will keep trying to destabilize the situation in the border zone to try to destabilize the domestic political situation in our country," Putin said, vowing to "kick the enemy out."

Russia's Defense Ministry said

Monday that reinforcements have already been deployed, backed by air force and artillery units, to fight off the Ukrainian forces.

Experts have speculated that the incursion is meant to deliver a blow to Russian propaganda that has downplayed the war. The offensive

could also force Moscow to divert troops that have been making steady advancements in Ukraine.

It's also unclear if Kyiv is using NATO-supplied weapons in the Kursk offensive.

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Nuclear scare

Shocking photos captured smoke billowing out of a Russia-controlled nuclear power plant in Ukraine — a "reckless" attack that risked a major "nuclear accident," according to the head of the international nuclear watchdog.

Thick black smoke was seen Sunday exiting the top of the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant that Russia captured shortly after



launching its full-scale attack on Ukraine in 2022.

The massive fire followed multiple explosions hitting the vast, six-reactor facility, according to

the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) nuclear watchdog, which has staff there.

"These reckless attacks endanger nuclear safety at the plant and increase the risk of a nuclear accident," IAEA chief Rafael Grossi warned in a statement.

Alexei Likhachev, head of the Russian state nuclear corporation Rosatom, blamed two drone strikes from Ukraine, Interfax news agency said. He offered no evidence. Isabel Keane, Wires

Inmate's wish to stay

A Russian dissident released in this month's historic prisoner exchange wants to return to Moscow to continue protesting against President Vladimir Putin's war in Ukraine.

Ilya Yashin was surprised to be among the 24 detainees in the largest swap between Russia and the West since the Cold War — because he hadn't pushed for a pardon, and didn't even want to leave his homeland.

"What I want most right now is to go back home," Yashin (right), 41, said, but he won't for fear of jeopardizing future exchanges.

In 2022, he was sentenced to eight-and-a-half years in prison for his criticism. Ronny Reyes



Hunter move in tax case

First Son Hunter Biden is moving to exclude evidence from his upcoming tax trial of his allegedly improper overseas business dealings and potential lobbying of US officials on behalf of foreign principals, according to a Sunday court filing submitted by his legal team.

Attorneys for the president's son accused special counsel David Weiss in the motion of "seeking to insinuate extraneous, politically-charged matters into the trial which have no relevance to the tax offenses Mr. Biden is accused of," the filing in US District Court for the Central District of California shows.

"The Court should not allow a side show in which issues far beyond the charges have to be explained and litigated in a tax case," the attorneys wrote to Los Angeles Judge Mark Scarsi, calling the evidence "irrelevant" and "politically-charged."

"Disallowing this unnecessary detour will ensure that Mr. Biden, like any other person accused, gets the fair trial that he deserves," they said.

Hunter will head to trial on Sept. 9 for allegedly evading \$1.4 million in tax payments between 2016 and 2019 on income, much of which he earned from foreign business deals with Romanian, Chinese and other entities. *Josh Christenson*

Ex-employee in taco 'ram'

A woman who was caught on video repeatedly ramming her car into a California taco restaurant was a former employee who had not worked at the eatery for four years, the owner's daughter said.

The incident happened at Tacos Reyes in Canoga Park at around 7:30 p.m. Friday, ABC 7 reported. Witnesses began filming as others rushed over to alert nearby cops. As officers arrived, they saw the unidentified suspect backing into the establishment and ramming it, the outlet said. She was charged with felony vandalism.

Antonia Reyes said the woman had left "on really good terms." *Richard Pollina*

KISS & SMELL



COURT DRESSER: Ariel Roman, in her finest court attire, hams it up Monday ahead of her Manhattan Criminal Court hearing over her tossing poop in a TAO pond.

Steven Hirsch

A 'Juicy' court look for 'poop flinger'

By STEVEN HIRSCH
and STEVE JANOSKI

A former hostess accused of chucking poop into a koi pond at swanky downtown nightclub TAO showed up to Manhattan court Monday in sparkly knee-high boots and an all-white outfit that said "Juicy" across her butt.

Ariel Roman, 24, didn't let the fact that she was going before a Manhattan Criminal Court judge dampen her apparently high spirits — as the accused felon smiled, laughed and stuck her tongue out for the camera while she waited on the wooden benches perched in the courthouse hallway.

She blew kisses, winked and posed in her attention-grabbing outfit — which featured the word "Juicy" written across the back of her short-sleeved, zip-up sweater, as well as her white shorts — and strode down the center of the courtroom aisle as if it were a runway.

But she might not be so cheery when the cases against her come to fruition.

'Unhinged' or desperate?

Roman has been charged with burglary and criminal mischief in connection to her June poop-toss at TAO, which she freely admitted to doing.

"That was me," she told The Post outside the courtroom, smiling. "Because I wanted to get this interview. Because I was wanted anyway."

In a lawsuit filed after her alleged outburst, TAO claimed its ex-employee's feces fling had cost it a hefty \$3,135 in damages, court records said.

Roman is also facing unrelated harassment charges that stem from her encounters with a TAO-affiliated promoter. She pleaded not guilty in June.

The ex-hostess was also charged with assault last month after allegedly throwing a bottle at someone at the Hearsay nightclub.

TAO claims Roman is an "unhinged and violent" ex-employee on a rampage of "harassing and threatening behavior," according to its June lawsuit.



She previously told The Post that she's been targeted for speaking out about alleged sexual assault incidents at the hands of TAO's promoters. She said her feces fling was an attempt to draw attention to the issue.

"That's my desperation," she said last month. "That's what led me to do something to get on the news with the TAO [poop throw] thing. I'm desperate because nobody's taking accountability."

Roman was fired from the club in December 2022, after she found out her boyfriend — a TAO promoter — had cheated on her, she said. A chaotic series of events ensued.

Roman claimed her ex and his friends beat her in March 2023, breaking her front tooth and leaving her with a concussion. She also said she's gotten anonymous threats.

Cops picked her up in June of that year for allegedly violating a restraining order that she claims she didn't know about. Authorities also said Roman called her ex and threatened to set him on fire that month.

But she denied the allegations, saying Monday that she had canceled the call before her ex picked up.

"You can't say that you're going to light somebody on fire on a canceled phone call," Roman said. "I didn't even know it was canceled, because I didn't make it."

She added, "They set me up, because I tried to come forward about sexual assault happening at nightclubs."

The court dismissed that case in December. Her next court date in the poop-toss incident is Sept. 9.

Cooper hunts b-day daddy

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Yachts to see here

JEFF Bezos and fiancée **Lauren Sanchez** (photo right) have been spotted vacationing on their \$485 million superyacht in Sardinia, Italy — with guests **Katy Perry**, **Orlando Bloom**, **Leonardo DiCaprio** and model **Vittoria Ceretti**. The group also lunched at a high-end beach resort together, before heading back to the Amazon billionaire's boat, Koru. Sanchez was seen wearing a low-cut, lace coverup over a black bikini. DiCaprio and Bezos have been “really close friends” for years. A source told Page Six they often vacation together and find “common ground in the fight against climate change and their work in environmental activism.” And yachting!



Sex-o after 6-0?

HODA Kotb (above) is hoping to find love again as she enters a new decade. “I can see romance clearly, I just can. It’s how you know something is meant to be,” the “Today” co-anchor, who turned 60 Aug. 9, exclusively told Page Six. “I thought 50 was great, but 60 may be it! I feel like this is the season of repotting and growth. There’s this feeling that the roots are up in the air, but then you land in this rich soil and you’re like, ‘Oh, more room to grow.’” Kotb’s passion for romance comes after her split from financier **Joel Schiffman**. They called it quits in 2022 after eight years.

SHE’S seeking deep-pocketed daddies. “Call Her Daddy” podcaster **Alex Cooper** has sent out a proposal looking for brands to sponsor an over-the-top, multiday 30th birthday blowout in the Hamptons to be hosted by her nascent talent network, Unwell.

We’re told the proposal deck just went out, and the event’s scheduled to include a pickleball tournament, cake decorating, a drone show and wine tasting — all to go down just 10 days from now.

Cooper’s 30th birthday is Aug. 21, and the events are scheduled for Aug. 23 and 24.

Slides seen by Page Six for the “Dirty 30” bash pitch several events at the Breakers in

Montauk — redubbed “Cooper’s Motel 30” — including a party and VIP dinner.

There is also a proposed guest list — which a source tells us is not confirmed, just examples of the types who frequent the Hamptons — including Bravo boss **Andy Cohen**, designers **Tory Burch** and **Cynthia Rowley** and fitness guru **Tracy Anderson**, plus **Alix Earle** and her NFL star boyfriend **Braxton Berrios**.

The materials also list controversial hedge funder **Leon Black**, as well as the CEO of Warner Brothers Discovery, **David Zaslav**.

Another slide boasts a “house party to kick off a special weekend of activities” including a “GlamBot” — a special camera used at high-

end celebrity events such as the Oscars, Grammys and Golden Globes to create slow-motion videos.

Cooper’s also planning a full day of health and wellness activities including yoga, a “beauty bar” and “wine tasting/smoothie bar.”

Sponsors will get branding opportunities on menus and signage, and posts on Unwell’s Instagram feed, with other social media promotion. The costs are not listed.

In 2021, Cooper landed a \$60 million deal with Spotify for the “Call Her Daddy” podcast.

While Unwell has mostly been behind podcasts, it reportedly also plans on incorporating reality TV and books.



Ahoy beaches! Jeff Bezos & Lauren Sanchez (left), Leo DiCaprio & Vittoria Ceretti (far right) and Orlando Bloom, Katy Perry and pals head back to Bezos' yacht after lunch in Sardinia.

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‘Snowbirds’ casting goes south

THIS show has everything: lies, denials, accusations, infighting and cast shake-ups. The only thing missing is . . . the show! Last week Page Six caught wind of a reality show in the making tentatively called “Snowbirds,” about some of NYC’s most notorious socialites skipping town for Palm Beach when the weather turns cold. And while producers haven’t cobbled together a sizzle reel for the pilot, we hear that the as-yet-unrealized production is already pandemonium. Apparently, **Jane Scher**, the mother of colorful divorcee **Libbie Mugarabi**, may be out before she was ever in, and **Tiger Woods’** former mistress is joining the cast — even though she swears she hasn’t! **Rachel Uchitel** told us that even though she “was at the party where they were filming for the weekend” she is “absolutely not in the cast.” But a production source told us Uchitel sparked their interest after she showed up to all the weekend events, and then they decided to shoot a sit-down interview with her. Now they’re exploring the possibility of her joining the show. Scher, on the other hand, “did not film . . . No one wants to be associated with her.” But Scher responded, “No comment, and whoever told you that is lying.” A production source said, “Jane’s definitely not out.” A rep for **Sharon Bush**, a former in-law to the Bush dynasty, told Page Six, “She was never going to do this show.” But it sounds like someone needs to tell production. Our insider told us Bush was never meant to be a main character, but, “She’s not definitely out.” All that clear? Good! Reps for Bravo did not comment.

Hamps’ sad sale

WIDOWED influencer **Candice Miller** has listed the mansion she shared with late husband, Brandon Miller, for \$15.5 million after he died by suicide. She listed the seven-bedroom Water Mill, NY, estate with Bespoke Real Estate, reports The Post’s **Tamantha Ryan**. The nearly 8,000-square-foot property includes a pool, outdoor kitchen, five fireplaces, boxwood garden, a spa and more. The listing comes a month after Brandon died July 3 at 43. The real estate developer was reportedly found holding a photo of himself, his wife and their two daughters, and left a note for Candice expressing his love for their family with info about two life insurance policies totaling about \$15 million. A source told The Post in July that Brandon likely owed nearly \$17 million to friends who lent him funds.



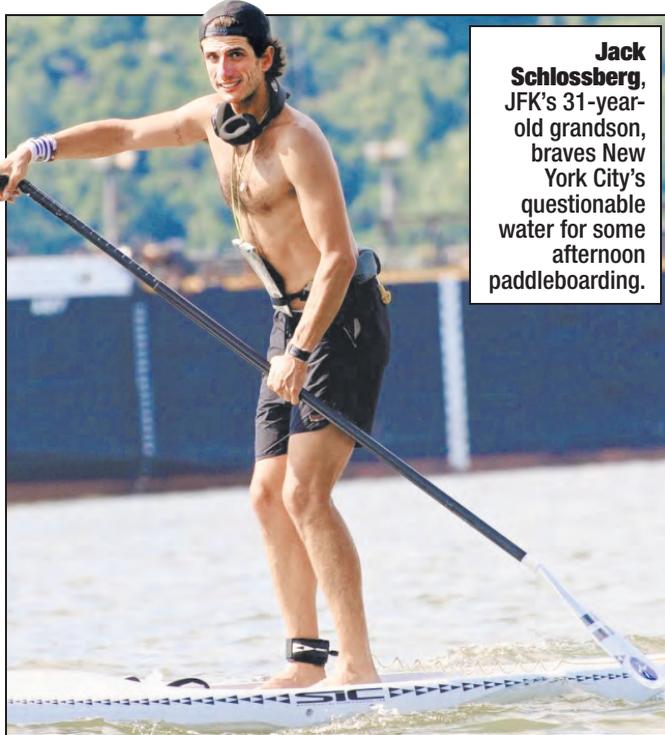
Vote for Kennedy

CONOR Kennedy — **RFK Jr.’s** son who once dated **Taylor Swift** — is engaged to Brazilian singer **Giulia Be**. “Easiest yes of all time,” she posted on Instagram with pics of the happy couple hugging. A source tells us the law grad (above), 30, proposed with a ring from Tiffany & Co. The pair began dating in February 2022, and she moved from Rio to LA, a source said. Be, 25, was nominated for a Latin Grammy and has a number of Portuguese hits.

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Hough nups out of step

JULIANNE Hough's marriage to **Brooks Laich** was “unraveling” almost immediately. During an appearance on **Dax Shepard's** “Armchair Expert” podcast, the “Dancing With the Stars” host admitted she missed a lot of “orange flags” before she tied the knot in 2017. The hooper and the hockey player dated long distance for over three years but never lived together before wedding. Hough also said Laich “had a really tough last few years of his career” — being injured and traded just before his team, the Washington Capitals, won the Stanley Cup.



Jack Schlossberg, JFK's 31-year-old grandson, braves New York City's questionable water for some afternoon paddleboarding.

jackuno/instagram

All aboard the ‘Love Train’ in New England

FORMER First Lady **Michelle Obama** made an appearance at the third Martha's Vineyard Community and Purpose Series on Friday where we're told she made a legendary soul singer's dreams come true. The O'Jays' **Eddie Levert**, 82, was presented with the legacy award and had one simple wish: “He wanted to meet the first black first

lady,” an insider told Page Six. Lucky for Levert, Obama was there to support her girlfriends Dr. **Sharon Malone**, **Michele Norris** and **Nicole Avant**, who were being honored by their husbands, former Attorney General **Eric Holder**, Comcast exec **Broderick Johnson** and Netflix CEO **Ted Sarandos**, respectively. Pastor **A.R. Bernard** was

also a speaker. **Spike Lee** and his wife, **Tonya Lewis Lee**, hosted the series. As he accepted his honor, Levert told stories about having to drink out of segregated water fountains and touring during Jim Crow. The “Do the Right Thing” director then escorted him offstage, where Obama was waiting to greet the singer and pay him homage.



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Surfed, then turfed

AFTER suffering perhaps the Olympics' most talked-about injury, “Saturday Night Live” comic **Colin Jost** — who was serving as NBC Sports' surfing commentator in Tahiti — has sought refuge in Malta. “Well, I'm actually fine,” Jost said in an update on Instagram. “And despite what big media conspiracies would have you believe, I wasn't ‘sent home’ from the Olympics. NBC simply looked at my foot, declared me legally a leper, and exiled me here, to the island of Malta!” He added that while the country doesn't have many Olympians competing this year, he has blown “the hundreds of dollars I've earned as a surfing correspondent” at the local casino. “But the real reason I'm in Malta, of course, is because it was the site of 10 separate bubonic plague outbreaks,” he quipped, “so they thought I would fit right in.” Jost slashed his toes stepping on a coral reef while on assignment in Tahiti and wound up with a nasty infection. Before being voted off the proverbial and literal Olympic island, he said of his wild Tahitian injury, “If I stand still, ants begin crawling inside the wounds. Not something I anticipated.”

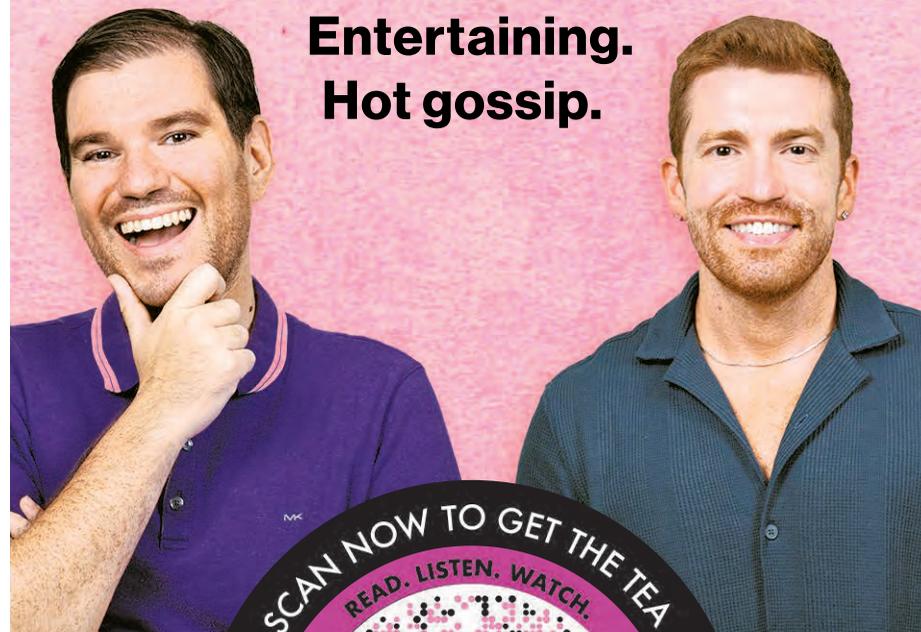
Project sunway! Model **Heidi Klum** lets the sand and surf style her in St. Barts with hubby **Tom Kaulitz**.

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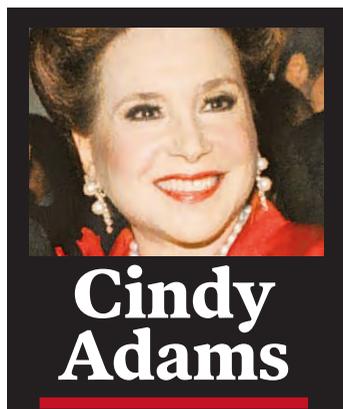


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Well quipped for this gig



Cindy Adams

I thought with all the fires, explosions, stabbings, pickets, robberies and miseries — also hate and election babbles — maybe you'd like a quickie opportunity to smile a little. So:

Starting 1892, Ellis Island's processed millions of the impoverished who arrive starved, in rags, torn sweaters and work shoes. They were then immigrants. Today, they're fashion statements.

Sign on a bank's ATM: "Change is inevitable. Except from vending machines."

Obama's theme song: "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" — about me.

To welcome their new news show, CBS plans a quiet intimate fall time get-together. Only inviting those who want to watch it — both of them.

To lure passengers, more planes will now add an air marshal. Also, they'll stop serving meals.

The Taliban's made it illegal to speak English. The good news: **Sylvester Stallone** movies in Afghanistan are up 600%.

Two bit town

After using the new slenderizing drug Ozempic, this skeleton said to the bartender: "Give me a Bloody Mary — and a mop."

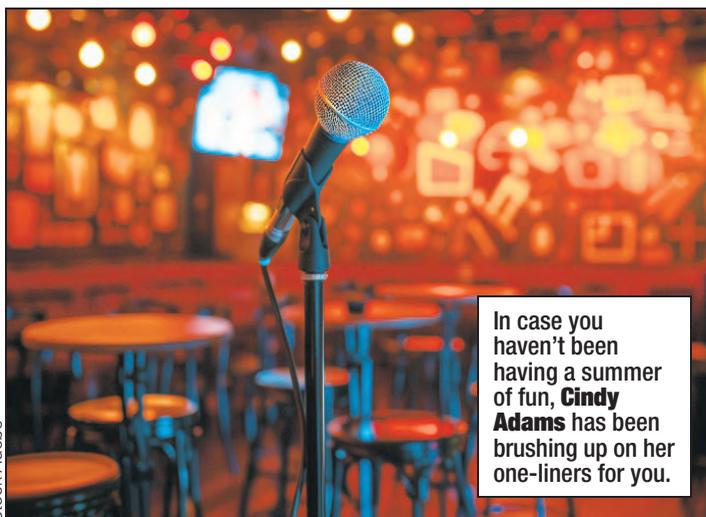
The world's tallest housekeeper? Wilt Chambermaid.

Last words from **Biden**: "What wine goes with gall bladder?"

Now being divorced from **Cardi B**, **Offset** was asked, "How do you find sheep in New Zealand?" and he answered: "Very attractive."

If dating, open his bottle of Listerine and watch if a white flag comes out.

Guys: Forget marriage. Just find someone you hate and buy her a house.



In case you haven't been having a summer of fun, **Cindy Adams** has been brushing up on her one-liners for you.

Female in DC: "I love this man. He's an activist. Wherever there's poverty, social injustice or a benefit where you can grab a free chicken dinner — you'll find him."

The mayor's cutting down on crime. He's taking cops off the street.

Exciting? I mean, please, "We go out and he paints the town beige."

A Democrat just merged a shirt

company with an aluminum siding firm — his new product is called **Shirt on a Shingle**.

A TV anchor was having a few people over. Just a few friends and his immediate hairpieces.

How many White House aides does it take to screw in a light bulb? Answer: None. They like to keep Biden in the dark.

Flying on the Hooters airline. The stewardess leans over and asks "Coffee, tea — or these?"

Labor Day's coming. It's outdoors time. Find a sleeping wino and roast marshmallows over his breath.

It's all a setup

Show me a man who can rise to CEO in only six weeks — and I'll show you a son-in-law.

End of summer? Ask a forest ranger for permission to marry a beaver.

Don't knock him. He's very talented. One of the few I know who can play "Lady of Spain" on his truss.

Bed-Stuy. Every block has its own coroner.

At one point, Krispy Kreme doughnut earnings shot up 55%. It was due to a strong economy, an improved management team — and locating all new Krispy Kreme stores next to a police station.

On that historic night, electricity was furthest from Benjamin Franklin's mind. He was putting the moves on his wife and she said, "Go fly a kite." The rest is history.

So, in New York anyway, no doctor makes a house call — unless it's to foreclose on the mortgage.

Post Weather Report

Tuesday	Wednesday
Today: Intervals of clouds and sunshine. High 78 to 84.	Tomorrow: Sunshine and patchy clouds. High 80 to 86.
Tonight: Partly cloudy. Low 64 to 70.	Tomorrow night: Patchy clouds. Low 66 to 72.
Thursday	Friday
Mostly sunny. High 81 to 87.	Clouds and sun. High 81 to 87.
Evening: Mainly clear. Low 65 to 71.	Evening: Partly cloudy. Low 65 to 71.

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YESTERDAY'S CONDITIONS AT CENTRAL PARK THROUGH 6PM

Temperature
High: 81, Low: 66, Mean: 74

Departure from Normal
Yesterday: -3 degrees

Precipitation
Yesterday: trace, Month: 4.10", Year: 33.98", Normal year to date: 30.29"

Cooling Degree days yesterday9

Total for the month (normal)151 (145)

Total since Jan. 1 (normal)1031 (846)

Last year to date827

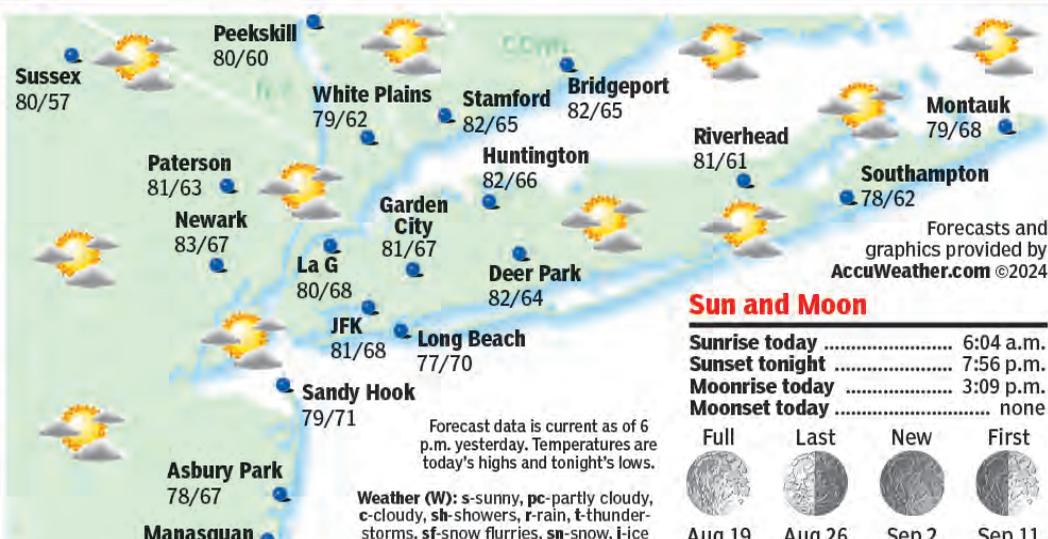
Heat Index (at noon yest.) 76

UV Index (for Tue.) 8 (Very High)

Humidity (at noon) 48%

AIR QUALITY
Pollen: Moderate Predominant pollen: Weeds

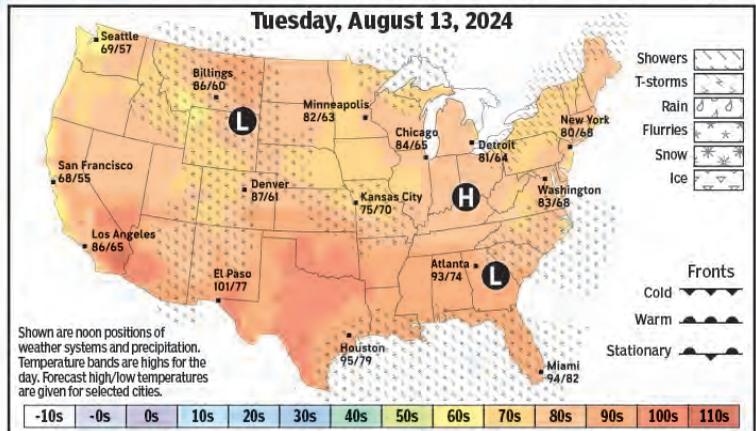
AQI rating: (for Tue.).....Moderate



Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 6:04 a.m.
Sunset tonight 7:56 p.m.
Moonrise today 3:09 p.m.
Moonset today none

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Aug 19	Aug 26	Sep 2	Sep 11



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New York Tides

	TODAY	TODAY	TOMORROW	TOMORROW
High Tide for	1st	2nd	1st	2nd
Coney Island	2:09a	2:44p	3:04a	3:39p
Fire Island	2:08a	2:59p	3:07a	4:09p
Hempstead	5:57a	6:19p	7:00a	7:21p
Huntington	6:09a	6:31p	7:10a	7:30p
Jones Inlet	1:53a	2:28p	2:48a	3:23p
Montauk Point	4:02a	4:36p	5:04a	5:34p
Port Washington	5:51a	6:14p	6:50a	7:13p
Sandy Hook	2:13a	2:48p	3:08a	3:43p

Regional cities

	TODAY	TOMORROW
Albany	80/59/pc	84/60/sh
Danbury	80/59/pc	85/58/s
Glens Falls	79/55/pc	82/56/pc
Gr Barrington	77/56/pc	81/57/pc
Kingston	81/59/pc	83/58/pc
Liberty	74/55/pc	77/57/pc
Monticello	75/54/pc	78/57/s
Newburgh	81/58/pc	84/60/s
Poughkeepsie	80/57/pc	83/58/pc
Saratoga Springs	80/56/pc	84/58/pc
Stroudsburg	79/58/pc	81/59/s
Torrington	79/59/pc	82/59/pc
Syracuse	80/61/pc	83/62/pc

World cities

	TODAY	TOMORROW
Athens	99/77/s	98/79/s
Baghdad	113/87/pc	114/84/pc
Beijing	82/71/pc	88/73/t
Berlin	87/64/s	91/68/s
Cairo	97/79/s	96/78/s
Dublin	70/48/sh	69/61/pc
Geneva	92/65/t	85/62/r
Hong Kong	87/81/t	88/81/t
Jerusalem	89/71/s	91/71/s
Kabul	93/67/s	94/68/s
London	78/62/c	73/56/pc
Madrid	89/67/pc	89/60/s
Mexico City	77/59/sh	76/57/sh
Montreal	82/62/pc	82/63/pc
Moscow	67/53/sh	70/49/pc
Paris	86/64/t	80/62/c
Rio de Janeiro	68/57/c	74/63/s
Rome	92/72/s	92/70/s
Sydney	67/58/r	63/56/r
Tokyo	98/81/t	93/80/pc

LOCKER UP? NOT JUDGE

Freed in gym 'robs'

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An eagle-eyed rookie cop nabbed a serial thief with a penchant for breaking into lockers at Big Apple gyms — only to learn that she was cut loose by a Manhattan judge who's made headlines for setting other violent attackers free, *The Post* has learned.

