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38-39-43-45-52-63-65-69-77

Cash 4 Life: 4-7-18-34-58 Cash Ball: 2

Take 5 Evening: 4-19-26-34-39

Midday: 10-12-14-19-29

**NEW JERSEY LOTTERY**

Evening Pick 3: 893 Pick 4: 7777

Midday Pick 3: 169 Pick 4: 1099

Cash 5: 7-19-20-32-39 Xtra: 2

# It's a 4-yr. cycle now: New record in getting around the city by bike

These cyclists on the Queensboro Bridge are part of a wheely big trend, according to the city's Department of Transportation. AP



**BY EVAN SIMKO-BEDNARSKI**  
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

A record number of New Yorkers took to the town on two wheels this year, according to the city Department of Transportation data — the fourth straight year of cycling highs.

The DOT's annual cycling survey — which uses bicycle traffic over East River bridges as an indication of citywide trends — counted an average of 28,108 riders a day over the four river crossings.

That's up 8.4% over the 25,943 cyclists counted in 2023.

"More and more New Yorkers are opting to get around by bike because it's a fast, convenient, and safe way to travel around the city," Transportation Commissioner Ydanis Rodriguez said in a statement. "Another year of record-breaking ridership over our four iconic East River bridges illustrates how NYC DOT's efforts to build safe cycling spaces has spurred tremendous growth."

The largest single increase was seen on the Brooklyn Bridge, where ridership jumped more than 15%, from 4,769 average daily riders in 2023 to 5,504 in 2024. The Williamsburg Bridge is still the preferred two-wheel route, with 8,645 average daily riders this year — up 11% from 2023.

Ridership also climbed this year, according to another metric — the average number of riders crossing 50th St. in Manhattan during a 12-hour period.

An average of 43,887 bike riders crossed 50th St. during that time this year, up from 39,001 last year, making 2024 the third straight record high for ridership across the Midtown thoroughfare.

Since 2013, the DOT surveys have been conducted by automated bike counting machines, and are therefore unable to distinguish between traditional bicycles and e-bikes.



# Powerball \$256M ticket, first NYC jackpot win since 2020, sold in Qns.

BY THERESA BRAINE  
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

For the first time since 2020, a winning Powerball jackpot has been sold in New York City.

The lucky winner of a ticket bought in Flushing, Queens, has snagged a \$256 million prize, or \$123.5 million pretax if they

want a one-time cash payout, said the Multi-State Lottery Association (MSLA), which administers Powerball drawings, in a statement Sunday.

The winning numbers in Saturday's drawing were 57, 43, 31, 55, 01 with Powerball 22. The ticket was sold at Hua Lian Supermarket on Parsons Blvd.,

according to the New York Lottery.

It was the first Powerball jackpot won in New York since 2020, the MSLA said.

It was just one of 568,978 winning tickets sold across the U.S. that included a dozen tickets worth \$50,000, with six of them doubling to \$100,000 via the

ticket's Power Play feature for another dollar.

One of those \$50,000 tickets was sold in New Jersey, according to NJ.com. It was a third prize, matching four numbers plus the Powerball.

In the Mega Millions camp, the top prize has soared to \$619 million in the winless streak that

has been in play since Sept. 10, the last time someone bought the big winner. No one matched Friday's drawing of white balls 16, 21, 33, 39 and 45, plus gold Mega Ball 24, according to Mega Millions.

The next Powerball drawing is Monday, and the next Mega Millions is Tuesday.



Hip-hop superstars Jay-Z (left) and Sean "Diddy" Combs at a Diddy party in East Hampton in 2000. Now a woman suing Diddy for rape is saying Jay-Z participated in the act, and has added him to her lawsuit. GETTY IMAGES

# Jay-Z is added to suit accusing Diddy of raping 13-year-old girl

BY THERESA BRAINE  
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

An October lawsuit filed against Sean "Diddy" Combs alleging he raped a 13-year-old girl in 2000 was reportedly refiled Sunday to include rapper Jay-Z.

Combs was arrested in September on numerous federal charges for racketeering, sex trafficking and other offenses and remains jailed without bail at Brooklyn's Metropolitan Detention Center. He has denied all accusations.

The accuser, who remained anonymous as a "Jane Doe," said she was assaulted after being driven to an MTV Video Music

Awards after-party, NBC News reported Sunday. The suit is one of dozens filed by Texas attorney Tony Buzbee but the only one that includes another high-profile defendant.

Neither Buzbee or Combs' reps immediately commented Sunday evening. Combs has denied all charges.

The suit alleges the young fan had been trying to get into the VMAs at Radio City Music Hall without a ticket. Approaching several limos, she was told by one driver that she "fit what Diddy was looking for," NBC News reported. He picked her up after the show and brought her to a celebrity-filled house of people partying with pot

and cocaine.

There she was given a drink and soon felt "woozy, lightheaded and" like she "needed to lie down," according to the suit, and went into another room to rest.

Combs and Shawn Carter, Jay-Z's given name, came in, told her she was "ready to party" and forced themselves on her, NBC News reported, citing the lawsuit.

The girl's attorney had reached out earlier to Carter with a letter asking for "a mediation to resolve this matter," CNN and NBC reported, citing the lawsuit.

Jay-Z replied with a lawsuit of his own and disputed the allegations Sunday evening, calling the initial letter a "blackmail

attempt" sent to intimidate him into settling to avoid public scrutiny.

"These allegations are so heinous in nature that I implore you to file a criminal complaint, not a civil one!!" he wrote on X via Roc Nation.

"Whoever would commit such a crime against a minor should be locked away, would you not agree? These alleged victims would deserve real justice if that were the case."

He added his "only heartbreak" was for his young family, noting he and his wife — pop star Beyoncé — would have to sit their children down and educate them about "the cruelty and greed of people."

# COPS RELEASE NEW PICS OF CEO MURDER SUSPECT

Photos show masked killer looking through taxi partition and standing outside a vehicle wearing black hooded puffer jacket



**BY JOHN ANNESE**  
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

The NYPD released new crystal-clear photos early Sunday of the suspect wanted for killing UnitedHealthcare CEO Brian Thompson.

One photo shows the suspect looking out from behind a medical face mask, with just his eyes and thick eyebrows visible, looking through the partition of a taxi he used to flee the murder.

A second photo shows the masked man standing outside a vehicle wearing a black hooded puffer jacket.

Police officials have said the killer got into a cab at 86th St. and Amsterdam Ave. to the

Washington Heights Port Authority bus station about 20 minutes after the shooting, just after riding his getaway bike through Central Park.

The photos are the latest set of surveillance images released by cops as the manhunt for the assassin enters its fourth day.

The killer shot Brian Thompson, 50, early Wednesday as the victim walked to a Hilton hotel on W. 54th St. near Sixth Ave., where he was about to address colleagues and investors at a conference, police said.

Video footage shows the man shoot Thompson in the back, then fire three more times, at one point calmly pausing to clear a

jam in his pistol. Police believe he may have been using a B&T Station Six bolt-action pistol, which is a common means for veterinarians to quietly put down farm animals.

Cops found the words “Deny,” “Delay” and “Depose” written using a Sharpie pen on the bullets — reminiscent of the health insurance industry mantra “Deny, Delay, Defend” for delaying claims and maximizing profits.

Thompson’s killing has sparked waves of public contempt over the health insurance industry, and his killer has become something of a folk hero across social media, with some taking to TikTok to sing murder

ballads about him.

On Sunday, cops again searched for the killer’s gun in Central Park, as well as at Fort Tryon Park, using dogs with gun-detection training.

Police found the killer’s backpack in Central Park and are testing it for DNA, cops said. A high-ranking NYPD official said the bag contained Monopoly game money.

The feds late Friday began distributing a wanted poster after police said the suspect may have jumped on an interstate bus at the uptown bus terminal within 46 minutes of the shooting.

On Saturday, Mayor Adams announced that the “net is

tightening,” though he wouldn’t confirm if police have identified the shooter, who was caught on surveillance footage smiling at a worker at an Upper West Side hostel where he stayed before the killing.

“We don’t want to release that now,” Adams said when asked if detectives knew the suspect’s name. “If you do, you’re basically giving a tip to the person we are seeking, and [we] don’t want to give him an upper hand at all.”

The FBI has offered a \$50,000 reward and police are asking anyone with information to call Crime Stoppers at (800) 577-TIPS.

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Crystal-clear photos (above and above left) that police released early Sunday of the suspect wanted for killing UnitedHealthcare CEO Brian Thompson.

# Slay of health care exec spurs outpouring of rage at industry

BY TOM MURPHY  
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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

For years, patients in the U.S. health care system have grown frustrated with a bureaucracy they don't understand.

Doctors are included in an insurer's network one year but not the next. Getting someone on the phone to help can be next to impossible. Coverage of care and prescriptions is often unceremoniously denied.

Last week's fatal shooting of UnitedHealthcare CEO Brian Thompson has unleashed a wave of public feeling — exasperation, anger, resentment, helplessness — from Americans sharing their stories of interactions with insurance companies, often seen as faceless corporate giants. In particular, the words written on ammunition found at the shooting scene — “delay,” “deny” and “depose,” echoing a phrase used to describe how insurers dodge claim payouts — amplified voices that have long been critical of the industry.

“All of a sudden, I am fired up again,” said Tim Anderson, describing how his wife, Mary, had to deal with UnitedHealthcare coverage denials before she died of Lou Gehrig's disease, or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, in 2022.

Anderson said they couldn't get coverage for machines to help his wife breathe or talk — toward the end, she communicated by blinking when he showed her pictures. The family had to rely on donations from a local ALS group.

“The business model for insurance is don't pay,” said Anderson, 67, of Centerville, Ohio. “When Mary could still talk, she said to me to keep fighting this. It needs to be exposed.”

For Anderson and others, Thompson's death and the message left at the scene have created an opportunity to vent their frustrations. Conversations at dinner tables, office water coolers, social gatherings and on social media have pivoted to the topic, as police efforts to find the gunman keep the case in the news.

Hans Maristela said he understands why the chatter is bubbling up. The 54-year-old caregiver in California was moved to comment on Facebook about UnitedHealthcare's reputation of denying coverage. As a Catholic, he said, he grieves Thompson's death and feels for his family, especially with the holidays around the corner.

But he sees frustration with insurers even among his clients, most of them wealthy older people who've not been shielded from high out-of-pocket costs.

“And then you know the CEO of this company you pay a lot of money to gets \$10 million a year, you won't have a lot of sympathy for the guy,” Maristela said, citing

Thompson's compensation package that included base pay and stock options. “Health care is a business, I understand, but the obsession with share price, with profit, has to be reevaluated.”

University of Pennsylvania researcher Michael Anne Kyle said she's not surprised by the growth of conversation around insurers.

“People are often struggling with this by themselves, and when you see someone else talk about it, that may prompt you to join the conversation,” she said.

Kyle studies how patients access care and said she's seen frustration with the system build for years. Costs are rising, and insurers are using more controls, such as prior authorizations and doctor networks, to manage them. Patients are often stuck in the middle of disputes between doctors and insurers. “Patients are already spending a lot of money on health care, and then they're still facing problems with the service,” she said.

Insurers often note that most of the money they bring in goes back out the door to pay claims, and they try to corral soaring costs and the overuse of some care.

Anderson said his initial reaction to the CEO shooting was to question whether it was connected to a coverage denial, like the ones he'd experienced with his wife.

“I definitely do not condone killing people,” he said. “But I read it and said, ‘I wonder if somebody had a spouse whose coverage was denied.’”

It's something Will Flanary, a Portland, Ore.-based ophthalmologist and comedian with a large social media following, saw online a lot and found telling. “It's zero sympathy,” he said. “And the lesson to take away from that is not, ‘Let's shame people for celebrating a murder.’ No, it's, ‘Look at the amount of anger that people have toward this system that's taken advantage of people and do something to try to fix that.’”

Flanary's content, published under the name Dr. Glaucomflecken, started out as niche eye doctor jokes and a way to cope with his own experiences with two cancer diagnoses and a cardiac arrest.

But it has evolved, featuring character skits that call attention to and satirize the decisions of large health insurers, including UnitedHealthcare.

He said he's never seen conversations around health insurance policy take off the way they did last week — and he hopes these new voices can help bring about change. “I'm always talking about how powerful social media can be with advocacy,” he said, “because it really is the only way to put a significant amount of pressure on these corporations who are doing bad things for patients.”



# INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Syrians exult in their new freedom from deposed dictator Bashar Assad Sunday in Bar Elias, a border town in Lebanon. At right, government fighters and allies submit to rebel fighters.



## ASSAD'S IN MOSCOW, Syrians celebrate ouster of dictator; factions come together

BY ABDULRAHMAN  
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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAMASCUS, Syria — Ousted Syrian President Bashar Assad fled to Moscow on Sunday, Russian media reported, hours after a stunning rebel advance took over the capital and ended the Assad family's 50 years of iron rule.

Russian agencies Tass and RIA cited an unidentified Kremlin source on Assad and his family being given asylum in Moscow, his longtime ally and protector. The Associated Press was not immediately able to verify the reports but contacted the Kremlin for comment.

RIA said Moscow had received

guarantees from insurgents of the security of Russian military bases and diplomatic posts in Syria.

Assad reportedly left Syria early Sunday, and Syrians have been pouring into the streets after a stunning rebel advance reached Damascus, prompting Assad to flee the country.

The swiftly moving events have raised questions about the future of Syria and the wider region. Russia has requested an emergency session of the UN Security Council to discuss the situation, Russia's first deputy permanent representative to the UN, Dmitry Polyansky, posted on Telegram.

Joyful crowds gathered in squares in Damascus, waving the Syrian revolutionary flag in scenes that recalled the early days of the Arab Spring uprising — before a

brutal crackdown and the rise of an insurgency plunged the country into a nearly 14-year civil war.

Others gleefully ransacked the presidential palace and residence after Assad and top officials vanished.

Abu Mohammed al-Golani, a former Al Qaeda commander who cut ties with the group years ago and says he embraces pluralism and religious tolerance, leads the biggest rebel faction and is poised to chart the country's future.

In his first public appearance since fighters entered the Damascus suburbs Saturday, al-Golani visited the sprawling Umayyad Mosque. Calling himself by his given name, Ahmad al-Sharaa, he told hundreds of people that Assad had made Syria “a farm for Iran's greed.”

The rebels face the daunting task of healing divisions in a country ravaged by war and still split among armed factions. Turkey-backed opposition fighters are battling U.S.-allied Kurdish forces in the north, and Islamic State is still active in some remote areas.

Syrian state television broadcast a rebel statement early Sunday that Assad had been overthrown and all prisoners had been released. They called on people to preserve the institutions of “the free Syrian state.” The rebels later announced a curfew in Damascus from 4 p.m. to 5 a.m.

The rebels said they freed people held at the notorious Sayd-naya prison, where rights groups say thousands were tortured and killed. A video circulating online

purported to show rebels breaking open cell doors and freeing dozens of female prisoners, many of whom appeared shocked. At least one small child was seen among them.

“This happiness will not be completed until I can see my son out of prison and know where is he,” said one relative, Bassam Masr. “I have been searching for him for two hours. He has been detained for 13 years.”

Rebel commander Anas Salkhadi later appeared on state TV and sought to reassure Syria's religious and ethnic minorities, saying: “Syria is for everyone, no exceptions. Syria is for Druze, Sunnis, Alawites and all sects. We will not deal with people the way the Assad family did.”

Damascus residents prayed





in mosques and celebrated in squares, calling out “God is great.” People chanted anti-Assad slogans and honked car horns. Teenage boys picked up weapons apparently discarded by security forces and fired into the air.

Revelers filled Umayyad Square, where the Defense Ministry is. Some waved the three-star Syrian flag that predates the Assad government and was adopted by the revolutionaries.

Elsewhere, many parts of the capital were empty and shops were closed.

Soldiers and police left their posts and fled, and looters broke into the Defense Ministry. Videos showed families wandering the presidential palace, some carrying stacks of plates and other household items.

“It’s like a dream. I need someone to wake me up,” opposition fighter Abu Laith said, adding that rebels were welcomed in Damascus with “love.”

At the Justice Ministry, where rebels stood guard, Judge Khitam Haddad said they were protecting documents from the chaos. Outside, some residents sought information about relatives who disappeared under Assad.

The Alawite sect at the core of Assad’s base called on young Syrians to be “calm, rational and prudent and not to be dragged into what tears apart the unity of our country.”

The rebels mainly come from the Sunni Muslim majority in Syria, which has sizable Druze, Christian and Kurdish communities.

In Qamishli in the northeast, a Kurdish man slapped a statue of the late leader Hafez Assad with his shoe.

Prime Minister Mohammed Ghazi Jalali said the government was ready to “extend its hand” to the opposition and turn its functions over to a transitional government.

The Gulf nation of Qatar, a key regional mediator, hosted an emergency meeting with eight countries with interests in Syria late Saturday, including Iran, Saudi Arabia, Russia and Turkey.

Qatar’s Foreign Ministry said they agreed on the need “to engage all parties on the ground,” including the [Hayat Tahrir al-Sham rebels], and that the main concern is “stability and safe transition.”



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## Rebel who toppled Assad, called terrorist by U.S., presents as peacemaker

BY KAREEM CHEHAYEB  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEIRUT — Abu Mohammed al-Golani, the militant leader whose stunning insurgency toppled Syrian President Bashar Assad, has spent years working to remake his public image, renouncing longtime ties to Al Qaeda and depicting himself as a champion of pluralism and tolerance. As he (photo) entered Damascus behind his victorious fighters Sunday, he even dropped his nom de guerre and referred to himself with his real name, Ahmad al-Sharaa.

The extent of that transformation from jihadi extremist to would-be state builder is now put to the test.

Insurgents control Damascus, Assad has reportedly fled to Russia and, for the first time after 50 years of his family’s iron hand, it is an open question how Syria will be governed.

Syria is home to multiple ethnic and religious communities, often pitted against each other by Assad’s state and years of war. Many of them fear the possibility that Sunni Islamist extremists will take over. The country is also fragmented among disparate armed factions, and foreign powers from

Russia and Iran to the U.S., Turkey and Israel all have their hands in the mix.

Hours after Damascus’ capture, the 42-year-old al-Sharaa made his first appearance in the city’s landmark Umayyad Mosque, declaring Assad’s fall “a victory for the Islamic nation.”

Al-Sharaa, who has been labeled a terrorist by the United States, and his insurgent force, Hayat Tahrir al-Sham, or HTS — many of whose fighters are jihadis — now stand to be major players.

For years, al-Sharaa worked to consolidate power while bottled up in the province of Idlib in Syria’s northwest corner as Assad’s Iranian- and Russian-backed rule over much of the country appeared solid.

He maneuvered among extremist organizations while eliminating competitors and former allies. He sought to polish the image of his de-facto “salvation government” that has been running Idlib to win over international governments and reassure Syria’s religious and ethnic minorities. And he built ties with various tribes and other groups.

“Don’t judge by words but by actions,” he said.



# Biden: Assad's fall is 'justice'

## But also 'moment of risk' in Mideast; lauds U.S. forces remaining in Syria

President Biden addresses the sudden collapse of the Syrian government after rebel forces take over the country wracked by civil war for years. At right, a Syrian insurgent in Damascus steps on the head broken off from a statue of late Syrian President Hafez Assad, the father of deposed dictator Bashar Assad.



**BY WILL WEISSERT**  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Biden said Sunday that the sudden collapse of the Syrian government under Bashar Assad is a “fundamental act of justice” after decades of repression, but it was “a moment of risk and uncertainty” for the Mideast.

Biden spoke at the White House hours after rebel groups completed a takeover of the country after more than a dozen years of violent civil war and decades of rule by Assad and his family. Biden said the United States was monitoring reports that Assad was seeking refuge in Moscow.

The outgoing Biden administration and President-elect Donald Trump were working to make sense of new threats and opportunities across the Middle East.

Biden credited action by the U.S. and its allies for weakening Syria's backers — Russia, Iran and Iran-backed Hezbollah. He said “for the first time” that they could

no longer defend Assad's grip on power.

“Our approach has shifted the balance of power in the Middle East,” Biden said after a meeting with his national security team at the White House.

Trump said Sunday that Assad had fled his country because close ally Vladimir Putin, the Russian president, “was not interested in protecting him any longer.”

Those comments on Trump's social media platform came a day after he used another post to decry the possibility of the U.S. intervening militarily in Syria to aid the rebels, declaring: “THIS IS NOT OUR FIGHT!” The Biden administration had no intention of intervening, according to Biden's national security adviser.

The U.S. has about 900 troops in Syria, including forces working with Kurdish allies in the opposition-held northeast to prevent any resurgence of the Islamic State group. Biden said he intended those troops to remain, adding that U.S. forces conducted

“dozens” of what he called “precision airstrikes” Sunday on Islamic State camps and operations in Syria.

U.S. Central Command said the operation hit more than 75 targets.

“We're clear-eyed about the fact that ISIS will try and take advantage of any vacuum to reestablish its credibility and create a safe haven,” Biden said. “We will not let that happen.”

Biden also said “some of the rebel groups that took down Assad have their own grim record of terrorism and human rights abuses.” He added that the groups are “saying the right things now.”

“But as they take on greater responsibility, we will assess not just their words, but their actions.”

Assad's fall adds to an already tense situation throughout much of region on many fronts, including Israel's war with Iran-backed Hamas in Gaza and its fragile ceasefire with Hezbollah in Lebanon.

Trump, who takes office Jan.

20, made a connection between the upheaval in Syria and Russia's war in Ukraine, noting that Assad's allies in Moscow, as well as in Iran, the main sponsor of Hamas and Hezbollah, “are in a weakened state right now.”

Trump has suggested that Assad's ouster can advance the prospects for an end to fighting in Ukraine, which was invaded by Russia in February 2022.

Trump wrote that Putin's government “lost all interest in Syria because of Ukraine,” the president-elect calling for an immediate ceasefire a day after meeting in Paris with the French and Ukrainian leaders.

Daniel Shapiro, a deputy assistant secretary of defense for the Middle East, said the American military presence will continue in eastern Syria but was “solely to ensure the enduring defeat of ISIS and has nothing to do with other aspects of this conflict.”

“We call on all parties in Syria to protect civilians, particularly those from Syria's minority

communities, to respect international military norms and to work to achieve a resolution to include the political settlement,” Shapiro said.

“Multiple actors in this conflict have a terrible track record to include Assad's horrific crimes, Russia's indiscriminate aerial bomb bombardment, Iranian-back militia involvement and the atrocities of ISIS.”

As they pushed toward Syria's capital, Damascus, the opposition freed political detainees from government prisons. The family of missing U.S. journalist Austin Tice renewed calls to find him. “To everyone in Syria that hears this, please remind people that we're waiting for Austin,” said Tice's mother, Debra, in comments that hostage advocacy groups spread on social media.

Tice disappeared in 2012 outside Damascus.

Biden said at the White House: “We believe he's alive, we think we can get him back, but we have no direct evidence to that yet.”