Kendra Christie, 27, of Brooklyn, was nabbed Friday for a six-incident spree dating back to early May and ending in late July in which she allegedly stole gym patrons' valuables from lockers across Manhattan, cops said.

Christie was walking around 9 p.m. Friday in the heart of Times Square — amid hundreds of people swarming the intersection of West 42nd Street and Seventh Avenue — when the sharp-eyed rookie saw her and stopped her in her tracks, sources said.

Christie was carrying dozens of credit cards and a stolen Costco card when she was busted, according to the sources.

She was charged with six counts each of grand larceny and criminal possession of stolen property, according to a criminal complaint.

Christie appeared in Manhattan Criminal Court on Saturday, where prosecutors asked for \$25,000 cash bail or \$75,000 bond

because of her criminal history and failure to show up in court.

But Judge Marva Brown — who this year released Amira Hunter, accused of smashing a bottle onto a subway cellist's head — ruled to release Christie once again.

"It is sad that a sharp rookie cop makes a great arrest, and the suspect is released the next day," a Manhattan cop told *The Post*. "The judicial system doesn't care about these crimes."

'She'll be back'

"I'm sure she'll be back out there soon doing the same thing since there is no punishment."

Christie was known to sneak her way into the gyms and then break into the lockers using a metal tool, sources said.

The gyms hit were Planet Fitness, Crunch Fitness and New York Sports Club and located in Harlem, the Upper West Side, Chelsea and the Financial District, authorities said.

In every case, a bag or wallet was stolen — and unauthorized transactions were made on credit cards, cops said.

In addition to the usual items, jewelry, a cellphone, clothing and sunglasses were all taken in the latest case, on July 29, at a Planet Fitness on Broadway near Broad Street, cops said.

Heather Graham is having a very rocky summer. The actress, 54, wrote on Instagram, "*Ricordati che il mare ti sistema l'anima* (remember the sea heals the soul)," as she flaunted her Italian beach day spent exploring seaside crevices — a month after enjoying the sea in nearby Malta, as well. Tough life!

Heather Graham a stone fox

Heather Graham / Instagram

'Terror' mom sues

A mother whom cops tried to charge with terrorism after her protest of the release of Daniel Penny is suing the city for at least \$2.5 million, claiming the NYPD and Mayor Adams fueled accusations against her.

Kimberly Bernard, 35, of Manhattan says city police brass and Hizzoner perpetuated the "bogus" terrorism

charge against her in public statements and social-media posts after she was cuffed while protesting that Penny had not yet been charged in the subway chokehold death of disturbed homeless man Jordan Neely.

Prosecutors dropped the terrorism charge against her hours later and the entire case was dropped a month later. *Peter Senzamici*

Girl & ma stabbed

An 11-year-old girl and her mom were stabbed by a crazed stranger in a bustling London tourist hot spot Monday — and saved by a hero security guard who leaped in unarmored to tackle the stabber and wrestle away the bloody knife.

The unidentified girl and her 34-year-old mom were outside a tea shop next to a Lego store in Leicester Square when the stranger suddenly

started stabbing them around 11:30 a.m., London's Metropolitan Police said.

The girl was seriously injured but is expected to survive, cops said. Her mom was less seriously injured.

The attack is not being eyed as terrorism and has not been linked to recent violence across the UK after the slaying of three girls at a Taylor Swift dance event. *Alex Oliveira, Wires*

Live mosque slash

A crazed teen wearing Nazi paraphernalia stabbed at least five people outside a mosque in Turkey Monday, and livestreamed the rampage on social media.

Graphic footage from the incident showed the 18-year-old looking into the camera while wearing a skeletal face mask, goggles and Nazi SS insignia before

walking into the patio of the Tepebasi Mosque in Eskişehir with a knife drawn.

There, he seemed to survey a group of men before selecting one and driving the blade into his torso. The teen then runs through a park, a train station and streets, seemingly slashing and stabbing victims at random. He was eventually captured. *Alex Oliveira*

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'HATE' BAIL: \$100K

US sub, carrier rush to Mideast

The US has ordered a guided-missile submarine to the Middle East and an aircraft carrier to speed up its arrival in the region in advance of an expected retaliatory strike on Israel by Iran and Hezbollah, Pentagon officials said.

Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin issued the order Sunday to deploy the USS Georgia sub to the Middle East and also called on the USS Abraham Lincoln carrier already en route to the area to expedite its travel.

Maj. Gen. Patrick Ryder, Pentagon press secretary, said Austin also met with Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant on Monday to reiterate America's commitment to protect Israel from its escalating conflict with Iran and its terrorist proxies.

"[America will] take every possible step to defend Israel," Ryder said, noting the growing presence of US military forces across the Middle East amid the threat of all-out war.

It's unclear how Austin's order would speed up the Lincoln's pace, as the carrier continues to travel to the Middle East from the Pacific.

Austin said last week that the Lincoln, which carries F-35 fighter jets on board, would arrive in the Central Command region by the end of the month.

Ryder did not say how quickly the Georgia would arrive in the region.

The need to beef up American defenses in the Middle East comes as Iran and Hezbollah have both vowed revenge against the Jewish state for the recent high-profile deaths of terrorist leaders Ismail Haniyeh and Fuad Shukur.

Iran and Hezbollah are expected to attack soon.

Ronny Reyes, Wires



'Stabber' faces assault charges

By DESHEANIA ANDREWS, CHRIS NESI and DAVID PROPPER

The maniac who allegedly shouted, "Free Palestine!" before viciously stabbing a Jewish man in the stomach Saturday has been ordered held on \$100,000 cash bail on hate-crime charges.

Vincent Sumpter, 22, of Brooklyn was reportedly "looking for trouble" when he approached Yechiel Dabrowskin at around 2 a.m. near the Chabad Headquarters in Crown Heights, yelling antisemitic slurs and asking, "Do you want to die?" before lashing out with his blade.

"It's very, very painful," Dabrowskin told Israel's Kan 11 News of his wounds. "I had internal bleeding, but, thank God, I had a

miracle." Dabrowskin said the knife came "very close to my heart."

The suspect was tackled in the aftermath and arrested.

Sumpter, who law-enforcement sources said has no prior criminal record in the city, faces a slew of second- and third-degree assault and menacing charges in the attack, with four of the counts to be prosecuted as hate crimes.

Some 229 antisemitic hate crimes have been reported to the NYPD this year through last Sunday, it says. By that time last year, only 126 such incidents were reported.

The notable rise comes after the Oct. 7 terrorist attack on Israel in which Hamas killed 1,200 people and kidnapped more than



CLOSE TO HEART: Yechiel Dabrowskin (near left, in the hospital) calls his survival of a stabbing (far left) at the hands of, police say, Vincent Sumpter, a "miracle."

200, leading the Jewish state to launch a military campaign in Gaza.

Mark Treygar, the CEO of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, condemned the latest instance of violence against city Jews in a post on X.

'Abominable attack'

He called it an "abhorrent and abominable attack" and stressed the assault shouldn't be seen as an isolated incident.

House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-Brooklyn) said the stabbing is "deeply disturbing and completely unacceptable. This horrifying act of antisemitism has no place in our society."

State Attorney General Letitia

James added on X, "This is a horrifying act of antisemitism and violence that will not be tolerated in New York. I am thankful that the victim will be physically okay, but we cannot stay silent as this hate continues in our city and our country."

A witness previously told Freedom New TV the alleged attacker was "looking for trouble" leading up to the stabbing.

"It does make me a bit worried, but at the same time I'm comfortable here," the man said. "I do watch my back in general, but at the same time, it's making you just be more wary and make sure there's nothing happening behind you and you suddenly turn around and there's a guy about to stab you."

Student gets jail for 'kill Jews' posts

A Cornell student who posted antisemitic murder threats on the university's website, then claimed he only did it to "garner sympathy" for Jewish people, was sentenced to 21 months behind bars Monday.

Patrick Dai, 22, was handed down the judgment by Syracuse federal Chief Judge Brenda Sannes after he copped a plea in April while maintaining he threatened to kill Jews on campus

in a misguided bid to highlight the atrocities of Hamas.

Dai's lawyer, Lisa Peebles, later told The Post by email that she plans to appeal the sentence since she disagrees with how federal sentencing guidelines were interpreted for her client, including involving two increases to his imprisonment range.

She also noted that Dai had already been in jail for nearly 10 months since his November arrest.

"He has more than nine months in the county jail," Peebles said. "I was hoping for time served."

The lawyer had asked the judge for more leniency, arguing Dai was diagnosed with autism after the incident — a medical condition she says would explain his crime.

"He believed, wrongly, that the posts would prompt a 'blowback' against what he perceived as anti-Israel media coverage and pro-Hamas sentiment on campus,"

Peebles wrote in court papers last month. "Patrick's flawed logic is a result of his autism."

Prosecutors argued that Dai should receive a sentence within the recommended guideline range, which was 27 to 33 months in prison. Sannes' ultimate decision was still slightly below what was recommended.

The feds said Dai's mental struggles didn't give him a free pass to break the law. Priscilla DeGregory

By ASIA GRACE

Life's a breeze for Michael Parisi. The World War II Army veteran, who turns 102 on Oct. 6, told The Post the No. 1 key to longevity is marrying a good wife.

And the second must, according to the centenarian, is breathing in the fresh air of Hunterdon County, NJ, a community he's called home for the past 60 years.

"The air is excellent compared to city air," says Parisi, a great-grandfather of five, from Stockton, NJ. "You don't get gasoline and all that other junk in there.

"You sit outside for an hour breathing in the fresh air," added the widower, a professional accordion player and tap dancer, "and you're a different person."

And Parisi, one of the county's oldest living residents, is not just blowing smoke.

Hunterdon's transformative atmosphere has, in fact, afforded the rural region bragging rights as the fourth-best community for health outcomes in the nation, according to US News & World Report. It's an honor lionizing the county for producing high life-expectancy rates and low numbers of adults in poor health.

The lush land — just 65 miles south of Manhattan — also earned the 35th overall spot on the report's 2024 Healthiest Communities roster.

The annual roundup appraises residential areas based on qualities such as population health, education, housing, environment and food and nutrition.

'This can't be Jersey'

Hunterdon County Commissioner Director Jeff Kuhl lauds its evergreen environment for enhancing the quality of life of its 130,000 citizens, as well as its frequent visitors.

"We have people from different countries come here and say, 'This can't be New Jersey,'" he said of outsiders' shock that the scenic space within the Garden State doesn't mimic the hustle and bustle of New York City, nor the table-flipping chaos featured in series like "The Sopranos" and "The Real Housewives of New Jersey."

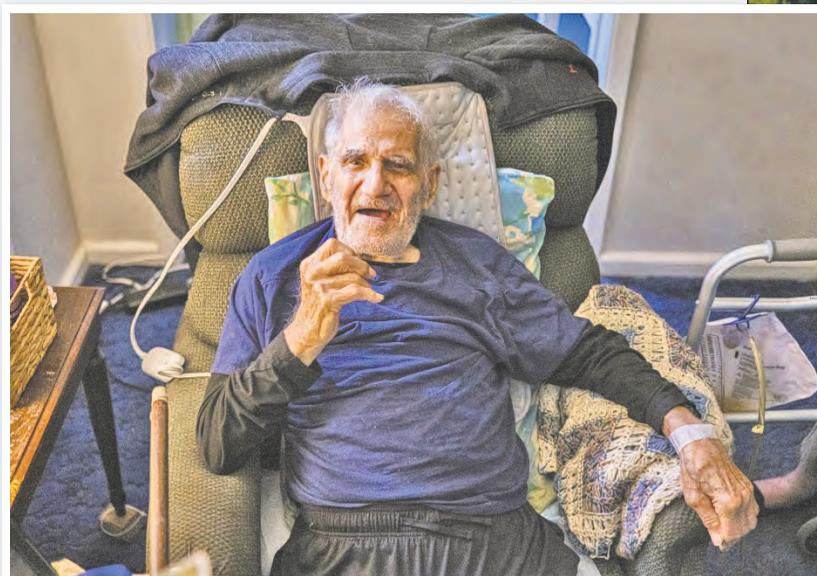
"It's a different world here," said Kuhl, a sixth-generation farm landlord. "We've preserved 38,000 acres [of open space] and a lot of our farms are No. 1 in the state.

"My dad called it 'God's Country.'"

The county's pride, its 579 Trail, is a path on which townies and tourists are invited to explore the agricultural wonders of the province, including its produce stands, livestock, wineries, breweries and many farm-to-table eateries.

Karen DeMarco, director of the county's Department of Health, praises the prairies for bearing a

Pastoral NJ county named one



SWEET HOME: Hunterdon County is good for your health, according to a report and locals like 101-year-old Michael Parisi (above), sisters Tegan and Ashleann Berry (top) and WoodsEdge Farm's Brent Walker (below).



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— Hunterdon County
Commissioner Director Jeff Kuhl



bounty of nutritious noshings.

"Having access to farm-fresh fruits, foods and vegetables, areas to take walks and move your body — that's all part of staying healthy," said DeMarco.

She added that the county also prioritizes waterway maintenance and the removal of hazardous materials as efforts to keep its townships clean.

And to support the mental health of both locals and guests, the countryside boasts a number of senior citizen centers, fitness clubs, hiking trails, antique shops, river towns and community-engagement events, like the Corn, Tomato and Beer Festival, which was celebrated this past Saturday.

"[These are all] big draws for people to come from the city," she said. "Being in a community like this . . . it's very low stress."

Brent Walker and Amy Serridge, owners of WoodsEdge Farm in Stockton, told The Post that grind-worn Gothamites often flock to their 90-acre fields to enjoy rest and relaxation among their yaks, llamas and alpacas.

Escape from NY

"We host events like 'Lunch with the llamas,' 'A paint party with the alpaca' and 'ShearFest' that bring in people from nearby and New York City," said Serridge.

She and Walker, natives of Hunterdon County and married high-school sweethearts of 25 years, lovingly breed their livestock to produce fibers for clothes and home goods.

The farm, which has been in Walker's family for nearly five

of the healthiest places to live in the US



Photos: Stephen Yang



BUCOLIC: Hunterdon County boasts idyllic scenes like Frenchtown (left and above), home to hundreds of federally protected historic sites and notable architecture, and farm-to-table restaurants, like at Ironbound Farm (below) in Asbury.



GARDEN (STATE) OF EDEN

decades, also houses a sprawling wedding venue, where lovebirds with a taste for down-home décor can get hitched in rustic majesty.

“We’ve had at least two couples get married here,” said Serridge, “then purchase homes in the neighborhood because they fell in love with this county.”

The allure of the welcoming woods captured Parisi’s heart back in 1964.

He and his late wife, Esther, relocated to the county from Irvington, NJ, after family members tasked him with overseeing 100 acres of farmland.

With help from his grandchildren, neighbors and caretakers, he still maintains a garden of goodies, where he raises tomatoes, peppers and potatoes.

“There’s a 3-mile trail I used to walk twice a day — sometimes backward,” said Parisi, who gets around with a walker nowadays.

And he’s looking forward to getting out and celebrating his upcoming birthday with friends from the community, as well as a big chocolate cake, this fall.

“My wish [for my 102nd birthday] is that I’m doing as well at that age as I am now,” he said.

“I’ve had a terrific lifetime.”

Lawyer for celebs, strippers found in car

By JOE MARINO and CHRIS NESI

Salvatore Strazzullo, NYC's infamous "Night-Life Lawyer" who was facing multiple ongoing criminal cases for allegedly bilking elderly clients out of millions of dollars, was found dead in his car in front of his parents' Brooklyn home Saturday.

The 52-year-old Strazzullo's eclectic client roster — which included celebs in trouble and strippers suing pro athletes — and personal scandals made him a fixture in gossip pages.

The cases he took on frequently involved embarrassing or bizarre circumstances, sometimes stemming from intoxicated celebrities' late-night exploits, which earned him his nickname in a 2012 New York Times profile.

Stars & suits

While defending rapper Foxy Brown in a 2011 case — in which she was facing prosecution for hiking down her undergarments and mooning a neighbor she had been feuding with — he was preparing to invoke what he called "the underwear defense" if the case went to trial: His client had simply not put on underwear the day she flashed the alleged victim.

Brooklyn Supreme Court Justice John Walsh wound up dismissing the charges.

Strazzullo also repped Milana Dravnel, an exotic dancer who sued Oscar de la Hoya for \$100 million in 2007 after he allegedly attempted to stop her from selling racy photos in which the boxing legend strutted around in lingerie. After the photos were made public, Dravnel sold them to a West Coast photo agency for \$70,000.

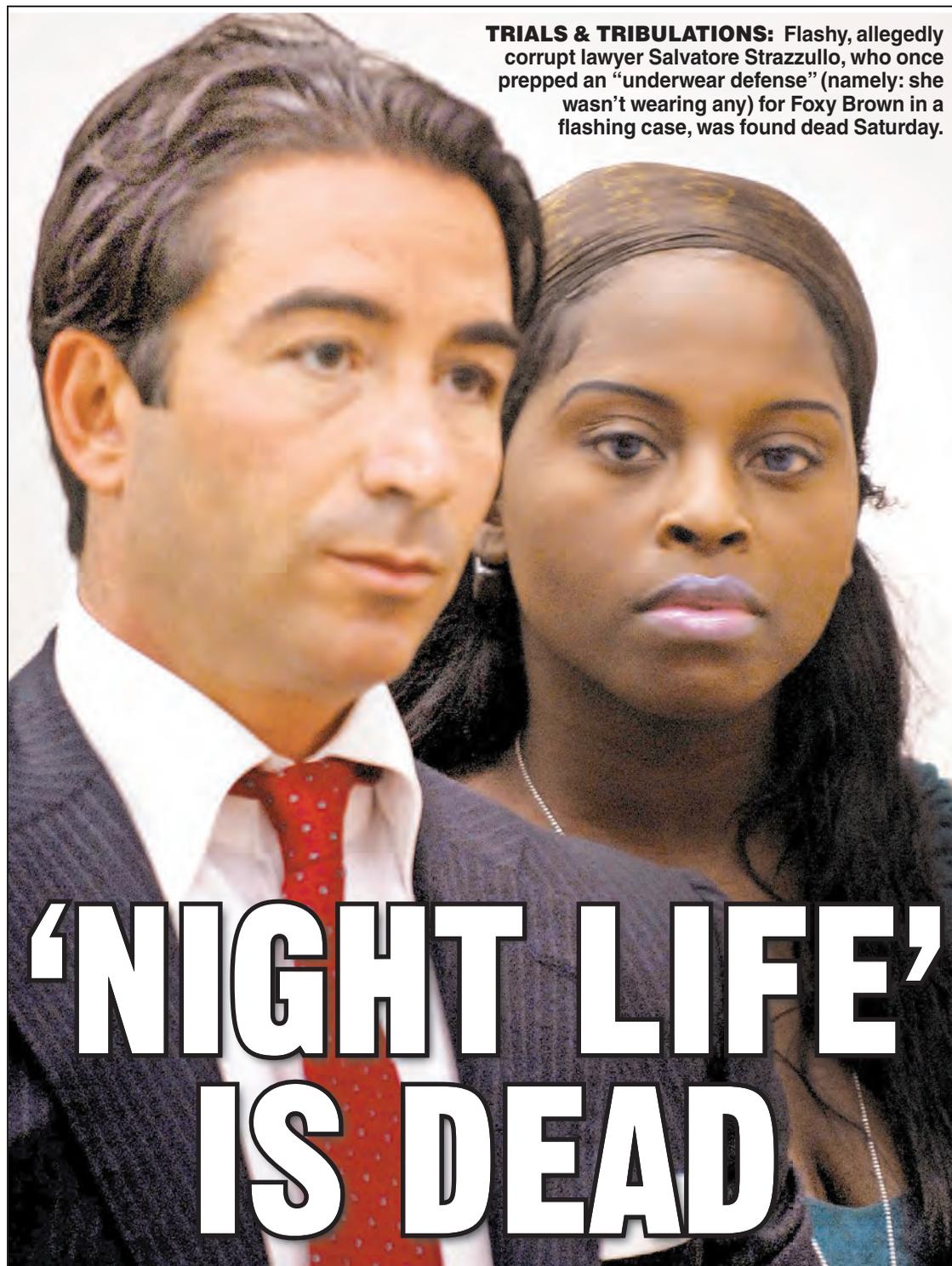
De la Hoya's camp said they were doctored, which prompted the suit and many salacious allegations — including that the former super welterweight champ had a penchant for donning all manner of ladies' undergarments and loved to be called "Goldie" while wearing them.

By June 2008, Dravnel had quietly dropped the charges after signing a confidentiality agreement with the boxer's team.

In between litigating such sleaze-tastic cases, Strazzullo himself wound up on the wrong side of a judge's gavel on more than one occasion.

In 2011, Desiree DeMartino, a paralegal and former employee, sued the Brooklyn attorney for sexual harassment alleging, among other things, that he once kept her trapped in a conference room with her 1-year-old son outside while he pleased himself for more than 10 minutes, according to the suit filed in Brooklyn Federal Court.

DeMartino also alleged that he



TRIALS & TRIBULATIONS: Flashy, allegedly corrupt lawyer Salvatore Strazzullo, who once prepped an "underwear defense" (namely: she wasn't wearing any) for Foxy Brown in a flashing case, was found dead Saturday.

committed other misdeeds like "forcibly kissing" her, and putting his hands down her blouse to feel her breasts.

'Ponzi schemes'

More recently, Strazzullo found himself facing criminal theft and fraud charges alleging he ripped off elderly clients to bankroll a lavish lifestyle.

In April, Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez alleged that Strazzullo had used his escrow account as a Ponzi scheme for years, taking funds from one client to pay off another while racking up tens

of thousands in charges at fancy restaurants and expensive hotels.

He was accused of stealing nearly \$3.8 million in total, which he spent on extravagances like a \$100,000 BMW and a tony apartment in a Battery Park City complex for \$13,000 per month, prosecutors said.

Strazzullo pleaded not guilty to a charge of first-degree grand larceny, four counts of second-degree grand larceny and one count of first-degree scheme to defraud.

"This defendant is accused of stealing a tremendous amount of money that represents the nest eggs of his victims, senior citizens

who trusted him to handle their affairs," Gonzalez said in a statement at the time.

Strazzullo also pleaded not guilty last December in a different Brooklyn criminal case, where prosecutors alleged he stole \$1.5 million from three other clients.

Gonzalez said of that case that Strazzullo "is accused of violating the trust of vulnerable individuals and using their funds to pay creditors and other expenses."

Both cases were still pending at the time of his death.

His cause of death was not immediately clear Monday.

With Wires

MrBeast 'hired a sex fiend'

YouTube star MrBeast has been accused by his former employee of knowingly hiring a registered sex offender.

Last month, the video streamer's former employee, named DogPack404 on YouTube, accused him of hosting "illegal lotteries" for false engagement.

DogPack404 shared another YouTube video on Thursday in which he interviews Jake Weddle, another former employee. Weddle claims MrBeast — whose real name is Jimmy Donaldson — knowingly hired a registered sex offender.

"Well, there was a known sex offender, a registered sex offender, convicted sex offender on the registry and everything, who worked there," Weddle said.

Weddle claimed MrBeast knew about the person's alleged history of "not great stuff to some underage people," and that the YouTuber "covered up the fact" that he worked there by putting him in masks on camera.

He added that the person, who is no longer employed by MrBeast, was internally referred to as "Delaware."

A spokesperson for the MrBeast referred The Post to an internal memo stating the company will be making a conscious shift to better the work environment.

Nika Shakhnazarova

Snore gore leads to jail

A Pennsylvania man who fatally stabbed his neighbor over the defendant's loud snoring has been sentenced to nearly a year in jail.

Christopher Casey, 56, of the Philadelphia suburb of Upper Moreland was hit with the prison sentence after he apologized in court to victim Robert Wallace's family and pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter.

Wallace, 62, went to Casey's duplex unit — where they share a common bedroom wall — in January to complain about Casey's snoring, prosecutors said.

Casey stabbing Wallace three times, killing him.