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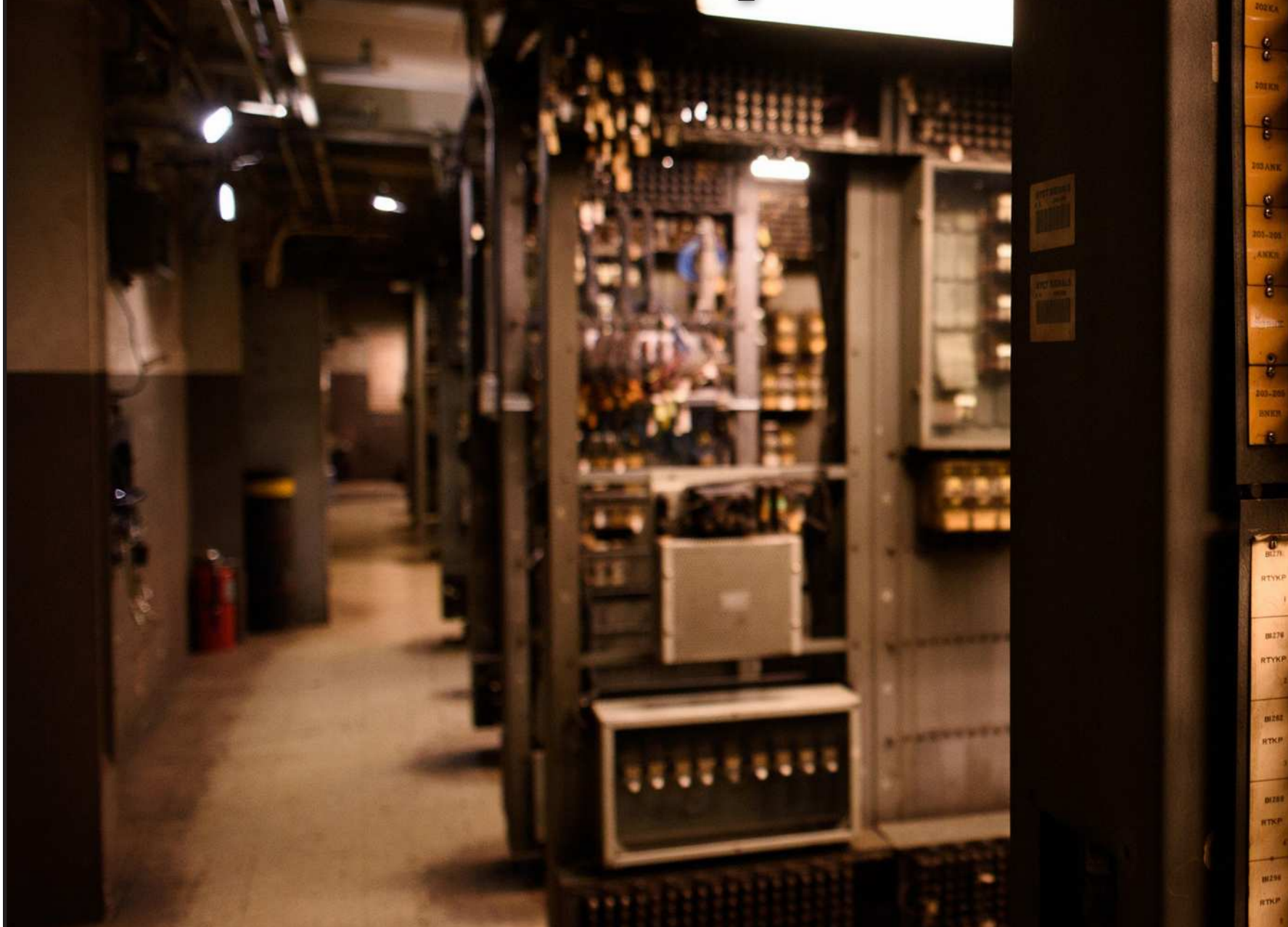


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# MTA NEAR CLEARING A

## Ancient switches that cause delays at DeKalb Ave.



**BY EVAN SIMKO-BEDNARSKI**  
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

Most Brooklyn-bound straphangers who travel over the Manhattan Bridge are familiar with the moment that the sweeping East River view is replaced by the darkness of a tunnel as the train descends back underground and, almost like clockwork, stops and holds in the tunnel before entering the DeKalb Ave. station.

The delay happens so often that it's more noteworthy when it doesn't — and the MTA's planners, signal officers and train crews all know that travel on the B, D, N, Q and R trains slows down through the series of switches and tracks known as the DeKalb interlocking.

But now, armed with new train cars, new signal systems — and, hopefully, billions of dollars with which to buy more of both

— the MTA says relief is on the horizon for one of the subway system's most stubborn sections.

"Not everyone knows its name, but every Brooklyn rider knows the effects of the DeKalb interlocking," Jamie Torres-Springer, MTA's construction and development boss, said during a recent visit to DeKalb. "You've got 350,000 daily riders on these five lines, and almost every one of them seems to experience a few seconds or more of delay as one train is stuck on the bridge or in the tunnel, waiting for another train to cross in front of it."

Put simply, the array of switches around the DeKalb Ave. station swaps trains between Manhattan's Sixth Ave. Line — the orange B and the D trains on a typical subway map — and the Broadway Line, the yellow-bulleted N, Q and R, and recombines them to put the D train with the N and the

R down Fourth Ave. in Brooklyn, and the B with the Q along Brooklyn's Brighton Line.

This practice, called interlining, gives passengers the ability to get to more parts of the city without transferring trains. But it also means transit workers must act like air traffic controllers, governing the switches and signals that make some trains stop so that others can cross in front of them.

At DeKalb, this is done at the DeKalb Signal Tower — a room which, despite its lofty name, is buried behind a locked, nondescript door off the station's mezzanine.

"This is essentially the beating heart of the B division — the lettered lines," said Chris Pangilinan, chief of operations and Planning for NYC Transit. "Almost all the lettered lines are affected somehow, either directly or indirectly, by all the lines running through here."

At the center of the room sits the "model

board," a large black metal triptych with white lines showing tracks, switches and stations under the tower's control. Small LED segments light up to show when a train has occupied a given section of track.

Perched atop the model board, amid memos from headquarters, sat a small wooden ship and a sign that read, "be grateful."

The tower operators sitting at the board pressed buttons along the track lines, setting routes through the interlocking for oncoming subways as radio chatter crackled from their crews.

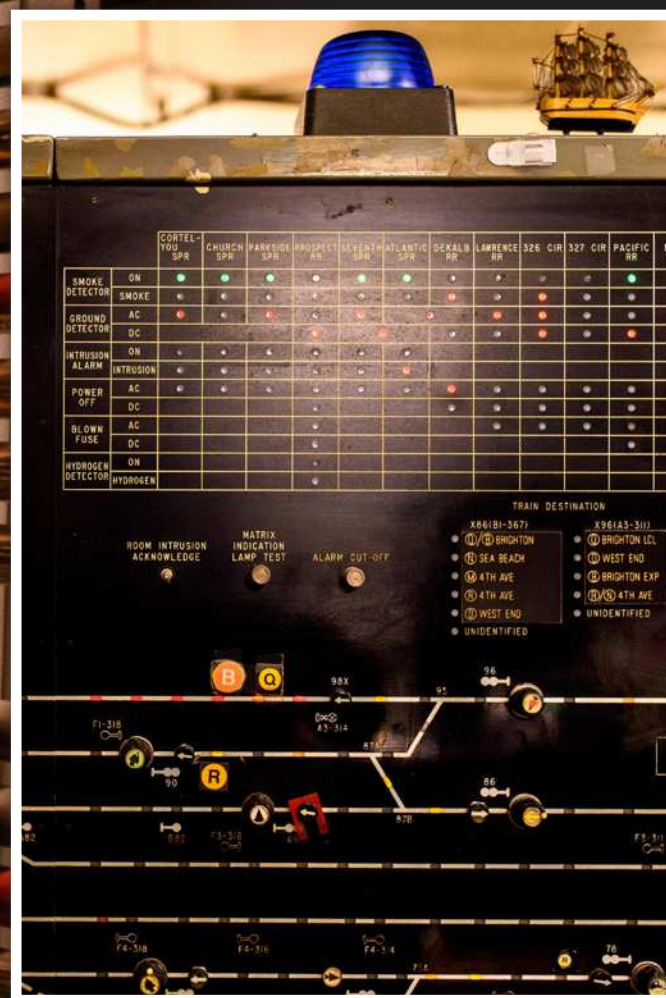
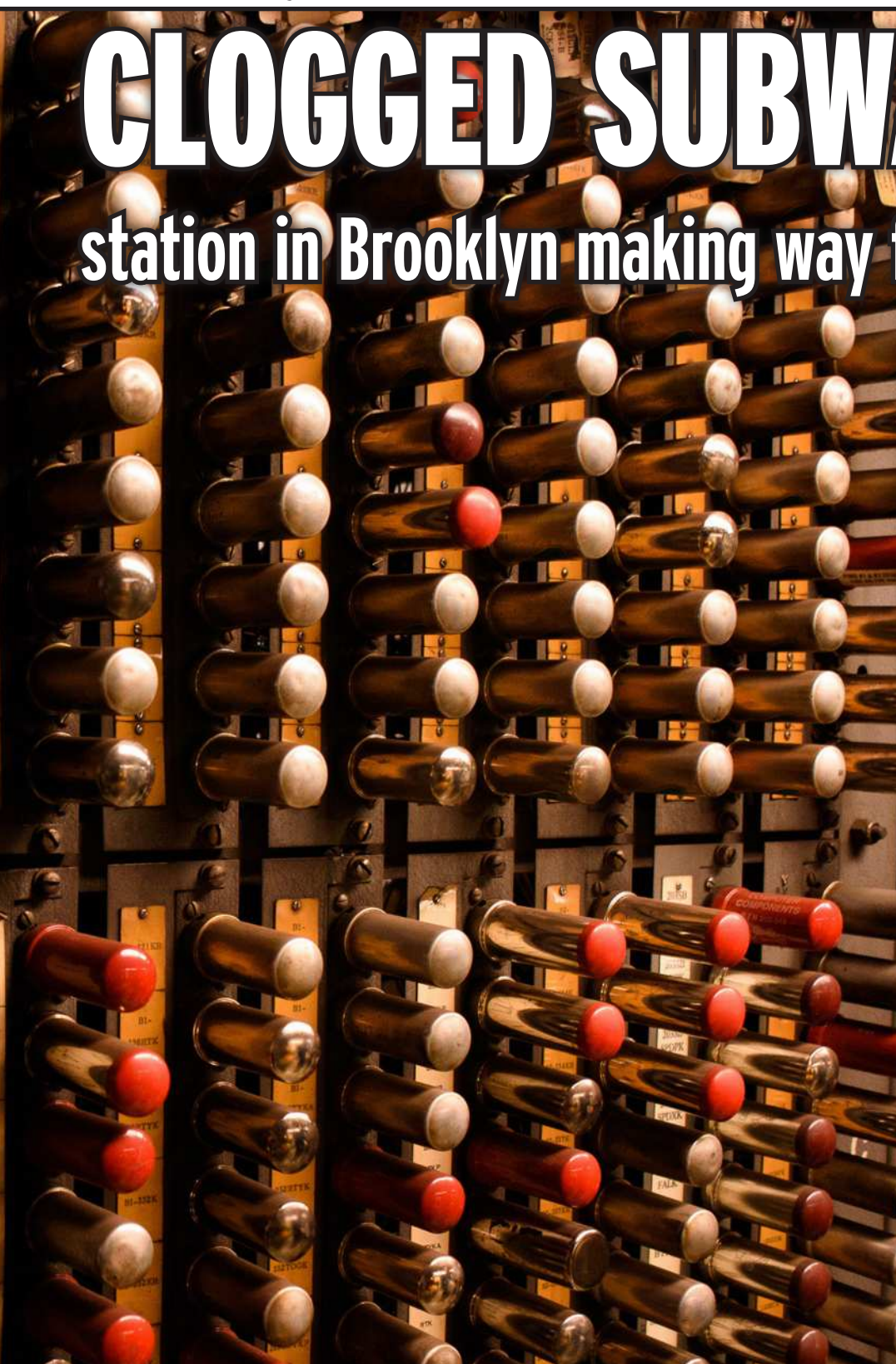
One door down, in a large relay room, rows and rows of 1930s era electromechanical relays clicked and clacked as tower operators set routes and trains moved along the tracks below.

"This is a large tower," said Shanna Parker, a general superintendent with NYC



# CLOGGED SUBWAY ARTERY

## station in Brooklyn making way for whole new regime



**A small toy ship sits atop the “model board” in the DeKalb Signal Tower, a scaled-down representation of the tracks on switches controlled there. When the new modernized switching system is complete, the tower will be obsolete.** EVAN SIMKO-BEDNARSKI FOR NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

Transit. “It has the B, the D, the Q, N [and] R regularly, the W certain times — in the morning and in the evenings you have Ws come through here — and the Franklin Ave. Shuttle.”

“You have DeKalb interlocking, you have Gold St. interlocking, Pacific St. interlocking, and you have Prospect Park interlocking, all in this tower,” she said.

As she spoke, lights on the board began to move, shadowing a train moving out from DeKalb and toward Atlantic Ave.

But the lights don’t track the train as much as they identify occupied blocks of track, explained Sandy Castillo, an assistant chief signals officer for the subway system.

“The position is not accurate,” he said. “As you can see here, between DeKalb and Atlantic — which is about half a mile — you only have a set number of indications. The blocks that we detect, it’s a large area.”

That system, known as “block signaling,” only tells the tower operators roughly where a train is located. That can lead to traffic jams entering the interlocking.

“They’re very large physical blocks — the trains must be very far apart,” Castillo said. “And that adds to the time until you can replace a train in the station.”

By contrast, modern computerized signaling — known as communication-based train control, or CBTC — involves wireless transponders in a train communicating with transponders along the track, allowing for precise triangulation of a train’s location.

“With CBTC we can bring a train much closer,” said Castillo. “We know exactly where that train is. Timing is improved.”

CBTC — which requires new train cars as well as new signaling equipment — is already in use along the 7 and L trains, a

portion of the E train on the Queens Blvd. Line, and was recently put into service on the Culver Line of the F train between W. Eighth St. and Ditmas Ave. in Brooklyn.

CBTC prep work has also been completed along the northern end of the A train, as well as the Crosstown Line of the G train.

The MTA had planned to install CBTC equipment along one of the two lines feeding the DeKalb interlocking — the Sixth Ave. Line of the B, D, F and M trains — in the 2020-24 capital budget, but had been unable to fund the project amid delays to the state’s congestion tolling program.

Now that the toll is expected to start in 2025, Torres-Springer said the signal upgrades are back on track for Sixth Ave. Upgrades to the Broadway line — the N, Q, R and W — are expected to be funded in the upcoming 2025-2029 capital budget.

In all, the MTA is asking for \$5.4 billion to upgrade signals in the next five years, a budget that includes CBTC installation on the J and the Z in Manhattan and the A and Rockaway Shuttle in southeastern Queens.

Not only would new signals speed trains up through the DeKalb interlocking, it would also make the tower obsolete, allowing the interlocking to be controlled from afar at MTA’s Rail Control Center in Midtown Manhattan.

But there’s no firm timeline yet as to when DeKalb can be fully converted — with new equipment, signals and trains — to a modern CBTC system.

For now, those riders waiting to pass through the interlocking will have to sit tight, and hope the train gets held on the bridge where they can still enjoy the view.





The ruby slippers worn by Judy Garland in the "The Wizard of Oz" displayed in London ahead of being offered for auction in Dallas. Below, Terry Jon Martin, who confessed to stealing the slippers from the Judy Garland Museum in Grand Rapids, Minn. AP

# Click heels for \$28 mil

## Slippers from 'Oz' set record for memorabilia sale at auction

BY JOSEPH WILKINSON  
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

A pair of ruby slippers worn by Judy Garland in "The Wizard of Oz" and later stolen from a museum were sold at auction for a whopping \$28 million.

Bidding for the slippers reached a fever pitch Saturday afternoon and skyrocketed past the auction house estimate of \$3 million. The identity of the winning bidder was not revealed.

Heritage Auctions, based in Dallas, handled the sale for collector Michael Shaw, who owned the slippers. After fees, the winning bidder will pay \$32.5 million for the 85-year-old shoes.

Garland wore numerous pairs of slippers while starring as Dorothy in "The Wizard of Oz" in 1939 but only four pairs are known to still exist.

The pair sold Saturday had been loaned by Shaw to the Judy Garland Museum in Grand Rapids, Minn., until 2005 when they were stolen. Their fate remained a mystery until 2018 when the FBI recovered them in a sting operation.

However the theft itself went unsolved until May 2023, when former mobster Terry Jon Martin — who was 76 at the time — was indicted. In October 2023, Martin pleaded guilty in the case and admitted that he used a small hammer to smash the case holding the slippers. He told the court he thought the rubies were real and discarded the slippers when he learned they weren't.

At the time of his plea, Martin was in hospice care and required constant oxygen for treatment of COPD. He was expected to only live six more months, and all parties agreed that he should spend no time in jail. However he has lived through the year.

The auction set a record for a piece of entertainment memorabilia, according to Heritage Auctions. The previous record was \$5.52 million for the white dress Marilyn Monroe once wore above a windy subway grate.

The Judy Garland Museum said it bid in an attempt to reacquire the slippers but didn't have the funds to keep up with the unexpectedly high offers.

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# EX-S. KOREA DEFENSE CHIEF HELD

## Probers say military big pushed prez to launch martial law bid

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEOUL — South Korean prosecutors detained a former defense minister Sunday who allegedly recommended last week's brief but stunning martial law imposition to President Yoon Suk Yeol, making him the first figure detained in the case.

The development came a day after Yoon avoided an opposition-led bid to impeach him in parliament, with most ruling party lawmakers boycotting a floor vote to prevent the two-thirds majority needed to suspend his presidential powers. The main opposition Democratic Party said it will prepare a new impeachment motion against Yoon.

Ex-Defense Minister Kim Yong Hyun was taken into custody at a Seoul detention facility after undergoing an investigation by prosecutors, a law enforcement official said, requesting anonymity in line with privacy rules.

The official gave no further details. But South Korean media reported that Kim voluntarily appeared at a Seoul prosecutors'

office, where he had his mobile phone confiscated and was detained. The reports said police searched Kim's former office and residence Sunday.

Repeated calls to Seoul prosecutors' offices and police agency were unanswered.

Senior prosecutor Park Se-hyun said in a televised statement Sunday that authorities launched a 62-member special investigation team on the martial law case. Park, who will head the team, said the probe would "leave no suspicions."

Yoon accepted Kim's resignation offer Thursday after opposition parties submitted a separate impeachment motion against him.

Kim is a central figure in Yoon's martial law enforcement, which led to special-forces troops encircling the National Assembly building and army helicopters hovering over it. The military withdrew after the parliament unanimously voted to overturn Yoon's decree, forcing his cabinet to lift it before daybreak Wednesday.

In Kim's impeachment motion document, the Democratic Party



Protester wears mask of South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol during rally demanding the leader's impeachment outside the National Assembly in Seoul on Sunday. AP

and other opposition parties accused him of proposing martial law to Yoon. Vice Defense Minister Kim Seon Ho told parliament that Kim Yong Hyun ordered the deployment of troops to the National Assembly.

The Democratic Party called Yoon's martial law imposition "unconstitutional, illegal rebellion or a coup." It has filed complaints

with police against at least nine people, including Yoon and Kim, over the alleged rebellion.

In a statement Wednesday, Kim said "all troops who performed duties related to martial law were acting on my instructions, and all responsibility lies with me."

The Defense Ministry said it has suspended three top military commanders over their alleged

involvement in the martial law imposition.

Yoon issued an apology Saturday over the martial law decree, saying he won't shirk legal or political responsibility for the declaration. He said he would leave it to his party to chart a course through the country's political turmoil, "including matters related to my term in office."

Since taking office in 2022 for a single five-year term, Yoon has struggled to push his agenda through an opposition-controlled parliament and grappled with low approval ratings amid scandals involving him and his wife.

Ruling People Power Party leader Han Dong-hun said Sunday that the PPP will work with the government to determine Yoon's early and orderly exit from office in a way that minimizes confusion, but he didn't say when that would happen. He also claimed that Yoon will not be involved in state affairs, including foreign policy.

Yoon's presidential office didn't immediately respond.

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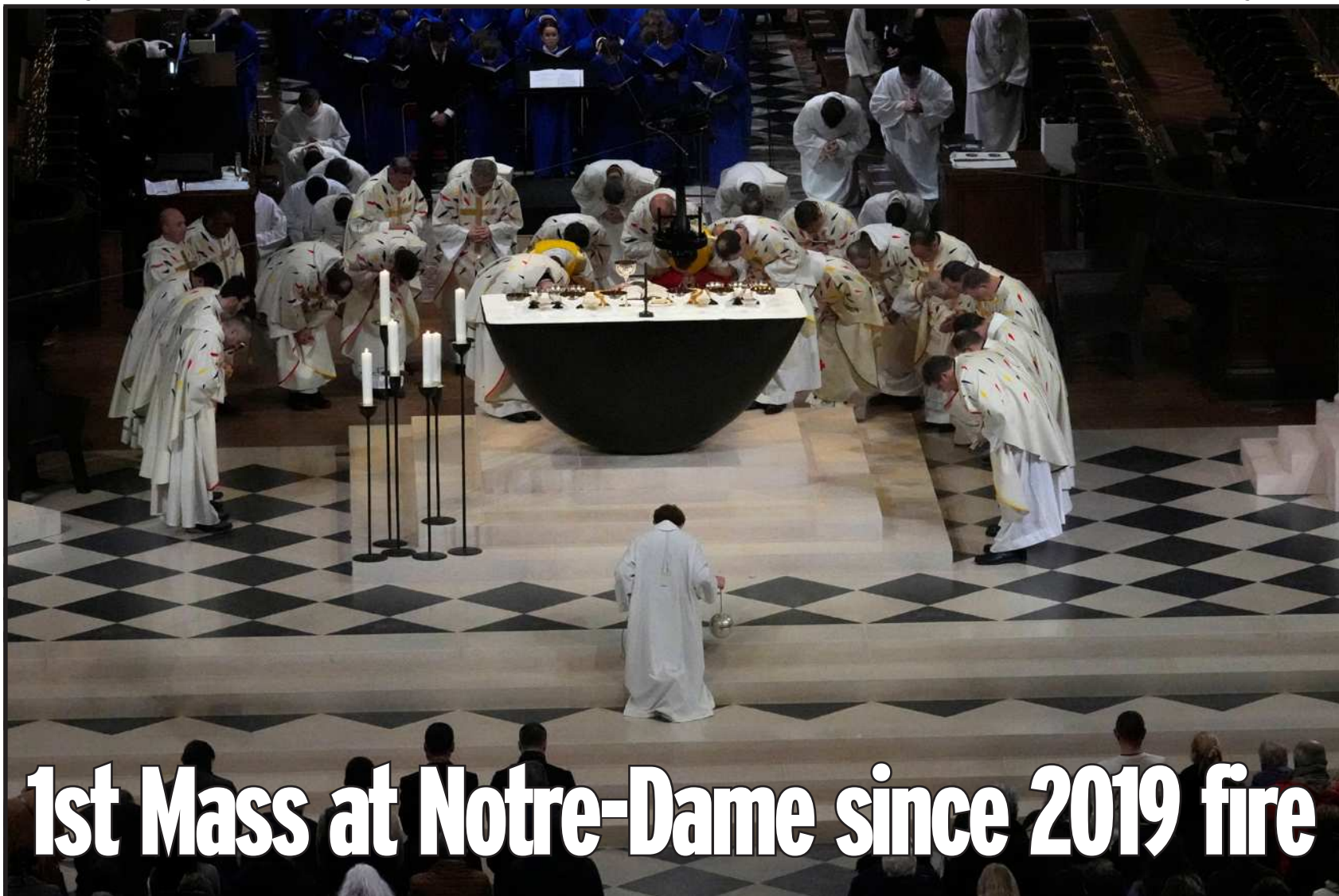


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# 1st Mass at Notre-Dame since 2019 fire



In a second historic day at Paris' Notre-Dame Cathedral, about 2,500 people attend first Mass at the landmark since the devastating 2019 blaze. Top, clergymen lean at altar. Reservations for the Mass were snapped up in 25 minutes last week. AP

**BY JOSEPH WILKINSON**  
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

Notre-Dame Cathedral hosted its first Mass since 2019 on Sunday, more than five years after a fire devastated the historic building.