David Propper, Wires

Working Class Zero

Democrats' fake sympathy

GLENN HARLAN REYNOLDS



THE stealing class has figured out that it's a working-class election. You can tell by what they pilfer.

By "stealing class," I mean the Harris-Walz campaign in particular, and the party of big government in general. They exist, and flourish, not by creating new wealth and ideas, but by stealing the produce of others.

In Harris' case, that means shamelessly stealing Donald Trump's "no taxes on tips" proposal and floating it as if it were her idea, something made less plausible by Kamala's lifelong history of not having original ideas. But it's meant to show that she cares about the working class.

In Walz's case, what he stole was valor, posing as a combat soldier when he never was, and claiming he retired as a Command Sergeant Major when he didn't actually do so. Instead he abandoned his unit, taking early retirement rather than deploy, an act that caused even his old unit's chaplain to call him "cowardly."

That's a working-class issue be-

cause most of our combat soldiers share a working-class background, and Walz was pretending a solidarity with them that he never actually earned.

Well, hypocrisy is the tribute that vice pays to virtue, and by pretending to care about working-class people, the Democrats are telling us that they think it's a working-class election.

The press — which decades ago was filled with working-class reporters but is now stocked with elite journalists — is focused on issues like trans rights, abortion, gun control and the like. And those issues *do* matter to the college-educated Karens who are the biggest consumers of news media today — but the working class is busy working, or trying to, and has been doing much worse since 2020.

Trump's four years in the White House were the first time the working class made gains since the early 2000s, and while the press and its audience may not care, you can bet that working-class people do.

The working class has also been most affected by various foreign wars and disasters, like Biden's humiliating skedaddle from Afghanistan. It's been most affected by the urban riots and crime waves spread by Democrats'



Den of thieves: Kamala Harris (r.) and running mate Tim Walz appeared in Las Vegas to tout pro-working-class policies pilfered from Trump.

woke policies.

By suddenly starting to take account of working-class issues, even if they have to steal to do so, the Harris-Walz campaign is telling us that they know that. And they're not the only ones.

As Ruy Teixeira wrote in these pages not long ago, "Working-class (non-college) voters will likely determine the outcome of the 2024 election." Teixeira estimated they will comprise about two-thirds of eligible voters in November, and even higher in all the key swing states — Arizona,

Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

Worse yet for the Dems, many of the minority voters they expected would produce their "new Democratic majority" — a term coined by Teixeira in the 1990s before reality set in — are not only unmoved, but are positively repelled, by woke issues like trans rights, abortion, defunding the police and more.

But hey, if Harris takes your kid away from you because you won't let him or her be surgically mutilated, at least she won't make you

pay taxes on your tips.

The problem for the Democrats is that they haven't been the party of the working class for a long while. They're now the party of billionaires, well-off college-educated whites, especially unmarried white women, and their poor client groups — though even those clients are getting a bit restive.

It's the Republicans who are now a multiracial party of the working class. Which is especially a problem for Dems in a working-class election.

It's not all bad news for the Democrats: They retain the political equivalent of air superiority via their control of the legacy media, which since Kamala was selected has reached new levels of obsequiousness, and of most social-media platforms.

It'll be fun to watch places like Mother Jones and Rolling Stone, which mocked Trump's no-tax-on-tips proposal as a "lame political stunt" and the like, spin on a dime and praise Kamala's genius in helping out America's oppressed waitresses.

I don't have a great track record on political predictions, and this election — complete with an assassination attempt the press has done its best to erase from memory — defies all experience. But the press hype is all about atmospherics and vibes, and while Democrats are hoping for a "vibe" election, there's a certain vibe when the utility bill arrives, too.

That may stick more with voters than the natterings of pundits.

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Trump Must Retool vs. Harris — Fast

JOE Biden made Donald Trump feel fresh and vital. No matter how commonplace Trump's tropes and mode of campaigning had become, they seemed compelling compared to the bleached-out president of the United of States who had become a shell of himself.

With the Trump-Biden contrast no longer relevant, the former president is operating in a new, much less forgiving environment. Kamala Harris wants to run a youth-vs.-age and future-vs.-past campaign against Trump, and she has some chance of making it work.

Against Biden, Trump represented the past, but also change. Against Harris, he's potentially just the past. It's not "old" as a matter of age that's the issue, although all those concerns are now about Trump.

Ronald Reagan was old when he took office, but was offering a complete change of direction in policy and exuded a youthful optimism and self-confident patriotism. The problem for Trump is "old" as a matter of feeling familiar, tired and played out.

The Mar-a-Lago press conference last week was a typical, nay, stereotypical,

Trump event — Trump looked commanding against a vivid backdrop of American flags, but how many times have we seen that image? He was a bit of everything — on-message and off-message, confident and defensive, charming and insulting, and so it went.

Again, how many times have we watched it?

Even Trump's outrages aren't that surprising. That he went with the "Kamala suddenly became black" line of attack wasn't exactly predictable, but nor is this kind of thing unexpected.

And, of course, we've repeatedly experienced cycles of hope for a new, more disciplined candidate dashed by Trump's insistence on doing it his way.

Again, none of this mattered so much against a doddering 81-year-old man who a vast majority of the public thought incapable of serving another four years. Biden was the past in everything he said and did.

For her part, Kamala Harris may not really be hip, but she is hipper than Trump. She's

certainly energetic enough for a full slate of campaigning, and she's presenting herself as a third force: Neither Biden nor Trump, a politician with an entirely new "vibe."

Harris has another advantage. It wasn't truly possible to cover up Biden's weakness. Even if Biden wasn't doing many interviews, he had to be out in public — at international meetings, at White House events and the like. No matter how much the Democrats insisted everything was OK, he could be seen stumbling, wandering and losing his train of thought.

With Harris, Republicans might (for good reason) say that she will lose herself in word-salad incoherence upon her first contact with a challenging interview, but there is no way to establish it without such an interview.

On the teleprompter, she seems just fine. She's pointed, amusing, determined and lifted by enthusiastic crowds.

Most importantly, Trump was winning a change election against Joe Biden. Now, he's



RICH LOWRY

essentially tied with Harris on who will bring positive change. The new CNBC poll had Harris at 39% on this question and Trump at 38%.

There is plenty for Trump to work with to pull ahead on this metric. People remember his record in office more or less fondly, and she has been an integral part of a failed administration and now embraces almost all of Biden's policies.

This isn't a case that makes itself, though. It's not enough simply not to be Kamala Harris, the way it was not to be Joe Biden.

Trump is going to have to make focused attacks that break through and aren't lost in the haze of pointless controversies.

This presents a tactical question: If the choice is between an overly controlled candidate who is relentlessly on message and an ill-disciplined candidate who is off message, is it clear that the former (Harris) is worse than the latter (Trump)?

Trump has a new challenge — his opponent is no longer an aged incumbent president who has worn out his welcome.

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Deport Migrant Criminals

How many robberies, rapes and murders must illegal migrants commit before they get sent home?

Take Yoheny Brito. An “asylum-seeking” thug from Venezuela arrested and released in *three separate thefts*, Brito went on to lead a gang of fellow migrants in a vicious beatdown of two NYPD cops. Was he deported? Nope. Locked behind bars? Nope.

So Brito was free to rob two Sephora stores in just the past few weeks, cops say.

Why not send him sent home yesterday? He has no right to be here in the first place; the Biden-Harris team has merely “paroled” him. Yet don’t be surprised if he’s freed yet again.

Or consider the horrifying knife-point rape in Coney Island Sunday. Daniel Davon-Bonilla, a Nicaraguan migrant, *pleaded guilty* to a savage sexual assault last year. Yet somehow he, too, got to remain here — *and walk free*.

And on Sunday, he allegedly threw a 46-year-old woman to the ground and raped her at knife-point. Meanwhile, his alleged accomplice, migrant Leovando Mereno, smashed her boyfriend with a pipe when he intervened, sources say.

Then there’s Venezuelan migrant Daniel

Hernandez Martinez, a poster boy for migrant crime, nabbed repeatedly on dozens of charges and released every time.

Bad enough that Joe Biden and Kamala Harris insist on “paroling” so many illegal migrants; it’s insane that *violating* that parole by committing *new* crimes has no consequences. Time and again, migrant criminals get second, third and even fourth chances.

That some countries won’t accept them back is no excuse: Team Biden-Harris secretly dumps migrants in places like Westchester; it can at least *try* to ship criminals back home. If not, hold them until they can be sent back — and if the feds don’t have the detention capacity, build more.

Of course, Kamala Harris once vowed she’d “absolutely” close all privately run immigration detention centers (which is most of them) “on Day 1” if elected president; she also backed abolishing ICE. Now that she’s the Democratic nominee, her aides say she’s abandoned those positions — but she *hasn’t* rejected the “parole them all” approach of the administration that’s she’s still serving in.

If you want more migrant-crime madness, vote Harris-Walz.

Jones’ ‘Vote From Prison’ Idiocy

Ex-Rep. Mondaire Jones — now trying to unseat Rep. Mike Lawler in the Hudson Valley’s 17th District — once backed letting felons *vote from prison*. Yes: Jones wanted murderers and rapists helping decide who’s president *while* they’re locked up.

And his reasoning is damning for a lot more Democrats than just Mondaire. Pushing for the law in 2021, he compared the prohibitions on incarcerated felons voting to a “form of slavery.”

Nope: It’s not slavery or white supremacy or any other DEI buzzword. It’s the loss of a basic right of citizens, just as prison entails the loss of *many* rights and freedoms.

And it is, and is intended as, a punishment for people who’ve violated the social con-

tract in the deepest way. By breaking the law, they’ve proven that they place no value on the rights of *others*, nor those citizenship confers on them.

The bill Jones backed suffered a bipartisan thrashing in the House. And it’s coming back to haunt him now that the poisonous doctrines adopted by the left after the 2020 race riots sent violent crime skyward.

But it’s not just that the idea is pro-crime: It aligns with the fundamental contempt for citizenship that animates progressive policy on so many issues. E.g., on illegal immigration: In opening the border, progs aim to make citizenship *itself* totally meaningless.

That’s a fundamental difference between the parties that reaches far beyond one race.

Belgium Sides With the Barbarians

All it took was a bit of graffiti for Belgium’s third-largest city to side with hate.

A group of Israeli frisbee athletes was scheduled to play in an international competition in Ghent last week when a vandal spray-painted antisemitic graffiti near the field: “Boycott Israhell Now!” Insanely, the town’s mayor and police force reacted by *booting the Israeli team* from the tournament.

Huh? The graffiti didn’t even call for violence, and that it was in English suggests it was more agitprop than threat. At most, it might be cause for Ghentish citizens to rally and show that the European rhetoric of social tolerance applies to Jews too.

But no: In breaking the “You’re out” news, the police chief allegedly told the team’s coach, “This is your war, not mine.” More, the town told the coaches and team members they couldn’t even *watch the games*.

In 2024, people in a Western European

city are being banned from sporting events because they’re Jewish. And the Europe-wide athletic association behind the tournament passively co-signed this ugliness: The sentiments that let Hitler and his cadres succeed are still alive and well.

The rationale here — that letting these players compete could somehow compromise the competition’s safety — is completely hollow: If cops think Jews showing up to play their chosen sport will incite a violent response from locals, then the *locals* need to be restrained, not the Jews.

And that morally monstrous cop’s “not my war” assessment is dead wrong: Safeguarding a tournament is the *job* of a police force.

The Israel-Hamas war is nothing less than the battle for civilization against barbarism. And Israel is fighting the good fight.

Belgium, just like it did in World War II, has decided to capitulate to barbarism.

A ‘Kameleon’ Candidate: Running From Her Record

THE ISSUE: Kamala Harris’ public move toward centrism despite her hyper-progressive history.



Kamala Harris

an original thought in her head.

He also has to highlight her ultra liberal policies when she was a district attorney and senator.

Alan Brooks
Brooklyn

• Harris has spent her entire political career supporting one far-left idea after another.

But now that she has been anointed as the Democratic Party candidate, she disavows her life’s work in favor of a newly found identity as a centrist. Why? Isn’t she proud of her California-style liberalism? Apparently not.

She has endorsed every policy that President Biden has presented. These policies, not those of Trump, are the real threat to democracy. But the gaslighting of voters continues. **Robert Mangi**
Garden City

• Harris plagiarized Trump: When the latter pledged not to tax tips, Harris then advocated for the same thing.

Harris also claims she would increase the minimum wage which, if implemented, would cause many restaurants to close — just like it did in California, where many establishments have shut

down since Gov. Gavin Newsom implemented a \$20 minimum wage.

Harris also stated that she would fix our border crisis and tackle rising inflation. She’s in office now, so why doesn’t she have President Biden implement these policies now? Why wait?

Frank Paulin
Manahawkin, NJ

• Am I the only voter in America who knows that Harris didn’t fall from the sky?

Harris is our current vice president and former senator. She has an actual record to run on. Record-high inflation? That’s on her. War everywhere, our borders overrun and fentanyl flooding in? That’s also on Harris. **Carol Meltzer**
Manhattan

• Don’t be fooled by the great makeover of Harris, the chameleon.

Democrats and the media are already claiming she was never the border czar. However, she not only failed as border czar — with illegal aliens pouring over the border at levels never seen before — she also failed as the attorney general of California. Crime soared in the state after she took that position.

She even lied to us about Biden’s mental health for 3½ years. So why should anyone believe what she says now?

Conrad Quagliaroli
Woodstock, Ga.

• Regarding The Post’s cover story on Harris’ shifting positions, I’m reminded of the classic Groucho Marx quip: “I have my principles, and if you don’t like them, I have others.”

Jay Roberts, Jericho

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FAST TAKES

Border patrol: She Can't 'Flip' This Script

Multiple reports say “Vice President Kamala Harris, currently running for president without an agenda, plans to ‘flip the script, on the border,” marvels the Washington Examiner’s Byron York. The idea is “to find a way to avoid blame for the Biden-Harris administration’s welcoming, encouraging, and accommodating more than 10 million illegal and unvetted border crossers who have entered the United States since Harris took office.” Yet “she has played a key role in border affairs in the last 3 ½ years”; this is “a disaster entirely of the president’s and vice president’s making. That will not change. One cannot ‘flip the script’ on a disaster.” “A candidate with an indelible record on an issue can’t just say the word and purport to be the opposite.”

Law prof: An Anti-Free Speech Ticket

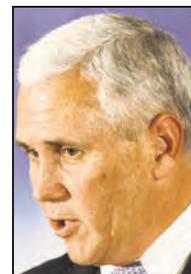
“A Harris-Walz administration would be a nightmare for free speech,” warns Jonathan Turley at The Hill. “For over three years, the Biden-Harris administration has sustained an unrelenting attack on the freedom of speech,” and “as vice president, Harris has long supported these anti-free speech policies.” Her VP pick, Tim Walz, “has shown not only a shocking disregard for free speech values but an equally shocking lack of understanding of the First Amendment,” including when Walz said: “There’s no guarantee to free speech on misinformation or hate speech, and especially around our democracy.” Adds Turley: “With the addition of Walz, Democrats now have arguably the most anti-free speech ticket of a major party in more than two centuries. Both candidates are committed to using disinformation, misinformation and malinformation as justifications for speech controls.”

Campus watch: Courage vs. the Jew-haters

A Massachusetts judge has “greenlighted a student organization’s case against Harvard that alleges the university failed to protect the civil rights of Jewish students” from harassment and violence during campus protests, reports Bill Barr at The Free Press — “an unmistakable message to campus administrators” who won’t admit that “calls for the genocide of Jews violate their universities’ codes of student conduct” or practice a “brazen double standard” on academic freedom and free speech. But “this is more than a problem of doublespeak.” It seems schools “are making a deliberate choice not to” defend Jewish students. “The current crisis of campus antisemitism has laid bare for all Americans just how dangerous a cultural moment we are living in.” “We’ve seen this revolution before. It doesn’t end well.”

Libertarian: Facing Facts on Federal Debt

With the national debt topping \$35 trillion and the country veering into “uncharted and dangerous” fiscal territory, “former Vice President Mike Pence is leading a new effort” to rein in runaway spending, cheers Reason’s Eric Boehm. “To get debt under control,” Pence’s nonprofit Advancing American Freedom “points out that lawmakers cannot simply focus on the discretionary part of the federal budget,” which accounts for less than 30% of spending. Rather, they must tackle entitlements, like Social Security, and hidden “tax expenditures,” such as “green energy subsidies.” Pence holds no elected office, but no one with power seems willing to engage the issue. “Pence has nothing to lose, and that means he’s free to say the things that others won’t. I hope he keeps talking.”



Mike Pence

Conservative: Who’s Running the Country?

All the ugly news about President Biden’s decline has “not ceased to be pertinent because [he] is no longer running for re-election,” warns The New York Times’ Ross Douthat. “Since things keep happening in the world — for instance, this week, the nation that we’ve been arming for a defensive war decided to invade Russia — it seems like America could stand to learn a bit more about how the White House has been working recently.” Instead, “we’re getting the fulfillment of the bargain that was implicitly offered to Biden by his fellow Democrats — that by bowing out he would trade the shadow of scandal for the halo of self-sacrifice and coast through the final days.” Yet, “depending on Biden’s true capacities,” maybe “he should have resigned,” and some “crisis in the next few months” will “make the Democrats wish” he had.

— Compiled by The Post Editorial Board

How Bus Leeches Win

NEARLY half of New York City’s two million bus riders evaded paying fares over the last three months, a pattern that helps explain why the MTA reportedly hemorrhaged over \$300 million due to bus freeloaders in the last year.

Law-abiding New Yorkers will pay for this type of revenue loss in the form of fare hikes and tax increases. But just deploying more NYPD officers and fare-enforcement agents to combat fare evasion — as the transit authority announced last month they will do — won’t fix the problem.

Until Albany amends the 2020 “discovery law,” the actual consequences for farebeating won’t be enough to convince delinquents to cough up the \$2.90 per ride.

In the state of New York, prosecuting “minor” crimes, like fare evasion, has become impossible under discovery reform, which advantages offenders often insurmountably.

Importantly, this is separate from the explicit policies for declining to prosecute fare evasion that district attorneys in Manhattan, Brooklyn and the Bronx have adopted since 2017.

The discovery law does not restrict the robust prosecution of farebeating. Instead, it imposes a compliance burden so great that prosecutors are simply unable to consistently prosecute such cases — even when they want to.

A perfect example is the case of Zayan Shar, who was charged last November in Staten Island with “Theft of Services,” a Class A misdemeanor, after dodging bus fare.

Prosecutors filed all the exhaustive material which discovery law now requires as evidence: body-worn camera recordings, a bus-fare evasion data sheet, video surveillance from the bus and much more.

But Shar’s defense attorney was able to get his case dismissed by exploiting the bottomless stringency of the 2020 discovery statute, in combination with New York’s “speedy trial” law, which mandates prosecutors be ready for trial in a set number of days.

Shar’s attorney dilly-dallied for two weeks, then claimed prosecutors had failed to “disclose the name of and adequate contact in-



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formation” for two additional MTA employees who were seen momentarily on video surveillance and body-cam recordings.

The attorney also demanded the memo book and camera audit logs for one of these officers, Special Inspector Christopher Piegari. Over the following weeks, prosecutors diligently tracked down and shared all these materials. But defense counsel was nonetheless able to insist prosecutors took too long to collect these — meaningless — extra snips of information.

How meaningless? Piegari never witnessed Shar’s alleged fare evasion. Prosecutors didn’t intend to call Piegari as a witness; his memo book contained “no information regarding the alleged incident.”

But still, the case was tossed.

Shar’s freebie is no fluke: The Staten Island DA’s office had around 300 “speedy trial” dismissals in just the first eleven months of last year — or 5% of their total caseload. In the pre-discovery reform era, the office dismissed basically zero cases due to “speedy trial” petitions.

The discovery burden has pushed the increase of all case dismissals in Staten Island — from less than a quarter of cases in 2019, to almost half of cases in 2023.

And that’s just one borough. Citywide, “speedy trial” dismissals rose from under 5% of cases in 2019 to over 22% last year.

That’s an astounding increase of 23,564 cases that, like Shar’s, were dismissed because prosecutors couldn’t scramble together every conceivable scrap of “evidence” that defense attorneys could concoct before the permissible time window for prosecution closed.

This absurdity will continue until discovery reform is amended to only require the collection of relevant material, or to de-couple discovery collection from the “speedy trial” timeframe.

Until robust prosecution for misdemeanor arrests is an option for district attorneys’ offices, police will also be understandably less motivated to attempt any enforcement beyond a toothless civil summons.

And half the city’s bus straphangers, undeterred by the fear of prosecution, will continue to mooch off the chumps who pay to ride.

Hannah E. Meyers is a Manhattan Institute fellow.

Dow Jones Indust. Avg. **Down 140.53**
39,357.01

Business

Nasdaq Comp. **Up 35.31**
16,780.61

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Mixed marts

Wall Street closed mixed on Monday as investors braced for a slew of economic data this week, especially consumer prices, to gauge the outlook for Fed monetary policy. The Dow slipped 140 points, or 0.4%, and the Nasdaq rose 0.2%.

Oil's big jump

Oil prices jumped by more than 3% on Monday, rising for a fifth consecutive session on expectations of a widening Mideast conflict that could tighten global supplies. US crude futures settled at \$80.06 a barrel, up \$3.22.

J&J support

Johnson & Johnson has cleared a key threshold of support for its proposed \$6.5 billion settlement of tens of thousands of lawsuits alleging its baby powder and other talc products caused cancer, Bloomberg reported.

BuzzFeed rally

BuzzFeed posted a 24% drop in second-quarter revenue but narrowed its loss to \$7.5 million as it reduced costs. Shares surged 18% to \$2.65 after hours.

Fire fallout

Hawaiian Electric shares dropped 14% after the utility warned it doesn't have a financing plan to pay half of a \$4 billion Maui wildfires settlement.

Sources: Reuters, Dow Jones, AP

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Out of shape

Blink Fitness, the low-cost membership chain founded in New York City, has blamed its inability to rebound following the COVID-19 pandemic for its need to file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.



Blink exercises Chap. 11 move

By TAYLOR HERZLICH

Blink Fitness filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy after struggling to draw back gym junkies who canceled memberships during the pandemic, the company said Monday.

The low-price fitness chain — founded in New York City in 2011 — charges between \$15 and \$40 a month for memberships, according to its website.

Blink — which operates more than 100 locations across New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, California, Illinois, Massachusetts and Texas — is owned by Equinox, whose upscale gyms charge upward of \$500 a month for its higher-priced memberships.

Blink's prices rose to between \$22 and \$45 a

month at New York City locations following some price hikes over the past few years.

But like many others, Blink fell victim to the pandemic-era gym drought that popularized at-home fitness programs. Consumers grew hooked on free YouTube videos promising abs in just 15 minutes — and gyms have yet to see these customers return in full.

Gyms have been hurt by long-lasting inflation, as consumers have grown more cost-conscious and pulled back on spending.

The company said its revenue grew nearly 40% over the past two years, but it still wasn't enough to save the chain from bankruptcy.

Blink CEO Guy Harkless said the bankruptcy filing

is the first step in facilitating a sale process to "position the business for long-term success."

The sale will "help ensure Blink remains the destination for all people seeking an inclusive, community-focused gym," Harkless said in a statement.

The company said its members can continue using its gyms during the sale process.

Blink has received \$21 million in new debtor-in-possession financing from its existing lenders which will be used to maintain operations during the sale process, the company said.

Earlier this year, Equinox Holdings received about \$2 billion in capital to refinance maturing loans, Bloomberg reported in March.

COSTLY PENSION LESSON

'Crowd' hits teachers

By JAMES FRANEY

A New York state pension fund is facing nearly \$30 million in losses after amassing a stake in CrowdStrike — just before the IT firm caused a global network meltdown that sent the company's stock into a tailspin.

The New York State Teachers' Retirement System (NYSTRS) bought 197,462 shares in the Austin-based cybersecurity company in the second quarter of this year, according to its latest investor relations report.

That stake was worth more than \$75 million on June 30, the filing shows, but a 38% collapse in CrowdStrike shares since the July 19 debacle puts the current value at just more than \$46 million — a paper loss of \$28.5 million.

CrowdStrike was down .7% at \$239.34 on Monday.

NYSTRS — which provides investment, retirement and disability benefits to public school educators — has roughly \$137 billion in assets, according to its 2023 financial statement.

The fund's total portfolio returned 9%, net of fees, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, according to its investor relations page.

"As of June 30, 2023, our 10-year rate of return was 8.5% (net of fees) and our 30-year rate of return was 8.3% (net of fees)," the investor relations note added.

It is bound by law to guarantee an annual return of at least 6.95%. Any shortfall must come out of the

state's coffers.

A spokesperson for the NYSTRS said the fund "does not comment on individual stock holdings."

Shareholder suit

CrowdStrike has been under fire since a faulty software update crashed more than 8 million computers using Microsoft Windows. The crisis grounded flights, forced banking systems offline and brought office computer systems to a shuddering halt.

Shareholders launched a class legal action against CrowdStrike earlier this month, accusing the company of "false and misleading" statements about its software testing.

The case, filed in the Austin, Texas, federal court, claims CrowdStrike execs defrauded investors by insisting that its software updates had been properly tested.

Lawyers for the investors are seeking an unspecified amount of compensation for investors who owned shares between Nov. 29 and July 29.

Delta, which was the hardest hit of the airlines, has also said it would launch a separate case against CrowdStrike after it was forced to cancel some 7,000 flights in the space of five days. Delta CEO Ed Bastion claimed the disruption cost the company at least \$500 million.

"Delta continues to push a misleading narrative," a CrowdStrike spokesperson told The Post on Monday.

Painful cuts at Dr. Phil's co.

A fledgling media company launched by famed TV talk-show host Dr. Phil McGraw canned about a third of its 100-person staff, according to a report.

Merit Street Media, founded by McGraw earlier this year, completed a culling Monday that included fewer than 40 people, mainly in the morning and evening news departments, sources familiar with the layoffs told Bloomberg. The Fort Worth, Texas, company

rebooted McGraw's daytime gabfest, "Dr. Phil Primetime," which airs on the Merit Street TV network.

"Following the brief summer hiatus of 'Dr. Phil Primetime,' Merit Street implemented ongoing consolidations of departments and roles in efforts to achieve efficiencies at the highest level, which unfortunately resulted in some layoffs," the media company said in a statement.

Newer hires did not receive severance, sources told Bloomberg.

"These layoffs came as a complete shock to everyone on the staff," one worker told Mediaite.

Merit did not return a request for comment.

McGraw (right), who gained prominence as a regular guest on Oprah Winfrey's talk show, ended his 21-year run on daytime TV early last year. He announced his return to the airwaves with "Dr. Phil Primetime" last November. *Taylor Herzlich*



'Mucinex' benzene warning

The generic version of the popular cold and allergy medicine Mucinex that is sold as an in-store brand at CVS, Walmart, Target and Walgreens contains the cancer-causing chemical benzene, according to a report.

Benzene, a colorless, flammable liquid that has been used to make plastics, synthetic fibers, household cleaners, gasoline and rubber, has been linked to diseases such as leukemia.

The brand-name version of Mucinex, which is sold by British pharmaceutical giant Reckitt Benckiser Group, uses a white powder called carbomer, which creates the extended-release effect that helps ease symptoms over a 12-hour period, as an inactive ingredient that does not contain benzene.

But an analysis by Bloomberg News found that the carbomer used to make the generic versions sold by the large retail pharmacies in the US does contain benzene.

All of the four major chains source the medicine from Amneal Pharmaceuticals, a New Jersey company, according to Bloomberg.

Amneal Pharmaceuticals didn't respond to a request for comment.

"Our store brand products are developed to be safe and high-quality, work as intended, comply with regulations, and satisfy customers," a CVS spokesperson told The Post. *Ariel Zilber*

Taylor-made deal

Music of Swift, others headed for WhatsApp

By ARIEL ZILBER

The music of pop stars including Taylor Swift, Adele, Billie Eilish and Elton John will soon be played and shared across WhatsApp, under a deal reached Monday.

Universal Music Group, the world's largest multinational music company, which represents the globe's biggest recording artists, agreed to a multi-year licensing pact with Mark Zuckerberg's Meta Platforms.

The deal is an expansion of an agreement from 2017 in which UMG licensed its music catalogs to Facebook and its sister platforms Messenger, Instagram and Oculus.

The updated deal includes short-form videos and licensed music that will be featured on Meta-owned WhatsApp.

"The new agreement reflects the two companies'

Platform gets tune-up



Universal Music Group has licensed Meta to put the label's performers, including Taylor Swift (left), on Meta's WhatsApp platform, in addition to Facebook, Instagram, Messenger and Oculus.

AFP/Getty Images

shared commitment to protecting human creators and artistry, including ensuring that artists and songwriters are compensated fairly," the companies said in a statement. "UMG was the first major

music company to license Facebook back in 2017 and this new agreement will further expand the possibilities for music within the Meta ecosystem."

Financial terms were not disclosed.

The renewed agreement will give UMG artists and songwriters a portion of advertising revenue from the use of licensed music on Meta creator posts.

In late July, the music label said it had ended a

partnership with Meta for the streaming of premium music videos, saying this type of product was less popular with Facebook's user base than other music products.

The \$54 billion group behind more than a third of the market had reached a new licensing agreement with TikTok in May, restoring its songs and artists to the social media platform. UMG's songs were pulled from TikTok as a result of a dispute over royalty payments.

TikTok was accused by UMG of underpaying for the rights to its music compared to the fees that were paid by other platforms.

Last month, UMG's shares shed more than 23% in a single day after weaker than expected streaming and subscription revenues for the second quarter disappointed investors. *With Wires*

AI 'social unrest' alert Much to 'bear' in '25

Artificial intelligence could render many jobs such as cashiers and drivers obsolete — leading to widespread social unrest, according to a senior Wall Street finance executive.

Armen Panossian, a co-CEO of the Los Angeles investment firm Oaktree Capital Management, told Bloomberg News that AI poses "the biggest risk" because while it "clearly has the potential for very large economic gains," it will also

have "societal impacts."

"Millions of people could be out of jobs. So who's going to retrain those people?" Panossian told Bloomberg. "If we don't figure that out, there could be social unrest."

Last year, Goldman Sachs warned generative AI, which is trained on different sets of data to learn pattern recognition, could impact as many as 300 million full-time jobs globally. *Ariel Zilber*

Investor and strategist David Roche said Monday he expects the economy to enter a bear market in 2025.

The market will be driven down by rate cuts that will disappoint, a slowing economy and an AI bubble, he said during a CNBC interview.

Roche predicted the Fed won't reduce rates to the market's desired 3.5%. The Fed's median forecast for 2025 is 4.1%, according to the CME FedWatch Tool.

Nearly all market participants expected rates below 4.1% by September 2025, the data said.

The veteran investor said "profits [won't] fulfill expectations, because the economy is going to be slowing."

Piling on to the economic unknowns is the growing AI sector, which Roche said has "entered bubble terrain decisively" — reminiscent of the dot-com bubble that peaked in the early 2000s. *Taylor Herzlich*

Starbucks board jolt?

Activist investor Elliott Investment Management is seeking to add Jesse Cohn, an equity and managing partner in the firm, to the Starbucks board, sources said.

The coffee house chain and the hedge fund have held talks over the past weeks.

Elliott, which owns a sizable stake in the company and has been pushing it to improve its performance and stock price, has proposed expanding the size of the board.

Starbucks shares rose 2.6% Monday. *Reuters*



GAUTAM ADANI
Group down \$2.4 billion.

Major loss for Adani

Adani Group, the Indian conglomerate rocked by a Hindenburg Research report last year, faced another heavy share sell-off Monday after the short-seller accused the head of India's market regulator of having links to offshore funds also used by the group.

About \$2.4 billion, or 1%, had been wiped off the market value of Adani Group companies by the end of the trading day, although that was a substantial recovery from earlier losses of more than \$13 billion.

The battle between Hindenburg Research and Gautam Adani's conglomerate began 18 months ago when the US short-seller alleged Adani improperly used tax havens, accusations the group denied again on Sunday.

Hindenburg said Saturday that Madhabi Puri Buch, chair of the Securities and Exchange Board of India since 2022, has a conflict of interest in the Adani matter due to previous investments.

Buch said the allegations were baseless. *Reuters*

SEC sues crypto pair

The Securities and Exchange Commission on Monday sued cryptocurrency company NovaTech and its married co-founders, saying they fraudulently raised over \$650 million from more than 200,000 investors worldwide, including many Haitian-Americans.

New York Attorney General Letitia James sued co-founders Cynthia and Eddy Petion, believed to live in Panama, in June. *Reuters*

Fighting back

Former Royal Bank of Canada CFO Nadine Ahn, who was fired in April over allegations that she was having an affair with another Royal executive, has filed suit against the bank seeking damages for "public humiliation" and "palpable reputational harm."

SUING FOR:

\$36M



Battle 'Royal' by bank's fired CFO

By TAYLOR HERZLICH

Royal Bank of Canada's ex-CFO Nadine Ahn is suing the bank for \$36 million after she was fired over allegations that she was having an affair with another employee — which she denies — and giving him preferential treatment.

Ahn claims she suffered "public humiliation" and "palpable reputational harm," according to the lawsuit filed in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice.

The largest Canadian bank said Ahn was fired on April 5 after an investigation found "irrefutable evidence" that she violated the bank's code of conduct.

The bank accused Ahn of having an undisclosed personal relationship with Ken Mason, who was the head of capital and term funding at the bank and was also fired in April.

An RBC spokesperson told The Post that the in-

vestigation found the relationship led to "preferential treatment" of Mason, including "promotion and compensation increases."

Ahn claims that RBC CEO David McKay texted her the night before she was fired and asked her to meet in the morning.

When Ahn showed up the next day, McKay was absent, according to the suit. Instead, a lawyer peppered her with questions about Mason, the filing said.

Her laptop and cellphones were seized the same day, the filing said.

Ahn said the bank's claims that she had a relationship with Mason and gave him preferential treatment as a result are "patently false."

Instead, Ahn said she has been close friends with Mason since 2013 — well before she became CFO, the suit said.

Their friendship has never been a secret, the

filing said.

Mason has also filed suit against the bank, seeking about \$14.5 million in pay and damages.

The RBC spokesperson said the claims are "without merit" and the bank "will vigorously defend against them in court."

The Toronto-based bank previously said it launched the investigation into Ahn and Mason's relationship after it was made aware of allegations against the ex-CFO in March.

Ahn's Facebook profile says she is married. Her social-media profile had the same status in April.

In April, Ahn's LinkedIn profile showed she began her 12-year tenure at RBC as a senior manager, before being promoted to managing director, then vice president and senior vice president.

She was promoted to the bank's C-suite in 2021.

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RILEY PROBE WIDER

SEC eyeing loans

By JOSH KOSMAN

The feds have widened a probe of financial irregularities at B. Riley, sources told The Post — even as the struggling Wall Street firm suspended its dividend and warned on profits Monday, sending its stock tumbling more than 50%.

Short-sellers in June and July continued to deliver information on B. Riley to the Securities and Exchange Commission — and the SEC has asked them for additional material in a continuing probe, according to emails and texts reviewed by The Post.

SEC investigators are interested in loans B. Riley may have guaranteed for its former business partner Brian Kahn, a source with direct knowledge of the situation said. In January, Kahn resigned as CEO of the Franchise Group, which owns Vitamin Shoppe and Sylvan Learning tutoring centers.

Kahn stepped down after news reports linked him to Prophecy Asset Management, an investment firm that collapsed in March 2020 that prosecutors have alleged hid Kahn's trading losses. Kahn has not been charged, and he has denied wrongdoing.

B. Riley said its second-quarter results were slammed by a write-down of its stake in Franchise Group, partly blaming weak consumer spending. B. Riley sus-

pending its dividend and projected a \$14 to \$15 a share loss in the second quarter.

On a Monday morning call with investors, B. Riley's co-CEO Bryant Riley confirmed that the SEC's investigation is continuing. He responded to a Monday Bloomberg story that said the SEC had expanded its probe of B. Riley.

Details of probe

Bloomberg reported that the SEC was probing whether B. Riley accurately disclosed the risks of its Franchise Group loans and about possible improper trading by insiders. It also said the SEC was focusing on communications between Riley and Kahn.

"The company and I received subpoenas in July from the SEC," Riley said. "We are fully cooperating."

Earlier this year, B. Riley hired law firm Winston & Strawn to conduct an investigation of its relationship with Kahn. In April, the law firm concluded that B. Riley had no involvement or knowledge of Kahn's alleged misconduct.

B. Riley's shares on Monday tumbled 52% to \$8.15.

The SEC declined to comment. Kahn did not respond to a request for comment.

A B. Riley spokeswoman declined to comment beyond pointing The Post to the Winston & Strawn findings and an earlier internal review.

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JetBlue falls on downgrade

Ratings agencies S&P and Moody's downgraded JetBlue Airways' credit ratings after the carrier unveiled plans to raise more than \$3 billion in debt, majority backed by its loyalty program, TrueBlue.

Shares of the New York-based company plummeted 21% to \$4.80. Leveraging loyalty programs as collateral has become a popular strategy for airlines to boost liquidity. *Reuters*

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Arbitration panel rules Chiles medal decision final

Associated Press

USA Gymnastics officials say an arbitration panel won't reconsider a decision asking gymnast Jordan Chiles to return the bronze medal she was awarded in the floor exercise at the Paris Olympics.

USA Gymnastics says it will continue efforts to let Chiles keep the medal.

CAS voided an on-floor appeal from Chiles' coach that vaulted her to third, saying the appeal came four seconds beyond the one-minute time limit for scoring inquiries.

USA Gymnastics disputed the timing, saying in a statement Sunday that the agency submitted video evidence to CAS that showed Team USA coach Cecile Landi first appealed 13 seconds before the deadline.

The dispute over such minute details sets up what could be a months- or years-long legal battle over the gymnastics scores.

Rebeca Andrade of Brazil won gold and Simone Biles of the U.S. was the silver medalist.

Knicks open vs. champs in Boston

The retooled Knicks immediately will see what — and who — they are chasing in the Eastern Conference to start the upcoming season.

The Knicks will open the season on Oct. 22 in Boston against the defending NBA champions, with the Celtics receiving their championship rings, according to The Athletic.

The Knicks finished as the No. 2 seed in the East last season at 50-32, albeit 14 games behind the league-best Celtics, who went on to defeat the Mavericks in the NBA Finals. The Knicks ousted the 76ers in the first round of the playoffs before falling to the Pacers in the conference semifinals.

The Knicks added Mikal Bridges in a trade with the Nets and resigned All-Star guard Jalen Brunson and head coach Tom Thibodeau to contract extensions during the offseason.

The Knicks also announced their five-game preseason schedule on Monday, including home games against the Wizards (Oct. 9), Timberwolves (Oct. 13) and Hornets (Oct. 15). They also will play at Charlotte (Oct. 6) and at Washington (Oct. 18).

— Peter Botte



UH-OH: Jazz Chisholm Jr. injured himself sliding into home plate to score a run during the fifth inning on Monday in Chicago. Getty Images

By GREG JOYCE

Jazz exits early with elbow injury; scheduled to undergo testing today

CHICAGO — On a night that was already going poorly for the Yankees, Jazz Chisholm Jr. gave them something else to worry about.

Two innings after diving head first into home plate to score a run, Chisholm exited Monday's 12-2 loss to the White Sox with a left elbow injury. He was examined by the White Sox team physician during the game at Guaranteed Rate Field and got X-rays that came back negative, but will undergo an MRI exam and further evaluation on Tuesday to determine the extent of the injury.

"I'm not super concerned about it," Chisholm said. "All the tests we've done in here have been pretty positive. I still feel it a little bit, still kind of sore, but I think we're going to be good."

The play on which Chisholm hurt his elbow came in the fifth inning, when White Sox catcher Korey Lee applied a late tag at the plate that Chisholm's elbow took the brunt of.

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Once the adrenaline wore off, Chisholm went to manager Aaron Boone and the training staff to tell them his elbow was "throbbing a little bit," at which point he was replaced by a pinch-hitter in the top of the seventh.

"Hopefully we get good news on it [Tuesday]," Boone said. "Hopefully it's not too serious."

Before it became clear Chisholm was injured on the play, it had been the highlight of an otherwise dreary night for the Yankees. Chisholm singled and stole second with two outs before taking off for third on a pitch to Anthony Volpe, who hit a grounder to the hole at shortstop. Chisholm never stopped running around third base and dove into home just ahead of the

tag to pull the Yankees within 4-2.

► A thin Yankees bullpen was tasked with some heavy lifting after **Luis Gil** lasted just four innings. **Tim Hill** gave up one run over 2⅓ innings before the White Sox roughed up **Enyel De Los Santos** for seven runs in two innings.

It was the latest tough night for a bullpen that has begun to show more cracks of late.

"I have a lot of confidence in a lot of guys down there," Boone said. "We've had a couple guys that have struggled here the last couple that we got to help get right. But I feel like we have the makings of a good one down there."

Gil's abbreviated outing may force the Yankees to consider sending him to the minors for the minimum 15 days. Their bullpen, which only has one reliever (**Jake Cous-**

ins) with minor league options remaining, is in need of a fresh arm and the Yankees either need a spot starter or a bullpen game for Wednesday's series finale.

They have two off days in the next week, meaning Gil's next start would not be until next Tuesday, and they could rearrange the rotation so as not to require a fifth starter until Aug. 24.

► Boone spent time pregame catching up with **Grady Sizemore**, his former teammate in Cleveland who took over as the White Sox's interim manager last week.

"I hope people realize how good of a player Grady Sizemore was," Boone said, calling him a "star" from the time he arrived in the big leagues. "He was a great teammate — I loved him."

Mets alum Mike Cabbage dies at 74

Former Mets player and coach Mike Cabbage died Saturday after battling cancer for nearly a year.

Cabbage, who was 74, played for the Mets in 1981 and coached for them from 1990-96, including a seven-game stint as interim manager in 1991.

"Mike Cabbage was a baseball lifer," Mets director of alumni relations Jay Horwitz wrote in his blog, adding: "With his horned rimmed [glasses], he looked like a college professor. Boy was he tough and what a competitor."

A product of the University of Virginia, where he starred in football and baseball, Cabbage also played for the Rangers and Twins.

In addition to managing at every level in the Mets minor league system, Cabbage coached two seasons for the Red Sox, was a scout for the Rays and an assistant for the Nationals during their 2019 World Series run.

— Bradley Locker

AL Standings

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Baltimore	70	49	.588	—	—	5-5	L-1	34-25	36-24
Yankees	70	50	.583	7/2	+4½	5-5	L-1	32-27	38-23
Boston	62	55	.530	7	2	5-5	W-1	28-31	34-24
Tampa Bay	59	59	.500	10½	5½	4-6	L-1	31-32	28-27
Toronto	55	64	.462	15	10	5-5	W-1	29-31	26-33

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Cleveland	70	49	.588	—	—	3-7	W-3	36-20	34-29
Minnesota	66	52	.559	3½	+1½	6-4	W-1	35-23	31-29
Kansas City	65	54	.546	5	—	5-5	L-1	38-25	27-29
Detroit	56	63	.471	14	9	4-6	W-1	26-31	30-32
Chicago	29	91	.242	41½	36½	2-8	W-1	18-42	11-49

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Houston	63	55	.534	—	—	7-3	W-6	32-26	31-29
Seattle	63	56	.529	½	2	6-4	W-4	37-26	26-30
Texas	55	64	.462	8½	10	3-7	L-2	31-27	24-37
Los Angeles	52	67	.437	11½	13	5-5	L-1	26-36	26-31
Oakland	50	69	.420	13½	15	5-5	W-2	29-30	21-39

*WGB: Games behind third-place team in wild-card race

Monday

White Sox 12, **Yankees** 2

Houston 6, Tampa Bay 1

Cleveland 9, Cubs 8

Minnesota 8, Kansas City 3

Boston 5, Texas 4, 10 inn.

Toronto 4, L.A. Angels 2

Tuesday

Oakland at **Mets**, 7:10

Yankees at White Sox, 8:10

Washington at Baltimore, 6:35

Cubs at Cleveland, 6:40

Seattle at Detroit, 6:40

Houston at Tampa Bay, 6:50

Texas at Boston, 7:10

Kansas City at Minnesota, 7:40

Toronto at L.A. Angels, 9:38

Wednesday

Oakland at **Mets**, 7:10

Yankees at White Sox, 8:10

Kansas City at Minnesota, 1:10

Texas at Boston, 6:10

Washington at Baltimore, 6:35

Cubs at Cleveland, 6:40

Seattle at Detroit, 6:40

Houston at Tampa Bay, 6:50

Toronto at L.A. Angels, 9:38

NL Standings

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Philadelphia	69	49	.585	—	—	4-6	L-3	38-21	31-28
Atlanta	62	56	.525	7	—	3-7	W-1	32-26	30-30
Mets	61	57	.517	8	1	4-6	L-3	30-29	31-28
Washington	54	65	.454	15½	8½	5-5	L-1	28-32	26-33
Miami	44	75	.370	25½	18½	4-6	W-1	24-39	20-36

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Milwaukee	67	51	.568	—	—	6-4	L-2	33-23	34-28
St. Louis	60	59	.504	7½	2½	4-6	L-2	31-27	29-32
Chicago	59	61	.492	9	4	7-3	L-1	32-27	27-34
Cincinnati	58	61	.487	9½	4½	6-4	W-2	29-31	29-30
Pittsburgh	56	62	.475	11	6	1-9	L-8	27-31	29-31

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Los Angeles	70	49	.588	—	—	7-3	W-4	38-22	32-27
Arizona	67	53	.558	3½	+4	8-2	W-4	35-26	32-27
San Diego	67	53	.558	3½	+4	8-2	W-1	31-29	36-24
San Francisco	61	60	.504	10	2½	6-4	L-2	35-25	26-35
Colorado	44	76	.367	26½	19	4-6	L-1	27-32	17-44

*WGB: Games behind third-place team in wild-card race

Monday

Cincinnati 6, St. Louis 1

Cleveland 9, Cubs 8

L.A. Dodgers 5, Milwaukee 2

Arizona 5, Colorado 4

San Diego 2, Pittsburgh 1

Atlanta 1, San Francisco 0, 10 inn.

Tuesday

Oakland at **Mets**, 7:10

Washington at Baltimore, 6:35

Cubs at Cleveland, 6:40

Miami at Philadelphia, 6:40

St. Louis at Cincinnati, 6:40

L.A. Dodgers at Milwaukee, 8:10

Colorado at Arizona, 9:40

Pittsburgh at San Diego, 9:40

Atlanta at San Francisco, 9:45

Wednesday

Oakland at **Mets**, 7:10

Colorado at Arizona, 3:40

Pittsburgh at San Diego, 4:10

Washington at Baltimore, 6:35

Cubs at Cleveland, 6:40

Miami at Philadelphia, 6:40

St. Louis at Cincinnati, 6:40

L.A. Dodgers at Milwaukee, 8:10

Atlanta at San Francisco, 9:45

White Sox 12, Yankees 2

Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Verdugo lf	3	1	0	2	0	.237	
Soto rf	2	0	0	3	0	.302	
Judge cf	4	0	2	1	1	.329	
Stanton dh	5	0	1	0	0	.246	
Wells c	4	0	1	0	1	.251	
Torres 2b	4	0	1	0	1	.238	
Chisholm 3b	3	1	2	0	0	.316	
Rice ph-1b	2	0	0	0	0	.195	
Volpe ss	3	0	1	2	2	.251	
LeMahieu 1b-3b	4	0	1	0	1	.199	
Totals	34	2	9	2	11	7	

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Lopez ss	4	1	1	1	1	.244	
Sosa 3b	5	0	0	0	0	.219	
Benintendi lf	5	2	2	1	0	.213	
Vaughn dh	5	2	4	0	0	.243	
Sheets 1b	5	1	4	4	0	.231	
Lee c	4	2	2	1	1	.221	
Fletcher cf	5	2	3	1	0	.216	
Julks rf	4	1	1	1	0	.232	
Baldwin 2b	4	1	1	3	0	.213	
Totals	41	12	18	12	2	4	

Yankees	100	010	000	—	2	9	0
Chicago	200	210	061x	—	12	18	2

E: Fletcher (4), Toussaint (2). **LOB:** New York 16, Chicago 7. **2B:** Judge (27), Benintendi (14), Sheets 3 (23), Fletcher (5), Vaughn 2 (26). **HR:** Lee (10), off Gil; Baldwin (2), off De Los Santos. **RBI:** Judge (107), Volpe (46), Benintendi (41), Sheets 4 (35), Lee (28), Lopez (17), Fletcher (9), Julks (9), Baldwin 3 (8). **SB:** Chisholm (5). **RISP:** New York 2 for 18; Chicago 10 for 17. **DP:** Chicago 2 (Baldwin, Lopez, Sheets; Lopez, Sheets).

Yankees	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Gil, L, 12-6	4.0	7	4	4	2	3	98	3.25
Hill	2.1	3	1	1	0	0	31	5.87
De Los Santos	1.2	8	7	7	0	1	481	4.21

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Bush	4.2	6	2	2	7	2	97	5.19
Toussaint, W, 1-2	1.1	1	0	0	1	1	23	4.50
Anderson, H, 4-1	0	0	0	0	0	2	12	4.50
Leone	1.0	2	0	0	1	20	5.79	
Wilson	1.0	0	0	0	2	1	20	5.56

T: 3:00. **A:** 22,815 (40,241).

Twins 8, Royals 3

Kansas City	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Massey dh	5	0	0	0	0	1	.258
Witt ss	3	1	1	1	0	.347	
Pasquantino 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.261
Perez c	4	0	1	0	0	.280	
Fermin c	0	0	0	0	0	.299	
Melendez lf	3	1	1	0	1	.205	
Renfroe rf	4	0	0	0	0	.230	
Frazier 2b	4	1	1	1	0	.196	
Garcia 3b	4	0	1	0	0	.238	
Isbel cf	4	0	3	1	0	.236	
Totals	35	3	8	3	0	9	

Minnesota	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Castro ss	5	1	1	3	0	2	.259
Larnach lf	3	2	1	0	1	.246	
Farmer ph-2b	1	0	0	0	0	.182	
Lewis 3b	4	2	2	2	0	.279	
Wallner dh	3	0	1	1	1	.274	
Buxton cf	3	0	0	1	0	.275	
Margot cf	0	0	0	1	0	.238	
Kepler rf	4	0	2	0	0	2	.266
Santana 1b	3	1	1	0	1	.245	
Jeffers c	4	1	1	0	0	3	.228
Martin 2b-lf	4	1	1	1	0	1	.235
Totals	34	8	10	8	3	12	

Kansas City	110	001	000	—	3	8	1
Minnesota	060	000	20x	—	8	10	1

E: Witt (13), Jeffers (5). **LOB:** Kansas City 7, Minnesota 6. **2B:** Isbel (7), Melendez (17). **HR:** Witt (23), off López; Castro (9), off Singer; Lewis (15), off Singer. **RBI:** Witt (88), Isbel (31), Frazier (17), Martin (11), Castro 3 (44), Lewis 2 (34), Wallner (20), Margot (27). **SF:** Margot. **RISP:** Kansas City 2 for 6; Minnesota 3 for 7. **Runners moved up:** Massey.

Kansas City	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Singer, L, 8-8	5.0	8	6	6	2	9	95	3.32
Hernández	2.0	2	2	1	1	2	33	3.95
Zerpa	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	10	4.46

Minnesota	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
López, W, 11-86.0	6	3	2	0	5	96	4.67	
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ESPN Radio to take over 880 AM

By RYAN GLASSPIEGEL

The New York radio scene is about to undergo a drastic change.

After nearly 60 years, WCBS Newsradio 880 AM will come to an end as its parent company Audacy has reached a deal to license the frequency to Good Karma Brands' ESPN New York, the companies announced on Monday.

ESPN New York will be moving over to 880 from its longtime frequency 1050 AM. The 880 frequency has greater reach, and ESPN New York will move there beginning Monday, Aug. 26.

The news is particularly noteworthy given that Audacy and Good Karma are competitors.

ESPN New York and Audacy-owned WFAN are decades-long rivals who have fought bitterly through the years on the airwaves and in the boardrooms.

This was especially the case when “The Michael Kay Show” and Mike Francesa were vying in the afternoon drive ratings battle.

“New York has always been proudly unique in supporting two all-news radio brands, but the news business has gone through significant changes,” Audacy's New York market president Chris Oliviero said in a statement.

“The headwinds facing local journalism nationwide made it essential to strategically reimagine how we deliver the news for the most impact. WCBS-880 has been one of the most respected radio stations in history, with a legacy cemented by the hundreds of world-class journalists, on and off the air, who willed it into existence over the decades.”

Audacy continues to own the news talk station 1010 WINS, which was somewhat redundant with WCBS.

Former Post columnist Andrew Marchand previously reported that ESPN New York is abandoning its FM frequency, 98.7, and focusing its distribution on AM and streaming, at the end of this month.

ESPN has been paying Ennis Broadcasting about \$12.5 million a year to license the frequency.

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Yonkers Raceway entries

WNBA

East	W	L	Pct.	GB
Liberty	21	4	.840	—
Connecticut	18	6	.750	2½
Indiana	11	15	.423	10½
Chicago	10	14	.417	10½
Atlanta	7	17	.292	13½
Washington	6	19	.240	15

West	W	L	Pct.	GB
Minnesota	17	8	.680	—
Seattle	17	8	.680	—
Las Vegas	16	8	.667	½
Phoenix	13	12	.520	4
Los Angeles	6	18	.250	10½
Dallas	6	19	.240	11

Monday

No games scheduled.