Archbishop Laurent Ulrich led the proceedings, and French President Emmanuel Macron was in attendance. About 2,500 people heard the liturgy, including many clergy and dignitaries. The ceremony was not open to the general public.

The cathedral was ceremonially reopened Saturday, with Macron and President-elect Donald Trump in attendance.

But Sunday's Mass was the first religious service in the 12th century building since the blaze.

Many people watched from outside in the rain hoping for a glimpse of the proceedings. The security operation was compared with the 2024 Paris Olympics. "There is so much security," retired engineer Claude Lancrenon told The Associated Press while watching on. "Yesterday, that seemed appropriate. But today, I had hoped it would be more open so we could approach the cathedral. I still hope we'll be able to get closer."

Reservations for the evening Mass were snapped up in 25 minutes last week.

Macron attended the ceremonies despite political turbulence in France, where the prime minister was ousted last week in a no-confidence vote. Macron did not take Communion on Sunday, in line with the French separation of church and state.

"I stand before you ... to express the gratitude of the French nation," he said at Saturday's event. "Tonight, the bells of Notre-Dame are ringing again."

Construction on the cathedral started in 1163. A fire on April 15, 2019, toppled the cathedral's iconic spire and threatened the integrity of the entire structure. Workers have spent the past five years meticulously restoring the cathedral.

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# DON TO VLAD: MAKE A DEAL

## Calls for ceasefire with Ukraine & dangles U.S. pullout from NATO

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President-elect Donald Trump pushed Russian leader Vladimir Putin on Sunday to act to reach an immediate ceasefire with Ukraine, describing it as part of his efforts as the incoming president to end the war despite being weeks from taking office.

"Zelensky and Ukraine would like to make a deal," Trump wrote on social media, referring to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

In a TV interview aired Sunday, Trump also said he would be open to reducing military aid to Ukraine and pulling the United States out of NATO. Those are two threats that have alarmed Ukraine, NATO allies and many in the U.S. national security community.

Asked on NBC's "Meet the Press" if he were working to end the nearly three-year-old Ukraine war, Trump said: "I am."

He would not say whether he had spoken to Putin since winning the election in November: "I don't

want to say anything about that, because I don't want to do anything that could impede the negotiation."

Trump's call for an immediate ceasefire went beyond the public policy stands taken by the Biden administration and Ukraine, and it drew a cautious response from Zelenskyy. It also marked Trump's wading unusually deep into efforts before his inauguration on Jan. 20 to resolve one of the major crises facing the lame-duck Biden administration.

Trump made his proposal after a weekend meeting with French and Ukrainian leaders in Paris, where many world leaders gathered to celebrate the restoration of Notre-Dame Cathedral. Of his advisers who traveled with him, none appeared to have expertise on Ukraine.

Kyiv would like to close a deal and "stop the madness," Trump wrote on Truth Social. "There should be an immediate ceasefire and negotiations should begin."

"I know Vladimir well. This is his time to act. China can help. The World is waiting!" He was referring



President-elect Trump greets Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy at Notre-Dame Cathedral reopening Saturday in Paris. LUDOVIC MARIN/POOL

to mediation efforts by China that many in the West have seen as favoring Russia.

Zelenskyy described his discussions Saturday with Trump, brought together by French President Emmanuel Macron, as "constructive," but gave no further details.

In a post Sunday on the Telegram messaging app, Zelenskyy cautioned that Ukraine needs a "just and robust peace, that

Russians will not destroy within a few years."

"When we talk about an effective peace with Russia, we must talk first of all about effective peace guarantees. Ukrainians want peace more than anyone else. Russia brought war to our land," he said.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov responded to Trump's post by repeating Moscow's longstanding message that it is open to talks with Ukraine. Peskov referenced a

decree by Zelenskyy from October 2022 that formally declared the prospect of any talks "impossible" as long as Putin is Russia's leader. That decree came after Putin proclaimed four occupied regions of Ukraine to be part of Russia, in what Kyiv and the West said was a violation of Ukrainian sovereignty.

Trump's former national security adviser, retired Lt. Gen. H.R. McMaster, warned there was no such thing as a quick fix to ending the war. "What I'm worried about is this kind of flawed idea that Putin can be placated, right, that Putin will come to some kind of a deal," he told "Fox News Sunday."

"I think it's really important for President Trump to adhere to his instinct in this connection ... peace through strength. How about give them what they need to defend themselves, and then saying to Putin 'You're going to lose this war?'"

Trump's proposal was framed as a direct appeal to Russia. The quick responses from Ukraine and Russia demonstrated the seriousness with which they regard the idea from the incoming president.



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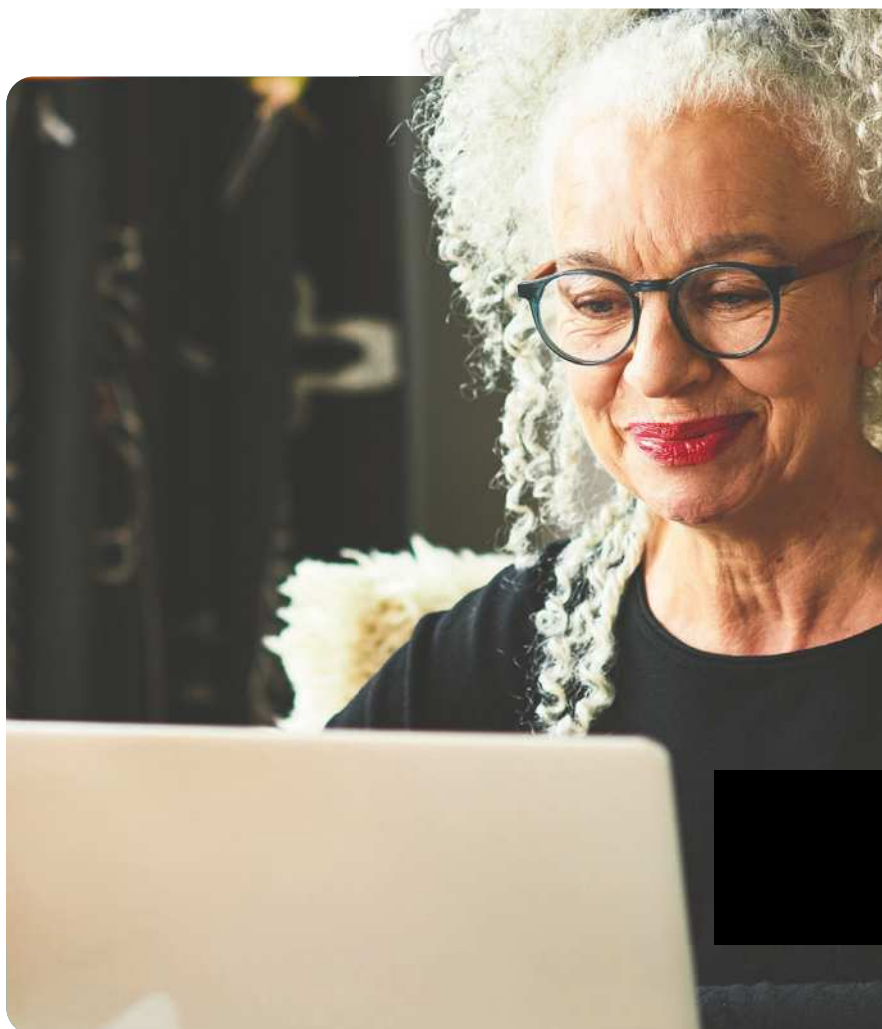
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## northern areas kill at least 14, including children, officials say

meters (feet) from the nearby humanitarian corridor toward its troops. It said Gaza's main cargo crossing was reopened after those who fired were "eliminated," though it added that the arrival and distribution of humanitarian aid was delayed.

Kerem Shalom is the only crossing between Israel and Gaza that is designed for cargo shipments and has been the main artery for aid since the Rafah crossing with Egypt was shut in May. Last month, nearly two-thirds of aid entering Gaza came through Kerem Shalom.

A second cold, rainy winter is beginning in Gaza, with hundreds of thousands of Palestinians in squalid tent camps and reliant on international aid.

The war in Gaza began when Hamas-led militants attacked southern Israel on Oct. 7, 2023, killing some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and abducting around 250 people. Some 100 hostages are still inside Gaza, at least a third believed to be dead.

Israel's retaliatory offensive has killed over 45,600 Palestinians in Gaza, more than half of them women and children, according to Gaza's Health Ministry, which does not say how many were combatants. The Israeli military says it has killed more than 17,000 militants, without providing evidence.



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# ON BROADWAY

**A** guide to current Broadway shows by Daily News theater critic Chris Jones:

**& Juliet:** A savvy jukebox musical from London offering a feminist reworking of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" with added bits and songs made famous by Pink, Britney and Kesha, et al. This nonstop party-empowerment show is derivative, over-confident and fun. *Stephen Sondheim Theatre*, 124 W. 43rd St.

**Aladdin:** Disney's "Aladdin" is a bit too frenetic, gag-heavy and overly anxious to please — but it has settled in as an entertaining family attraction featuring a diverse cast, a fun genie whose antics will always remain a tribute to Robin Williams, and the requisite magic carpet ride against a backdrop of the glittering lights of a utopian Arabian night. *New Amsterdam Theatre*, 214 W. 42nd St.

**Back to the Future: The Musical:** Closer to a thrill-park ride than a traditional musical, this frenetic new spectacle from London showcases a flying DeLorean car essentially re-creating the role played, years ago, by the helicopter in "Miss Saigon." The show is attracting a family and tourist audience and Roger Bart at peak eccentricity is fun to watch. But unlike the film, the show makes you feel very little. *Winter Garden Theatre*, 1634 Broadway.

**The Book of Mormon:** A relic of an era when satirists had more guts, Trey Parker and Matt Stone's show lampoons the LDS religion with the same sharp edge familiar from "South Park." Go enjoy a wicked musical from before America lost so much of its sense of humor. *Eugene O'Neill Theatre*, 230 W. 49th St.

**Cabaret at the Kit Kat Club:** An epic disappointment and a money-grabbing misfire, this revival of a musical theater masterpiece is overpriced, under-erotized and, for the most part, poorly sung. It's an example of the immersive theater craze taken too far and with the wrong show to boot. Adam Lambert now stars as the Emcee of this unfortunate shebang. Spend your money elsewhere on Broadway. *August Wilson Theatre*, 245 W. 52nd St.

**Chicago:** This long-lived show celebrating real-life killers of prohibition-era Chicago has been pulling in Broadway suckers since 1996. The real stars here are John Kander and Fred Ebb, who penned a score that drips with melodic aspiration and lyrical cynicism, and Bob Fosse, whose erotically muscular choreography is the perfect match. *Ambassador Theatre*, 219 W. 49th St.

**The Great Gatsby:** This is what many people think of when they ponder a big Broadway night out: a familiar yet glamorous title from the Jazz Age, a star tenor in the titular role, songs of passion, obsession and resolve set to string-heavy orchestrations, and a massive Art Deco set cascading off the stage, which has the décor to match. The show is dull and emotionally inert but it's the best dressed crowd on Broadway. *Broadway Theatre*, 1681 Broadway.

**Hadestown:** A dystopian 2019 musical rooted in the 2010 concept album by Anais Mitchell and updates and retells the classic myth of Orpheus and Eurydice via a compellingly theatrical blend of steampunk, "Westworld" and self-aware



Bourbon St. sensuality. It's a thrillingly alarmist show, albeit potentially jarring to those who prefer warmer or more traditional musicals. Mitchell's music variously evokes gospel, blues, blue collar work-song and the ravings of a rabid cult. *Walter Kerr Theatre*, 219 W. 48th St.

**Hamilton:** Still a tough and expensive ticket, this Lin-Manuel Miranda global cultural phenomenon employs a young, diverse cast to tell the story of Alexander Hamilton, the Founding Father with the long-term berth on the ten-spot, but also a scrappy immigrant who wrote like he was running out of time. The music is eclectic and often gorgeous, the emotional intensity still capable of blowing all else away. *Richard Rodgers Theatre*, 226 W. 46th St.

**Harry Potter and the Cursed Child:** An epic commitment requiring two tickets and six hours has now been reduced to a more manageable single show. We purists lament the change, which cut much of the subtlety and fun in the text but left all the spectacular theatrical effects. Even in this version, though, Harry Potter fans leave fully satiated. *Lyric Theatre*, 214 W. 43rd St.

**Hell's Kitchen:** The songs of Alicia Keys are well suited to a jukebox musical. The burst of energy that flows from hits like "Girl on Fire" are dynamic blasts in a show drawing from Keys' own origin story as a kid growing up in the federally subsidized artists' haven of Manhattan Plaza in Hell's Kitchen. No surprises here and you have to love Keys' music. But lots of warm sentiment and affection for a creative Gotham childhood. *Shubert Theatre*, 225 W. 44th St.

**The Hills of California:** Despite the title, Jez Butterworth's epic drama is set in a Blackpool boarding house in the North West of England in the 1950s, when the town is thriving, and the 1970s, when it is down on its heels. Sam Mendes' production is masterful and the play is a searing drama of a Mama Rose of the Golden Mile and her unfortunate children whom she dreams of making stars. The central, riveting performance is from Laura Donnelly

and it's a stunner. *Broadhurst Theatre*, 235 W. 44th St.

**Left on Tenth:** Starring Julianna Margulies and Peter Gallagher, Delia Ephron's sweet if unsurprising play-memoir combo is an ode to the possibility of late-in-life love and a chronicle of the awkwardness of its propagation. But it's also a portrait of what it's like to lose a loving partner, in this case a man with whom the writer used to dance around the bedroom, and have to reinvent your life anew. *James Earl Jones Theatre*, 138 W. 48th St.

**The Lion King:** Julie Taymor's masterful work is 25 years old but still as fresh as a Serengeti morning. This Disney family attraction features stunning puppets, visual tableaux, Elton John songs, African music. It's deservedly the most successful musical of its era. *Minskoff Theatre*, 200 W. 45th St.

**Maybe Happy Ending:** Add some falling snow and you'd have a Hallmark movie, but as written by Will Aronson and Hue Park this sleeper hit comes with a very arresting twist. Darren Criss and Helen J. Shen play highly sophisticated South Korean robots in what turns out to be a very charming, romantic, craftful and slightly unnerving little musical about the growing similarity between robots and humans and how we might all one day seek love and worry about our battery life. *Belasco Theatre*, 111 W. 44th St.

**MJ The Musical:** This homage to the King of Pop is set during the creative process for Michael Jackson's "Dangerous" world tour. Although there is little mention of the MJ controversies (the estate prefers it that way), "MJ" offers the chance to hear a slew of iconic MJ hits and experience his choreographic soul through the simpatico-but-original ideas of Christopher Wheeldon. *Neil Simon Theatre*, 250 W. 52nd St.

**Moulin Rouge the Musical:** A decadent live translation of Baz Luhrmann's widely beloved 2001 movie musical and an intense, anachronistic extravaganza that stuffs cuts of pop anthems (70 songs! 161 composers!) inside a letter-box of gorgeous retro-red velvet. This is date-night pastiche with a unifying communal playlist, and an

omnisexual dip into a sensual ocean with nervous fellow travelers. *Al Hirschfeld Theatre*, 302 W. 45th St.

**The Notebook:** This weepy new musical based on the 1996 Nicholas Sparks novel and the hit 2004 movie has a gorgeous suite of songs from Ingrid Michaelson, landing somewhere between Duncan Sheik, Jeanine Tesori and Sara Bareilles. The populist show is not for romantic cynics, as you might expect, but this actually is a strikingly artful and minimalist telling of love across generations. *Gerald Schoenfeld Theatre*, 236 W. 45th St.

**Oh, Mary!:** Cole Escola's chaotic version of Mary Todd Lincoln casts the former First lady as a wild-eyed wannabe cabaret star marinated in whiskey, paint thinner and self-delusion — and the star of an uproariously anachronistic summer farce that has arrived on the Main Stem from edgier points downtown. It's a satiric soupcon at just 80 minutes, but the running time packs in more laughs than any place on Broadway. Even Abe Lincoln would laugh at this one. *Lyceum Theatre*, 149 W. 45th St.

**Our Town:** Kenny Leon's emotionally charged revival of one of the greatest American dramas has an engaging if stylistically varied cast that includes Jim Parsons, Ephraim Sykes, Katie Holmes, Billy Eugene Jones, Zoey Deutch, Michelle Wilson and Richard Thomas, and a notably swift pacing that boils a three-act play down to an intermissionless 105 minutes. Parsons is especially moving. *Ethel Barrymore Theatre*, 243 W. 47th St.

**The Outsiders:** The beloved YA author S.E. Hinton famously penned "The Outsiders" after watching two rival gangs explode at her own Will Rogers School in Tulsa. The resultant musical needed greater expansion of character, a gentler, simpler touch, a better sense of authentic teenage angst and a deeper focus on the heart. But many love this story and will enjoy the talents here and the fresh roots/country score by the Austin-based Jamestown Revival. *Jacobs Theatre*, 242 W. 45th St.

**Romeo + Juliet:** While the two much-followed celebrity leads, Kit Connor and Rachel Zegler, are capable and sincere, Sam Gold's uber-contemporary, all-the-feels production of the iconic Shakespearean title is (a) altogether too much of too much; (b) a bit of an ill-focused mess; and (c) less than engrossing. *Circle in the Square Theatre*, 235 W. 50th St.

**The Roommate:** This Jen Silverman play about two unlike roommates living outside Iowa City is not great dramatic literature but Jack O'Brien's show is one heck of a vehicle for Patti LuPone and Mia Farrow, two fantastically accomplished and more importantly present performers who are a total blast from start to finish. *Booth Theatre*, 222 W. 45th St., New York.

**SIX: The Musical:** Just 90 minutes, this small-cast original pop musical is centered on the six wives of Henry VIII who bond in a post-death sisterhood and compete for who actually had the worst time with their bearded pig. Audiences generally ignore the relatively thin gruel and have an empowering blast. *Lena Horne Theatre*, 256 W. 47th St.

**Stereophonic:** A fabulous, three-hour



dissection of ego, insecurity and the messy, messed-up gorgeousness of the creative process, David Adjmi's "Stereophonic" is about an up-and-coming British rock band on the brink of superstardom making a studio album in California between the summers of 1976 and 1977. What a brilliant piece of must-see Broadway. It's Chekhovian, babe. *Golden Theatre, 242 W. 45th St.*

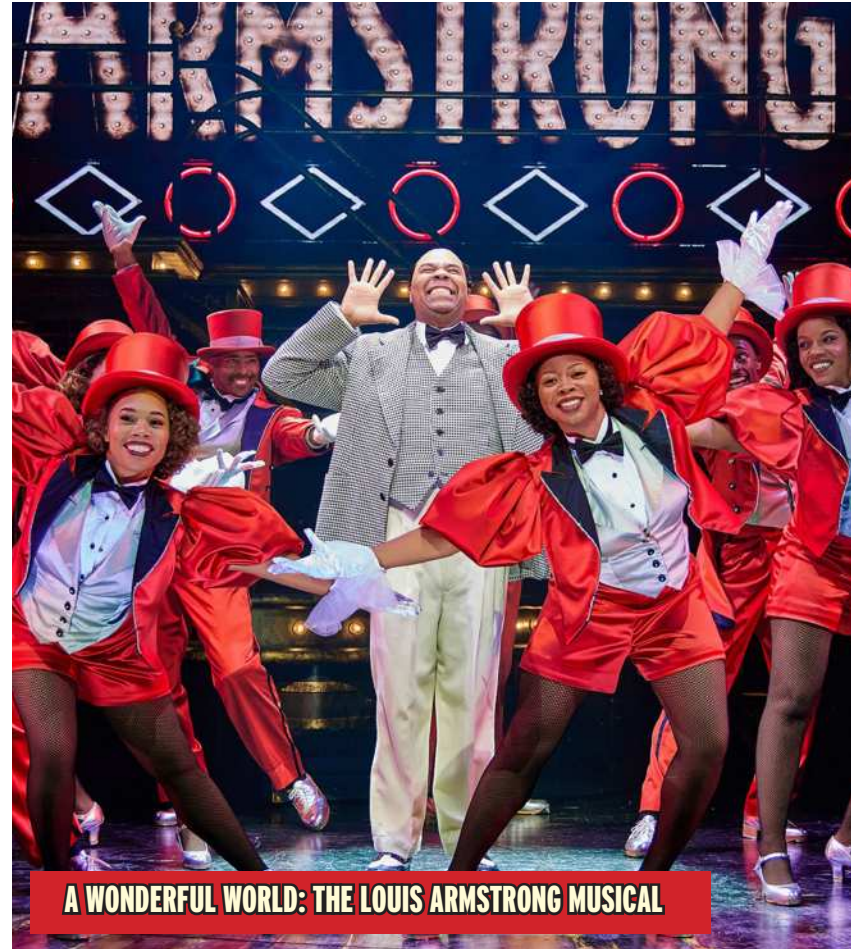
**Suffs:** With Hillary Rodham Clinton as a producer, an all-female cast of 23 playing historical figures, and a weighty topic like the history of women's suffrage, Shaina Taub's new Broadway musical "Suffs" is more of a gathering of the politically like-minded than a complex evening suffused with surprise. But "Suffs" also is a moving, stirring show that does what all the best Broadway musicals do: It humanizes, empowers, entertains and moves an audience. *Music Box Theatre, 239 W. 45th St.*

**Sunset Boulevard:** There's no more gilded cage for Norma in director Jamie Lloyd's red-hot, straight-from-London revival of Andrew Lloyd Webber's noir 1993 musical, "Sunset Boulevard," not with Nicole Scherzinger sizzling in the lead role. Norma Desmond has morphed from deranged diva to sexy beast, from an object of creepy pity warbling emotional ballads of regret to an eroticized star at her sexual peak, making wide-eyed love to a camera even when dripping with her lover's blood. Wowza! *St. James Theatre, 246 W. 44th St.*

**Water for Elephants:** This sentimental new musical based on the 2006 Sara Gruen novel and the 2011 Reese Witherspoon movie has one of the more remarkable ensembles ever seen on Broadway. This hugely talented crew sings, dances and are fully believable as acrobats, aerialists and roustabouts from the tawdry touring circus culture of America in the early 20th century, the setting of a sawdust story wherein an elephant named Rosie busts her trunk through a love triangle. "Water for Elephants" is formulaic in places but buoyed by a terrific ensemble. *Imperial Theatre, 249 W. 45th St.*

**Wicked:** Now more than 20 years old, "Wicked" is one of Broadway's best loved attractions. It's a prequel to "The Wizard of Oz" and focused on the intense friendship between two witches, one good, one maybe better. The Winnie Holzman book is a witty tour de force and Steven Schwartz came up with a bevy of emotional numbers, including "Defying Gravity," one of the great Act One closers of all time. *Gershwin Theatre 222 W. 51st St.*

**A Wonderful World: The Louis Armstrong Musical:** A musically rich if wordy and information-heavy Broadway dive into the life and times of Satchmo that's a reminder of just how challenging the jukebox biographical genre can be, even when you have a star of the level of craft and talent evidenced by James Monroe Iglehart, a stellar Pops. It's conventional fare but filled with great American song. *Studio 54, 254 W. 54th St.*



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# DAILY NEWS EDITORIAL

## Syria the day after

The ex-dictator of Syria, Bashar Assad, is lucky that, unlike fellow deposed tyrants, he didn't end up dead at the end of a rope like Saddam Hussein of Iraq or dead at the end of a sewer pipe like Muammar Gaddafi of Libya. Instead, Assad has been granted asylum far from the Mediterranean in balmy Moscow on "humanitarian grounds," which has to be the only time the word "humanitarian" can be associated with this butcher, who slaughtered hundreds of thousands of Syrians, including deploying chemical weapons against civilians.