Tuesday

No games scheduled.

Wednesday

No games scheduled.

Thursday

Liberty at Los Angeles, 9pm

Phoenix at Chicago, 8pm

Washington at Minnesota, 8pm

NFL Preseason

Thursday

Philadelphia at New England, 7pm

Saturday

Giants at Houston, 1pm

Jets at Carolina, 7pm

Atlanta at Baltimore, 12pm

Cincinnati at Chicago, 1pm

Detroit at Kansas City, 4pm

Minnesota at Cleveland, 4:25pm

Arizona at Indianapolis, 7pm

Buffalo at Pittsburgh, 7pm

Seattle at Tennessee, 7pm

Washington at Miami, 7pm

L.A. Rams at L.A. Chargers, 7:05pm

Tampa Bay at Jacksonville, 7:30pm

Dallas at Las Vegas, 10pm

Sunday

Green Bay at Denver, 8pm

New Orleans at San Francisco, 8pm

Leagues Cup

Monday- Round of 16

Seattle Sounders 4, Pumas 0

Tuesday- Round of 16

Tigres UANL at NYCFC, 8pm

Philadelphia at FC Cincinnati, 7:30pm

Inter Miami at Columbus Crew, 7:30pm

Cruz Azul vs. Mazatlan, 8pm

Club America vs. St. Louis City, 10pm

San Jose Earthquakes at LAFC, 10:30pm

Toluca at Colorado Rapids, 10:30pm

NWSL

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Orlando	11	0	5	38	32	12
Kansas City	10	1	5	35	40	22
Washington	11	4	1	34	32	18
Gotham FC	9	3	4	31	19	13
Portland	8	5	3	27	27	20
North Carolina	8	7	1	25	20	17
Chicago	7	7	2	23	22	22
Bay FC	6	10	0	18	21	28
Louisville	3	6	7	16	19	22
San Diego	3	7	6	15	12	17
Angel City	4	9	3	15	16	26
Houston	3	8	5	14	11	23
Seattle	2	9	5	11	16	28
Utah Royals FC	2	11	3	9	8	28

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Friday, August 23

Orlando at Houston, 8pm

Bay FC at Utah Royals FC, 9:30pm

Diamondbacks 5, Rockies 4

Colorado	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Blackmon dh	4	0	0	0	0	0	.255
Tovar ss	4	0	0	0	0	2	.275
Doyle cf	4	1	1	0	0	2	.265
McMahon 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.251
Rodgers 2b	3	1	2	0	0	1	.279
Toglia 1b	4	1	2	0	0	1	.213
Cave rf	4	1	3	0	0	0	.259
Diaz c	4	0	2	2	0	1	.273
Hilliard lf	3	0	0	0	0	3	.265
Totals	34	4	9	4	0	11	

Arizona	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Carroll rf	4	1	1	0	0	2	.219
Marte 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.298
Newman 2b	3	2	2	0	0	0	.280
Pederson dh	4	0	1	0	0	1	.286
Bell 1b	4	2	2	1	0	1	.304
McCarthy lf	4	0	2	2	0	0	.306
Del Castillo c	3	0	0	0	1	0	.467
Suárez 3b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.231
Thomas cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.191
Perdomo ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	.284
Totals	32	5	8	3	1	6	

Colorado	001	201	000	—	4	9	0
Arizona	010	002	20x	—	5	8	0

LOB: Colorado 4, Arizona 4. **2B:** Cave (10), Bell 2 (3), McCarthy (10). **3B:** Cave (4). **HR:** Rodgers (9), off Pfaadt. **RBIs:** Diaz 2 (36), Rodgers 2 (41), McCarthy 2 (38), Bell (8). **SB:** Doyle (23), McCarthy (17). **CS:** Doyle (5). **SF:** Rodgers. **RISP:** Colorado 2 for 5; Arizona 2 for 6. **DP:** Arizona 1 (Newman, Bell, Newman).

Colorado	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Blalock	5.2	6	3	3	0	4	96	4.76
Molina, L, 1-1,	1.0	2	2	2	1	1	36	6.70
H, 2								
Kinley, BS, 6-7	1.1	0	0	0	0	1	19	6.19

Arizona	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Pfaadt, W, 7-6	7.0	8	4	4	0	11	94	3.98
Thompson, H, 22	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2.22
Martinez, S, 3-4	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	13	1.89

T: 2:24. **A:** 15,525 (48,359).

Braves 1, Giants 0, 10 inn.

Atlanta	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Soler lf	2	0	0	0	2	1	.240
Riley 3b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.261
Ozuna dh	4	0	2	0	0	2	.302
Williams pr-dh	0	0	0	0	0	0	.077
Olson 1b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.230
Arcia ss	4	1	0	0	0	3	.232
Murphy c	4	0	1	0	0	2	.225
White pr-cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.263
Laureano cf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.261
Kelenic ph-cf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.234
d'Arnaud ph-c	0	0	1	0	0	0	.252
Duvall rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.178
Merrifield 2b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.235
Totals	32	1	4	1	3	16	

San Francisco	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Fitzgerald ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.308
Canha 1b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.333
Ramos cf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.280
Chapman 3b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.247
Encarnación lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.265
Conforto ph-1f	1	0	0	0	1	0	.235
Yastrzemski rf	4	0	1	0	0	3	.246
Luciano dh	4	0	1	0	0	1	.289
Bailey c	4	0	0	0	0	2	.238
Schmitt 2b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.169
Wade ph	0	0	0	0	0	0	.282
Wisely pr-2b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.254
Totals	34	0	3	0	0	17	

Atlanta	000	000	000	1	—	1	4	1
San Francisco	000	000	000	0	—	0	3	0

E: Laureano (2). **LOB:** Atlanta 6, San Francisco 6. **2B:** Ozuna (23). **RBIs:** d'Arnaud (38). **SB:** Yastrzemski (3). **CS:** Merrifield (2). **SF:** d'Arnaud. **RISP:** Atlanta 2 for 5; San Francisco 1 for 8.

Atlanta	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Samé	7.0	3	0	0	0	12	107	2.61
Jiménez	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	9	2.85
Iglesias, W, 2-1	2.0	0	0	0	0	4	21	1.58

T: 2:35. **A:** 30,184 (41,915).

Blue Jays 4, Angels 2

Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Clement 3b	5	0	1	0	0	0	.270
Varsho cf	4	0	0	0	1	1	.205
Guerrero dh	4	1	2	0	1	0	.321
Horwitz 1b	5	1	1	0	0	2	.271
Kirk c	4	0	1	0	0	2	.244
Wagner 2b	4	1	3	1	0	0	.750
Jiménez ss	4	1	1	2	0	2	.224
Loperfido lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.111
Berroa rf	1	0	0	0	3	0	.136
Totals	35	4	9	4	5	8	

Los Angeles	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Schanuel 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.246
Neto ss	4	0	0	0	0	2	.261
O'Hoppe c	2	0	0	0	0	1	.259
Thaiss c	2	0	0	0	0	1	.250
Calhoun dh	3	0	0	0	0	0	.248
Ward lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.233
Rendon 3b	3	0	0				



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MLB Tuesday Favorite Money Line Underdog Yankees \$250-310 WHITE SOX METS \$140-166 Athletics Mariners OFF TIGERS Astros \$115-135 RAYS RED SOX \$125-150 Rangers TWINS OFF Royals Blue Jays \$120-140 ANGELS PHILLIES OFF Marlins REDS \$115-135 Cardinals Dodgers \$100-120 BREWERS PADRES \$165-200 Pirates D'BACKS \$205-250 Rockies Braves \$100-120 GIANTS ORIOLES \$145-170 Nationals GUARDIANS OFF Cubs Home teams in CAPS

WNBA Thursday Favorite PTS (O/U) Underdog Liberty 11.5 (166.5) SPARKS Mercury 2.5 (166.5) SKY LYNX 10.5 (155.5) Mystics

College Football Saturday, Aug. 24 Favorite PTS (O/U) Underdog +Florida St. 12.5 (56.5) GA. TECH Montana St. 9 (53.5) NEW MEXICO Smu 26.5 (57.5) NEVADA

Sunday, Aug. 25 HAWAII 38 (55.5) Delaware St. +Dublin, Ireland

NFL Preseason Saturday Favorite PTS (O/U) Underdog TEXANS 3.5 (36.5) Giants Jets 3.5 (34.5) PANTHERS

SPORTS SHORTS

MLB: Duran suspended for slur

The Red Sox suspended Jarren Duran two games without pay on Monday for shouting an anti-gay slur at a fan who was heckling him at Fenway Park a day earlier. The exchange was caught on a live mic during the broadcast of the Astros-Red Sox game with Duran — who was 0-for-2 with two strikeouts — at the plate in the sixth inning. A fan can be heard shouting “Tennis racket! Tennis racket! You need a tennis racket!” Duran turned his head toward the fan and replied: “Shut up,” followed by an obscenity and the slur.

Duran issued an apology through the team Sunday night and again in the clubhouse Monday, saying he “used a truly horrific word” and felt “awful.”

● In Milwaukee, Mookie Betts homered and drove in three runs to mark his return from a broken left hand, Shohei Ohtani also went deep and the Dodgers defeated the Brewers, 5-2.

Clayton Kershaw struck out six in his first win this season, allowing one run over 5 2/3 innings as the Dodgers took the opener of a four-game series.

● In Boston, Rob Refsnyder hit a game-winning single with two outs in the 10th inning after pinch-hitter Emmanuel Valdez’s leadoff double tied the score, lifting the Red Sox over the fading Rangers 5-4 to snap a four-game losing streak.

● In St. Petersburg, Fla., Alex Bregman and Yainer Diaz homered and the AL

West-leading Astros won their six straight game by beating the Rays, 6-1.

● In Phoenix, Corbin Carroll and Kevin Newman scrambled home on back-to-back wild pitches in the seventh inning, leading the Diamondbacks past the Rockies 5-4 for their fourth straight win.

● In San Diego, Xander Bogaerts had an RBI single in the seventh inning, Jackson Merrill made a game-saving diving catch in the ninth inning, and Joe Musgrove had a solid return from the 60-day injured list as the Padres beat the Pirates 2-1.

NFL: Chiefs WR won’t need surgery

Chiefs coach Andy Reid said wide receiver Marquise “Hollywood” Brown did not need surgery for the shoulder injury he suffered in the team’s preseason opener in Jacksonville. Brown spent Saturday night in a Jacksonville hospital before being released Sunday morning and was not present for Monday’s practice.

NCAA: Georgia ranked No. 1

Georgia is No. 1 in The Associated Press Top 25 preseason college football poll for the second straight year as the superconference era begins with the SEC and Big Ten dominating the top 10 of the rankings.

The SEC powerhouse finished comfortably ahead of No. 2 Ohio State (15 first-place votes and 1,490 points) of the Big Ten.

New Big Ten member Oregon, Texas, Alabama, Mississippi, Notre Dame, Penn State, Michigan and Florida St. round out the top 10.

ACTION TOP PLAY

How Skenes can lose ROY

By ANDY FENELON actionnetwork.com

In one week, the odds on Paul Skenes to win NL Rookie of the Year have gone from -3000 to -390 on FanDuel. Two things happened:

● Skenes showed he was human, allowing four runs to the Dodgers in a series in which the Pirates were swept.

● San Diego’s Jackson Merrill went 9-for-16 with four homers and eight RBIs in four games, helping the Padres keep pace with the Dodgers in the NL West.

For Skenes, it could be a one-game blip, although there are signs it might be

rookie fatigue. His “splinker” for the first time looked hittable.

If the Pirates fall completely out of it, their phenom is a prime candidate to be shut down. Combine that with a late start to his rookie season, and voters could have a tough time handing hardware to a player with an incomplete résumé.

We’re fading Skenes for Merrill, a runaway winner in any other season who has been consistent from start to finish.

THE PLAY: Jackson Merrill to win NL Rookie of the Year (+350, DraftKings).

Andy Fenelon handicaps baseball for Action Network

Pitching Form

Table with columns: Game time, 2024 W-L, ERA, *REC, '24 vs OPP W-L, ERA, CAREER vs OPP, LAST 3 STARTS W-L, IP, ERA. Rows include Yankees, White Sox, Athletics, Mets, Mariners, Tigers, Astros, Rays, Rangers, Red Sox, Royals, Twins, Blue Jays, Angels, Marlins, Phillies, Cardinals, Reds, Dodgers, Brewers, Pirates, Padres, Rockies, D'backs, Braves, Giants, Nationals, Orioles, Cubs, Guardians.

STITCHES

Take Jake and pesky Nats

One and done. Breakdancing made its Olympic debut in Paris but will not make it to L.A. in 2028. Australia’s Rachael Gunn, nicknamed Raygun, shot down any chance of its survival. Her performance brought back memories of the flopping fish I reeled in last summer.

The going-nowhere-fast Nationals visit the playoff-bound Orioles. The Nats’ Jake Irvin lost back-to-back games at home but is 6-3 on the road. The O’s Trevor Rogers, seen breakdancing after he was traded from the Miami Flopping

Fish, has given up seven runs in nine innings since arriving. Play \$50 on the Nats.

-\$ No breakdancing from this floor spinner on Monday night. The Cubs were down 8-3, tied the game at 8-8, only to lose 9-8 to the Guardians. Shota Imanaga’s performance was so bad that Rachael Gunn called it embarrassing. Jhonkensy Noel clubbed two homers for Cleveland. Our winning streak is over. Down -601 mattyalous.

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Home Team Lineups HOME AWAY

	TODAY August 13	WED Aug. 14	THU Aug. 15	FRI Aug. 16	SAT Aug. 17	SUN Aug. 18	MON Aug. 19
	Chicago White Sox 8:10 YES WFAN 660 AM/ 101.9 FM	White Sox 8:10 Prime Video WFAN	NO GAME	Det. 6:40 YES WFAN	Det. 1:10 YES WFAN	Det. 7:10 ESPN WFAN	NO GAME
	Oakland 7:10 SNY WCBS 880 AM	Oak. 7:10 SNY WCBS	Oak. 1:10 SNY WCBS	Mia. 7:10 SNY WCBS	Mia. 4:10 SNY WCBS	Mia. 12:05 Roku WCBS	Balt. 7:10 SNY WCBS
	Exhibition- Saturday Houston 1:00 TV: Channel 5 Radio: WFAN- 101.9 FM						
	Exhibition- Saturday Carolina 7:00 TV: Channel 2 Radio: WAXQ- 104.3 FM						
	NO GAME	NO GAME	L.A. 9:00 ESPN	NO GAME	Las Vegas 4:00 CBS	NO GAME	NO GAME

Saturday, Aug. 24	Tuesday	Monday, Aug. 19
Charlotte FC 7:30 Apple TV+	Tigres UANL 8:00 Apple TV+	Chelsea 7:00 MSG

Today's Sports on the Air

MLB	7:10 p.m.	Athletics at Mets	SNY, WCBS (880 AM)
	8 p.m.	Dodgers at Brewers	TBS
	8:10 p.m.	Yankees at White Sox	YES, WFAN (660 AM/101.9 FM)
	9:30 p.m.	Braves at Giants	MLBN
Tennis	11 a.m.	ATP/WTA Cincinnati Open: Early Rounds	Tennis
	1 p.m.	ATP/WTA Cincinnati Open: Early Rounds	MSG
Soccer	Noon	Saudi Super Cup: Al Hilal vs. Al Hilal	FS2

TENNIS

Favorites to win 2024 U.S. Open

Women's singles		Men's singles	
PLAYER	ODDS	PLAYER	ODDS
Iga Swiatek	+275	Carlos Alcaraz	+130
Aryna Sabalenka	+300	Novak Djokovic	+225
Coco Gauff	+500	Jannik Sinner	+225
Naomi Osaka	+600	Daniil Medvedev	+700
Elena Rybakina	+700	Alexander Zverev	12/1
Jessica Pegula	12/1	Stefanos Tsitsipas	28/1
Mirra Andreeva	14/1	Ben Shelton	28/1
Danielle Collins	14/1	Taylor Fritz	33/1
Qinwen Zheng	16/1	Matteo Berrettini	33/1
Jasmine Paolini	18/1	Frances Tiafoe	40/1
Karolina Muchova	20/1	Holger Rune	40/1
Bianca Andreescu	20/1	Hubert Hurkacz	40/1
Emma Raducanu	20/1	Andrey Rublev	50/1
Madison Keys	25/1	Casper Ruud	50/1
Marketa Vondrousova	25/1	Sebastian Korda	50/1
Ons Jabeur	25/1	Tommy Paul	50/1
Simona Halep	25/1	Alex de Minaur	66/1
Belinda Bencic	28/1	Andy Murray	66/1
Barbora Krejickova	28/1	Christopher Eubanks	66/1
Caroline Garcia	28/1	Cameron Norrie	66/1
Elina Svitolina	28/1	Felix Auger-Aliassime	66/1
Maria Sakkari	28/1	Jack Draper	66/1
Jelena Ostapenko	28/1	Karen Khachanov	80/1
Caroline Wozniacki	33/1	Alejandro Davidovich Fokina	100/1

ODDS & ENDS

SOCCER

Tuesday, Leagues Cup

NYCFC at Tigres UANL

3-WAY BETTING	ODDS
NYCFC	+175
Draw	+230
Tigres UANL	+120

WNBA

Odds to win

2024 championship

TEAM	ODDS
Las Vegas Aces	+145
New York Liberty	+165
Connecticut Sun	+800
Minnesota Lynx	+950
Seattle Storm	+1050
Phoenix Mercury	30/1
Indiana Fever	60/1
Chicago Sky	100/1
Atlanta Dream	300/1
Washington Mystics	500/1
Dallas Wings	500/1
Los Angeles Sparks	500/1

Rookie of the Year

PLAYER	ODDS
Caitlin Clark	-2500
Angel Reese	+650

MVP

PLAYER	ODDS
A'ja Wilson	-5000
Sabrina Ionescu	80/1
Alyssa Thomas	80/1
Caitlin Clark	90/1
Breanna Stewart	125/1
Nneka Ogwumike	125/1
Napheesa Collier	125/1
Jonquel Jones	125/1

GOLF

Favorites to win

ISPS Handa Women's Scottish Open

Thursday-Sunday, Ayrshire, Scotland

PLAYER	ODDS
Ayaka Furue	10/1
Lilia Vu	14/1
Hyo Joo Kim	16/1
Ally Ewing	20/1
Brooke M. Henderson	20/1
Celine Boutier	20/1
Jin Young Ko	20/1
Linn Grant	20/1
Lydia Ko	20/1
Rose Zhang	20/1
Mao Saigo	25/1
Madelene Sagstrom	28/1
Minjee Lee	28/1
Patty Tavatanakit	28/1
Alison Lee	33/1
Charley Hull	33/1
Esther Henseleit	33/1
Lauren Coughlin	33/1
Hye-Jin Choi	40/1
Jenny Shin	40/1
Na Rin An	40/1
Megan Khang	40/1
Maja Stark	40/1

ACTION BET SMART

Profiting from ups and downs in SEC

By MICHAEL ARINZE
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Football in the Southeastern Conference just got a lot more interesting following the addition of Texas and Oklahoma to form a 16-team league.

With that many schools, the task of picking win totals became more challenging. However, we can still make some firm assumptions based on each team's returning production and overall performance from a year ago.

Texas A&M gets upgrade at head coach

Jimbo Fisher's reign in College Station is over after the coach went 45-25 (.642) and never won more than nine games in any of his six seasons. Mike Elko replaces Fisher after leading Duke to back-to-back bowl games.

While Elko's move to the SEC certainly won't be easy, he should benefit from having 18 returning starters. The Aggies also have a very manageable SEC schedule, which doesn't include Georgia and Alabama. Even their more difficult conference games (Texas and LSU) will be at home.

Elko overachieved with less talent at Duke, and now that he has better players, the Aggies have a decent chance for a big season in his first year.

Ole Miss should benefit from softer schedule

The Rebels have a win total of 9.5 but will avoid having to play Alabama. They should be big favorites in the first five weeks, and aside from a home game against Georgia, the only other tricky spot will be a road trip to LSU.

Not many teams can boast of having 20 returning starters like this Rebels team, which had one of the best offenses in college football last season, averaging 31.9 points per game.

Ole Miss's biggest issue was largely on the defensive side of the ball when facing elite opponents like Georgia and Alabama.

However, the Rebels should improve after potentially adding four starters on defense through the transfer portal.

When you combine the defensive upgrades with its weaker schedule, Ole

Miss is a strong contender to exceed its projected win total.

Oklahoma hits reset button with new quarterback

After winning 10 games in Brent Venables' second season, the Sooners will step up in class as they transition from the Big 12 to the SEC.

Jackson Arnold will likely replace Dillon Gabriel at quarterback, but the sophomore was a mixed bag in his lone start against Arizona in the Alamo Bowl (26 of 45 for 361 yards, 2 TDs, 3 INTs).

Oklahoma returns the second-fewest starters (two) on offense in the SEC, which doesn't bode well for a team transitioning to an even tougher conference.

The biggest issue with Oklahoma's win total of 7.5 is it faces a brutal schedule to end the season with road games against Missouri and LSU and a home game against Alabama.

With such a brutal stretch of games, the Sooners cannot afford any slip-ups early in their schedule. That's simply too much pressure on a team that will be trying to figure things out with a young quarterback.

Overreaction on Florida

The adjustment to the Gators' win total from 5.5 to 4.5 feels a little much, considering they return the second-most starters (14) in the SEC.

This is potentially a make-or-break season for Billy Napier, who is just 11-14 in Gainesville. I'd expect the Gators to show a tremendous amount of fight for their head coach.

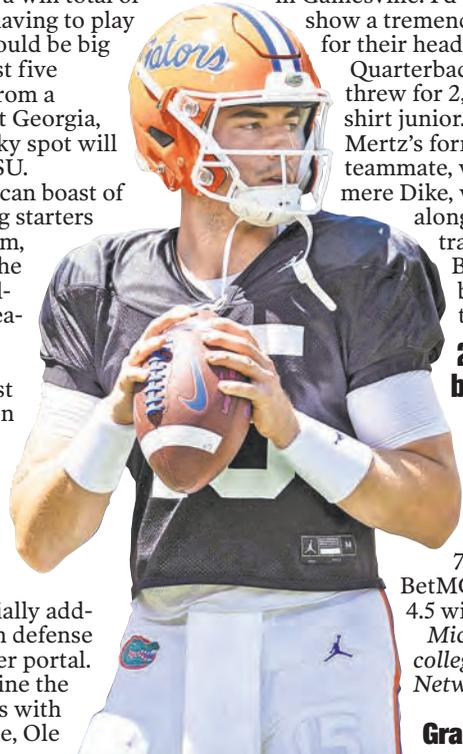
Quarterback Graham Mertz threw for 2,903 yards as a red-shirt junior. The Gators added Mertz's former Wisconsin teammate, wide receiver Chimere Dike, who will line up alongside Arizona State transfer Elijah Badger. This a decent buy-low spot to back the Over.

2024 SEC best bets

Texas A&M Over 8.5 wins (-120, BetMGM); Ole Miss Over 9.5 wins (-110, FanDuel); Oklahoma Under 7.5 wins (+100, BetMGM); Florida Over 4.5 wins (-150, BetMGM).

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Graham Mertz



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SAFETY NET

Rook Nubin making strong impression

By RYAN DUNLEAVY

Tyler Nubin already has noticed two big differences between college football and the NFL.

For starters, the professional rules allow him to get off the ground with the ball in his hands if he is not touched down, so a diving interception like the one that the rookie safety made in the end zone for the Giants during Monday's practice is not the end of the play. Nubin can be a dangerous returner, too.

"I fell down on the ground too many times in college," joked Nubin, who set Minnesota's program record with 13 career interceptions. "But you can get up now, so I'm good. That's going to be my goal — to make sure I can get in that end zone this time."

Justin Jefferson, the Vikings' No. 1 receiver and a looming Week 1 matchup for the Giants, lives in the end zone. And that brings Nubin to his second point.

"It's definitely more of a match-up-based league than college," Nubin said. "Formations will tell you a lot, but if you've got Justin Jefferson over there at the 'X' [receiver], the formation is not telling you s-t. The ball is going over there."

The Giants drafted Nubin in the second round with the expectation that he would "come in and start," as general manager Joe Schoen put it to defensive coordinator Shane Bowen just before making the selection, as seen on HBO's "Hard Knocks."

But the combination of a calf injury that sidelined Nubin for most of the first week of practice and

the strong play of Dane Belton — a former fourth-round pick with a rate of high ball production in a limited role over his first two seasons — left the rookie with ground to make up.

Plays like the one Nubin made in preseason action against the Lions — planting 295-pound offensive lineman Michael Niese on his butt to blow up a third-and-2 run — are a good start.

"Big-boy ball," defensive backs coach Jerome Henderson said of the play. "He's really competitive, really confident. You just watch the [college] tape — and even here — his intensity, his energy and his focus just jumps off the tape at you."

Nubin relishes the chance to be physical. He often is described as a ballhawk because, well, he is one.

Look no further than the way he undercut tight end Lawrence Cager to intercept Daniel Jones' pass from the two-yard line during his first real opportunity of camp to play with the starting defense. Nubin could've added a second interception jumping on the back line but the ball slipped through his hands in a two-minute drill, which prompted him to self-impose a push-ups penalty.

But there's more to Nubin's game. He was in charge of communicating the play call from the sideline to the back-seven in college.

"I think something a lot of people don't know about me is I'm always ready to stick my nose in there and get dirty with the big guys," Nubin said. "That's something I've never been afraid of.

That's something that was preached at Minnesota. That's where I start my game — getting physical, and then I'm feeling good so now I can go look for the ball."

The Giants could use Jason Pinnock, Belton and Nubin together in three-safety looks as they have in the past when the position was a roster strength (Logan Ryan, Xavier McKinney, Jabrill Peppers, Julian Love). But the versatile Nick McCloud, third-round rookie cornerback Dru Phillips and converted linebacker Isaiah Simmons already are vying for time in the slot.

That's why Nubin's quick return to the field is important.

"On the field anywhere is where I belong," Nubin said. "Wherever you can put me and do a job, I want to do it."

If the second round of the draft broke slightly differently, the Giants would have drafted a cornerback instead of Nubin. When Kamari Lassiter and Kool-Aid McKinstry were off the board, however, the information gathered from sending safeties coach Mike Treier to a private workout with Nubin at Minnesota was handy.

The consensus internal opinion was he is a quick study.

"I made sure that I didn't have to play catch-up by my preparation," Nubin said of his approach during missed practices. "Obviously, physically, I had to get back into football shape, so I'm still catching up in that aspect, but making sure I was never having to catch up mentally is what makes it easy to come back in."

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BRING THE PAIN: Tyler Nubin is drawing notice for his physicality, like knocking over Lions offensive lineman Michael Niese in a preseason game — a play defensive backs coach Jerome Henderson termed "Big-boy ball." N.Y. Post: Charles Wenzelberg

Lock won't rule out availability for next preseason game

By RYAN DUNLEAVY

GIANTS NOTES

Drew Lock will be ready by the time the Giants play a game that counts.

And maybe by the time they play their next game that doesn't count.

Lock didn't practice for the second straight day on Monday as he deals with the pain in his left side stemming from the hip pointer and oblique strain that he suffered during Thursday's preseason game. But the

veteran backup quarterback expects to be back long before the regular season opens Sept. 8.

"[I'm] 100 percent confident," Lock said. "How I felt [Sunday], even how I felt [Monday], there's no worry about that."

Lock could be available as soon as Saturday against the

Texans, though it might make more sense for head coach Brian Daboll to just pass the torch from Daniel Jones in what could be his lone preseason action to third-stringer Tommy DeVito.

"Not ruling out the possibility of playing," Lock said. "If the opportunity is there and we both feel comfortable with it."

Lock was injured on a hit by the Lions' Nate Lynn despite wearing a rib protector

underneath his uniform. He stayed in the game for two more plays before subbing out mid-possession.

➤ Lock provided valuable football Xs and Os insight on why he did not target **Malik Nabers** against the Lions when it seemed like the rookie receiver was running open and there has been an emphasis all camp on feeding the ball to him.

"Normally when you've got a single receiver to one

side and they're playing Cover 2 — they kind of have a guy high over the top, one low in the middle — you can risk it," Lock said. "You can sling it in there if you want. I think early in the game, trying to get [on] a roll. Feeling out the game. Maybe, maybe [I could have]."

➤ Daboll called it a "long shot" that **RT Evan Neal** or **C John Michael Schmitz** would play against the Texans. Both offensive linemen

missed a large chunk of training camp before re-joining individual drills Sunday and Monday.

"I feel good and looking to take the next couple steps," Schmitz said.

Greg Van Roten had a snap over Jones' head in Schmitz's absence.

➤ Undrafted rookie RB **Lorenzo Lingard** signed in time to practice, taking the roster spot of recently released RB **Jacob Saylor**s.

HAULING IT IN

During the second snap of team drills, **Tyler Conklin** made a nifty one-handed catch off a throw from Aaron Rodgers — creating separation from safety Ashtyn Davis and pulling the ball toward him with his right hand. Conklin has collected 119 catches across his two seasons with the Jets, but entering a contract year, his connection with Rodgers could help provide a bump in his receiving yards (552, 621) from 2022 and 2023, respectively.

'O' NO!

The first team offense, at times, struggled to move the ball, and on the last drive, both **Garrett Wilson** and **Breece Hall** had passes bounce off their hands while getting covered.

CAUGHT MY EYE

For the first time in training camp, the Jets used rookie first-round pick **Olu Fashanu** at right tackle instead of left — the spot where he played in college and through the opening practices. Robert Saleh said the Jets will cross-train Fashanu the next couple of weeks.

RODGERS REPORT

Rodgers unofficially completed six passes during team sessions, taking a sack at one point and appearing to have an interception snagged by Tony Adams wiped out because it was a free play. It's unclear if an earlier interception by C.J. Mosley was wiped out because of a free play, too. Wilson got wide open for a touchdown pass, too.



INJURY REPORT

Robert Saleh said that TE **Jeremy Ruckert** is "dealing with a few things" and will miss the next few days. CB **Michael Carter II** could return next week. WR **Mike Williams** and OL **Tyron Smith** didn't participate in team drills, with Saleh saying that the latter stemmed from the team's ongoing caution with the veteran ahead of the regular season. LB **Jimmy Ciarlo** tore his ACL in Saturday's game and was released Monday.

— Andrew Crane

Jets need Fashanu to 'tackle' switch to right

By ANDREW CRANE

JETS NOTES

Morgan Moses knows what it's like to bounce between right and left tackle, so when rookie first-round pick Olu Fashanu shifted away from his natural position on the left side Monday at training camp, Moses told him to "embrace it."

"That's the only thing you can do," said Moses, the Jets right tackle. "Because like at the end of the day, you might have a bad day today but tomorrow's gonna get better as you get those reps and you see the things. ... So every rep that he gets out there, every rep that everybody gets out there and being able to cross-train, it's just the more you can do."

For the first time, the Jets placed Fashanu — who they selected No. 11 overall in April's draft as the left tackle of the future — on the right side of their line, and it's something head coach Robert Saleh plans to do over the next two weeks to help Fashanu learn the balance between the different positions.

Fashanu doesn't have a clear path to playing time this year with two-time All-Pro Tyron Smith at left tackle and Moses at right tackle, but in the long-term scope of his NFL career, "I definitely think cross-training helps you a lot," Moses said.

The biggest difference between the two positions, Moses said, stems from coordination and playing next to a different person on the line. Some people can do it well, and Fashanu, he added, appears to be one of those linemen.

Fashanu made his preseason debut Saturday during the win against the Commanders, and he impressed Saleh in some areas. The next test, Saleh said, will come against the Panthers this weekend, when "you'd like to see a big jump now that you've got the first game out of the way."

And in between those two samples, the Jets experimented with some cross-training, too.

"We gotta get him comforta-

ble," offensive line coach Keith Carter said, "and it's gotta become muscle memory on both sides. It's kinda cool. It's fun to see where he can take it and how fast he can grow doing that."

➤ **Aaron Rodgers** returned to practice Monday, as expected, after sitting out the joint session with the Commanders on Thursday due to the weather.

➤ Smith participated in individual drills but didn't log time in team drills, in accordance with plans to be cautious with the veteran offensive lineman during training camp and help him log his first full season since 2015.

"I don't know if it's much of a secret, we're going to be smart with him and a lot of it is us protecting him from himself," Saleh said, "because when he's out there he's going to go 100 miles an hour."

➤ The Jets signed TE **Neal Johnson** and LB **Anthony Hines**, while releasing CB **Myles Jones**.

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Daily Horoscope

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♌ LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

If you try to force a colleague to do your bidding today you could stir up a lot of resentment. Whatever it is you are trying to accomplish it is more likely to be a success if you focus mostly on other people's needs. What's in it for them?

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

Be honest about what you've been up to in recent weeks and then let friends and family know what you are going to be doing next. If they are kept in the loop as to your ambitions they are less likely to try to stand in your way.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

Big opportunities are heading your way and the planets suggest if you keep your eyes and ears open and then act quickly and decisively you could make a fortune. At the very least you will impress people whose support could be priceless.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

You will find yourself in a situation that calls into question your notions of what is right and what is wrong. It's never easy for someone so set in their ways to see things from the other person's point of view but it will pay you to try.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

Your confidence may take a bit of a dive over the next day or two but nothing much will come of it, so keep telling yourself that while your mood may be on the down slope now it will be soaring again by the end of the week.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

Someone whose outlook on life is the opposite of your own will rub you up the wrong way today

but it is entirely in your own power to either react to their provocations or to ignore them. What can they do to actually hurt you? Nothing at all.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

You don't have to follow a script that has been drawn up by other people. You have a mind of your own and are perfectly at liberty to take a completely different path through life if you so choose. You know what is best for yourself.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

A major challenge will have to be faced today and it is of the utmost importance that you stay calm in the face of the storm. The more rivals try to get under your skin the more you must refuse to play by their rules. They can't force you.

♈ ARIES (March 21-April 20)

No matter how much your rivals may try to intimidate you today if you refuse to get angry there is nothing they can do about it. Ignore the threats they make and carry on as before. Your friends and allies are far more important than your enemies.

♉ TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

There are times when it is sensible to let others take the lead and this is one of them. What occurs over the next few days will transform your current situation to such an extent that there is no sense trying to exert too much control.

♊ GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

The message of the stars today is that you need to pay attention to

what is going on in the world around you. If you ignore something that seems to be of minor importance you may find out later on that it was actually hugely significant.

♋ CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Things are going so well for you at the moment that you may start believing there is some sort of catch. The good news is there's absolutely no need to worry - there is no downside to your current run of good fortune, so enjoy every moment of it.

BIRTHDAY TUESDAY

When are you going to get serious and make that big dream of yours a reality? Your birthday chart indicates that the next 12 months could be make or break, so commit yourself to your vision 100 per cent and write your name in the stars.

LEAP YEAR

MIKE Groh isn't the demonstrative type.

The Giants receivers coach, while affable, doesn't exude the same loquacious nature his father, Al, once did when he was an NFL assistant.

When it comes to speaking to the media, Mike Groh comes off like a coach who'd prefer to be in the background, not on the front line.

But Groh, since the time in the offseason when HBO was filming its "Hard Knocks" episodes involving the Giants, was not afraid to stick his chin out for the receiver he believed in most as the team was readying for the NFL draft.

You may have seen the episode in which the receiver-starved Giants had the three top college prospects at the position in for visits — Malik Nabers, Marvin Harrison Jr. and Rome Odunze.

"So, you're on the clock right now, you gotta make a decision, one of those three?" Giants president and CEO John Mara asked Groh of the three.

"I take Nabers," Groh said without a nanosecond of hesitation.

The Giants, of course, took Nabers with the sixth overall pick and believe they've finally found a No. 1 receiver after several years in the wilderness at the position.

"I have absolute confidence in the way he's going to perform," Groh said Sunday. "He hasn't given us any reason to doubt the kind of competitor and the kind of player he is. He's risen to every challenge."

"I read that we threw him the ball 11 times in the two practices against Detroit and he caught 10 of them. That's a pretty good percentage."

The Giants got a minor scare near the end of Sunday's practice when Nabers landed awkwardly on his left ankle and twisted it, leading to him sitting out Monday's practice. They have not had a true No. 1 receiver since they traded the enigmatic Odell Beckham Jr. to Cleveland after the 2018 season.

Before Beckham's Giants career, which was interrupted by injuries, contract disputes and controversy, the team had Victor Cruz and Hakeem Nicks as a top duo.

Now, the Giants hope it's time for Nabers and Jalin Hyatt, last year's third-round pick, to become a prolific tandem.

There's little question the most important player on their offense is quarterback Daniel Jones. As Jones goes, the Giants offense will go.

Jones' health (a concern because of his injury history) along with his performance will serve as the unquestioned keystone to the Giants' success in 2024.

So, too, will Nabers. If Jones is 1A in importance to the offense, the 21-year-old former LSU star is 1B.

The early returns on Nabers — from inside the organization — have drawn raves.

"He has shown me that he's a true No. 1 receiver in this league," Giants defensive

With Nabers in mix, this could be season WR room busts out

ny TRAINING DAY

TWICE IS NICE

Jalin Hyatt, who did not score a touchdown as a rookie, caught a pair of touchdown passes from **Daniel Jones** to continue a strong camp. He finished off a 70-yard bomb on the second play from scrimmage and then scored on a 2-yard slant when both **Isaiah Simmons** and **Nick McCloud** went with **Darius Slayton** and left Hyatt uncovered.

BUTTERFINGERS

After the first team offense failed to score in the no-huddle drill, the second team offense should have when **Tommy DeVito** dropped a perfectly placed ball over the shoulder of a diving **Gunner Olszewski**. But the ball went off of Olszewski's fingertips after he snuck behind **Breon Borders** in the prevent defense.

CAUGHT MY EYE

Tre Hawkins, **David Long Jr.**, **Simmons** and **Tyler Nubin** all got work throughout the secondary with the first-team defense in the injury-related absences of **Dru Phillips** (lower body) and **Cor'Dale Flott** (quad). The back end of the defense is still very much a work in progress, though **Nubin**, **Dane Belton** and **Jason Pinnock** all had interceptions between either 11-on-11 or 1-on-1 drills.

INJURY REPORT

TE Lawrence Cager, who previously was out with a hamstring, left practice with a limp. OG **Jon Runyan** left practice and was replaced by **Jake Kubas**, who also got nicked up. OT **Evan Neal** and C **John Michael Schmitz** are still limited to individual drills. RT **Jermaine Eluemunor** was gassed by the end of a long practice. QB **Drew Lock** (hip/pointer oblique) is throwing on the side. — *Ryan Dunleavy*

backs coach **Jerome Henderson** said. "There are going to be some corners on other teams that are going to see this guy and have their hands full. They'll see this dude is a big-time player."

"It's been good for our guys to work against him, our corners on the outside to see him on a daily basis, because you can't take a play off against him."

Giants cornerback **Nick McCloud** concurred: "You can tell that he's different from everyone else. When you line up against him, you've definitely got to be locked in. He's explosive, he's a smart player and he's going to compete at the highest level."

As the Giants have lost many more games than they've won in recent sea-

sons, there have been a number of reasons for Jones' struggles — whether you want to term them excuses is up to you.

Top among those reasons (excuses?) have been injury issues and bad play from the offensive line and poor production from the receiving corps.

The addition of Nabers, along with the return of 2022 second-round pick **Wan'Dale Robinson** from a knee injury and Hyatt should remove one of those reasons for Jones' struggles.

"We've transformed the room," Groh said of the receiving corps. "It's certainly the fastest group probably that I've ever been around. We can threaten people on all levels."

And no player presents more of a threat than Nabers.

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HOPS TO IT: Malik Nabers has shown off his explosiveness throughout training camp.

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Rookie receiver 'day to day' after mild ankle sprain

Malik Nabers didn't practice Monday with the Giants but is "day to day" and has not been ruled out for Saturday's game against the Texans.

The initial diagnosis of a mild ankle sprain remains unchanged. The rookie receiver went down during Sunday's practice, took off his left shoe as trainers looked him over

and spent the last 20 minutes of practice off his feet before limping back to the locker room.

Nabers wasn't spotted on the sideline during practice Monday. "They are still doing evaluation on him," head coach **Brian Daboll** said. "But he's a little sore, so we will back off him."

Daboll, who essentially ruled out a worst-case scenario frac-

ture, said Nabers got "twisted up" in a non-contact situation and did not get stepped on.

"I'm hopeful that he's OK," Daboll said.

Daboll won't take the extra precaution of holding Nabers out of practice once he is medically cleared to return. Nabers has looked dominant in training camp, but the belief is that the

first-round pick can further ease his learning curve with more time on the field.

Daniel Jones is expected to get his first preseason action against the Texans.

"I'd say if they deem [Nabers] ready to go and he feels good, we'll continue to work him and get work," Daboll said. — *Ryan Dunleavy*

"That's enough of that s--t. Do not say that s--t in public, and don't talk about it now."

But in the end, Aaron had taken himself out of his family's life with his extended radio silence, and with his series of no-shows at significant events. He did not attend services for his grandfather Chuck Pittman despite the fact, Barbara Pittman said, that her grandson "wrote many times over the years that he wanted to be the man Grandpa was."

One family member who attended the graveside service was hoping against hope to spot Aaron sitting under a distant tree. Pittman did say that her grandson called her after Chuck's death "to tell me how sorry he was and how much he loved him and me. [He] also sent an email. It really touched me."

AARON'S decision to divorce his family impacted more than his parents, brothers and grandparents. He cut off communication with other relatives who had been part of his life, including Darla's two sisters, Valerie and Cheryl, who were around their nephew a lot when he was growing up.

Cheryl, who went by Auntie Myrl, had her theories as to why it all fell apart the way it did, why Aaron, in her words, "just disappeared" from all of their lives.

"I think that what happened with Aaron," she said, "being raised so Christian ... was he got to Cal and met kids from different countries and cultures, and they worshipped their own god their own way, and he realized they were good people."



STAND BY YOUR MUNN: Aaron Rodgers bristles at the idea former girlfriend Olivia Munn is to blame for his broken relationship with his family. Getty Images

"... And he started to make his own choices."

Slowly but surely, Aaron did pull away from the strict religious dogma at the center of his upbringing and, eventually, from the people who still embraced it.

And then he met Olivia Munn.

"I think Aaron took Olivia's side with whatever happened on a phone call or with Christmas presents," said one person close to the family. "They were a couple and he stood by her. ... Aaron found a comrade [in Munn] who said, 'I see it the same way you see it.'"

Aaron did not cut off communication with all family members. He maintained a relationship with his uncle Chuck, the youngest

of the four Pittman children, who was not communicating with his sisters. Aaron also stayed in contact with Uncle Chuck's two children.

But one of Chuck's sisters, Aunt Valerie, had been on the radio-silence side of it long enough to understand what her nephew's choices had done to the people who loved him most.

"All of my fond memories of Aaron pre-date at least 2014, when fame and fortune, for lack of a more plausible reason, must have had a major impact on him," Valerie wrote to me. "I understand that it is an inherent danger but thought my nephew, who had grown into a man exhibiting both exceptionally strong moral character and leadership, and had deep family values, would be able to remain steady and rise above the fray. He began to show disappointing signs of no longer being the same Aaron (which I do not want to elaborate on)."

"It goes without saying that his 'lack of communication,' with no rational explanation or effort to overcome any misunderstandings, has caused untold pain and grief. ... How devastating to have a son and brother shut you out of his life, seemingly so suddenly, with no apparent reason.

"To my knowledge, he has made no effort to work things out. ... I struggle to find a cause, or excuse, for turning your back on a loving family that always supported you, sacrificed for you, and helped you achieve your biggest dream. Surely the huge loss cannot be worth it in the long run.

"Both my mom and sister Darla seem to have always held onto hope and continued to pray for an eventual reconciliation,

believing in the Parable of the Prodigal Son, ever ready to forgive."

ED AND DARLA Rodgers wanted a couple of things made clear in this book, about where they stood on their middle son. For one, they wanted it understood that they were perfectly willing to resume a relationship with Aaron without any resolution of the issues that had divided them.

"Yes, we're all about forgiving and forgetting," Darla told me. "We would be so happy to move on. ... The new relationship needs to start, and it just feels weird that we can't communicate even big-life things with him."

Ed added: "And we have unconditional love for him. No matter what happened, we would just like the relationship."

Ed Rodgers had not seen or spoken with his son in nearly nine years when they shared a brief but emotional embrace last summer on a Lake Tahoe golf course, before Aaron's first training camp with the Jets. Father and son expressed their love while hugging in the middle of a celebrity tournament round before Aaron quickly resumed playing. The moment left Ed holding out more hope than ever that a reconciliation would happen.

"It's definitely possible," Aaron agreed.

He said he wanted to have a relationship with his father. Could that be the start of a new day for the Jets quarterback and the family he sent away?

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A CASE OF

The inside story of how Rodgers' relationship with Hollywood starlet contributed to family rift

AARON Rodgers stopped speaking with his parents in the winter of 2014, when his girlfriend, actress Olivia Munn, was living with him in Green Bay. Ed and Darla Rodgers had visited their middle child before an early-December home game and enjoyed a pleasant conversation with the actress. They left town believing there were no problems among them.

Rodgers then played a dreadful game at Buffalo, posting a career-worst 34.3 quarterback rating in a 21-13 defeat. According to sources, Munn called Ed and Darla that night and blindsided them with an angry rant about their plans to see Aaron again when the Packers played at Tampa Bay before Christmas, a game that Rodgers family members planned to attend as part of a Disney World trip.

The actress made it clear that she did not want her boyfriend's parents meeting them or attending the game. Ed and Darla explained that they had been attending Aaron's games since he was a kid and did not need her permission to continue doing so.

Munn declined comment for this book through a representative. Ed and Darla said they did not make any disparaging remark that might have set off one of the stars of the HBO drama series "The Newsroom."

"The only thing I said was, 'You haven't been on the scene very long. You're just his girlfriend. We're his parents,'" Ed recalled.

Ed and Darla made the trip to the Tampa Bay game and did not see their son. According to sources, Aaron later sent an email to family members that effectively said, "Don't attack the woman I love."

Ed and Darla had been sent to the Island, a cold and lonely place for those excommunicated from Aaron's life. They would not have another full conversation with their middle child for at least another nine years.

It certainly was not fair to solely blame Munn — or, perhaps, to blame her at all — for personal decisions made by her boyfriend. Rodgers had temporarily removed best friend Jordan Russell from his life before he ever

met Munn. He was his own man, and nobody was forcing him to do anything. Rodgers never needed much help in determining when to end a relationship.

"You get on his bad side, you cross him once, you are dead to him," said someone who knew him for many years in Green Bay. So perhaps too many people close to the quarterback were too quick to finger a convenient fall guy, or fall gal, rather than hold him fully responsible for his own choices.

By Ian O'Connor

AT THE same time, Munn did not help her own cause. The Christmas gifts that Ed and Darla had sent to their son and his girlfriend? Rather than regift them to someone else or offer them up for charity, Munn insulted her boyfriend's parents by rejecting the presents — she wasn't interested in accepting any gestures of appreciation from Ed and Darla — and sending them back to the Rodgers home in Chico, Calif. Sources said they coincidentally arrived on Ed's birthday, making him think initially that he had received a gift from his son.

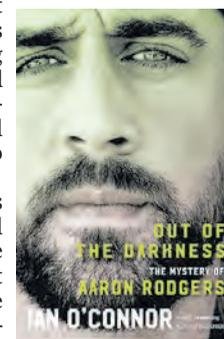
Given her devout religious views — Aaron's mother disapproved of premarital sex and was opposed to her middle child sharing a hotel room with his girlfriend even as an NFL player — Darla did not appreciate how Munn had joked about oral sex in an interview, or how she had publicly talked about her sex life with Aaron just before that fateful loss at Buffalo.

"She was saying all that and it pissed Darla off, really pissed her off," said someone close to the family.

Over the years, Darla and Ed believed they had reason to get livid again and again. Munn claimed in an interview on Andy Cohen's SiriusXM radio show that she had actually encouraged her boyfriend to build a bridge back to his parents, and that Aaron had stopped speaking to Ed and Darla and his older brother, Luke, eight months before he started dating the actress.

"It's a lie," Ed Rodgers said.

With Ed as a sports chiropractor on staff at



THE MUNN DAZE

Whole Body Fitness, where Aaron trained next door to Ed's office, and with Luke using his brother's image to sell sports-themed T-shirts for his apparel company, and with Jordan, a former Vanderbilt star, following in Aaron's quarterbacking footsteps, Munn had this to say to Cohen about the Rodgers family dynamic:

"I do believe that family and fame and success can be really complicated if their dreams are connected to your success. ... Their work has a direct connection to what he does. At the end of the day, there's a lot of complications. I don't think either side of the road is clean, but I do think it's not OK when you try to stand on someone's shoulders and then throw dirt in their face, which is what I think they did with him."

No, Ed and Darla did not want to let those comments stand for this book.

Ed: "She just made stuff up to make herself look good. ... She said the family was dysfunctional before she met Aaron, which is bull. We were going to all of his games; we were staying at his house. We had a great relationship. Nothing bad was going on."

Darla: "I can think about showbiz families that, like the Kardashians, climb all over each other for fame and stuff like that. But that's not our family. Nobody did that."

AARON had been generous with his family for years, starting with his purchase of a new home for his parents before he was making killer NFL money. Ed and Darla had always wanted to live next to their good friends, the Rubys, in Chico, so when a piece of property opened up next to them on Donald Drive, Aaron bought it for his parents as a surprise for \$330,000 and built a house for them for more than \$1 million.

Aaron provided cars to multiple family members and at times paid for vacations, private jet travel, and hotel bills. He gave his parents annual cash gifts of approximately \$15,000 each, up to the federal maximum allowed without a tax imposed. Aaron helped his younger brother, Jordan, land an upgraded apartment for his final year at Vanderbilt and allowed his older brother, Luke, to live with him rent-free.

Did Aaron sense that his generosity was being taken for granted?

"If Aaron feels his family or other people in his life have laid claim to something based on his efforts," Jordan Russell said, "Aaron will then go out of his way to make sure they earn their own way."

Munn agreed with that approach. Over time, Ed and Darla told others that they saw the actress as a chief culprit in the family division. Luke did the same.

Rodgers family members and friends were still citing Munn as a primary cause of the fractures years after the actress and the quarterback broke up in 2017.



ESTRANGE GOINGS ON: Aaron Rodgers has had virtually no relationship with his family, including (from left) brothers Jordan and Luke, his parents Ed and Darla and his grandparents, Barbara and the late Chuck Pittman for years. Many believe then-girlfriend Olivia Munn is to blame. AP; WireImage

And yet Aaron never accepted the narrative that Olivia was a divisive force. In fact, Rodgers told me he absolved his ex-girlfriend of blame in the estrangement and said the actress "has nothing to do with all the years before." He said that his family issues are deep-rooted, though he declined to discuss the specifics of those issues for public consumption.

Given his history of not commenting on his family dynamics, Aaron said he has been distressed over the years by the occasional leak or comment from a family member. He said he wishes he was granted the same respect he had shown his parents and siblings.

"I have questions about why they feel the need to talk about it, because it's like a game of poker," Rodgers said. "When you are holding all the cards, you don't have to bluff. There's nothing they can say other than make up stories, but look at the facts."

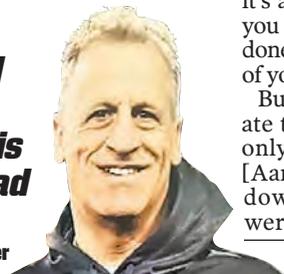


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— Olivia Munn, on Andy Cohen's radio show about Aaron Rodgers' relationship with his family

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— Ed Rodgers, Aaron Rodgers' father



his way to winning over a Dallas real estate developer named JoJo Fletcher, Jordan told her and nearly seven million American viewers that his famous brother would not be joining them for their hometown date with his family in Chico on the next episode.

"I have a great relationship with my brother Luke," he said. "Me and Aaron don't really have that much of a relationship. It's just kind of the way he's chosen to do life, and I chose to stay close to my family and my parents and my brother and, yeah, it's not ideal. And I love him."

Their hometown date the following week featured Jordan and Fletcher, Ed and Darla, and Luke and his girlfriend. During the show, the dinner table was set for a party of eight, with only six people seated. The two empty chairs at one end of the table, opposite Jordan and Fletcher, were not meant to suggest that the neighbors would be arriving late. They served as reminders that the famous quarterback and actress had cut themselves out of the script.

Aaron was irritated by his family's decision to film that scene, empty chairs and all, especially when he was not invited to participate. Not that he would have shown up. Aaron did not appreciate that Jordan was using their personal issues to increase his visibility for a potential TV career.

IN THE summer of 2016, Aaron's longtime friend and former junior college coach, Craig Rigsbee, was attending the celebrity golf tournament at Lake Tahoe, the American Century Championship, when Aaron was introduced on the first tee.

This was just days after those back-to-back "Bachelorette" episodes aired. "And someone goes, 'Hey, are you Jordan Rodgers' brother?'" Rigsbee recalled. "F--king [Aaron] looked over there and he was legitimately pissed off and shook his head."