While freedom reigns (at least temporarily) in Damascus, which is a drastic change from the recent history of that ancient city, what is unchanged since Assad's rapid fall is the Pentagon running a bombing campaign against ISIS targets in the country. More than 75 ISIS camps and operatives in central Syria were blasted yesterday by airstrikes from Air Force B-52s, F-15s, and A-10s, in support of the 900 U.S. troops in the country to combat ISIS. That American mission, to prevent the return of bloodthirsty ISIS, must continue.

Assad and his horrible regime are gone, "a fundamental act of justice" as President Biden put it yesterday. We still don't know who will be replacing him, but the leader of one of the larger rebel groups, Abu Mohammed al-Golani (whose real name is Ahmad al-Sharaa) still has a \$10 million price on his head from the U.S. government for his days as an Al Qaeda loyalist.

While he's broken with Al Qaeda and fought them in recent years, the imposition of strict Islamic rule is not what splintered Syria — with many minorities and sects, like Kurds, Alawites, Shiites, Druze and Christians — needs.

Syria has been shattered. Since the civil war

broke out in 2011, half the population of 24 million has been displaced, about six million internally and six million made refugees in other countries, notably in neighboring Turkey and in Europe. Maybe, hopefully, people can return to their homes, if they still exist.

Turkey sponsored the rebels led by al-Golani/al-Sharaa, but what really added to the push were the defeats of Assad's backers of Russia, Hezbollah and Iran.

As Donald Trump correctly points out, Russia has been bled dry with its invasion of Ukraine. Hezbollah was destroyed by Israel after the Lebanese terrorists joined Hamas after the Oct. 7 attacks. Iran was militarily embarrassed and humbled by Israel in not defending its proxies Hamas and Hezbollah and in two failed Iranian attacks on Israel which resulted in Israel eliminating Iran's air defense network.

Left naked without his three allies, Assad's forces crumpled when pressed.

The one area where Assad and his dictator father before him, Hafez Assad, maintained peace and security and scrupulously kept international order was along the ceasefire line with Israel following the Yom Kippur War. For 50 years, since the 1974 truce, the buffer zone has been quiet. When the regime collapsed yesterday, the Syrian Army melted away and Israel took over their positions to prevent ISIS or others from filling the vacuum.

As for Assad, he won't face the mob or a tribunal and while in Moscow he can resume his ophthalmology practice that he had in London before he had to return to Damascus when his older brother and planned future dictator died in a car crash 50 years ago.

## TikTok ban won't solve the problem

A federal appeals court Friday upheld a controversial law banning the U.S. operations of TikTok — the massively popular video-based social networking app owned by Chinese company ByteDance — unless it finds a U.S. buyer. That gives the company just six weeks to keep fighting before the ax falls. We have our issues with TikTok, but we won't be cheering that outcome.

This impacts a lot of Americans, as there are 170 million U.S. users, about half the total population of the country and more than the combined numbers who voted for Donald Trump and Kamala Harris.

The most dangerous aspect of TikTok, a potential Chinese state weaponization, is speculative. Lawmakers and the Department of Justice are arguing that the platform could be compelled to share data on users with authorities in Beijing, or used to gather information on potential spies or any number of other schemes running the gamut from plausible to Tom Clancy novel.

Yet there's no public hard evidence that any of this has actually happened or even been attempted; we specific "public" because these officials have insisted that there is secret evidence to suggest that these are real and present threats, and are acting on that secret evidence.

We understand that there are sensitive techniques and information that must be classified for reasons of national security and safety — a principle, by the way, that the incoming president does not himself seem to grasp, and is skirting consequences for violating — but this isn't how we should be doing things in this country. Effectively banning

the operation of an entire company based on secret evidence that our political leaders simply assure us exists is not really in keeping with our principles of due process and transparency.

We present no defense of TikTok, which previously has been caught censoring views that Beijing doesn't like, and it is undoubtedly designed to be addictive and appeal in particular to kids and teens, who can get sucked into the endless scroll. It has been used to push harmful content and misinformation around things like eating disorders and vaccines, and its sheer breadth and reach make this information often spread before it can be moderated.

If you're thinking that could just as well be true of Meta and its Facebook and Instagram platforms, or Alphabet with YouTube, then you can see what we're driving at. But what makes TikTok different is that those parents aren't foreign owned, and owned by an unfriendly country.

There are plenty of things to be concerned about with TikTok, just as there are plenty of things to regulate around all of these social media companies. At least these are at least attempting some kind of even-handed moderation, unlike the platform formerly known as Twitter, which has become the cesspool of X under Elon Musk's ownership.

Moving to completely ban TikTok on what seem like thin and largely speculative national security grounds is a red herring drawing attention away from the fact that all these social media platforms have been allowed to run roughshod over our social and political fabric with a very light touch from regulators. We'd all be better served dropping this effort and taking aim at the broader system.

## Campus antisemitic flyers a hate crime

BE OUR GUEST

BY LIZZY SAVETSKY

American university campuses are now ground zero for a wave of antisemitism unparalleled in the post-World War II era. At least 1,200 antisemitic incidents have been reported at college campuses in the year since Hamas brutally invaded Israel on Oct. 7, 2023, according to the Anti-Defamation League: a sickening 500% increase over the preceding year.

A case in point is the ugly crime that just took place at the University of Rochester, where a cohort of anti-Israel students harassed and slandered primarily Jewish faculty and staff members with a series of demeaning and threatening posters labeled "Wanted," like something out of the Wild West vigilante era. Such cruelty is not OK in the America I know and believe in. The most serious response is needed here: this vile action must be prosecuted as the hate crime it is.

The posters accuse Jewish faculty and staff of such outrageous offenses as genocide, ethnic cleansing, and war crimes. University of Rochester President Sarah Mangelsdorf warned that "several of those depicted appear to have been targeted because they are members of our Jewish community."

She continued by recognizing it explicitly as a form of hate: "We view this as antisemitism, which will not be tolerated at our University," Mangelsdorf herself, according to her "Wanted" poster, is accused of "Genocide, Censorship, [and] Despotism."

As Joy Getnick, Hillel executive director, pointed out: "They disproportionately singled out Jewish faculty and staff, and used language that spreads harmful, antisemitic ideas about Jewish people and Jewish indigeneity." This horrific mistreatment has a profound chilling effect on the freedoms and security of Jewish and pro-Israel students, faculty, and staff, effectively telling them that they may be targeted in such a nasty way at any time merely for their ethnicity, religion, or beliefs.

We do not have a simple instance of campus flyers affixed with Scotch tape here, but a deeply malevolent and destructive act. The University of Rochester Department of Public Safety noted that "return[ing] the spaces to their usual state... is painstaking because of the strong adhesive used to affix the posters, which in some cases caused damage to walls, floors, chalkboards, and other surfaces."

Vandalism and destruction of public property is a serious criminal act in any case; here, the situation is so much worse because of

the hateful intent behind it.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, speaking on the floor of the U.S. Senate, called the posters "antisemitic intimidation," and he rightly continued that "Any attempt — any attempt — to threaten or target someone simply because of their Jewish identity is antisemitism, plain and simple."

In a statement, the Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester rightly agreed, saying: "These horrific flyers... were replete with lies, misinformation, and antisemitic tropes. We are deeply disturbed by these antisemitic posters... These hateful messages are not isolated incidents but part of a troubling pattern that has created an environment where Jewish members of the university community feel both unsafe and that their civil rights have been disregarded."

The University of Rochester's Department of Public Safety has now arrested four individuals as suspected perpetrators of this incident, and the Monroe County district attorney's office has charged them with felony criminal mischief. The miscreants have pleaded not guilty, and other anti-Israel activists are "rallying" to call this act of discrimination an exercise of free speech. They couldn't be more wrong. What this is, in fact, is a hate crime.

Under New York Penal Code Chapter 40, Part 4, Title Y, Section 485.05, part of the Hate Crimes Act of 2000, a person commits a hate crime when they commit an offense and either intentionally selects the victim because of a belief or perception regarding their ancestry, religion, etc., or intentionally commits the offense in because of a belief or perception regarding victim's ancestry, religion, etc. Both factors are clearly at play in this incident.

It is entirely unacceptable for the DA to fail to enforce the Hate Crimes Act, given the circumstances of this upsetting event. Serious crimes merit serious consequences, not for arbitrarily punitive reasons, but to ensure the safety of our Jewish and pro-Israel students, faculty, and staff around the country.

This foul deed was a hate crime, and it should be charged and prosecuted as such to the fullest extent of the law.

*Savetsky, a member of the New York City Jewish Advisory Council, works with numerous nonprofit and philanthropic movements as an outspoken advocate for Israel and the Jewish people.*



## BRAMHALL'S WORLD



# We must change the NYC short-term rental rules

**R**ent may be too damn high, but so are all the costs of trying to keep a house in New York City. My family works hard but struggles to keep and maintain our home and make ends meet. And, a little more than a year ago, NYC made it even harder when it implemented overly strict short-term rental regulations (Local Law 18) taking away a critical income stream for my family and hundreds of other homeowners just trying to survive.

Thankfully, there is now a bill (Intro 1107) introduced by the City Council that would restore this lifeline for one- and two-family homeowners who live in their homes.

This has been my home and my heart for the last 25 years. In this time, I have raised my children into confident, young adults, built community with neighbors, and have watched my neighborhood and the city transform. While I can say that NYC is as vibrant and safe as ever, it's also clear that housing security and affordability remains a major issue.

My husband and I, like many New Yorkers, rented for decades with hopes of buying a home. With the help of an FHA loan, we were finally able to reach the American Dream. However, the dream isn't free. With rising utilities, taxes,

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**BY GIA SHARP**

insurance and the never-ending maintenance costs of a century old home, we turned to short-term rentals to make the extra money we needed to keep our home.

When NYC passed and began enforcing its overly strict short-term rental law, it devastated not only my family, but many hard-working families who relied on short-term rental in our homes. It's what inspired me to co-found RHOAR (Restore HomeOwner Autonomy and Rights), a grassroots advocacy group of one and two family NYC homeowners who live in our homes, advocating for common-sense amendments to the short-term rental regulations.

While Local Law 18 was needed and created with good intentions, the law goes too far by treating all short-term rentals the same and hurts everyday New Yorkers. As currently written and enforced, the law not only perpetuates existing economic inequities, it also introduces new structural inequities, like those that benefit the wealthy, who can still rent their entire pied-a-terres that sit empty the rest of the year.

Meanwhile, working and middle-income

homeowners who live in our homes have been prohibited from renting out our own homes for short stays when we're traveling or need supplemental income.

Reported from a recent survey, RHOAR's Brooklyn members have seen a 60% decrease in their monthly income since the law took effect, which is financially devastating for any family. In the year since this law was passed, I have watched my fellow homeowners make difficult choices, including being forced to abandon their plans to age in place and instead selling the home they love, because they could no longer afford their housing costs and the upkeep without short-term rentals.

Instead of the supposed goal of increasing affordable housing and lowering rents, Local Law 18 has made housing unaffordable for vulnerable homeowners like myself.

But, homeowners aren't the only ones who have suffered because of the law. Our small, neighborhood businesses are losing out on tourism dollars that they sorely need to bounce back from COVID losses. Additionally, Local Law 18 has eliminated much needed local accommodations across Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island and the Bronx, limiting access for visiting friends, family and caretakers. And,

families can no longer afford to visit NYC with skyrocketing hotel prices.

RHOAR's homeowners support common sense regulations that stop bad actors, which is why we are calling on the City Council to support Intro 1107, which keeps the most of the regulations intact but rolls back the damaging effects of Local Law 18 restoring the rights of one- and two-family homeowners to resume short-term rentals in the homes we live in.

We're thankful that our elected officials are prioritizing housing and affordability. It's a complex issue, and big, bold policies are needed to address these challenges. But, there are also smaller, simple solutions that can make a huge difference, like restoring the right to short-term rentals for one- and two-family homeowners.

The City Council is developing a myriad of housing affordability initiatives, and we urge them to remember that small homeowners need help, too. Passing these small, common-sense changes for NYC working and middle-income homeowners will help increase economic equity and stability, not only for the city's most vulnerable homeowners, but also for our small, neighborhood businesses and communities.

*Sharp is a Brooklyn homeowner and co-founder of RHOAR.*



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## Frivolous flights are heliports' biggest issue

**Manhattan:** "NYC's heliport closure is a medical emergency" (op-ed, Dec. 2) paints a flawed and inaccurate picture of the impact that the Gateway Tunnel project will have on Manhattan's W. 30th St. heliport. First, notwithstanding the article's headline, the heliport will not be forced to close to accommodate the Gateway project. Only one or two of its six helipads are slated for closure for about 18 months.

Second, the remaining four or five helipads can surely handle emergency organ transplant flights. Third, the vast majority of flights at the heliport are nonessential commuter flights to places like airports and the Hamptons. In the unlikely event that something has to give in order to accommodate medical emergencies, surely it is these unneeded flights. The real problem at all the city's heliports is that nonessential flights have come to dominate them, leading to well-known issues like noise and pollution. Eliminating such flights will guarantee there will never be an issue when it comes to essential flights for medical, military, journalist, police and political usage.

Fourth, two other heliports on the East Side of Manhattan can accommodate medical emergencies, and their operating hours could be adjusted if need be. Indeed, the E. 34th St. heliport already accepts emergency flights 24/7. Importantly, these heliports are closer to most of Manhattan's hospitals and to most of the city's other hospitals. The author is right that transportation for organ transplants must be a priority at our heliports. Fortunately, the Gateway project's minimal impact on the W. 30th St. heliport is not one of the obstacles to access to lifesaving organ transplants that his organization seeks to foster.

*Bill Thomas, board member, Stop the Chop NY/NJ*



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### Open the books

**Ocala, Fla.:** Once again, I beg the Daily News to publish the full MTA budget. They are always looking for money. We should see the detailed, line-by-line accounting of where the MTA money is going. Isn't this public record? Why can't we see their expenditures?  
*Lynn Miller*

### Tracking info

**Carmel, N.Y.:** None of the news updates or law enforcement have mentioned how the assassin of the UnitedHealthcare executive knew the schedule of his target. Who would have been privy to this information?  
*Susan McCormack*

### Not worth it?

**Manhattan:** After the shocking murder of UnitedHealthcare's CEO Brian Thompson, the NYPD announced a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the apprehension of the killer. One commentator said that people are sometimes reluctant to come forward with information, but he believed that UnitedHealthcare would offer a substantial reward to encourage someone to do so. UnitedHealthcare reported revenue of \$281 billion last year. To date, it has not offered any reward to aid in the search for the killer. Why is that?  
*Ilene Shifrin*

### Forced to reflect

**New Hyde Park, L.I.:** It's too bad that an insurance CEO had to die

so some crazy guy could send his message, but maybe now these greedy, selfish health insurance companies will realize that health and life are more important than stock dividends.  
*Bob Wiecezak*

### Numb to their pain

**Milwaukee:** After fierce public backlash, Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield backtracked on its plan to cap coverage for anesthesia during medical procedures. Given the outrage, consider that the International Criminal Court asserts there is reasonable evidence to conclude that Israeli leaders "intentionally and knowingly" deprived civilians in Gaza of medical supplies, including anesthesia. Lack of anesthesia has forced doctors to perform amputations on adults and children with no safe ways to sedate them. Dr. Mike M. Mallah is a trauma surgeon from Charleston, S.C., who volunteered in Gaza. In an interview, Mallah's voice shook as he described "anesthesiologists who don't have anesthesia, who are holding people down and singing to them so that they can comfort them and do their surgery." A doctor from Gaza states, "Because of the shortage of painkillers, we leave patients to scream for hours and hours." Where is the public outrage regarding Israel's actions? Are we unable to see Palestinians as fellow human beings?  
*Terry Hansen*

### Not a word

**Brookfield, Conn.:** Franklin Delano Roosevelt said, "Dec. 7, 1941 — a date which will live in infamy." Well, it may live in infamy but it certainly doesn't live in today's media. Not so much as one word in the print or electronic media regarding a day on which almost 3,000 Americans lost their lives. What a shame that you couldn't find a few column inches to pay them tribute. I guess you were too busy gushing over Paris Jackson getting engaged, as if anyone cares about what she's doing.  
*Bob Lovell*

### From infamy to obscurity

**Massapequa, L.I.:** I have been reading the Daily News for more than 70 years. On Saturday, after reading The News, I had to skim through it again. Not a mention of Dec. 7, 1941 — 83 years ago, when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor. A date that will live in infamy. Shame on you.  
*Ron Boehning*

### Not on par

**Wyckoff, N.J.:** Re "Biden's unpardonable clemency" (editorial, Dec. 3): Comparing Donald Trump's promise to pardon those convicted of assaulting police, breaking into and defacing the Capitol and interrupting the peaceful transfer of power with the convictions of Hunter Biden is ridiculous. Hunter was convicted of lying on a gun form to purchase a gun that was never fired or used in a crime. He was convicted of tax

evasion for failing to pay taxes he subsequently repaid in full with interest. Many experienced prosecutors have asserted that these crimes are never prosecuted except when your last name is Biden. Fault President Biden for violating norms by pardoning a family member? Fine. Comparing those pardons to Jan. 6 convictions is absurd.  
*Marc Schaeffer*

### Sad stuff

**Glendale:** To Voicer Bruce Berensky: I also read the Daily News while eating breakfast, lunch or dinner and try to walk off the extra calories during the day. Like you, I spend most of my time reading the op-eds and Voice of the People and completing the Jumble and crossword puzzles. However, I am also quite distressed by news of assault and murder that is often highlighted on the front and first pages. I'd sure like to see more of the positive side of NYC. There are so many people doing wonderful things around town. My mom, who is 95, while looking at the front page, always says, "Nothing but bad news." P.S.: She still completes the Jumble in record time.  
*Laura Zimmer*

### A good deed

**Brooklyn:** Just saw a story about how Alan Rosen from Junior's donated \$10,000 to a football team from Brownsville, Brooklyn. What a great thing to do so that this team could go to Orlando, Fla. for a chance to show their ability. I know Rosen and his family, they have always

stepped up to help those who need it. I hope to see a victory celebration at Junior's for this team when they return. Win or lose, they have won a lesson that no matter what, others do care. Thank you, Alan, for a positive news story.  
*Sharon Cesario*

### Properly displayed

**Brooklyn:** Last week, I had the opportunity to see the earliest surviving inscribed tablet with the Ten Commandments, at Sotheby's in Manhattan. It was a fascinating yet low-key experience seeing this priceless item in the lobby of the auction house. I'm glad that it has been made publicly available for a while. It is certainly of great historical and cultural interest. But I do not want to see the Ten Commandments on the walls of all public school classrooms, as Louisiana is planning to do. That is overstepping the boundaries of separation of church and state by forcing it on students.  
*Ellen Levitt*

### Full quote

**Brooklyn:** To Voicer Natalie Barklow: I don't make the laws of Judaism, I only quote them, and here is the answer: "The Talmud, a compendium of rabbinical commentaries and laws written during the 1st millennium C.E., characterizes a fetus as 'mere water' and doesn't prohibit abortion before 40 days gestation. After this point, abortion is generally prohibited but exemptions are permitted to preserve the mother's health or life."  
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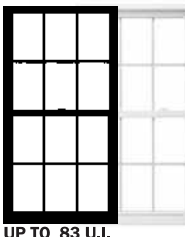
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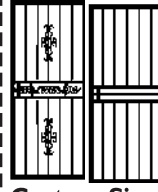
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# Man dies in East Side apartment fire

BY JOHN ANNESE  
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

A man was killed in a Manhattan apartment fire Sunday morning, police said.

The blaze broke out in a five-story apartment building on Third Ave. near E. 38th St. in Murray Hill just before 6:30 a.m., cops said.

Firefighters brought the blaze under control about 40 minutes later, according to FDNY officials.

Firefighters pulled the man from one of the apartments in critical condition. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital, where he died, according to police. Police have not yet released the man's name or age.

The cause of the blaze remains under investigation.



A man was found unconscious and later died after a fire broke out in his apartment on Third Ave. near E. 38th St. in Murray Hill on Sunday morning. THEODORE PARISIENNE FOR NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

# Top candidates rap Romania's canceled elex

BY STEPHEN MCGRATH  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BUCHAREST, Romania — On the day that the second round of presidential voting was supposed to be held, Romania's defiant far-right presidential candidate, Calin Georgescu, stood outside a closed polling station to denounce a top court's unprecedented decision to annul the first round of the vote in which he emerged as the frontrunner.