When it came to the star quarterback, Rigsbee said, people did not know when enough was enough. The old juco coach was not naming names, but he was no fan of those he perceived to be barnacles attached to the Rodgers cruise liner.

"They just can't be hanging on your coat-tails their whole lives," he said. "People try to take advantage of you and pretty soon they do other s--t, and then you get pissed off, and it's a tough thing. Then they talk bad about you like, 'Oh, he's stuck up,' or, 'Oh, he abandoned me.' No, he's f--kin' tired of taking care of your ass."

But Rigsbee did not believe it appropriate to inject himself into the drama. "The only thing I ever did is, I kind of got on [Aaron's] brothers' asses when they were down-talking him one time when they were in town," Rigsbee recalled. "I said,

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REDDICK ALERT

- Jets holdout requests trade
- GM: 'We will not' deal Haason

By BRIAN COSTELLO
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The Jets' training camp headache has become even messier.

Pro Bowl edge rusher Haason Reddick requested a trade Monday just four months after the Jets acquired him from the Eagles, according to sources, as the 29-year-old remains entrenched in a contract dispute that has kept him out of training camp. Reddick has not reported to camp and skipped the earlier portion — both voluntary and mandatory — of the Jets' offseason workouts as well.

The Jets insist they will not trade their disgruntled defender.

"We have informed Haason that we will not trade him, that he is expected to be here with his teammates, and that he will continue to be fined per the CBA if he does not report," Jets general manager Joe Douglas said in a statement. "Since the trade discussions back in March we have been clear, direct and consistent with our position."

When the Jets acquired Reddick in April for a 2026 conditional third-round draft pick, they expected him to report to training camp with his current deal — which calls for a \$14.25 million base salary — and play. They had a negotiating window and offered a short-term extension before the trade, but Reddick, who turns 30 next month, turned it down in hopes of landing the long-term deal. The Jets felt the two sides had an agreement that Reddick would report to the spring program de-

spite not having a new deal.

After the trade, Reddick reported to Florham Park for his physical and even held an introductory news conference in early April, where he spoke about the "exciting" and "entertaining" season Gang Green could have in 2024. He mentioned "being here," trusting that his agent and Douglas would be able to work out the contract logistics that would determine whether he'd be with the Jets just one year or into the future. He didn't hint at a holdout.

"I know the juice I'm going to bring," Reddick said at the news conference. "Hopefully it rubs off on the guys. Hopefully their energy does the same for me. I looked at the roster — that was one of the first things that I did when I saw the trade — and I can pretty much guarantee it's going to be some great ball being played."

That is the last the Jets saw of him. He skipped OTAs, which are voluntary, and then skipped the team's mandatory minicamp in June, which led to his first fines, believed to be about \$100,000. Reddick then failed to report to training camp in July and has been subject to losing a mandatory \$50,000 per day. There are additional discretionary fines the Jets can impose as well. Monday was Day 21 of his holdout, meaning his fines are already more than \$1 million. The Jets have made it clear they are unwilling to negotiate any changes to his contract until he reports.

A trade at this point seems highly unlikely. For one, there

were not many takers when the Eagles wanted to trade him in March. That is why he went for a 2026 draft pick to the Jets. Secondly, the Jets have no reason to move him. While this is messy and is a negative for a team that otherwise has had a positive pre-season, they can call his bluff. The Jets and Reddick could ultimately agree to revise his contract for 2024, offering more incentives or guaranteed money, but the Jets clearly don't want to give him a long-term deal.

The trade demand seems like a last-ditch negotiating effort by Reddick and his agent. If Reddick sits out the 2024 season, which would be the nuclear option, his contract would toll and the Jets would still control his rights in 2025.

The Jets traded for Reddick after allowing edge rusher Bryce Huff to sign a three-year, \$51.1 million contract with the Eagles in free agency. Reddick, who has 50 ½ sacks in the last four years, was brought in to replace Huff's production. At the moment, Jermaine Johnson and Micheal Clemons project as the starting defensive ends with Will McDonald as another part of the pass rush.

The Jets are four weeks away from their season opener against the 49ers on "Monday Night Football." It now seems fair to wonder whether Reddick will be there.

LEAVING?

Haason Reddick, who has not reported to Jets camp, requested a trade on Monday, four months after being acquired from the Eagles for a 2026 third-round pick. General manager Joe Douglas (right), however, informed Reddick that he is "expected to be here with his teammates" and will continue to be fined if he does not report.



Douglas must not blink, call ex-Eagle's bluff

IN THE latest episode of Only The Jets, emerging pass rusher Bryce Huff bolts to the Eagles for his new \$17 million annual free agent salary and Jets general manager Joe Douglas trades for the established Eagles pass rusher who never shows up for training camp and now goes public with a trade request.

Haason Reddick is trying to pull a fast one here on the Jets.

Reddick is trying to squeeze a GM who at the very least will need to end the franchise's 13-year playoff drought alongside Robert Saleh to keep his job.

Except Douglas was in no rush to sign Reddick to a long-term deal when he surrendered a 2026 conditional third-round draft pick for him, and he should be in no rush to knuckle under to Reddick now.

Even if, when he looks in the mirror, he sees scrambled egg on his face, Douglas is not blameless here ... a good faith verbal agreement can come back and bite you in the butt in any business without a name on the dotted line.

But now? With Opening Day in San Francisco less than a month away?

Don't blink.

Call his bluff.

And the GM immediately decided to do just that:

"We have informed Haason that we will not trade him, that he is expected to be here with his teammates, and that he will continue to be fined per the CBA if he does not report," Joe Douglas said in a statement. "Since the trade discussions back in March we have been clear, direct, and consistent with our position. Our focus will remain on the guys we have here as we prepare for the regular season."

Boom!

Reddick seems to believe that he has all the leverage facing off with an owner and a GM desperate enough to move heaven and earth for Aaron Rodgers 17 long months ago.

He is wrong.

He will be turning 30 next month. What could his strategy be? Sitting out the season and panhandling for a monster deal at age 31 when the 2025 season arrives? And his rights still belong to the Jets? Talk about financial suicide. And talk about career suicide.

"All options are open right now. Contractual stuff, I'm leaving



Steve Serby

that up to my agent and Joe to figure out. Whatever happens, I'm going to be happy for," Reddick said at his introductory news conference. "I'm going to give my all, no matter what. That's just who I am as a person. So no matter how it goes, how many years, I'm gonna be here for however long I'm here for, and I'm gonna give the team, the fans, everything that I have."

That person has been fined \$50,000 a day for the last 21 days.

That person went back on his word.

No question Reddick is an elite pass rusher (50 1/2 sacks the past four seasons). He is due to make a non-guaranteed \$14.25 million in base pay in the final year of his contract. He is eyeing this neighborhood behind Nick Bosa (\$34 million):

Josh Hines-Allen: \$28.25M.

Brian Burns: \$28.2M.

T.J. Watt: \$28M.

Myles Garrett: \$25M.

The fly in the ointment for Douglas is filling up wheelbarrows with Woody Johnson's money for a player who has not so much as practiced with his new teammates and turned into Howard Hughes at a time when loyal Jets such as D.J. Reed and Michael Carter II enter the last year of their contracts.

Douglas would be amenable to sweetening the pot, converting non-guaranteed money to guarantees, if and when Reddick decides to show up, and talking long-term turkey after the season, or even possibly later in the season.

For his sake, for his future, Reddick better cave.

Disgruntled and underpaid 49ers receiver Brandon Aiyuk recently rejected a trade to the Patriots and one to the Browns for Amari Cooper.

Reddick? He was

all-in on helping Rodgers chase that elusive Super Bowl ... until he wasn't. Until he had a change of heart. It was mutually understood that he would report under the terms of his current contract. Referring to the 2022 Eagles Super Bowl run, Reddick raved about the Jets roster back in March and said: "And what we have here is opportunity to do if we can all come in, build that chemistry, get on the same page and just become a completely bonded team by the time the season starts. I think we can go really, really far."

It's yet another bad optic for the Jets, of course. More fodder for the Same Old Jets crowd. Huff leaves. Reddick can't wait to be a Jet. Changes his tune to play hardball.

And now here we are.

Maybe Will McDonald takes that second-year leap that Jermaine Johnson took a year ago, and keeps the Jets defense elite. Maybe C.J. Mosley can call Reddick to tell him what he would be missing. Maybe Rodgers, who selflessly surrendered \$35M of his guaranteed money, can pitch in now for Reddick.

"I don't think anybody's ready for what's about to happen," Reddick said in March, "but it's gonna be fun. It's gonna be fun to watch as well."

The Jets want Haason Reddick. Need Haason Reddick. As much as they want him and need him, he should wake up and realize that he needs the Jets more than they need him.

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STAYING PUT: Alijah Vera-Tucker (right) said it's a "good feeling" to know the Jets have no plans to bounce him between various positions along the offensive line. Bill Kostroun

Gang looking to keep AVT at one spot in '24

By ANDREW CRANE

To Alijah Vera-Tucker, it was a mutual understanding. He met head coach Robert Saleh "in the middle," he said. They had a productive talk in the offseason, and by the end of it, Vera-Tucker left with the vision that the Jets would use him at one — and only one — position in 2024.

His career had opened with consistency, with 16 starts at left guard as a rookie. But across the two seasons that followed, which were shortened by a torn ACL in 2022 and a torn Achilles in 2023, Vera-Tucker bounced around to every spot on the line besides center.

But this year, he said, the Jets have enough depth — with Vera-Tucker specifically referencing their backup options at tackle — to the point where they shouldn't need him to pivot in emergencies, unlike last year, when he started three games at right guard and three games at right tackle before his season ended. The quest to keep Vera-Tucker in one spot has gone according to plan through the first few weeks of camp.

"It's a good feeling knowing that they're gonna take care of me and I get to develop at one position," Vera-Tucker said Monday. "... Going back into the past, I wouldn't change a thing, what I did. I wanted to help the team out, and that's what I did. So yeah, I wouldn't change a thing about that, but happy to be at one position."

That could all unravel,

though. There could be offensive line chaos to fix. The last two seasons, the Jets needed to pivot and fill Vera-Tucker's role on the fly, and he hasn't made it through a full campaign since that rookie season.

Vera-Tucker said he hasn't felt any lingering pain in the Achilles, but there's still an adjustment with the rhythm and flow of the position. When he couldn't practice fully in the offseason, he watched film of Cowboys guard Zack Martin and Colts guard Quenton Nelson — trying to decipher which qualities he could replicate to improve his pass blocking.

"Over the years, he's been pushed in so many positions, and now he finally gets to settle in one position and really hone in and take care of that position," right tackle Morgan Moses, who was Vera-Tucker's teammate with the Jets in 2021, said Monday. "And so for him, he's finding that football's becoming comfortable for him, that he can focus on one position and not have to move all around."

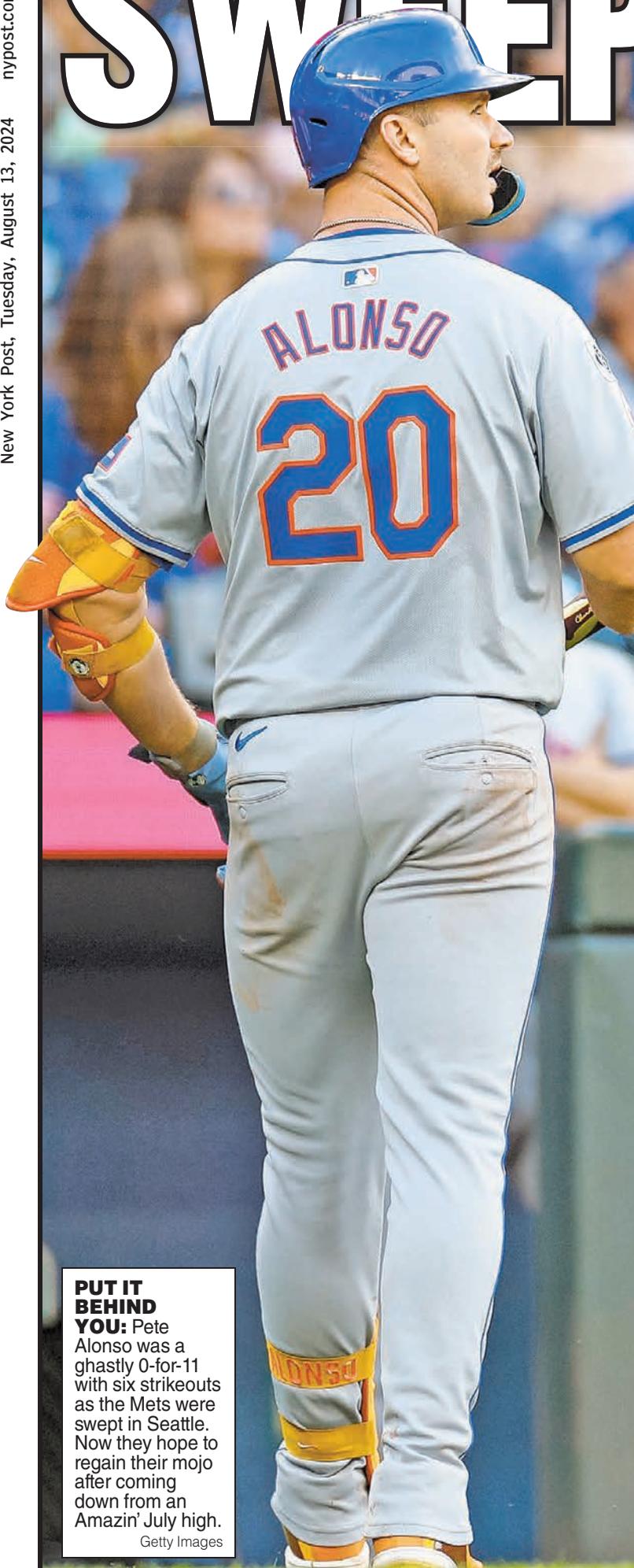
And on paper, the Jets do have some depth. They shouldn't be plunged into crisis mode by an injury or two, like last season. That would allow Vera-Tucker's shared vision with Saleh to come to fruition.

"I think he's in a great place," offensive line coach Keith Carter said.

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SWEEP IT UNDER



Mets try to forget terrible trip,

By DAN MARTIN

For a team attempting to make a playoff push, the last three games were eye-opening for the Mets, who were swept in Seattle while getting outscored 22-1.

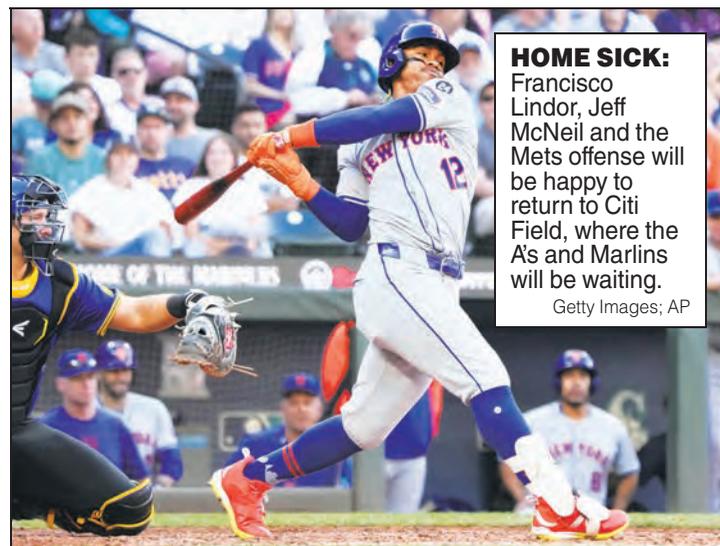
And since sweeping the Yankees in the Subway Series and then beating the Braves to open their following series at Citi Field, the Mets have gone 6-9.

Worse, they are 29-37 against teams above .500, nearly the worst among teams still in the postseason picture.

So what's next? Fortunately for the Mets, they have back-to-back series against current last-place teams at Citi Field, with the A's coming to Queens on Tuesday, followed by the Marlins.

The A's, though, are 14-8 since July 14 and no longer the laughingstock many expected them to be in their final season in Oakland.

Still, fighting to remain in the playoff race, the Mets understand



HOME SICK:

Francisco Lindor, Jeff McNeil and the Mets offense will be happy to return to Citi Field, where the A's and Marlins will be waiting.

Getty Images; AP

the task at hand this week.

"It's a good opportunity," Francisco Lindor said after Sunday's loss of the upcoming homestand. "We've got to maximize it."

They believe they can, despite their inability to compete against what Lindor called "playoff-like pitching" in Seattle.

"We've got a good group here," Luis Severino said. "I know we're going through a tough stretch

right here, [but] guys have been in this situation before. It's not [anything] new. We just have to figure out what's going on."

And for a team with postseason aspirations, their inability to beat teams that also have a shot to play in October is one of the things the Mets will have to figure out.

The Mets can hardly afford any slips this week at Citi Field, as they're locked in a battle for the

Scuffling Amazin's just

THE MOJO was real. It was. If you were inside the ballpark during those halcyon days of June and early July, you know it was. You heard — and saw — Citi Field sound — and look — like it had on precious few days since October of 2015, when it seemed like the whole month was an endless carnival of joy hard by Flushing Bay.

"We want this to last as long as it can possibly last," Brandon Nimmo said on the giddy evening of July 25 after the Mets had beaten Chris Sale and the Braves 3-2, a night when the Braves, for a change, had made all the bone-headed plays and the Mets, for a change, had made Atlanta pay for every misstep.

And the next night ... well. The next night, Kodai Senga was back, and he was electric, and the Mets



Mike Vaccaro

threw a 7-spot at Charlie Morton in one inning, and Grimace was dancing and the crowd couldn't wait to sing "OMG" and there was sheer delirium as the Mets were poised to slip past the Braves into the first wild-card slot. Mojo? This was something beyond mojo ...

And then there was a pop-up. And Senga was on the ground.

And look, there's no need to over-dramatize this: the Mets have won a few games since then. They haven't exactly fallen off a cliff, even if it felt that way as they

scored a solitary run all weekend in Seattle against a Mariners rotation that is quite good, but had yet to be confused in public with Glavine/Maddux/Smoltz. Even after their lost weekend by the Space Needle they're within a half-game of playoff position.

It just feels ... different.

Less joyful, maybe? Less buoyant? These are the dog days, after all. The Mets wouldn't be the first team to hit the August wall; even as they were winning 31 of 44 from June 3 to July 26 they were still working with a razor-thin margin for error, still tip-toeing through every call to the bullpen, the old words of the great Bob Murphy often coming to mind as it seemed like every night "they won the damned game 9 to 8."

Of course, joy isn't in vast supply when you score one run in 27

PUT IT BEHIND

YOU: Pete Alonso was a ghastly 0-for-11 with six strikeouts as the Mets were swept in Seattle. Now they hope to regain their mojo after coming down from an Amazin' July high.

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THE RUG

focus on push for wild card



final NL wild-card spot with Atlanta, San Francisco and St. Louis.

“Right now, I don’t care how far or close we are,” Severino said of the playoff standings. “We just need to keep going. We need to win games.”

For now, they’ll look to get healthy against the A’s and Marlins, two teams that have played poorly all season and are weaker

following the trade deadline.

They’ll have to respond to being completely outplayed by a Mariners team that is charging up the AL wild-card standings.

“You can’t dwell on what happened,” Lindor said of the series sweep. “We’ve got a good team. We’ve got to continue to push [and] continue to strive to be better. Focus on what we did right, learn from what we did

wrong and be back and play the game better.”

Not much went right in Seattle, but Lindor looked at the bigger picture.

“We understand we’re still in a good position for the goal we have of being in the playoffs,” the shortstop said. “We’ve got to compete. We put ourselves in position where we’re in the play-off hunt. We’ve got to stay there no matter what.”

And that means staying positive, despite the recent downturn.

“We have to protect what we have here, protect the vibe,” Lindor said.

According to Lindor, that includes, “Talking to each other and understanding this is part of baseball.”

“I’ve been saying the entire time, this is a wave,” Lindor said. “There’s good waves and there’s bad waves. We’ve got to find a good wave pretty soon. We have to. We’ve got to get on a good wave as soon as we can. Hopefully it starts Tuesday and we ride it as long as we can.”

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need their groove back

innings. Glee is fleeting when a couple of the teams you’re battling for playoff position — the Padres and Diamondbacks — win every day.

And confidence becomes muted when it’s clear the team you now have to focus on is the Braves, a team that has had the Mets’ number from April 4, 1993, the day the Braves and Mets officially began to share the NL East.

“We still have a lot of meaningful games ahead of us,” manager Carlos Mendoza said after the Seattle slaughter was completed with a 12-1 loss Sunday night. “We will be ready to go.”

The Mets have 44 games left, to be precise, and all 44 of them are going to be meaningful, none more so than the nine they have in the next nine days at home with Oakland, Miami and Balti-

more. And this isn’t July anymore, where you can say it’s fine to just keep winning series. The Mets have to fatten up against the A’s and the Marlins because their following 10 games — the three at home against the Orioles, then seven in San Diego and Phoenix — will almost surely be the defining 10 games of the season.

And the truth is, they need breathing room now, the kind of breathing room going 5-1 — or 6-0 — against the playing-out-the-string A’s and Marlins would provide. These are the kinds of games the Mets have had difficulty winning during the meaningful portions of recent seasons. And look, maybe what we saw in June and July was more mirage than mojo; that’s certainly in play.

We’ll know soon enough, starting Tuesday. If it seemed silly to see Senga’s injury as an ominous omen ... well, baseball breeds such superstitions. Fans of the 1987 Mets will still swear their title defense went south the moment the Mets lost a game in May because a routine fly ball by Atlanta’s Dion James struck a pigeon and scored a key run for the Braves.

Hey, that kind of stuff makes as much sense as the Power of Grimace. Only, back in June, we saw it. It was real. Now they’re scuffling. So are the Braves, who somehow blew a six-run eighth-inning lead to the awful Rockies on Sunday. For now, it’s the Mets and the Braves again, one more time. First to get their mojo back wins.

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ON DECK: vs. Athletics

Tuesday, 7:10 p.m., SNY, WCBS (880 AM)

RHP Paul Blackburn



2024 stats:
5-2, 3.86 ERA

Career vs. OAK:
First start

Last start:
Wed. at COL;
6.0 IP, 5 H, 1 ER

PITCH BREAKDOWN

22% Cutter
20% Fastball
20% Changeup

TBD



2024 stats:
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Career vs. NYM:
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Last start:
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PITCH BREAKDOWN

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UP NEXT

WEDNESDAY: vs. Athletics 7:10 p.m., SNY, WCBS
LHP David Peterson vs. RHP Mitch Spence

THURSDAY: vs. Athletics 1:10 p.m., SNY, WCBS
LHP Jose Quintana vs. RHP Joey Estes

INJURY REPORT

- **Starling Marte** is slated to play another rehab game with Double-A Binghamton on Tuesday.
- **Mark Vientos** was scratched Sunday with a sore left ankle, but Carlos Mendoza expressed optimism after the game that the third baseman would be available Tuesday.

Stanek failing to help pen as hoped

By DAN MARTIN

In hopes of strengthening their bullpen, the Mets acquired Ryne Stanek from the Mariners before the July 30 deadline.

So far, the results haven’t been encouraging.

Stanek allowed four runs and got just one out in Sunday’s loss in Seattle, against his former team. It was his second bad performance in his five outings as a Met.

Following the game, Carlos Mendoza credited the Mariners with “really good at-bats” against Stanek and noted that his old teammates “were familiar with him,” adding that Stanek pitched well in his previous outing in Colorado.

Still, the results have not been good for Stanek for a while.

Even before the trade from Seattle, Stanek was struggling. He allowed runs in his final three appearances with the Mariners.

The 33-year-old was expected to help secure a new-look bullpen, along with the additions of Phil Maton and Huascar Brazoban.

Maton has been excellent and Brazoban has been good in his last two appearances.

The return of Reed Garrett should also help.

Overall, since the moves — which were made after injuries to Brooks Raley and Drew Smith, in addition to the short-term losses

of Dedniel Nunez and Sean Reid-Foley — the bullpen has performed relatively well.

But with a push to the playoffs on the horizon, the Mets will look for more from the postseason-tested Stanek, who has pitched in October in each of the past four seasons.

➤ **Starling Marte** continues to rehab from the right knee bone bruise that has sidelined him since June and could potentially play back-to-back games in the outfield for the first time

Tuesday and Wednesday for Double-A Binghamton.

He last played for the Mets on June 22.

The Mets are still waiting for the 2022 version of Marte to reappear, when he had an OPS of .814.

➤ Perhaps more than anyone else, **Pete Alonso** should be happy to get out of Seattle.

The first baseman went 0-for-11 with six strikeouts and a walk in the three games against the Mariners.

Coupled with **Brandon Nimmo**’s extended slump, it’s no wonder why the Mets were over-matched by the Mariners.

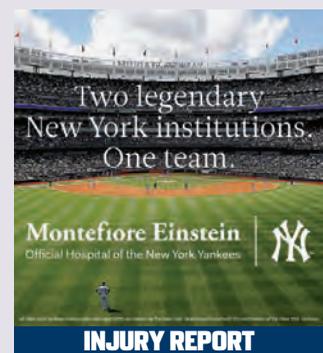
➤ **Francisco Alvarez** has just one homer since June 26, and only five in 60 games all season.

The 22-year-old Alvarez had 25 home runs in 123 games last year.

METS NOTES

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■ Jose Trevino (quad strain) went 0-for-1 with a walk while playing five innings at catcher Sunday at Double-A Somerset in the first game of his rehab assignment. He is set to play again Tuesday and Wednesday before reassessing.

■ Jon Berti (calf strain) was set to continue his ramp-up this week in Tampa before potentially going on a rehab assignment.



at White Sox
Tuesday, 8:10 p.m., YES,
WFAN (660 AM, 101.9 FM)

LHP Nestor Cortes



2024 stats:
5-10, 4.42 ERA

Career vs. CWS:
5-0, 2.03 ERA

Last start:
Thurs., vs. LAA;
4.2 IP, 6 ER, 1 HR

PITCH BREAKDOWN

45% 4-Seamer
29% Cutter
15% Sweeper

RHP Jonathan Cannon



2024 stats:
2-5, 3.91 ERA

Career vs. NYY:
First start

Last start:
Aug. 6, at OAK;
6 IP, 1 ER, 5 SO

PITCH BREAKDOWN

32% Sinker
22% Sweeper
20% Cutter

UP NEXT

WEDNESDAY: at White Sox,
8:10 p.m., Prime, WFAN
TBD vs. RHP Davis Martin

FRIDAY: at Tigers,
6:40 p.m., YES, WFAN
TBD vs. TBD

ONE BIG 'L'

Yankees go off tracks on South Side in blowout to terrible White Sox

By GREG JOYCE

CHICAGO — Nobody would call the Yankees an unstoppable force, but they certainly ran into an immovable object on Monday night.