"Today is Constitution Day, and there is nothing constitutional in Romania anymore. I am here in the name of democracy," Georgescu, 62, told media Sunday in Mogosoaia, outside Bucharest. "By canceling democracy, our very freedom is canceled."

The Constitutional Court canceled the

election Friday after a trove of declassified intelligence alleged that Russia organized a sprawling campaign across social media to promote Georgescu.

The court cited the illegal use of digital technologies, including artificial intelligence, as well as undeclared sources of funding. Without naming Georgescu, the court said one candidate received "preferential treatment" on social media platforms, distorting voters' expressed will.

Despite being a huge outsider who declared zero campaign spending, Georgescu topped the polls in the first round on Nov. 24, and was due to face reformist Elena Lasconi of the Save Romania Union party in a runoff.

Thirteen candidates ran in the first round of the presidential race in the European

Union and NATO member country; the aftermath was gripped by myriad controversies, including a recount of the vote ordered by the same court.

New dates will be set to rerun the presidential vote from scratch.

"We find ourselves in a moment of profound responsibility toward the values that characterize us as a nation," Romanian President Klaus Iohannis said in a statement marking Constitution Day.

"The Romanian Constitution defines the framework within which the state and political life operate, serving as a shield against threats to democracy. In turbulent times, state institutions are called upon to act with calm, wisdom and respect for the law, the Constitution and democracy."

George Simion, the 38-year-old leader of

the far-right Alliance for the Unity of Romanians, told reporters outside a closed polling station in Bucharest on Sunday that the annulment amounted to an attack against democracy, saying Iohannis should "take a step back and respect the Constitution, not mock it."

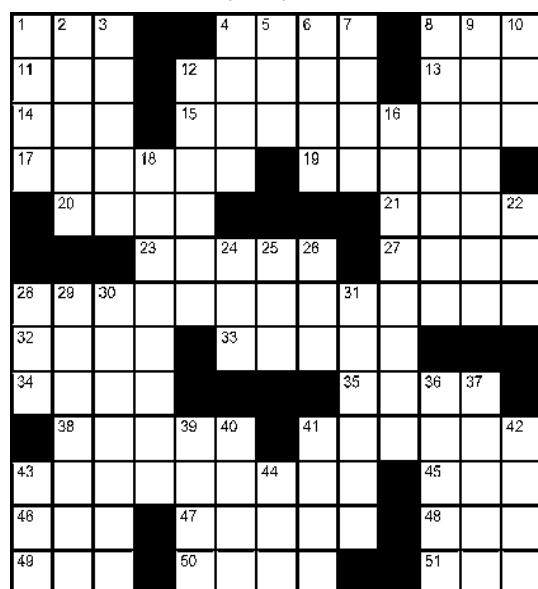
"It is Constitution Day. It is a day of significance for Romanians. It is a day when Romanians should have gone to vote freely," he said, adding that "blood was shed for this 35 years ago," referring to Romania's revolution in December 1989 that overthrew communism.

On Friday, Georgescu's would-be opponent, Lasconi, also strongly condemned the court's decision to annul the elections, saying the second round should have gone forward.



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## by Ricky Cruz



Created by Ricky Cruz

6/9/24

**ACROSS**

- 1 Question
- 4 Nationality of Hong Chau
- 8 "Documentary Now!" channel
- 11 \_\_\_\_ Solo
- 12 Hip hop's Kris \_\_\_\_
- 13 "What?"
- 14 Wong of "Beef"
- 15 Voice of Mario in "The Super Mario Bros. Super Show!"
- 17 Phoebe played by Lisa Kudrow
- 19 Pet \_\_\_\_ (annoyance)
- 20 Two, in French
- 21 Detective Wolfe
- 23 Muscly
- 27 French state
- 28 "Survivor" game-changers
- 32 "\_\_\_\_ White People"
- 33 Oteri of "SNL" fame
- 34 Kurylenko of "Treason"
- 35 Prefix before -pus
- 38 Spin on a record?
- 41 Wide, as an angle
- 43 Ninja turtle with a purple mask

- 45 Type of screen
  - 46 Atlantic coast time zone
  - 47 Some native Canadians
  - 48 \_\_\_\_-AFTRA
  - 49 Arthur of "Maude"
  - 50 Wise, as advice
  - 51 "\_\_\_\_ We There Yet?"
- DOWN**
- 1 "Moby Dick" captain
  - 2 Spanish toast
  - 3 Kitchen cutter
  - 4 Donald Glover's "Community" role
  - 5 Director Hsiao-hsien
  - 6 Stat
  - 7 Wes Anderson's "\_\_\_\_ of Dogs"
  - 8 "There's no other choice"
  - 9 "Four Weddings and a \_\_\_\_"
  - 10 Margaret of "Drop Dead Diva"
  - 12 Sound effect for some wrong answers on "QI"



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By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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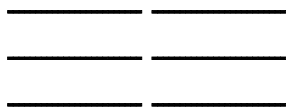
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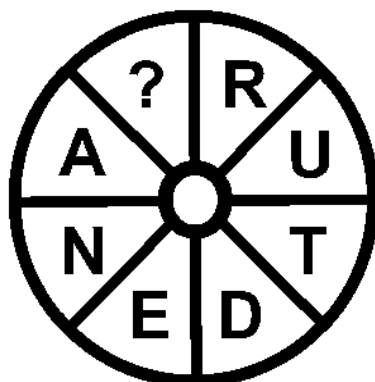
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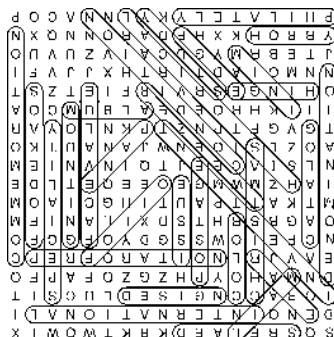
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# WordWheel



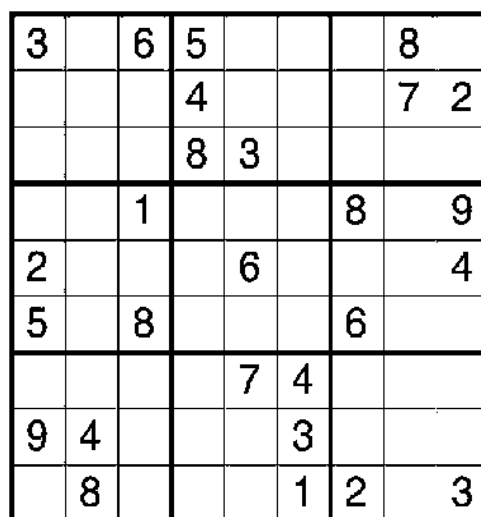
Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

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Stamp collecting

## SUDOKU



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**Wordsearch:** Stamp collecting

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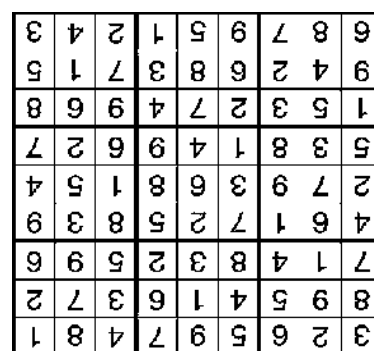
Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

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E A V J R L N O I T A R O F R E P C  
N C F E I O W S S G D Y O F G C F O  
O A G B S R H T S D X L L A N I F M  
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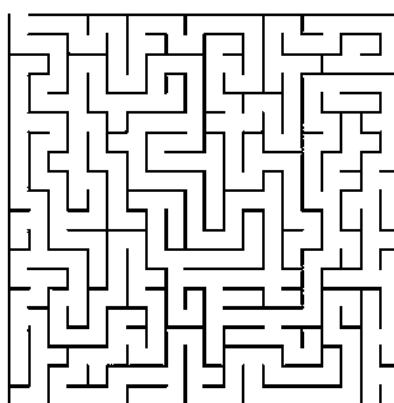
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| COLOR         | HISTORICAL    | PHILATELY   |
| COMMEMORATION | HOBBY         | POSTAGE     |
| CONDITION     | INTERNATIONAL | RARE        |
| DEALERS       | INVESTMENT    | SOAKED OFF  |
| DENOMINATION  | ISSUE         | SPECIALITY  |
| DESIGN        | MAIL          | STUDY       |
| EDGE          | MINT          | TWEEZER     |

Level **1** 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit from 1 to 9. For strategies on solving Sudoku, visit [sudoku.org.uk](http://sudoku.org.uk).



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## FIND 10 DIFFERENCES





Zits



Jump Start



Hagar the Horrible



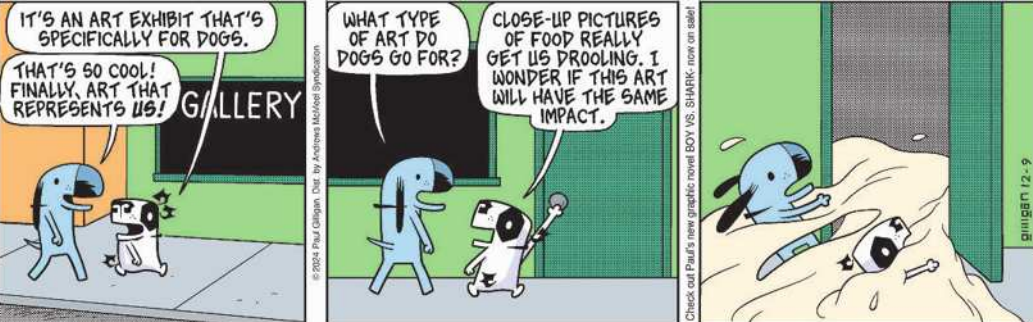
Mother Goose & Grimm



One Big Happy



Pooch Café



Red & Rover



Sudoku

4				3	2	6	9	8
6			7			4	3	
8		3		4				
2			1		5	9		
5	8	4		9		2	6	1
		6	2		4			3
				2		3		6
	6	8			9			5
7	1	2	6	5				9

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Previous Puzzle

1	3	2	9	6	8	5	4	7
4	5	8	7	1	3	8	6	2
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3	4	8	5	7	9	1	2	6
7	9	5	1	2	6	3	8	4
2	6	1	8	3	4	7	9	5
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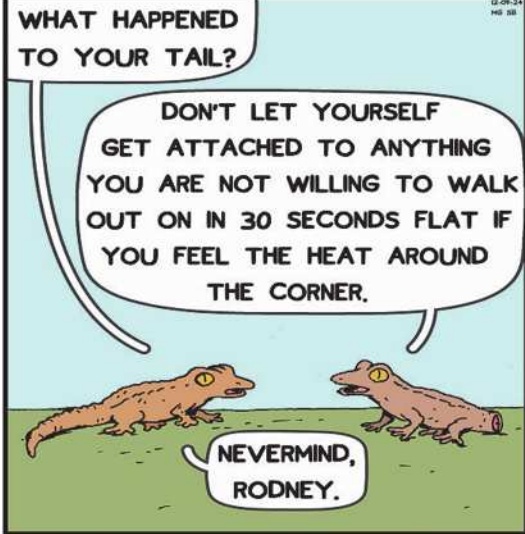
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Each row must contain the numbers 1 to 9; each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9; and each set of 3 by 3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 to 9.

The Argyle Sweater



Between the Lines



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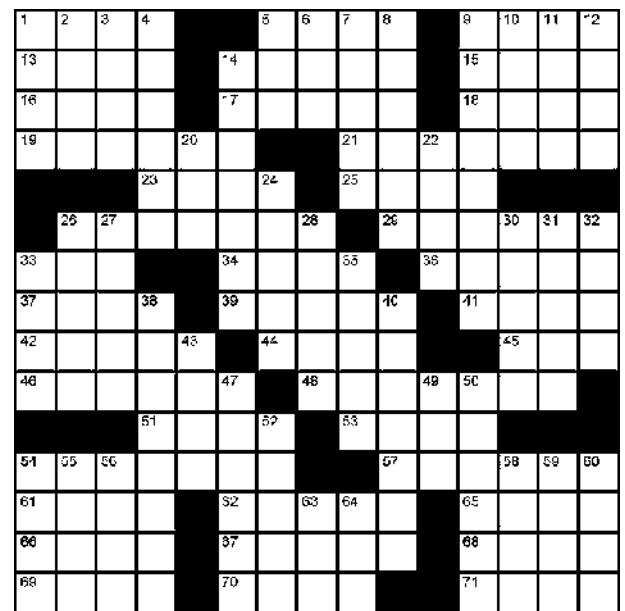
Blondie



Mutts



### Today's Crossword



#### ACROSS

- 1 Elec. units
- 5 Dollars and cents
- 9 Chinese idol
- 13 Secular
- 14 Chili con —
- 15 Eye layer
- 16 Giant furniture retailer
- 17 Of a space
- 18 Stew meat
- 19 Quondam
- 21 Dip into water
- 23 Snow clearing machine
- 25 Tilt
- 26 Flop
- 29 Threefold
- 33 Monopoly game piece
- 34 Fill
- 36 Murdered
- 37 Discard
- 39 Old anesthetic
- 41 Minced oath
- 42 Book of maps
- 44 "— goes nothing!"
- 45 Reply (Abbr.)
- 46 Pea coat
- 48 Entry in a directory
- 51 Times
- 53 English boarding school
- 54 Antiquated
- 57 Pulled
- 61 Venus de —
- 62 Relating to birth
- 65 Start for space
- 66 Fall birthstone
- 67 Undermine
- 68 Discern
- 69 — packing
- 70 Act
- 71 Fencing weapon

#### DOWN

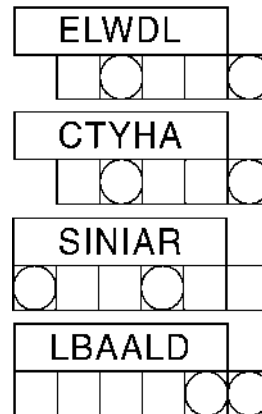
- 1 First Arabic letter
- 2 — shark
- 3 Wharf
- 4 Large shrimp
- 5 SUV
- 6 Have being
- 7 Aquarium creature
- 8 Headgear for a quarterback
- 9 Childish
- 10 Concluded
- 11 Earth's waters
- 12 Store event
- 14 Singer Tori —
- 20 Annex
- 22 Fourth rock from the sun
- 24 Ire
- 26 Loudly, in music
- 27 Nimble
- 28 Lucy's friend
- 30 Irreligious one
- 31 Old Chinese weight
- 32 Tips
- 33 Costly
- 35 Uncanny
- 38 Place of refuge
- 40 Make design changes
- 43 Antitoxins
- 47 Showered
- 49 Grind — — halt
- 50 Inborn
- 52 False alarm
- 54 Singer Tori —
- 55 Mellow
- 56 Family group
- 58 Hold
- 59 Perry's creator
- 60 Pineapple brand
- 63 Shoe part
- 64 Attach

#### PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED



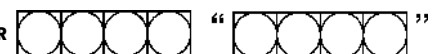
### JUMBLE by David L. Hoyt & Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square to form four ordinary words.



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ANSWER



Saturday's answers: JUMBLES — KNACK, ABATE, INVITE, PEPPER

CARTOON — As the clouds briefly parted to reveal the summit, the climbers got a — PEEK AT THE PEAK





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Periods of rain High: 50° Low: 44°	A.M. mist; clouds and fog High: 52° Low: 49°	Down-pours; windy, mild High: 61° Low: 34°	Windy and much colder High: 38° Low: 27°

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**Sun and Moon**  
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Moon 12:47 p.m. 12:15 a.m.

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## For Monday, December 9

Today speeds up from one minute to the next. Things start out gently when the Moon in dreamy Pisces conjoints foggy Neptune, but we'll be pulled right out of that miasma when the Moon jumps into Aries, boosting our energy levels way up. This shouldn't be hard to handle, thankfully, as a lunar sextile to loving Venus in Aquarius will help things flow smoothly. Plus, one final trine from the Moon to Mars allows us to perform at top capacity!

### ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 19

Time to hit the reset button. This is the perfect day to touch base with yourself and ensure everything is on the up-and-up. If you've been feeling a bit out of sorts lately, you can uplift your efforts to get everything back on track to where it needs to be. Give yourself permission to step back.



### LIBRA

SEPT. 23-OCT. 22

Today will be more fun with someone by your side to help you handle it. If there's a specific pal you haven't hung out with in a while, go ahead and hit them up for some fun! Whatever you want to achieve, it should be worlds easier with a partner. There's absolutely no need to play the wallflower now.



### TAURUS

APRIL 20-MAY 20

It's a new day, but that doesn't mean you need to jump out of bed and hit the ground running. Even if you have a long to-do list, take it at a gentle pace and feel your way forward, rather than rolling up your sleeves and putting your nose to the grindstone. There's no need to chase anything.



### SCORPIO

OCT. 23-NOV. 21

A little simplicity can make the world much more approachable. This is the perfect day to remove all the excess and only focus on essentials. Look for any minor habits or built-up issues that are getting in the way of you being your best self, then figure out how to rid yourself of them for good.



### GEMINI

MAY 21-JUNE 20

Take any excuse to chat today. This sets the ideal stage for you to connect with people who can guide you through understanding the world in a fresh light. It also encourages altruism, so a little bit of charity couldn't hurt. You can't go wrong with a little bit of charity or volunteer work.



### SAGITTARIUS

NOV. 22-DEC. 21

Express yourself! Today is all about enjoying yourself to the fullest and letting your passionate side out to play. Do something that will bring a smile to your face, and don't worry about pleasing anyone but yourself. That said, if others want to participate, try to welcome them.



### CANCER

JUNE 21-JULY 22

Aim as high as you can! There is an emphasis on pursuing your goals. Whether you're aiming for the corner office or just getting your foot on the first rung of the ladder, this energy is terrific for letting your ambitious side out to play. You can even do so without worry.



### CAPRICORN

DEC. 22-JAN. 19

Life could currently feel like bowling with bumpers. You deserve to have a little padding in life to keep you rolling in your desired direction. Focus your attention on surrounding yourself with people and things that make you feel good, and if possible, put off anything serious or heavy.



### LEO

JULY 23-AUG. 22

Life is a pool, and you can jump right in! It's time to bound off and explore all the options available to you. Some of you may feel the urge to let the wind take you wherever it may, but exploring an unfamiliar topic with a documentary or online course should also prove very fulfilling.



### AQUARIUS

JAN. 20-FEB. 18

Everywhere you go, there you are. It wouldn't be one bit surprising if you find yourself bouncing around town. This sector encourages open communication, so be willing to start a conversation. You never know what exciting tidbits of information you'll uncover if you don't try.



### VIRGO

AUG. 23-SEPT. 22

There is an undeniable intensity to the day, but that doesn't mean you can't handle it. You may need to follow up on a debt or make a big payment, but if you are strategic, you may also receive a tidy windfall. Play your cards with care to find maximum success. Tremendous profits await those who are swift!



### PISCES

FEB. 19-MARCH 20

Spending money is easy — even easier than usual! You'll face all sorts of temptations to splash out on little treats. Window shopping could abruptly become a shopping spree. That said, it would be wise to hold off on making any big purchases for the time being. Instead, create a list of the things you want and meditate on it.



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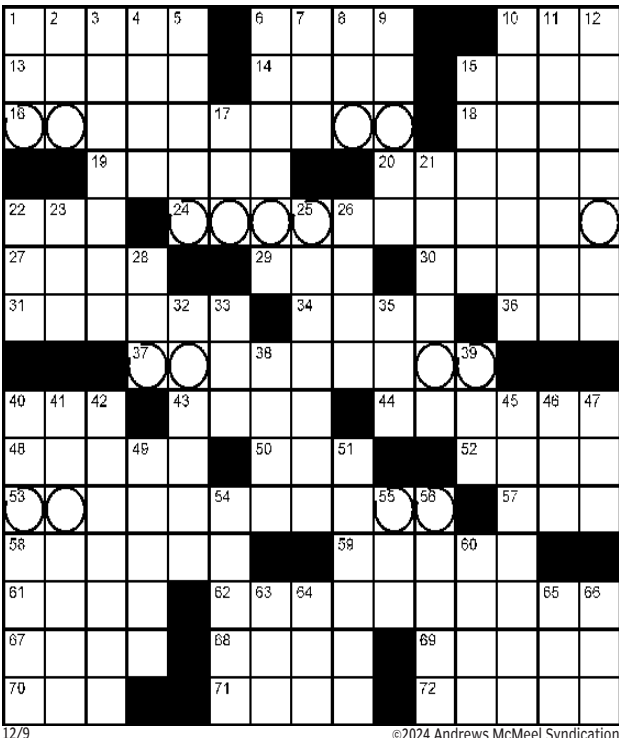
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## CROSSWORD II



- ACROSS**
- 1 Theater seater
  - 6 Name within "jar loose"
  - 10 Air Force Two passengers, for
  - 13 Glide on ice
  - 14 Squishy Easter treat
  - 15 Ken, to Barbie
  - 16 Ottawa-to-
  - 18 Like the Sahara
  - 19 Geography class item
  - 20 SoCal area with the Latino Walk of Fame
  - 22 GI entertainment grp.
  - 24 Terrified (... first 4 letters + the last letter)
  - 27 San Antonio NBA player
  - 29 Title for MLK
  - 30 Transition
  - 31 Cafe or bistro
  - 34 Video game company
  - 36 Same \_\_\_ song
  - 37 Hiking path (... first 2 letters + the last 2)
  - 40 Reactions to cuteness
  - 43 Pairs
  - 44 Winter Olympics event with gates
  - 48 Sustained attack
  - 50 Comprehended
  - 52 Prima donna
  - 53 Beethoven or Chopin work (... first 2 letters + the last 2)
  - 57 Chesapeake \_\_\_
  - 58 Ask too much
  - 59 Try a bite of
  - 61 Hotel offering
  - 62 Closing words in Hollywood, and a hint to the indicated letters
  - 67 French for "to be"
  - 68 Word after "tall" or "fairy"
  - 69 Nyad who swam from Cuba to Florida
  - 70 Group of matching teacups
  - 71 Kuwaiti leader
  - 72 Map book
  - 5 Makeovers
  - 6 Emerge
  - 7 \_\_\_ Speedwagon
  - 8 Guitar pioneer Paul
  - 9 Made a decision
  - 10 Dizzy feeling, or a Hitchcock movie
  - 11 Sandcastle creator's quantity
  - 12 Decongestant brand
  - 15 Moistens, as a turkey
  - 17 "Abbott Elementary" network
  - 21 Tear into
  - 22 "\_\_\_ as directed"
  - 23 Pampering place
  - 25 Lies atop
  - 26 Continuously
  - 28 NFL official with a whistle
  - 32 The Calgary Stampede and others
  - 33 Thou, now
  - 35 Service station offering
  - 38 Like many deli orders
  - 39 Boy
  - 40 Dreams big
  - 41 Motion-sensing Nintendo controller
  - 42 San Diego, for one
  - 45 Leaning left
  - 46 Eggs at a fertility clinic
  - 47 Mother's Day month
  - 49 Kitschy garden statue
  - 51 Frayed bit
  - 54 Seven, in Salerno
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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS

INDEX NO. 717307/2021

Plaintiff designates QUEENS as the place of trial situs of the real property

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR FREMONT HOME LOAN TRUST 2006-C, MORTGAGE-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-C

Plaintiff,

vs.

ROBERTA BRAXTON A/K/A ROBERTA JENKINS AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF KENNITH MAE PATRICK; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF KENNITH MAE PATRICK; any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

"JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, Defendants.

Plaintiff designates QUEENS as the place of trial situs of the real property

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Mortgaged Premises:  
115 -40 BEDELL ST, JAMAICA, NY 11434

Block: 12199, Lot: 28

To the above named Defendants

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service. Your failure to appear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you.

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$310,000.00 and interest, recorded on July 04, 2004, of the Public Records of QUEENS County, New York., covering premises known as 115 -40 BEDELL ST, JAMAICA, NY 11434.

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.

QUEENS County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county.

NOTICE  
YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.

Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property.  
Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action.  
YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

Dated: November 22nd, 2024  
ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC  
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NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS, U.S. BANK TRUST N.A., AS TRUSTEE OF THE BUNGALOW SERIES IV TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. MERCEDES AVILES A/K/A MERCEDES A. AVILES, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on October 22, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Queens County Supreme Courthouse, on the second floor in Courtroom 25, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11435 on January 10, 2025 at 11:00 a.m., premises known as 32-03 69th Street, Woodside a/k/a Jackson Heights, NY 11377. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Second Ward of the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York, Block 1165 and Lot 5. Approximate amount of judgment is \$609,026.22 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #705753/2018.

Oksana Pelekh, Esq., Referee

Friedman Vartolo LLP, 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff  
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# NYDN SPORTS



## CAN'T BAG BUCKS

Freak lifts Milwaukee over Nets in Brooklyn

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# Question for Yanks now is how to spend all that Soto money

BY GARY PHILLIPS  
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

Several days before Juan Soto's first home opener with the Yankees, the superstar discussed the topic of stability.

Only 25 at the time, it's possible Soto's definition of the word had become distorted and distilled. After being dealt by the Nationals and Padres earlier in his career, it had been a few years since the slugger went a full season without trade rumors swirling around his head. The average person wouldn't consider one year in one spot stable, but the situation offered Soto more steadiness than he had become accustomed to.

"I think I'm gonna be here for the full year," Soto said. "So I think that's really good stability."

Now 26, Soto has secured real stability, as well as generational wealth, while choosing to stay in New York City. However, it won't be the Yankees providing that security, as the free agent has agreed to a 15-year, \$765 million contract with the crosstown rival Mets after they reached the NLCS last season.

Soto's pact, which is not yet official, is the largest in professional sports history, a fitting distinction after Steve Cohen's deep pockets loomed over the supernova's free agency. It will also pay Soto a record-setting average annual salary of \$51 million. And unlike Shohei Ohtani's 10-year, \$700 million deal with the Dodgers, Soto's contract does not include deferments, per multiple reports.

Soto's deal does include an opt out after the fifth season and a \$75 million signing bonus, per multiple reports. ESPN's Jorge Castillo added that the Mets can void Soto's opt-out by escalating his average annual average value from \$51 million to \$55 million over the last 10 years.

In addition to the Yankees, the Red Sox, Blue Jays and Dodgers were also in on Soto throughout his closely covered sweepstakes. According to Jon Heyman, the Yankees' final bid was 16 years and \$760 million — less total money and a lower average annual salary than what the Mets offered Soto.

Soto's decision to bolt the Bronx is nothing short of disappointing for the Bombers, whose ideal offseason plan revolved around re-signing the charismatic right fielder. The Yankees liked their chances going into the offseason, as Soto genuinely seemed to enjoy his 2024 campaign with the team after being acquired from the Padres last December.

"It's been a blast for me," Soto said after the Yankees lost the World Series to the Dodgers.

Meanwhile, Yankees owner Hal Steinbrenner said he understood fans desperately wanted Soto back at MLB's Owners Meetings in mid-November.

"I've got ears," Steinbrenner said. "I know what's expected of me."

With the Yankees unable to retain Soto, there are a number of ways they can now spend the money they wanted to give him.

The team has question marks at first, second/third (depending on how Jazz Chisholm Jr. is used) and in all three outfield spots, though Judge will occupy center or right. Steinbrenner, who generally prefers a payroll below the highest luxury tax threshold, which is \$301 million in 2025, also said he wants a "deep dive" on the Yankees' rotation and bullpen.

Some younger players, like Caleb Durbin and Jasson Domínguez, could fill a few of those spots on cost-efficient salaries. However, the Yanks can spread their Soto money around on the top remaining free agents, a group that includes, but is not limited to, Corbin Burnes, Max Fried, Christian Walker, Alex Bregman, Anthony Santander and Tanner Scott.





"I love learning new things about this wonderful sport. Today I learned that Alabama administrators, media and fans are even whinier babies than I realized."  
Doug Lesmerises@DougLesmerises



## BAMA OUT, SMU IN

Even with expanded playoff field, controversy reigns in college football

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# HE'S GONE . . . AND HE'S BACK!

## Soto leaves Yanks, but not Big Apple as he opts for Mets, and their \$765 million deal

BY ABBEY MASTRACCO  
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

DALLAS — The Mets are the winners of the Juan Soto sweepstakes.

The outfielder chose the Mets out of the many big-moneyed suiters, coming to terms with the Amazin's on a 15-year, \$765 million contract on Sunday, one night before the start of baseball's annual winter meetings. The largest contract in professional sports history, it's a monumental signing for the 26-year-old Dominican and for the club.

With the addition of Soto, the Mets are set up to contend for titles for years to come. He'll join a core group of players already on multi-year contracts that include Francisco Lindor, Brandon Nimmo, Kodai Senga and Edwin Diaz. The pitching staff is still being built out for the 2025 season with the Mets recently adding former Yankees pitchers Frankie Montas and Clay Holmes, but Soto lends some cache to the Mets as they continue to add talent for next year and beyond.

A generational hitter often compared to Ted Williams, Soto is the type of free agent the team never would have pursued in the past. Instead, the Yankees of yesteryear would have thrown money at him while the Mets shopped in the bargain bins, always living in the shadows of big brother in the Bronx. But the shadows have shifted and it's the Mets who cast the bigger one now.

Soto spent last season with the Yankees, helping them win their first AL pennant since 2009. He was acquired in a trade with the Padres for exactly that reason a year ago during

a winter meetings blockbuster. The Yankees pursued him just as doggedly as the Mets, but Cohen's deep pockets and the Mets' recent success under president of baseball operations David Stearns ultimately won Soto over.

A seven-year veteran who broke into the league at only 19 years old, Soto owns a career slashline of .285/.421/.532. His on-base percentage leads all active players and he's only the fourth player to draw at least 700 walks through their age-26 season. A World Series champ at only 20 and a batting champ at only 21, Soto is an accomplished player who knows how to win.

There are few holes in his offensive game. His at-bats are theatrical with his signature "Soto shuffle" and his ability to frustrate Cy Young-caliber pitchers. Statcast had him in the 98th percentile or higher in most offensive categories last season, which is par for the course for the perennial MVP candidate.

A left-handed hitter, he hit .288 with a .989 OPS and a career-best 41 home runs with the Yankees last season, finishing third in AL MVP voting. He typically bats second, which gives the Mets a dominant 1-2 punch at the top of the order with Francisco Lindor hitting leadoff.

There is, however, one weakness in his game. Despite being named a Gold Glove finalist, Soto's outfield defense rates poorly. Better in right field than in left, last year his minus-5 outs above average ranked 38th out of 44 right fielders and his minus-1 defensive runs saved were tied for 13th among right fielders who played at least 500 innings.

It called into question the Gold Glove voting process. The award, which is presented by glove maker Rawling's, is voted on by managers and coaches and not based on statistical metrics. His route-running was exposed during the World Series when a costly miscue cost the Yankees a lead in Game 1. They ultimately lost to the Dodgers and his defense became even more of a hot-button issue than ever.

The Mets are currently carrying veteran right fielder Starling Marte, another Dominican Republic native. The 36-year-old has one more year left on his three-year contract and has struggled to stay healthy over the last two seasons. When healthy he produced at the plate in 2024, but also had declining defensive metrics.

However, both Soto and Marte made plenty of dynamic defensive plays last year. The Mets could look to trade Marte or use him as a DH. Marte dislikes being used as a DH, preferring to play the field, but came around to doing it when the team needed him to.

By joining the Mets, the former National rejoins the NL East. He'll now face his former team and some former teammates in Philadelphia often, adding to some already exciting rivalries.

Cohen put the Yankees on notice when he entered the league. No longer are they considered the evil empire, it's the Mets that had the better playoff showing against the Dodgers, the Mets with the better core and a rising farm system, and the Mets with the owners willing to spend historic money to bring top talent to Queens.

Juan Soto moves across town for 15-year, \$765 million deal with Mets Sunday night. AP



# IT'S ALL OVER FOR

## Sorry, Jets, no points for winning offseason

BY ANTWAN STALEY  
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

MIAMI GARDENS — Let's flashback to the year 2010.

Toy Story 3 was the most popular movie in America, people were still using Blackberry phones and the Jets actually had a winning football team.

Those were good times for Jets fans, unlike the last 14 years.

The Jets (3-10) were a long shot to make the playoffs before Sunday's game against the Dolphins. But Miami, for the second consecutive year, eliminated its division rival from playoff contention.

"Extremely shocked," Jets interim coach Jeff Ulbrich said following the 32-26 overtime loss to the Dolphins. "Disappointed, frustrated, and every other adjective you can think of."

"This group works so hard at it. I would venture to say they work harder than most. And because of that, it makes it more frustrating. It makes me feel that much worse for that group because they've done things right."

Many pundits believed this was the season in which the Jets would win their division and the challenge for a Super Bowl championship. Aaron Rodgers' return from a season-ending Achilles injury was supposed to be legendary.

Rodgers was trying to accomplish what Tom Brady and Peyton Manning did and win a Super Bowl with two franchises.

That's precisely why Woody Johnson fired Robert Saleh on Oct. 8 after the team began the season 2-3.

That's also why Johnson fired GM Joe Douglas and acquired Davante Adams in a trade on Oct. 15.

But that single mistake basically fumbled the Jets' season away, much like Brian Baumgartner's character Kevin Malone from "The Office" dropping a large bowl of chili in the middle of the floor.

Since Ulbrich became interim coach, the Jets have been 1-7 and have continued to lose games similarly. Gang Green suffered late losses in back-to-back weeks against Indianapolis and Seattle.

On Sunday, the Jets held an eight-point lead entering the fourth quarter, but again, they squandered it late and eventually lost in overtime.

"The expectations were high," Rodgers said. "Didn't reach them."

"A lot of difficult games and opportunities to win. Just didn't win

enough games. Didn't play good enough in some crunch times and that's why we are sitting here with the record we got."

The Jets' roster was flawed coming into the season. Rodgers never looked close to his former MVP self, and Gang Green's offense has been one of the worst in the league for most of the season.

"I mean, if you would have told me that in training camp, I would have been shocked," Jets wide receiver Garrett Wilson said. "With the way we practiced in training camp and handled business when we had other teams come in, I would have been like, 'you lying.'"

"One of my takeaways from this is winning the offseason. Winning in training camp is winning in training camp. Let's win when it matters."

Where the Jets go from here will be the million-dollar question.

Rodgers, 41, is not owed any more guaranteed money. If the Jets release Rodgers, they would have a \$49 million salary cap hit in 2025.

Before a decision on Rodgers can be made, the Jets must find a new general manager and coach to help lead them out of the abyss their organization has been in since the year Drake released his first solo album, "Thank Me Later."

Since Rex Ryan led them to the AFC Championship in 2010, the Jets have had four head coaches and four general managers. In a division where the Bills rule the kingdom, winning the last five AFC East crowns, the Jets will continue to stay in the basement if they do not get their next general manager and coaching hire right.

Meanwhile, the Jets still have four games remaining in the season, all of which are meaningless in a nightmarish season beyond Jets standards.

"You just gotta compartmentalize, man, and understand this is how this game goes," Adams said. "It is really difficult to win and we have been really, really close too many times. So it is frustrating. It is almost more frustrating when you are right there."

"All you get to do is control how you play and you don't get to control the score and complain about it. You have 60 minutes to figure it out, and once that 60 minutes is up, the team that has the most is going to be the happiest. We have been on the other side of that a lot. It has been frustrating, but you just have to stay the course and keep going."





# JETS, OFFICIALLY

## OT loss to Dolphins drops Gang to 3-10 and out of hope for '24

BY ANTWAN STALEY  
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

MIAMI GARDENS — The Jets will officially miss the playoffs once again.

The Dolphins (6-7) defeated the Jets, 32-26, in overtime on a beautiful, sunny, 77-degree day at Hard Rock Stadium when Jonnu Smith scored on a 10-yard touchdown pass from Tua Tagovailoa.

The loss officially eliminated the 3-10 Jets from playoff contention for the 14th straight year.

"We gotta find a way to finish and close these things out," interim coach Jeff Ulbrich said. "We gotta be at our best when the best is required."

"We are not getting that accomplished and I got to look at myself first."

Owner Woody Johnson fired Robert Saleh on Oct. 8, and the team has been in freefall ever since. Jeff Ulbrich, who became the interim coach on Oct. 8, has a 1-7 record. Gang Green also hadn't won a game since defeating the Texans on Halloween.

The Jets have also lost nine of their last 10 games overall.

Aaron Rodgers played his best game in a Jets uniform, completing 27-of-39 passes for a season-high 339 yards and a touchdown. Rodgers had been bothered by ankle, hamstring, and knee injuries since Week 4, but on Sunday, he looked like the player many expected coming off his Achilles injury a season ago.

It was Rodgers' first 300-yard game since December 2021, but it was not enough to come away with the win.

"We had some good stretches in the first five possessions," Rodgers said. "We gotta be better in the red zone and had a couple of negative plays and false starts that hurt us."

"We moved the ball efficiently. We obviously had the two three-and-outs and we were back tied and put together a nice drive to take the lead. So, disappointing."

Wide receivers Garrett Wilson and Davante Adams both torched the Dolphins secondary. They combined for 16 receptions for 223 yards and a touchdown.

Rodgers and Adams hooked up for a three-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter, which was the pair's 79th career touchdown. The duo passed former Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger and Antonio Brown for the fourth-most touchdowns by a quarterback and receiver pair in NFL history.

In place of Breece Hall, who was out due to a knee injury, Braelon Allen and Isaiah Davis combined to finish with 83 yards rushing.

Tagovailoa finished 33-of-47 for 331 yards and two touchdowns. The Jets defense didn't sack Tagovailoa and didn't even record a quarterback hit.

Anders Carlson gave the Jets a three-point lead with 52 seconds left when he converted a 42-yard field goal. But Malik Washington's

45-yard return put the Dolphins within striking distance of a game-tying field goal at their 46-yard-line.

"He missed it," Ulbrich said. "He was supposed to kick that ball in the back of the end zone. He just missed the kick. At the end of the day, we gotta cover what's kicked and we didn't cover it well enough."

Jason Sanders' 52-yard field goal tied the game, 26-26, and sent it into overtime.

Miami won the overtime toss and got the ball first and Tagovailoa carved up the Jets secondary. He eventually found Smith in the end zone for a game-winning touchdown.

"Losing period sucks," Wilson said. "To be up in the fourth quarter and all of a sudden, it starts to feel like we have a losing problem."

"It's not like we're just going out there and getting our butt beat start to finish. I know we have a chance to go win the game."

We're supposed to win the game."

Miami scored a touchdown on its opening drive. After an unnecessary roughness penalty on Javon Kinlaw and a pass interference on D.J. Reed in the end zone, Dolphins running back

De'Von Achane scored a one-yard touchdown. Sanders missed the extra point.

The Jets settled for three to make the score 6-3. After the Dolphins failed to convert on third down, Sanders made a 39-yard field goal, putting Miami up, 9-3 in the second quarter.

Early in the second quarter, Gang Green scored its first touchdown at Hard Rock Stadium since 2022. Following a 35-yard pass from Rodgers to Garrett Wilson, rookie Isaiah Davis rushed for a 17-yard touchdown that gave the Jets a 10-9 advantage.

Sanders converted his second field goal of the game with five minutes left in the second quarter as Miami retook the lead, 12-10. The Jets added another field goal to go up, 13-12.

With two seconds before halftime, Sanders nailed a 57-yard field goal, which gave Miami a 15-13 lead in the third.

Rodgers then found Adams for a three-yard touchdown pass that gave the Jets a 20-15 lead.

Late in the third quarter, Carlson added his third field goal, giving the Jets a 23-15 lead.

With 9:04 remaining in regulation, Tagovailoa completed a four-yard touchdown pass to Tyreek Hill. Then Tagovailoa's pass to Jaylen Waddle tied the game, 23-23.

With 4:25 left, the Jets got the ball with a chance to take the lead and win the game late. After completions to Adams and Allen Lazard, Carlson's 42-yard field goal gave the Jets a 26-23 lead with 51 seconds left.

But Sanders' 52-yard field goal sent the game into overtime.

The Jets will play in the Sunshine State again next weekend when they travel to EverBank Stadium to face the Jaguars.

Jonnu Smith hauls in game-winning catch in overtime Sunday at Miami Gardens. GETTY



# THE PLANE TRUTH

Just like 1978, Giants  
under fire from ground  
and air as season  
continues to spiral out  
of control with loss  
to lowly Saints





**Wide receiver Darius Slayton waits to exit after Giants suffer another brutal loss Sunday at Meadowlands. AP**

It's 1978 all over again.

A plane flying over MetLife Stadium Sunday morning carried a banner with a scathing message for Giants co-owner John Mara:

"MR MARA ENOUGH - PLZ FIX THIS DUMPSTER FIRE," the black letters read across the sky.

Then the Giants lost their eighth straight, 14-11, to a terrible Saints team that already fired its head coach.

They fell on a last-second field goal block by Saints defensive lineman Bryan Bresee.

"I ain't paid for the plane," rookie receiver Malik Nabers said.

Mara saw fan unrest of this magnitude 46 years ago, on Dec. 10, 1978, when a fan flew a rented plane over the field during a win over the St. Louis Cardinals with a sign that read:

"15 yrs of Lousy Football....We've Had Enough."

Fans protested and burned tickets in the Giants Stadium parking lot back then. On Sunday, fan wore paper bags over their heads in the stands that read "2-10 Sell the team" and "One Giant Mistake" and "Saquon was here."

The defeat dropped Joe Schoen's and Brian Daboll's team to 2-11 this season and 0-7 at home.

The plane could get them fired today.

Not to mention 12 penalties and the Giants' reliable ability to constantly shoot themselves in the foot.

"That's just football," Nabers said of the constant errors. "That's just the New York Giants this year."

Hall of Famer Terry Bradshaw said on FOX's halftime show that it's time for the Giants to tear it all down.

"The Giants, they're just a bad football team," Bradshaw said. "They've just got to reload, unload it and start over."

That's what happened the last time someone flew a plane over MetLife Stadium to shame the Giants for their dysfunction.

The 1978 plane preceded what Mara once called "no question the low point in the history of the franchise."

The Giants fired coach John McVay and ended Andy Robustelli's tenure as director of operations. And then Mara's father, Wellington, and John's cousin, Tim Mara, held an infamous dueling press conference on Feb. 8, 1979, that put their bitter dynamic on display.

The eventual result was NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle's appointment of George Young as the Giants' first true general manager, a step-in that helped turn around the lost franchise. (It actually happened at the behind-the-scenes behest of Wellington, who knew that Tim wouldn't accept Young if he knew he was Wellington's preferred candidate).

This comparison obviously puts Schoen and Daboll in regrettable company, but it's

where they belong. It's hard to imagine them returning for a fourth season, if they even make it past this morning.

It also begs the question of whether Mara and the Tisch families again need outside help from the NFL or otherwise to turn this around - or whether they will be able to do it themselves.

Schoen put one of the worst rosters in Giants history on the field Sunday. This was a preseason depth chart. Most of the Giants' key players have tapped out or gone down with injuries.

Daboll, who took over the offensive play-calling this season, is running the lowest-scoring offense in football at 14.9 points per game and 10.1 points per game at home.

Unbelievably, the Giants offense had starting field

position near or across midfield five times in the first half and scored a total of three points before halftime.

And despite a late surge by Drew Lock with plenty of teammates down with injuries throughout the game, Daboll's Giants sure enough committed a false start penalty and let Graham Gano's field-goal attempt get blocked for another loss.

When Daboll was asked about the plane flying overhead, his answer was terse:

"We've won two games," he said. "So I'm not happy either."

Asked what his argument would be for staying the course, Daboll crumpled his stat sheet and reiterated his point.

"I'm disappointed we have two wins," he said. "So we're just going to keep on grinding it out and try to keep developing these young players and get ready to play a great team next week."

Does it embarrass Daboll that the plane flew over the stadium on this gameday?

"I'm just disappointed that we lost this game," he said.

Nabers played through a hip flexor. Tyronne Tracy Jr. scored a fourth quarter rushing touchdown.

Undrafted defensive tackle Casey Rogers blocked a Saints field-goal attempt. Tre Hawkins recorded the first interception by a Giants defensive back this season, their second as a team and their first since rookie linebacker Darius Muasau's in Week 1.

Lock had to get X-rays and has more tests coming today after taking several huge hits.

"If there's no grass stains on this jersey, I'd feel like I didn't do anything," Lock said with a smile.

There are no silver linings here, though. The Giants are paper-bag bad in their 100th season in franchise history.

They're "Sell the team" and "fix this dumpster fire" bad. They've been issued an edict by the fans to clean house and start over.

And this morning, that's exactly what Mara and the Tisch family must do.



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# Mikal on Knick defense: 'Not good ... Not good!'

BY KRISTIAN WINFIELD  
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

Whose man is Tim Hardaway Jr.?

It's the opening possession of Saturday night's game at the Garden — a prime opportunity for the Knicks to extend their winning streak to five — and Detroit's Jaden Ivey grabs a rebound off Jalen Brunson's pull-up miss.

Ivey pushes the ball and kicks it to Cade Cunningham at the top of the key. Cunningham doesn't hesitate. He spots Hardaway — a sharpshooter who once called MSG home — alone in the corner, unnoticed by the Knicks' defense.

Before the Knicks can even set, Cunningham delivers a pinpoint pass, and Hardaway rattles home the three — a fitting start to a night when Detroit would pick apart the Knicks' defense, possession by possession.

It was the first of Cunningham's career-high 15 assists, a harbinger of a night where Detroit dissected the Knick defense, possession by possession.

Cunningham would finish with a 29-point triple double. He would score 16 points on 4-of-4 shooting from deep in the second quarter alone. The game was largely decided in the opening period. The Pistons didn't just expose the Knick defense — they put a spotlight on the lingering flaws this team must address as it strives to peak when it matters most.