The result? Helping the White Sox in their quest to avoid infamy.

A blowout may have been expected in a game pitting the team that came into the night tied for the best record in baseball against the team that had the majors' worst record (by 16 games) and was trying to avoid company with the 120-loss, 1962 Mets.

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But it was the White Sox doing the drubbing, handing the Yankees an embarrassing 12-2 loss in front of 22,815 at Guaranteed Rate Field.

The Yankees (70-50) wasted plenty of prime chances early to do damage — on the way to going 2-for-18 with runners in scoring position and stranding 16 men on base — while the White Sox (29-91) pounded out 18 hits for a season-high 12 runs.

"Yeah, they're one of the worst teams, if you want to put it that way, but these guys are still big leaguers," said Alex Verdugo, who sabotaged a potential rally in the fourth inning when he popped out on a bunt attempt with two on and no outs. "They can still have days where they're clicking. ... We just got to do a better job of coming out and cashing in those runs we had on base. Step on them early. With them getting out of those jams, we gave them a little bit of momentum and they ran with it today."

Luis Gil labored through four innings, needing 98 pitches to record 12 outs (on a night when



HARD TO WATCH: Enyel De Los Santos walks back to the mound after giving up a three-run homer in the Yankees' 12-2 loss to the White Sox, who have been one of the worst teams in MLB history.

Getty Images

the bullpen was already thin) while allowing four runs as he struggled with his execution.

The White Sox later broke the game open in the seventh inning when they scored seven runs off Enyel De Los Santos to give their fans a rare night to enjoy.

"Every time you lose is a missed opportunity — we're playing for a lot every freakin' day," manager Aaron Boone said. "So it sucks to lose. Really good, exhilarating when you win. But either way, you turn the page. The bottom line is credit to them — everything they hit tonight was a hit. I thought we played hard. ... We just couldn't punch through, we

didn't hit the ball out of the ballpark and we couldn't stop them."

To add injury to insult, Jazz Chisholm Jr. left the game in the seventh inning with a left elbow injury from diving head-first into home plate on what was otherwise the Yankees' highlight of the night. Chisholm will undergo an MRI exam on Tuesday.

Most of the Yankees' best chances came early against White Sox rookie left-hander Ky Bush — the latest southpaw to stifle Boone's lineup. Bush walked seven batters and gave up six hits across 4 2/3 innings, but squeaked by with only two runs allowed.

After Verdugo and Juan Soto walked to lead off the game, Aaron Judge put the Yankees up 1-0 with an RBI double. But Bush avoided further damage by getting Giancarlo Stanton, Austin Wells and Gleyber Torres each to pop up on a combined six pitches.

In the second inning, Bush walked Verdugo to load the bases with one out, but then got Soto to pop out and Judge to fly out to the warning track — a few feet shy of what would have been a grand slam for career homer No. 300 — to end the threat.

Bush invited trouble again in the fourth by walking Anthony Volpe and DJ LeMahieu. But Verdugo popped out bunting before Soto got robbed of a hit on a diving stop by first baseman Gavin Sheets.

"He made a pitch up and in that I didn't really want to bunt, but was already kind of out there and just got a little lazy with it and popped it up," Verdugo said.

The White Sox then intentionally walked Judge to load the bases with two outs, which worked perfectly as Bush got Stanton to strike out on three pitches to get out of the jam.

For the second straight start, Gil struggled with an elevated pitch count. He threw 34 pitches in the first inning alone while handing the White Sox a 2-1 lead before they made it 4-1 in the fourth inning.

Chisholm scored from second — and got injured — on an infield single by Volpe in the top of the fifth to make it 4-2, but that was as close as the Yankees would get.

"There are good days and bad days," Gil said through an interpreter, "and today was not a good day for us overall."

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Judge deserves to be mentioned with greats



WINDY PITY: Anthony Volpe walks back to the dugout after striking out in the Yankees' 12-2 loss in Chicago as the Yanks left 16 runners on base. AP

AARON JUDGE has been so fantastic, so vital and so ridiculously overlooked while we obsess over multiple minor Yankees imperfections (rotation, bullpen back-end, hustle) that I intended to wait to write about him on a Yankees off day, when he wouldn't be competing for space with our game stories. But I'll do it today, since White Sox games should be the closest thing to a day off (instead of what was perhaps the most awful day of the Yankees season).

Oh, you say, Judge already receives significant praise?

I say not enough. Not even close to enough.

Consider that Judge is posting a 219 OPS-plus, which means he's more than twice as good as league average. Not counting the bigger, late-career version of Barry Bonds, that's the best mark since Mickey Mantle posted a 221 figure in his MVP year of 1957.

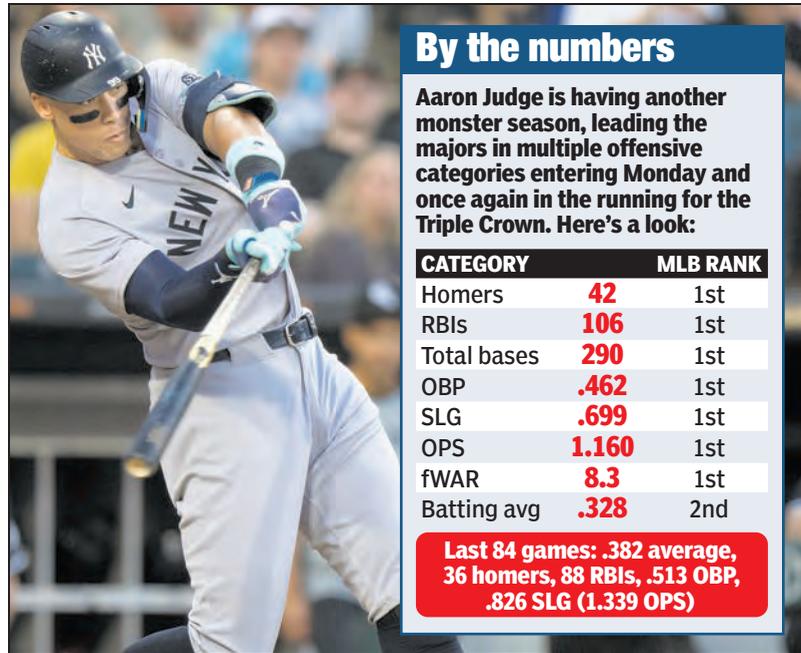
"[Judge] has put himself in the realm of Ruth and Gehrig," Yankees great Reggie Jackson told *The Post*.

Assuming Judge stays above 200, that'll be only the third time anyone's accomplished that in a full 162-game season in 50 years, and without extra, illegal help. The others were George Brett (203 in his MVP season of 1980) and Judge himself (210 in 2022). Jeff Bagwell and Frank Thomas did it in the strike-shortened 1994 season and Juan Soto in the pandemic-shortened 2020 season. (Bonds*, Mark McGwire* and Sammy Sosa* all did it with medicinal aid.)

What's more, Judge gave everyone a month's head start, as his April was comparable to Alex Verdugo's (Verdugo actually led in OPS, .804 to .754). Early this season, Judge ran into Jackson, who's now an Astros executive (that's the Yankees' loss, but that's a story for another day), and Jackson says Judge told him, "I'm not right, Reggie. But I'll get right."

He wasn't joking. It took Judge awhile to get going. But in his last 84 games, heading into Monday's catastrophe, he'd been unspeakably unstoppable — hitting .382 with 36 homers, 88 RBIs, a .513 on-base percentage, .826 slugging percentage and 1.339 OPS. He now leads MLB in all those categories but batting average, plus he also leads in walks, intentional walks, total bases and a slew of analytical categories.

And he's doing it with sporadic protection behind him in the cleanup spot.



By the numbers

Aaron Judge is having another monster season, leading the majors in multiple offensive categories entering Monday and once again in the running for the Triple Crown. Here's a look:

CATEGORY		MLB RANK
Homers	42	1st
RBIs	106	1st
Total bases	290	1st
OBP	.462	1st
SLG	.699	1st
OPS	1.160	1st
fWAR	8.3	1st
Batting avg	.328	2nd

Last 84 games: .382 average, 36 homers, 88 RBIs, .513 OBP, .826 SLG (1.339 OPS)

ONE-MAN SHOW: Aaron Judge hits an RBI double in the first inning of the Yankees' 12-2 blowout loss to the White Sox on Monday. Getty Images

The Yankees are better there since Austin Wells moved there and Giancarlo Stanton returned. But for half a season, The Bronx Bombers shockingly posted the league's worst stats out of cleanup.

Judge is up to 299 homers for his career, and if he doesn't become the fastest by games ever to hit No. 300 on Chicago's South Side, it'll be a surprise.

Jackson predicts he'll get to 600 home runs.

"And I hope he does it," Jackson said. "He's a good guy."

Don't bet against him.

"He's never satisfied," said Mets manager Carlos Mendoza, the former Yankees bench coach. "He wants to be better than the competition. But for him it doesn't matter how good he is, it's all about winning."

Which is presumably a big part of why he stayed here.

Judge is so good his then-record free agent contract of \$360 million looks like a rare megadeal that's a serious bargain. But credit Judge for passing on the opportunity for more money with his hometown Giants (whose \$360M initial offer the Yankees eventually matched) and Padres. And credit Yankees owner Hal Steinbrenner, who made the correct call to raise their bid from \$320M for eight after some serious internal debating from his baseball higher-ups.

The first Judge-related decision Jackson recalls Steinbrenner making came in the spring of 2017, when Yankees people were discussing whether to start Judge with the big club after he whiffed 44 percent of the time in a brief 2016 cameo. Steinbrenner gave the go-ahead.

Jackson said Steinbrenner polled his people then about whether Judge was ready, and Jackson said he told him, "Well, if you can deal with 200 strikeouts, and he can deal with 200 strikeouts, he's going to hit 15 home runs and 15 more fly balls that are going to land on the other side of the fence."

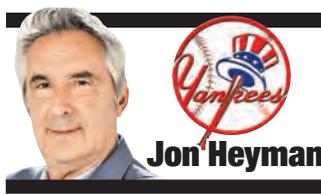
Jackson recalled that he badly short-changed him.

"He hit 26 and 26," Jackson said, noting the 52 home runs that could have earned him his first of two MVP awards. (It went to the great Jose Altuve a year before Yankees fans started hating on Altuve in earnest.)

As for this year's award, Royals shortstop Bobby Witt in any other season would be not only a viable candidate but an excellent one. And so would Soto. But let's get real. Judge's 1.160 OPS is 14 percent better than second-best Soto's 1.018 mark.

Witt is the best defensive shortstop, but Judge still leads in WAR (both WARs, in fact, with 8 and 8.3 marks). Witt is a prodigy, but Judge is an all-time great. And we need to stop taking that for granted.

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HOMER FOR THE HOLIDAYS The long-running animated series “The Simpsons” normally calls Fox its home, but for its imminent 36th season, there will be four new episodes that will air exclusively on Disney+. Titles for these upcoming stories include “Oh Come All Ye Faithful,” which will be a two-part Christmas special.



THE POWER OF LAUGHS Academy Award-nominated singer Huey Lewis (left) will be starring in his own mockumentary comedy series at Fox. The show, entitled “Whatever Happened to Huey Lewis,” will see the pop star play a fictionalized version of himself as he deals with hearing loss and receives help from his eccentric family and friends.

TV Tuesday

GOING TO THE MATT

Twisted Sisters

Stand-up comedian Margaret Cho (below), “Bob’s Burgers” star Kristen Schaal, and “Roseanne” actress Sandra Bernhard have been cast to play the Gray sisters in the upcoming second season of Disney+’s “Percy Jackson and the Olympians.” For the unfamiliar, these siblings are old women that share one eye and one tooth.



Happily Ever After?

“Once Upon a Time” star Ginnifer Goodwin (below) claims that she would be happy to do a possible reboot of ABC’s fantasy drama. The actress told People Magazine “I hear these rumors as well [about a reboot], and I am available if they [want to do that]. I mean, I live around the corner from the creator, so I’m sure I’ll hear things.”



By LAUREN SARNER

He’s in the fast lane to fame. Comedian Matt Rife, 28, has had a meteoric rise into the spotlight. He has a staggering 19 million TikTok followers, an ongoing world tour, and two Netflix specials.

His second special: “**Matt Rife: Lucid – A Crowd Work Special**” is now streaming. Filmed at The Comedy Zone in Charlotte, North Carolina, it’s the platform’s first ever crowd work special (when a comedian directly interacts with the crowd).

“My life has changed a lot the last couple of years,” Rife, 28, told The Post via email.

“I was able to buy my mom a house, employ my friends, and accomplish dreams I never thought possible – like selling out The Hollywood Bowl. But I think the moment I guess I thought ‘I made it’ was when Samuel L Jackson followed me on Instagram. I would’ve never guessed he knew what Instagram even was. I love him.”

Rife said that as his success has been a whirlwind, his friends have kept him grounded.

“They pick me up from the dark times and they help me appreciate the good times. They’re my constant and I love them for that,” said Rife.

“I guess the hardest thing about the new spotlight, or should I say funniest thing, is that it’s interesting learn-



Stand-up comedian Matt Rife (right) rose to fame on the strength of his crowd work on TikTok

ing that people can just make up anything they want about you for their own gain. It’s pretty pathetic if you ask me.”

It hasn’t all been smooth sailing, however, because Rife’s 2023 Netflix special “**Natural Selection**” prompted controversy around a joke involving domestic violence. At the time, he responded to critics with

a link to special needs helmets in his Instagram stories, which caused further backlash.

“My way of dealing with haters has definitely changed,” said Rife.

“I used to be allowed to just fire back and hurt someone’s feelings the way they ‘tried’ to hurt mine. Now I can’t respond to anything because it gives them ex-

something, it’s the world we live in. If a joke doesn’t go the way I’d hoped, I just work on it until it gets the reaction I hope for. That’s the fun of standup. Etching away at your art until it’s what you envision.”

About his new special, “Lucid,” Rife said, “Oh, I guarantee someone will complain about something. Couldn’t imagine what it’d be, but then again I didn’t anticipate it last time either. I really couldn’t care less. This new special is going to make a lot of people happy, and those are the opinions I care about.”

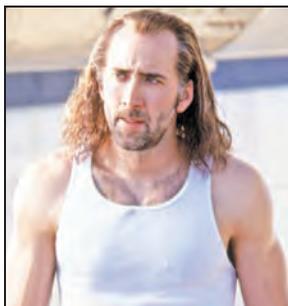
Since his audience can tend to get rowdy, in doing a crowd work special, Rife said, “I was a little worried things might go off the rails, but that’s the fun. High risk, high reward. It’s unpredictable.”

And even as he’s selling out arenas, Rife said there’s still some accomplishments in Hollywood that he’d like to achieve.

“I’d love a chance to host something like The Golden Globes,” he said. “Or be a part of a show like ‘Stranger Things,’ Or even a film like ‘Knives Out.’”

Matt Rife on his career and new special ‘Lucid’

What's on Tonight



THRILLER

Con Air: 3:30 p.m. on TNT. Nicolas Cage, John Cusack. Former U.S. Ranger Cameron Poe finds himself trapped in a prisoner-transport plane.



ADVENTURE

Cars 3: 8:30 p.m. on FREFRM. Owen Wilson, Cristela Alonzo. Lightning McQueen sets out to prove that he's still the best race car in the world.



TALK-SHOW

The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon: 11:35 p.m. on WNBC 4. Actress Elizabeth Banks; musical group Foster The People.

Evening	SP	C	F	6:30pm	7:00pm	7:30pm	8:00pm	8:30pm	9:00pm	9:30pm	10:00pm	10:30pm	11:00pm	11:30pm	
2	WCBS	2	2	2	CBS News Norah	Inside Edition	Entertainment Tonight	Big Brother	FBI: Consequences (R)		FBI: International: Cowboy Behavior (R)	CBS News 11pm	(11:35) Late Show		
4	WNBC	4	4	4	NBC Nightly News	News 4 New York at 7	Access Hollywood	America's Got Talent: Quarterfinals 1		Password: Lindsey Vonn & Jimmy Fallon (R)		News 4 New York at 11	(11:35) Tonight Show		
5	WNYW	5	5	5	Family Feud (R)	Extra (R)	TMZ (R)	Beat Shazam: We're Ready, But Is (R)	The Quiz with Balls: School of Splash (R)		The 10 O'Clock News		Good Night New York	Battleground	
7	WABC	7	7	7	ABC World News	Jeopardy! (R)	Wheel of Fortune (R)	Celebrity Family Feud: Flavor Flav vs Bobby Lee	Judge Steve Harvey: I'm In An Inter-spacial		What Would You Do? (R)		News	(11:35) Kimmel Live	
9	WWOR	9	9	9	Dish Nation (R)	Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	The News on My 9		Chicago Fire: Keep You Safe (R)		Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	Chicago Fire: Hot and Fast	
11	WPIX	11	11	11	PIX11 Evening News	Sports Nightly	The Big Bang Theory	The Conners	The Conners	The Conners	The Conners: Smoking	PIX11 News at Ten		Seinfeld: The Jimmy	Seinfeld: The Seven
13	WNET	13	13	13	BBC News America	The PBS News Hour		Finding Your Roots: Chosen (R)	American Experience: The American Diplomat (R)		A Boston (R) Evolution			Amanpour	
21	WLIW	21	21	21	(6:00) News Report	Boniface	(7:45) Murder Mysteries	(8:45) Silent Witness	The Boleyns: A		The Fall	Cemeteries	Epic Trails	BBC News	
25	WNYE	25	22	25	Report	TBA	Science	History Presents On NYLife			New York	Secrets NY	To Be Announced		
31	WPXN	31	3	531	(6:00) Fire	Chicago Fire: Sky Falling	Chicago Fire	Chicago Fire: Bad for the		Chicago Fire: Two Ts		Chicago Fire			
41	WXTV	41	6	41	Noticiero	La rosa de Guadalupe	Golpe de suerte	Marea de pasiones		Gloria Trevi: Ellas soy yo		Noticias	Noticiero		
47	WNJU	47	16	12	Noticias	La Isla Desafio Extremo	(7:58) La Isla Desafio Extremo: Part 2	El Conde: Amor y honor		Noticiero		Noticias			
55	WLNY	55	10	10	Queens	Man	Man	News 8pm		48 Hours		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Neighbor.	Neighbor.
A&E	46	46	181	Neighbor	Neighbor	Neighbor	Neighbor	Neighbor	Neighbor	Neighbor	Neighbor	Customer	Neighbor	Neighbor	Neighbor
AMC	54	43	231	(5:00) Bad Boys II (2003, Action) R ★★½	The Fugitive (1993, Action) Harrison Ford. PG-13 ★★★½								Lethal Weapon (1987) R		
BET	37	54	270	(6:00) Feud	Celebrity Family Feud		Celebrity Family Feud		Celebrity Family Feud		Blackson	Black Knight (2001) Martin Lawrence. ★★			
BBCAM	71	101	189	Bones	Bones: Murder Meninist		Bones: Monster Closet		Bones: Last Shot		Bones: The Fight in		Bones: The Strike		
BRAVO	18	44	185	Housewives	Real Housewives (R)		Real Housewives (R)		The Real Housewives of Dubai		Real Housewives (R)		Housewives		
CNBC	15	24	102	Money	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		
CNN	78	25	100	Situation	Erin Burnett OutFront		Anderson Cooper 360°		The Source with Kaitlan		CNN NewsNight		Laura Coates Live		
COM	45	50	190	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office: Prince Paper	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Daily Show	Mike Judge	
DIS	49	31	250	Big City (R)	Big City (R)	Big City (R)	Miraculous	Miraculous	Miraculous	Moon Girl	Hailey's (R)	Hailey's (R)	Raven Home	Raven Home	
DSC	66	27	120	Dead. Ctch	Deadliest Catch (R)		Deadliest Catch		(9:01) Eye of Storm (R)		(10:01) Contraband: Sea		(11:01) Contraband (R)		
E!	24	51	196	Neighbors	Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising		(2016) Seth Rogen. R ★★		Neighbors (2014, Comedy) Seth Rogen. R ★★★		E! News		Sorority ★★		
ESPN	28	36	70	Sports Live.	ESPN Films		Sports Special		In the Arena: EP. 5:		The Ultimate		SportsCenter Live.		
ESPN2	29	35	74	ESPN BET L	In the Arena		In the Arena		UFC Countdown		NFL Live		In the Arena		
FBN	43	106	117	Bottom	Kudlow (R)		Legends & Lies: Patriots		Legends & Lies: Patriots		Legends & Lies: Patriots		Legends & Lies: Patriots		
FNC	44	26	118	Sp. Rpt.	The Ingraham Angle		Jesse Watters Primetime		Hannity		Gutfeld!		Fox News @ Night		
FOOD	50	97	164	Chopped	Chopped: Southwestern		Chopped: Celtuice		Bobby's Triple Threat		Bobby's Triple Threat (R)		Chopped: Trash Treasure		
FREFRM	38	49	199	(6:00) Lightyear	(2022, Adventure) Chris Evans. ★★½		Cars 3 (2017, Comedy) Owen Wilson. G ★★★						The 700 Club (R)		
FS1	400	99	83	Speak Live.	Flat Track Replay.		To Be Announced				Happy Hour Taped.		NASCAR Truck Series		
FX	10	40	53	(5:00) Man on Fire (2004, Action) R ★★★½	The Equalizer 2 (2018, Action) Denzel Washington. R ★★★								The Equalizer 2 (2018) R ★★★		
HALL		191	240	Pumpkin	One Perfect Wedding (2021, Romance) Taylor Cole.		Royally Ever After (2018) Fiona Gubelmann. NR ★★						Golden	Golden	
HGTV	64	98	165	100 Day (R)	100 Day Dream Home (R)		100 Day Hotel Challenge		Hunters (R)		Hunters (R)	Hunters (R)	Hunters (R)	Hunters (R)	
HIST	40	47	128	American Godfathers: The New Dons	American Godfathers: The Five Families						(10:05) American Godfathers: The Five Families (R)				
ID	23	171	123	The Tapes	The Murder Tapes (R)		Body Cam: Deception (R)		High Speed Chase		Late Night	Late Night	Body Cam: High Impact		
LIFE	62	45	140	Castle	Castle: XY		Castle: XX		Castle: PhDead		(10:03) Castle: What Lies		(11:03) Castle: The Nose		
MeTV	33	33	3	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Andy	Andy	Hillbillies	Acres	Hogan	Hogan	Burnett	P. Mason	
MSG	27	87	78	Club 30: Tara Lapinski	Tennis: Cincinnati Open: First Round Replay.								Brockmire	Brockmire	
MSG Plus	48	88	80	(6:00) Fght Sprt Boxng	Fight Sports		United Fight				Fght Sprt Boxng				
MSNBC	14	23	103	Ari Melber	The ReidOut		All in with Chris Hayes		Alex Wagner Tonight		Lawrence O'Donnell		The 11th Hour		
MTV	20	53	210	Love & Hip	Love & Hip Hop Atlanta		Love & Hip Hop Atlanta		The Surreal Life		The Challenge (R)		Love & Hip Hop Atlanta		
NATGEO	65	162	121	Protection	Port Protection Alaska (R)		Port Protection Alaska (R)		Port Protection Alaska		Life Below Zero (R)		Life Below Zero (R)		
NICK	6	121	252	Knuckles	Knuckles	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
OWN	173	180	145	Dr. Phil	Dr. Phil: Secret Facebook		Deadline: Tamron Hall		Deadline: Tamron Hall		Deadline: Tamron Hall		Deadline: Tamron Hall		
PARMT	36	56	54	Men	Men	Men	Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989, Adventure) Harrison Ford. ★★★½						The Mummy (2017) ★★★½		
SNY	26	60	77	Pre Game	MLB Baseball: Oakland Athletics at New York Mets from Citi Field. Live.						Post Game	Sports Live.	Sports Live.	Sports Live.	
SYFY	17	48	180	Transformers: Dark of the Moon (2011, Action) Shia LaBeouf. PG-13 ★★½							The Book of Eli (2010, Drama) Denzel Washington. R				
TBS	8	39	52	Bang	Bang	Pre-Game	MLB Baseball: Los Angeles Dodgers at Milwaukee Brewers. Live.						Post-Game	B/R (R)	
TCM	82	41	230	(6:00) That Man from Rio (1964) NR ★★★	Breathless (1960, Drama) Jean Seberg.		Pierrrot le Fou (1965, Crime) Jean-Paul Belmondo. NR						Profession		
TLC	52	28	139	Fat Life (R)	My Fat Fab Life (R)		My Big Fat Fabulous Life		My Big Fat Fabulous Life		Welcome to Plathville		Unexpected: O-o-h Child		
TNT	3	37	51	(5:30) The Accountant (2016, Action) R	Tombstone (1993, Western) Kurt Russell. R ★★★½						(10:45) The Magnificent Seven (2016)				
TVLAND	85	34	241	(6:24) Andy	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	(9:20) Loves Raymond			Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Queens	Queens
USA	16	38	50	(6:00) SVU	Law & Order: SVU		WWE NXT Live.				The Unbearable Weight of Massive Talent (2022) ★★★				
VH1	19	52	217	Hip Hop (R)	Love & Hip Hop (R)		Love & Hip Hop: Secrets		Love & Hip Hop (R)		Love & Hip Hop (R)		Love & Hip Hop (R)		
WE	59	42	149	(6:00) 9-1-1	9-1-1: In Another Life		9-1-1: Recovery		9-1-1: Mixed Feelings		9-1-1: Performance		9-1-1: Death and Taxes		
YES	53	89	76	Yankee	Yankees	Pregame	MLB Baseball: New York Yankees at Chicago White Sox. Live.						Yankees Postgame Live.		
HBO	511	301	400	(6:25) Wonder Woman 1984 (2020, Action) Gal Gadot. PG-13 ★★½	Hard Knocks '24: Bears		(9:59) Industry: Il Mattino		(11:02) Hard Knocks '24						
MAX	531	371	420	The Prince (2014, Action) Jason Patric.	The Strangers (2008, Thriller) Liv Tyler.		(9:26) The Witch (2016, Horror) R ★★★½		(10:59) Brooklyn (2015)						
MGM Plus	595	395		(6:15) Galaxy Quest (1999) Tim Allen. PG	Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (2023)		(10:15) Kingsman: The Secret Service (2015, Action)								
PARSHO	551	321	365	(6:50) Tombstone (1993, Western) Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer. R ★★★½	Outlaw Posse (2024, Western) Mario Van Peebles. R		The Kid (2019) R ★★★								

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Giancarlo Stanton reacts after striking out in what is surely the most embarrassing loss of the season, 12-2 to a White Sox team threatening the 1962 Mets for the worst record in baseball history. But on this night, the Bombers made Corey Lee and Co. look like world-beaters. P. 48-49, 33



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