Because in their 120-111 loss, the Knicks' first-quarter collapse was a microcosm of a larger issue: While their offense is on pace to break records, defensive inconsistencies — and a fragile center situation — are threatening to undermine championship aspirations.

"(Our defense is) not good. Not good," Mikal Bridges says. "I think we pick and choose when (we want to play defense), and we ain't that good to just pick and choose when we want to play defense. I don't think any team's that good. It starts with me as well. Just gotta be more vocal and lead by example. It's all of us."

"When you're shorthanded, your margin of error is a lot tighter," says Tom Thibodeau. "You've got to play with great intensity on every possession, and if you do that, you're going to have a chance to win."

It's the second possession of the opening period, and Jericho Sims, starting for Karl-Anthony Towns (patellar tendinopathy) is in motion.

His man, Jalen Duren, just set a pin-down screen on Ivey. Now, he's flaring up to the top of the key to set a screen on Bridges, guarding Cunningham at the point of attack.

Bridges fights over the screen and sticks with Cunningham. Sims follows. The unguarded Duren rolls hard to the paint.

Now Josh Hart is in a bind: Whose man is this?

Hart leaves Tobias Harris wide open in the corner to take away the easy pass to Duren for the dunk.

Cunningham, smothered by the Sims-Bridges double, picks up his dribble, then whips a cross-court pass to Harris.

Harris misses the open look, but for a second possession in a row, the Knicks cede an open three.

The Pistons would shoot 7-of-15 from deep in the opening period alone and 18-of-36 on the night.

"Think communication is the biggest thing. A lot of transition, just no communication, just not talking to

each other. And it's not like we don't like each other or anything. It's just that sense of urgency, trying to help each other out," Bridges says. "We gotta understand that when we don't talk to each other, it's gonna hurt us, and so in transition, not saying nothing, so somebody's gonna step up, and two are gonna go to the ball, and two are gonna go to one man, and you give up open 3s.

Now Sims is making the right play.

He's closing out hard to Ivey and recovering to take away the baseline drive. Cunningham, however, is playing chess against a Knicks defense playing tic-tac-toe. He begins this possession using his six-inch height advantage in a mismatch with Brunson on the high post.

Cunningham watches OG Anunoby cheat before committing to the double. He watches Bridges slowly cheat off of Hardaway, to cover for Anunoby. Hart is next in rotation. He is up to leave his man — Ivey in the corner — to cover for Bridges. With

Bridges and Hart caught mid-rotation, Cunningham whips a pass to Hardaway before Hart begins to rotate.

"I thought it was a work of art, to not only move the ball — we did — but to have the recognition and the reads of what their defense was trying to do," Pistons coach J.B. Bickerstaff says. "And then we use their defense against them to create open opportunities."

Which brings us to the roller-coaster ride that has been the start to Sims' fourth NBA season. Now in rotation, Sims closes out hard on Ivey, recovers and denies the baseline drive, forcing the crafty guard to pick up his dribble.

But his teammates collapse the paint — and Brunson leaves Cunningham to help under the rim. The Pistons' star floats to the corner for a wide-open three.

The first quarter was rife with defensive miscues and miscommunication.

There were far too many instances, particularly in transition, where Pistons feasted from downtown.

"Yeah (we always talk on defense) but I think we can always be better. And today we lacked it real early," Bridges says.

Now Sims is walking to the bench. After back-to-back crippling turnovers, Thibodeau has little choice but to pull the night's starting center.

Sims can leap with the best of them and has flashed the potential to rebound at a high level, but costly mistakes on offense have hurt his opportunities this season.

After his dogged defense on Ivey, Sims turns the ball over on back-to-back possessions, Detroit scoring on both: first a fumbled dump-off pass on a rare look from Brunson, then an inexcusable drive to the rim from the three-point line.

Seething with anger, Thibodeau hooks Sims after six first-quarter minutes and benches him for the night. Next up is Ariel Hukporti, the 58th and final pick in the 2024 draft.

No Towns. No Mitchell Robinson. Now, no Sims. Thibodeau is "searching."

"We wanted energy. You have to hustle. You have Cunningham and Ivey, very dynamic off the dribble. So any time you put two on the ball, you have to protect the rim, but you also have to rotate cleanly to challenge shots," Thibodeau says. "Everyone's gotta know what the next guy's doing. Normally, we're good at that. We weren't tonight. And we've gotta fix it quickly and get ready for the next game."



Pistons' Jaden Ivey drives to basket Saturday. AP

# NETS RUN OUT OF MAGIC



BY C.J. HOLMES  
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

The opening half of Nets' 118-113 loss to the Bucks on Sunday at Barclays Center had no shortage of highlight-worthy moments.

In the first quarter, Cam Johnson blocked Giannis Antetokounmpo's layup at one end, then drained one of his four 3-pointers at the other, set up by a beautiful Ben Simmons pass that split two Milwaukee defenders.

Nic Claxton crossed up Brook Lopez at the top of the key, with the shot clock running down, and finished at the rim with a

two-handed slam. The 6-11 center was playing like a man possessed.

Dennis Schröder poured in 19 points in his first 15 minutes, capped off by a buzzer-beating floater that sent the Nets into the locker room at halftime with a 52-51 advantage. The Bucks had won eight of their last 10 games entering the day, but the Nets were putting on a show early and were seemingly unfazed.

"We got a lot of weapons in this locker room," Schröder said.

However, the Nets needed a few more moments to go their way down the stretch, and they did not.

BUCKS	118
NETS	113





**Giannis Antetokounmpo slams home two points in Bucks' victory over Nets Sunday afternoon in Brooklyn. AP**

# Despite loss, Claxton gives Nets promise

BY PETER SBLENDORIO  
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

This season has come with its share of challenges for Nets center Nic Claxton.

He suffered a hamstring injury before the start of the preseason, causing him to begin the regular season on a minutes restriction.

A nagging lower-back injury then required an epidural injection in mid-November. Claxton missed three consecutive games after the injection, then sat out two more toward the end of the month, again due to his back.

Claxton said last month that the back issue began in the summer and was something he expected he would need to continue to manage.

He entered Sunday averaging 9.1 points, 7.6 rebounds and 1.2 blocks in 24.8 minutes per game this season — his lowest marks in each category in three years.

But in Sunday's 118-113 loss to the Bucks at Barclays Center, Claxton looked the part of the game-disrupting center that the Nets signed to a four-year, \$100 million extension during the offseason to be a foundational piece in their rebuild.

He scored a season-high 21 points on 9-of-14 shooting, adding 10 rebounds, four assists, two blocks and three steals in a season-high 33 minutes.

"I'm just getting my flow back," Claxton, 25, said. "Just playing more games, my body, everything's starting to come together. I need to be aggressive for us, especially right now with Cam (Thomas) being out."

Claxton's uptick in aggressiveness came against one of the NBA's most physically imposing frontcourts, led by Giannis Antetokounmpo, who won NBA Defensive Player of the Year in 2020, and fellow 7-footer Brook Lopez, who was the runner-up for the award in 2023.

The 6-11 Claxton got off to a fast start, driving past Lopez from the top of the key for a two-handed dunk in the first quarter.

In the second quarter, he stayed in front of a driving Antetokounmpo and delivered an emphatic block off of the backboard.

And in the third quarter, Claxton collected a pass from Dennis Schröder on a pick-and-roll and used a spin move before banking in a layup over Lopez. Later in the period, he tipped his own miss back to himself for another layup, this time past Bobby Portis.

"All it takes is a good three weeks and he's right back to his numbers," Nets forward Dorian Finney-Smith said of Claxton.

"He's been hurt all summer. He's been in and out of the lineup, so it's hard to get your rhythm, especially playing as a big nowadays. It ain't like they're throwing you the ball 15 times and telling you to go get a bucket. He's gotta work for his points."

Claxton, a six-year NBA veteran, appeared in at least 71 games in each of the last two seasons, averaging at least 11.8 points, 9.2 rebounds, 1.9 blocks and 29.8 minutes per game in both.

Sunday marked the first time since Nov. 11 that Claxton played at least 30 minutes. He had not scored more than 16 points in any of his 17 games this season before Sunday's.

But Claxton's numbers have been improving. He's now scored in double-figures in three straight games. He scored 16 points on 7-of-8 shooting and eight rebounds in the Nets' previous game, a victory over Indy.

"I'm feeling better mentally, physically, and everything's just coming together," Claxton said. "Just knowing that my back's OK, so I'm trusting my body, I'm putting the work in, and I'm getting back into the flow of things."

After building a 12-point lead midway through the third quarter, Milwaukee closed the period on a 17-5 run to tie the game, 86-86, entering the final frame.

An Antetokounmpo dunk off a Schröder miss gave the Bucks a 111-108 lead with 1:09 left. Cam Johnson could not answer at the other end. But a bad pass by Damian Lillard ended up in the hands of Keon Johnson, and the Nets had one last shot to tie the game.

They pushed in transition and the ball found Keon Johnson. The guard took one dribble, then hoisted a heavily contested 3-pointer that missed off the far side of the rim. If he made it, it would have been the Nets' moment of the game. Instead, it was the Bucks' defining stop, as they were able to ice the game from there at the free-throw line.

Milwaukee shot 55.6% from the field, 50% from deep, and 62.5% on two-point attempts in the fourth quarter. The moments the Nets truly needed down the stretch were stops.

"Our defense was atrocious," coach Jordi Fernandez said. "If our guys that wear a Brooklyn Nets jersey don't play harder defense, they don't have a place on our roster... We didn't guard anybody in the last two minutes."

Schröder finished with 34 points, three rebounds and 11 assists for the Nets, and Cam Johnson added 26 points in a 50.6% team shooting effort. Claxton played his best all-around game of the season with 21 points, 10 rebounds and two blocks.

Antetokounmpo matched Schröder with 34 points of his own in Milwaukee's

12th win of the season.

"I'm just getting my flow back," Claxton said.

"That's just me playing more games. My body, everything is just starting to come together. I need to be aggressive for us, especially right now with Cam (Thomas) being out and us missing some scoring."

The Nets fell to 10-14 and have lost four of their last five games. Their season series with the Bucks is tied, 1-1. They will face Milwaukee two more times this season, both at Fiserv Forum on Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.

The Nets will have the next four days off after failing to advance to the knockout rounds of the NBA Cup. They will return to action on Friday against the Grizzlies at FedExForum.



# Bama snubbed for playoff

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SMU captured the last open spot in the College Football Playoff, edging Alabama to land in a first-of-its-kind, 12-team bracket that placed undefeated Oregon at No. 1.

The selection committee preferred the Mustangs (11-2), losers of a heartbreaker in the Atlantic Coast Conference title game, who had a far less difficult schedule than Alabama (9-3) of the SEC but, ultimately, still one fewer loss.

The expanded bracket marks a new era for college football, though the Alabama-SMU debate made clear that there is no perfect formula for identifying a champion.

"We just felt, in this particular case, SMU had the nod above Alabama," said Michigan athletic director Warde Manuel, the chair of the selection committee. "But it's no disrespect to Alabama's strength of schedule. We looked at the entire body of work for both teams."

The tournament starts Dec. 20-21 with four first-round games involving teams seeded 5-12. It concludes Jan. 20 with the national title game in Atlanta.

Georgia, Boise State and Arizona State join Oregon with first-round byes.

Georgia, the SEC champion, was seeded second; Boise State, the Mountain West champion, earned the third seed; and Big 12 titlist Arizona State got the fourth seed

and the fourth and final first-round bye.

All will play in quarterfinals at bowl games on Dec. 31-Jan. 1.

Clemson stole a bid and the 12th seed with its crazy win over SMU, the result that ultimately cost Alabama a spot in the field. The Tigers moved to No. 16 in the rankings, but got in as the fifth-best conference winner.

Texas, Penn St, Notre Dame and Ohio St get home field in first round

There was some tension around how the rest of the teams were seeded because that determined who gets home-field advantage in the first round. The games are No. 12 Clemson at No. 5 Texas; No. 11 SMU at No. 6 Penn State; No. 10 Indiana at No. 7 Notre Dame; and No. 9 Tennessee at No. 8 Ohio State.

Alabama comes up short in the bracket's biggest debate

The Big Ten leads the way with four teams, followed by the SEC with three and the ACC with two.

The lasting memory from the inaugural bracket reveal will involve the decision that handed the ACC that second bid.

There's a portion of college football fandom that believes almost everything in the sport has been rigged in favor of Alabama and the SEC over recent years. The Crimson Tide has won three national titles in the 10-year history of the playoff and had made the field eight times, including last year

when it edged out undefeated Florida State for the last of what was then four spots.

SEC backers argue the preferential treatment is deserved, mainly because the SEC is a 16-team league loaded with powerhouse programs.

This season, for instance, the Tide played the 16th toughest schedule and went 3-1 against teams in the top 25. SMU's numbers: 60th in strength of schedule and 0-2 against the top 25.

But the committee also indicated it was reluctant to penalize teams that play in conference title games. SMU did. Alabama didn't. And the way the Mustangs fought back from a three-touchdown deficit before finally losing to Clemson had an impact among the 13 people making the decision.

"We were impressed with the fact that SMU came back the way they did," Manuel said. "They performed better in that second half offensively," sort of like they have all season.

Conference commissioners OK'd the idea of giving conference champions preferable treatment in this first iteration of the 12-team playoff.

The committee actually ranked Boise State, the Mountain West Champion, at No. 9 but the Broncos are the 3 seed, set to play in the Fiesta Bowl on Dec. 31. Arizona State was 12th-ranked but jumped to the No. 4 seed and will play in the Peach bowl on New Year's.



Alabama and coach Kalen DeBoer see title dreams end with tournament snub Sunday. AP

## Oregon stays No. 1 going into first expanded college tourney

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Georgia moved up to No. 2 behind Oregon in The Associated Press Top 25 on Sunday, Texas and Penn State remained in the top five after losing conference championship games, and Arizona State appeared in the top 10 for the first time in a decade.

Unbeaten Oregon, with its win over Penn State in the Big Ten title game, goes into the College Football Playoff as the No. 1 seed and the No. 1 team in the AP poll for the eighth straight week. Oregon's hold on No. 1 is the longest by a Big Ten team since Ohio State went on an 11-week run in 2014.

Alabama and SMU were Nos. 11 and 12, respectively, in the AP Top 25, but the Mustangs edged out the Crimson Tide for the final playoff spot. The poll was released shortly before the CFP rankings.

Georgia's overtime win over Texas in the Southeastern Conference championship game earned the Bulldogs a three-spot promotion. The Bulldogs, like Oregon, locked up a first-round bye in the playoff.

Notre Dame rose one spot to No. 3 for its highest ranking since late in the 2020 season. Texas and Penn State each slipped two spots.

Ohio State, Tennessee, Boise State, Indiana and Arizona State — all playoff teams — rounded out the top 10.

Arizona State's win over Iowa State in the Big 12 title game gave the Sun Devils their first 11-win season since 1996 and their first top-10 ranking since they were No. 7 following an 8-1 start in 2014.

The final AP Top 25 will be released following the national championship game Jan. 20.

### VONN 'REALLY FREAKING CLOSE'

Lindsey Vonn is still getting her ski equipment dialed in and getting used to going full speed again on her new titanium knee.

That's why all that the 40-year-old is reading into being more than two seconds behind in a pair of lower-level super-G races on Sunday is that she's right there. This after nearly six years away from ski racing and only an abbreviated prep period.

"I know it seems like I'm far away, but I'm actually really freaking close for only having run a few days of training after basically six years," Vonn said in an interview with The Associated Press after a series of lower-level downhill and super-G races over the weekend at Copper Mountain. "I honestly never thought I'd be back in this position."

Vonn isn't coming out of retirement as part of some sort of feel-good story. Her return is simply about proving something to herself.



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# THAT WAS QUICK

Rangers see early lead vanish as Kraken nets four goals in second period

Rangers goalie Jonathan Quick is peppered by Kraken Sunday afternoon at Garden. AP

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oliver Bjorkstrand scored two goals to go along with two assists to help Philipp Grubauer and the Kraken beat the Rangers, 7-5, on Sunday afternoon at the Garden.

Eeli Tolvanen notched a goal and two assists for Seattle, which trailed, 3-1, early in the second period.

Brandon Tanev, Vince Dunn, Shane Wright and Yanni Gourde also scored. Grubauer stopped 32 shots.

K'Andre Miller and Vincent Trocheck each recorded a goal and an assist for the Rangers, who lost for the seventh time in nine games. Reilly Smith, Filip Chytil and Alexis Lafreniere also scored.

The Rangers traded captain Jacob Trouba to Anaheim on Friday, and then topped Pittsburgh, 4-2.

Jonathan Quick stopped 15 shots for the Rangers while subbing for Igor Shesterkin, who was away from the team because his wife went into labor with their second child. Shesterkin's eight-year contract extension was announced Saturday.

Wright's seventh goal of the season gave Seattle a 6-3 lead 11:13 into the third period.

But the Rangers pulled within one on goals by Miller and Lafreniere.

Gourde's empty-netter at 18:14 helped close it out for the Kraken.

The Rangers allowed six or more goals for the third time in their last eight home games.

Tolvanen's tying goal 88 seconds after Tanev cut Seattle's deficit to one energized the Kraken in the

second period.

The Rangers fell to 7-6-1 at home with a third loss in their last five games at Madison Square Garden.

**ISLANDERS 4, SENATORS 2**

Ilya Sorokin stopped 29 shots to lift the Islanders over the Senators on Sunday night, one day after stopping 28 in a win over the Hurricanes.

In comparison, Ottawa's Anton Forsberg faced 12 shots.

Both teams were playing the back half of back-to-backs.

With the game tied, 2-2, Kyle Palmieri gave the Islanders the lead at 13:46 of the third with their second power-play goal of the game.

Ottawa pressed hard for the equalizer, but Sorokin rose to the occasion and Bo Horvat added an empty-net goal to secure the win.

Adam Gaudette opened the scoring early in the first for his 13th of the season, setting a new career high.

Anders Lee came up big to tie the game. Palmieri picked up his 500th career point with an assist on the play.

**AVALANCHE 4, DEVILS 0**

Scott Wedgewood stopped 25 shots for his seventh career shutout, leading the Avalanche to victory over the Devils on Sunday night in Newark.

Ross Colton, Logan O'Connor, Artturi Lehkonen and Parker Kelly scored for the Avalanche (16-13-0). Casey Mittelstadt and Calvin de

Haan recorded two assists apiece.

Jake Allen stopped 19 shots for the Devils (18-10-2).

Wedgewood was acquired from the Predators on Nov. 29 in exchange for Justus Annunen and a sixth-round draft choice. He appeared in 23 games over parts of three seasons (2015-16, 2020-21 and 2021-22) with the Devils.

Colton, who scored in the first period, was skating in his second game since suffering a lower-body injury on Oct. 28 against Chicago. He had gotten off to a hot start for Colorado, scoring eight goals in the first 10 games of the season prior to the injury.

Lehkonen scored for the third time in Colorado's last four games.

Colorado earned its fourth shutout of the season. The Devils were blanked for the fifth time this season.



## NFL STANDINGS

## AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
y-Buffalo	10	3	0	.769	397	268	6-0-0	4-3-0	7-2-0	3-1-0	3-0-0
Miami	6	7	0	.462	264	292	4-3-0	2-4-0	5-4-0	1-3-0	3-2-0
e-N.Y. Jets	3	10	0	.231	251	300	2-4-0	1-6-0	3-6-0	0-4-0	1-3-0
e-New England	3	10	0	.231	221	307	1-5-0	2-5-0	2-7-0	1-3-0	1-3-0
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
Houston	8	5	0	.615	308	288	4-2-0	4-3-0	6-2-0	2-3-0	4-1-0
Indianapolis	6	7	0	.462	267	298	3-3-0	3-4-0	5-4-0	1-3-0	1-3-0
e-Jacksonville	3	10	0	.231	238	345	2-4-0	1-6-0	3-5-0	0-5-0	2-2-0
e-Tennessee	3	10	0	.231	227	342	1-5-0	2-5-0	3-5-0	0-5-0	1-2-0
NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
Pittsburgh	10	3	0	.769	323	238	5-1-0	5-2-0	7-2-0	3-1-0	3-1-0
Baltimore	8	5	0	.615	383	318	4-2-0	4-3-0	5-4-0	3-1-0	2-2-0
Cincinnati	4	8	0	.333	335	340	1-5-0	3-3-0	2-6-0	2-2-0	1-3-0
e-Cleveland	3	10	0	.231	232	335	2-4-0	1-6-0	3-5-0	0-5-0	2-2-0
WEST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
y-Kansas City	12	1	0	.923	308	252	7-0-0	5-1-0	7-1-0	5-0-0	5-0-0
L.A. Chargers	8	5	0	.615	277	207	4-2-0	4-3-0	5-4-0	3-1-0	2-2-0
Denver	8	5	0	.615	305	234	4-2-0	4-3-0	4-4-0	4-1-0	2-2-0
e-Las Vegas	2	11	0	.154	236	361	1-4-0	1-7-0	2-8-0	0-3-0	0-5-0

## NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
x-Philadelphia	11	2	0	.846	342	234	5-1-0	6-1-0	4-0-0	7-2-0	3-0-0
Washington	8	5	0	.615	376	296	5-2-0	3-3-0	3-2-0	5-3-0	2-2-0
Dallas	5	7	0	.417	248	339	1-5-0	4-2-0	2-2-0	3-5-0	3-1-0
e-N.Y. Giants	2	11	0	.154	194	293	0-7-0	2-4-0	1-2-0	1-9-0	0-5-0
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
Tampa Bay	7	6	0	.538	363	309	3-4-0	4-2-0	1-3-0	6-3-0	2-2-0
Atlanta	6	7	0	.462	278	333	3-4-0	3-3-0	0-4-0	6-3-0	4-1-0
New Orleans	5	8	0	.385	290	292	3-4-0	2-4-0	1-3-0	4-5-0	2-3-0
Carolina	3	10	0	.231	233	388	2-5-0	1-5-0	1-4-0	2-6-0	1-3-0
NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
x-Detroit	12	1	0	.923	417	234	6-1-0	6-0-0	4-0-0	8-1-0	4-0-0
Minnesota	11	2	0	.846	339	240	6-1-0	5-1-0	5-0-0	6-2-0	2-1-0
Green Bay	9	4	0	.692	349	274	5-2-0	4-2-0	5-0-0	4-4-0	1-3-0
Chicago	4	9	0	.308	254	278	4-3-0	0-6-0	2-3-0	2-6-0	0-3-0
WEST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
Seattle	8	5	0	.615	302	283	3-4-0	5-1-0	4-1-0	4-4-0	3-2-0
L.A. Rams	7	6	0	.538	298	332	4-3-0	3-3-0	3-1-0	4-5-0	2-1-0
Arizona	6	7	0	.462	284	289	4-3-0	2-4-0	3-1-0	3-6-0	2-2-0
San Francisco	6	7	0	.462	308	308	4-3-0	2-4-0	2-2-0	4-5-0	1-3-0

e-Eliminated from playoffs; x-clinched playoff spot; y-clinched division

## WEEK 14

## SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Miami 32, N.Y. Jets 26 (OT)  
New Orleans 14, N.Y. Giants 11  
Jacksonville 10, Tennessee 6  
Minnesota 42, Atlanta 21  
Philadelphia 22, Carolina 16  
Pittsburgh 27, Cleveland 14  
Tampa Bay 28, Las Vegas 13  
Seattle 30, Arizona 18  
L.A. Rams 44, Buffalo 42  
San Francisco 38, Chicago 13  
Kansas City 19, L.A. Chargers 17  
**Open:** Baltimore, Denver, Houston,  
Indianapolis, New England, Washington  
**MONDAY'S GAME**  
Cincinnati at Dallas, 8:15p.m. (ESPN, Ch. 7)  
**THURSDAY'S RESULT**  
Detroit 34, Green Bay 31

## Kansas City 19, L.A. Chargers 17

L.A. Chargers	0	0	14	3	-	17
Kansas City	3	10	0	6	-	19
First Quarter						
KC:	FG Wright	47,	10:05.			
Second Quarter						
KC:	FG Wright	33,	7:47.			
KC:	Hopkins	9	pass from Mahomes (Wright kick),	47.		
Third Quarter						
LAC:	Edwards	3	run (Dicker kick),	7:12.		
LAC:	Johnston	4	pass from Herbert (Dicker kick),	3:30.		
Fourth Quarter						
KC:	FG Wright	50,	13:04.			
LAC:	FG Dicker	37,	4:35.			
KC:	FG Wright	31,	0:0.			

TEAM STATS	LAC	KC
First downs	20	20
Total Net Yards	288	298
Rushes-yards	24-94	25-96
Passing	194	202
Punt Returns	1-0	3-34
Kickoff Returns	4-106	3-85
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	21-30-0	24-37-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-19	3-8
Punts	5-42.6	4-51.8
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-50	8-98
Time of Possession	30:53	29:07
RUSHING:	LAC, Edwards 10-36, Vidal 8-34, Heinicke 1-12, Herbert 4-12, Davis 1-0. KC, Pacheco 14-55, Mahomes 4-17, Hunt 5-16, Worthy 1-5, Perine 1-3.	
PASSING:	LAC, Herbert 21-30-0-213. KC, Mahomes 24-37-0-210.	
RECEIVING:	LAC, Palmer 6-78, Johnston 5-48, Smartt 3-54, Dissly 2-19, Davis 2-1, Chark 1-9, Reagar 1-4, Fisk 1-0. KC, Kelce 5-45, Worthy 1-41, Hopkins 4-32, Gray 4-26, Smith-Schuster 2-31, Pacheco 2-6, Perine 1-16, Hunt 1-13.	

## New Orleans 14, N.Y. Giants 11

New Orleans	0	0	7	0	-	14
N.Y. Giants	7	3	0	8	-	11
First Quarter						
NO:	K.Miller	8	run (Grupe kick),	1:19.		
Second Quarter						
NYG:	FG Gano	43,	11:20.			
Third Quarter						
NO:	Johnson	11	pass from Carr (Grupe kick),	3:40.		
Fourth Quarter						
NYG:	Tracy	1	run (Nabers pass from Lock),	4:11.		

TEAM STATS	NO	NYG
First downs	18	16
Total Net Yards	292	325
Rushes-yards	33-92	23-112
Passing	200	213
Punt Returns	0-0	5-46
Kickoff Returns	2-47	2-49
Interceptions Ret.	1-0	1-0
Comp-Att-Int	20-31-1	21-49-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-19	2-14
Punts	7-41.7	8-37.4
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-40	12-112
Time of Possession	31:49	28:11
RUSHING:	NO, Kamara 17-44, Miller 10-32, Carr 2-12, Williams 3-5, Haener 1-10, Austin 1-5, NYG, Nabers 5-79, Bellinger 5-45, Tracy 5-38, Robinson 4-38, Slayton 2-27.	
MISSSED FGs:	NO, Grupe 60, 53. NYG, Gano 35.	
TACKLES-ASSISTS-SACKS:	NO, Amadi 6-2-0, Davis 5-3-0, Harris 5-1-0, Werner 5-1-0, Saunders 4-1-1, McKinstry 4-0-0, Granderson 3-1-0, Taylor 2-1-0, Shepherd 1-1-0, Bresce 1-0-1, Howden 1-0-0, Turner 1-0-0, Foskey 0-1-0, Jordan 0-1-0, Mathieu 0-1-0, Ridgeway 0-1-0, C.Young 0-1-0. NYG, McFadden 8-3-0, Musau 7-1-0, Hawkins 4-2-0, Nubin 4-1-0, Pinnock 2-4-0, Burns 2-2-1, Thiabodeaux 2-1-1, Durden 2-1-0, A.Jackson 2-1-0, Simmons 2-1-0, Stroman 2-0-0, Belton 1-4-0, Garcia 1-4-0, Chatman 1-2-0, J.Riley 1-0-0, Green 0-1-0, P.Johnson 0-1-0.	

## Minnesota 42, Atlanta 21

Atlanta	7	3	11	0	-	21
Minnesota	7	7	7	21	-	42
<b>First Quarter</b>						
Min:	Algeier 6 run (Koo kick), 8:58.					
Min:	Addison 49 pass from Darnold (Reichard kick), :37.					
<b>Second Quarter</b>						
Min:	Jefferson 12 pass from Darnold (Reichard kick), 2:01.					
Atl:	FG Koo 20, :10.					
<b>Third Quarter</b>						
Atl:	FG Koo 29, 5:06.					
Min:	Jefferson 52 pass from Darnold (Reichard kick), 3:25.					
Atl:	B.Robinson 13 run (B.Robinson run), :39.					
<b>Fourth Quarter</b>						
Min:	Addison 11 pass from Darnold (Reichard kick), 12:59.					
Min:	Addison 6 pass from Darnold (Reichard kick), 8:23.					
Min:	A.Jones 15 run (Reichard kick), 3:38.					
<b>TEAM STATS</b>						
First downs	ATL		MIN			
	25		23			
Total Net Yards	496		433			
Rushes-yards	32-158		24-115			
Passing	338		318			
Punt Returns	1-11		0-0			
Kickoff Returns	1-31		2-46			
Interceptions Ret.	0-0		2-4			
Comp-Att-Int	23-37-2		22-28-0			
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-6		4-29			
Punts	1-53.0		2-51.0			
Fumbles-Lost	1-1		0-0			
Penalties-Yards	12-127		6-35			
Time of Possession	31:35		28:25			
<b>RUSHING:</b> ATL, Robinson 22-92, Algeier 9-63, McCloud 1-3, MIN, A.Jones 13-73, Akers 5-37, Darnold 4-7, Mullens 2-(minus 2).						
<b>PASSING:</b> ATL, Cousins 23-37-2-344, MIN, Darnold 22-28-0-347.						
<b>RECEIVING:</b> ATL, McCloud 8-98, Mooney 6-142, D.London 5-70, Robinson 2-9, Pitts 1-14, Woerner 1-11, MIN, Addison 8-133, Jefferson 7-132, Hockenson 4-45, A.Jones 2-11, Oliver 1-26.						
<b>MISSSED FIELD GOALS:</b> MIN, Reichard 47.						

## Philadelphia 22, Carolina 16

Carolina	3	7	6	0	—	16
Philadelphia	0	14	0	8	—	22
First Quarter						
Car:	FG Pineiro	38,	1:09.			
Second Quarter						
Phi:	Hurts	1	run (Elliott kick),	11:48.		
Car:	Tremble	3	pass from Br.Young (Pineiro kick),	4:00.		
Phi:	D.Smith	4	pass from Hurts (Elliott kick),	1:14.		
Third Quarter						
Car:	Hubbard	1	run (kick failed),	2:49.		
Fourth Quarter						
Phi:	Calcaterra	4	pass from Hurts (Barkley run),	13:45.		
TEAM STATS	CAR	PHI				
First downs	20	18				
Total Net Yards	302	292				
Rushes-yards	34-118	31-209				
Passing	184	83				
Punt Returns	2-16	1-2				
Kickoff Returns	3-72	1-27				
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	1-15				
Comp-Att-Int	19-34-1	14-21-0				
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-7	4-25				
Punts	2-45.0	4-43.0				
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0				
Penalties-Yards	7-43	7-40				
Time of Possession	33:33	26:27				
RUSHING:	Car, Hubbard 26-92, Young 7-29, Brooks 1-(minus 3). PHI, Barkley 20-124, Hurts 8-59, Gainwell 3-26.					
PASSING:	Car, Young 19-34-1-191. PHI, Hurts 14-21-0-108.					

RECEIVING: CAR, Thielen 9-102, Hubbard 4-15, Legette 2-39, Moore 2-25, Thompkins 1-7, Tremble 1-3. PHI, A.Brown 4-43, D.Smith 4-37, Calcaterra 3-16, Gainwell 2-7, Dotson 1-5.  
MISSSED FIELD GOALS: PHI, Elliott 52.

## Pittsburgh 27, Cleveland 14

<b>Cleveland</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Pittsburgh</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>First Quarter</b>						
<b>Pit:</b> FG Boswell 30, 9:32.						
<b>Cle:</b> Jeudy 35 pass from Winston (Hopkins kick), 5:56.						
<b>Second Quarter</b>						
<b>Pit:</b> Na.Harris 1 run (Boswell kick), 11:00.						
<b>Pit:</b> FG Boswell 54, 4:21.						
<b>Third Quarter</b>						
<b>Pit:</b> Jefferson 10 pass from Ru.Wilson (Boswell kick), 8:41.						
<b>Pit:</b> Freiermuth 20 pass from Ru.Wilson (Boswell kick), 3:56.						
<b>Fourth Quarter</b>						
<b>Cle:</b> Njoku 15 pass from Winston (Hopkins kick), 7:25.						
<b>TEAM STATS</b>		<b>CLE</b>		<b>PIT</b>		
First downs		20		15		
Total Net Yards		300		267		
Rushes-yards		25-104		35-120		
Passing		196		147		
Punt Returns		4-44		2-20		
Kickoff Returns		1-56		0-0		
Interceptions Ret.		0-0		2-29		
Comp-Att-Int		24-41-2		15-26-0		
Sacked-Yards Lost		3-16		1-11		
Punts		5-45.2		6-52.3		
Fumbles-Lost		2-1		1-1		
Penalties-Yards		9-81		6-61		
Time of Possession		30:00		30:00		
<b>RUSHING:</b> CLE, Chubb 11-48, Winston 4-28, J.Ford 10-28. PIT, Harris 16-53, Warren 9-47, Ru.Wilson 6-17, Patterson 4-3.						
<b>PASSING:</b> CLE, Winston 24-41-2-212. PIT, Ru.Wilson 15-26-0-158.						
<b>RECEIVING:</b> CLE, Njoku 7-42, Jeudy 5-64, Moore 3-34, J.Ford 3-19, Proche 2-18, Strong 2-9, Akins 1-14, Woods 1-12. PIT, Freiermuth 3-48, Miller 3-38, Williams 3-36, Warren 2-25, Jefferson 1-10, Austin 1-4, Pruitt 1-(minus 1), Patterson 1-(minus 2).						
<b>MISSSED FIELD GOALS:</b> CLE, Hopkins 43, 38.						

## Jacksonville 10, Tennessee 6

Jacksonville	0	0	0	10	-	10
Tennessee	3	0	3	0	-	6
Third Quarter						
Ten:	FG Folk 46, 8:32.					
Fourth Quarter						
Ten:	FG Folk 39, 4:30.					
Fourth Quarter						
Jac:	FG C.Little 23, 12:09.					
Jac:	Bigsby 8 run (C.Little kick), 6:46.					
TEAM STATS	JAC	TEN				
First downs	16	17				
Total Net Yards	291	272				
Rushes-yards	26-71	28-126				
Passing	220	146				
Punt Returns	2-8	1-6				
Kickoff Returns	2-34	2-58				
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	2-10				
Comp-Att-Int	23-31-2	19-32-0				
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-0	2-22				
Punts	4-49.5	3-47.7				
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0				
Penalties-Yards	5-39	4-25				
Time of Possession	28:16	31:44				
RUSHING: JAC, Bigsby 18-55, Etienne 4-20, M.Jones 3-3, Duvernay 1-(minus 7). TEN, Pollard 21-102, Spears 2-21, Lewis 1-3.						
PASSING: JAC, M.Jones 23-31-2-220. TEN, Lewis 19-32-0-168.						
RECEIVING: JAC, B.Thomas 8-86, Etienne 4-50, Engram 4-33, Duvernay 3-8, Washington 2-15, Strange 1-21, Bigsby 1-7. TEN, Ridley 7-59, Okonkwo 3-8, Whyte 2-31, Pollard 2-22, Westbrook-Ikhine 1-19, Oliver 1-16, Boyd 1-7, Vannett 1-4, Spears 1-2.						







NBA INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Through Saturday

SCORING	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Antetokounmpo, MIL	20	255	136	649	32.5
Jokic, DEN	18	216	94	565	31.4
Ball, CHA	18	193	89	559	31.1
Gilgeous-Alexander, OKC	23	240	160	686	29.8
Doncic, DAL	18	180	94	517	28.7
Tatum, BOS	23	210	140	648	28.2
Davis, LAL	22	217	153	602	27.4
Fox, SAC	24	236	116	639	26.6
Edwards, MIN	22	201	80	580	26.4
Lillard, MIL	19	156	119	498	26.2
Brunson, NY	23	199	126	584	25.4
Towns, NY	21	189	102	529	25.2
Brown, BOS	19	165	96	475	25.0
Booker, PHO	22	174	142	548	24.9
Thomas, BKN	17	137	97	420	24.7
Wagner, ORL	25	220	119	610	24.4
Irving, DAL	22	198	69	535	24.3
Maxey, PHI	15	128	67	364	24.3
Mitchell, CLE	23	199	70	557	24.2
Cunningham, DET	21	188	73	502	23.9
Powell, LAC	17	141	57	407	23.9
Herrro, MIA	21	173	66	499	23.8
Wembanyama, SA	18	156	55	423	23.5
Barrett, TOR	21	178	92	490	23.3
James, LAL	23	201	80	529	23.0
DeRozan, SAC	19	158	104	432	22.7
Curry, GS	17	126	62	384	22.6
Ingram, NO	18	155	47	400	22.2
Jackson, MEM	22	173	98	483	22.0
Williams, OKC	23	196	65	505	22.0
LaVine, CHI	21	167	56	457	21.8
Miller, CHA	19	144	51	415	21.8
Harden, LAC	24	148	155	519	21.6
Vucevic, CHI	24	205	48	512	21.3
Young, ATL	23	148	130	487	21.2
Poole, WAS	19	132	72	399	21.0
Sabonis, SAC	22	175	87	459	20.9
Randle, MIN	22	157	104	456	20.7
Garland, CLE	23	169	64	469	20.4
Siakam, IND	24	186	68	484	20.2
Johnson, ATL	23	181	56	455	19.8
Markkanen, UTA	17	103	76	327	19.2
Butler, MIA	16	101	94	305	19.1
Green, HOU	23	147	87	438	19.0
Mobley, CLE	23	167	78	434	18.9
Sengun, HOU	23	168	89	434	18.9
Porter, DEN	21	153	34	391	18.6
Johnson, BKN	22	135	64	406	18.5
Dick, TOR	19	116	69	350	18.4
White, CHI	22	134	62	403	18.3

3-POINT FG PCT	3FG	3FGA	PCT
Prince, MIL	45	81	.556
Powell, LAC	68	134	.507
Jokic, DEN	39	77	.506
Jerome, CLE	33	68	.485
Vucevic, CHI	54	114	.474
Green, MIL	51	108	.472
Irving, DAL	70	149	.470
LeVert, CLE	31	66	.470
Agbaji, TOR	44	94	.468
Mathews, ATL	37	79	.468
Okoro, CLE	25	54	.463
Vassell, SA	22	48	.458
Green, CHA	33	73	.452
Hachimura, LAL	28	62	.452
Towns, NY	49	109	.450
Durant, PHO	35	78	.449
Payne, NY	30	68	.441
Alexander-Walker, MIN	36	82	.439
O'Neale, PHO	53	121	.438
Hunter, ATL	34	78	.436
LaVine, CHI	67	155	.432
Ellis, SAC	31	72	.431
Highsmith, MIA	25	58	.431
Johnson, BKN	72	167	.431
Coffey, LAC	40	93	.430
Huff, MEM	40	93	.430
Pritchard, BOS	89	207	.430
Brunson, NY	60	140	.429
Garland, CLE	67	157	.427
Wiggins, GS	44	103	.427

REBOUNDS	G	OFF	DEFTOT	AVG	
Jokic, DEN	18	74	170	244	13.56
Towns, NY	21	61	217	278	13.24
Sabonis, SAC	22	72	209	281	12.77
Zubac, LAC	24	96	196	292	12.17
Antetokounmpo, MIL	20	42	190	232	11.60
Poeltl, TOR	23	93	173	266	11.57
Davis, LAL	22	55	192	247	11.23
Gobert, MIN	22	74	170	244	11.09
Kessler, UTA	16	64	110	174	10.88
Sengun, HOU	23	79	165	244	10.61
Allen, CLE	24	57	195	252	10.50
Wembanyama, SA	18	38	149	187	10.39
Adebayo, MIA	21	56	153	209	9.95
Nurkic, PHO	16	29	130	159	9.94
Johnson, ATL	23	38	190	228	9.91
Vucevic, CHI	24	48	188	236	9.83
Mobley, CLE	23	54	161	215	9.35
Capela, ATL	24	87	136	223	9.29
Duren, DET	23	70	135	205	8.91
Tatum, BOS	23	12	192	204	8.87
Hart, NY	23	37	159	196	8.52
Collins, UTA	21	51	125	176	8.38
Drummond, PHI	18	54	96	150	8.33
Washington, DAL	19	30	128	158	8.32
Doncic, DAL	18	11	138	149	8.28
James, LAL	23	21	163	184	8.00
Missi, NO	23	81	101	182	7.91
Looney, GS	20	72	85	157	7.85
Valanciunas, WAS	21	49	115	164	7.81
Murray, SAC	24	58	129	187	7.79

ASSISTS	G	AST	AVG
Young, ATL	23	283	12.3
Jokic, DEN	18	185	10.3
Cunningham, DET	21	197	9.4
James, LAL	23	210	9.1
Harden, LAC	24	205	8.5
Paul, SA	23	195	8.5
Haliburton, IND	24	202	8.4
Doncic, DAL	18	145	8.1
Brunson, NY	23	176	7.7
Lillard, MIL	19	139	7.3
Ball, CHA	18	125	6.9
Jones, PHO	22	151	6.9
Giddey, CHI	24	161	6.7
Simmons, BKN	17	114	6.7
Curry, GS	17	110	6.5
Garland, CLE	23	150	6.5
Antetokounmpo, MIL	20	127	6.4
Booker, PHO	22	140	6.4
Gilgeous-Alexander, OKC	23	146	6.3
Schroder, BKN	21	133	6.3
Murray, DEN	17	106	6.2
Sabonis, SAC	22	136	6.2
Westbrook, DEN	21	129	6.1
Green, GS	20	119	6.0
Barrett, TOR	21	124	5.9
Fox, SAC	24	142	5.9
VanVleet, HOU	22	129	5.9
Tatum, BOS	23	132	5.7
Wagner, ORL	25	142	5.7
George, UTA	21	118	5.6

STEALS	G	STL	AVG
Daniels, ATL	22	68	3.09
Williams, OKC	23	49	2.13
Eason, HOU	22	46	2.09
Maxey, PHI	15	31	2.07
Doncic, DAL	18	35	1.94
Fox, SAC	24	43	1.79
Wallace, OKC	23	41	1.78
Jokic, DEN	18	31	1.72
Wagner, ORL	25	43	1.72
Gilgeous-Alexander, OKC	23	39	1.70
Poole, WAS	19	32	1.68
Caldwell-Pope, ORL	24	39	1.63
Adebayo, MIA	21	34	1.62
Conley, MIN	18	29	1.61
Harden, LAC	24	38	1.58
Anunoby, NY	23	36	1.57
Coulibaly, WAS	20	31	1.55
VanVleet, HOU	22	34	1.55
Boston, NO	21	32	1.52
Mitchell, CLE	23	35	1.52
Westbrook, DEN	21	32	1.52
Dunn, LAC	24	36	1.50
Suggs, ORL	24	36	1.50
DeRozan, SAC	19	28	1.47
Jackson, MEM	22	32	1.45
Drummond, PHI	18	26	1.44
Camara, POR	23	33	1.43
Edwards, MIN	22	31	1.41
Hart, NY	23	32	1.39
Paul, SA	23	32	1.39

BLOCKS	G	BLK	AVG
Wembanyama, SA	18	61	3.39
Kessler, UTA	16	47	2.94
Lopez, MIL	22	51	2.32
Clingan, POR	17	37	2.18
Turner, IND	22	46	2.09
Davis, LAL	22	41	1.86
Sarr, WAS	20	37	1.85
Jackson, MEM	22	40	1.82
Bitadze, ORL	20	33	1.65
Lively, DAL	19	31	1.63
Mobley, CLE	23	37	1.61
Isaac, ORL	21	30	1.43
Gobert, MIN	22	31	1.41
Huff, MEM	24	32	1.33
Stewart, DET	25	33	1.32
Gafford, DAL	23	30	1.30
Duren, DET	23	29	1.26
Poeltl, TOR	23	29	1.26
Antetokounmpo, MIL	20	25	1.25
Claxton, BKN	17	21	1.24
Missi, NO	23	28	1.22
Washington, DAL	19	23	1.21
Kornet, BOS	18	21	1.17
Grant, POR	21	24	1.14
Sengun, HOU	23	26	1.13
Johnson, ATL	23	25	1.09
Eason, HOU	22	23	1.05
Anunoby, NY	23	24	1.04
White, BOS	23	24	1.04
Capela, ATL	24	24	1.00

FIELD GOAL PCT	FG	FGA	PCT
Gaffard, DAL	123	168	.732
Allen, CLE	133	192	.693
Duren, DET	83	122	.680
Gobert, MIN	90	136	.654
Sabonis, SAC	175	281	.623
Antetokounmpo, MIL	255	418	.610
Zubac, LAC	156	259	.602
Hart, NY	125	209	.598
Poeltl, TOR	158	265	.596
Vucevic, CHI	205	349	.587
Capela, ATL	103	179	.575
Valanciunas, WAS	120	212	.566
Braun, DEN	94	167	.563
Jerome, CLE	113	201	.562
McConnell, IND	101	180	.561
Butler, MIA	216	385	.561
Jokic, DEN	105	188	.559
Ayton, POR	167	299	.559
Mobley, CLE			

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Florida	28	17	9	2	36	106	91
Toronto	27	16	9	2	34	80	71
Boston	29	15	11	3	33	75	87
Tampa Bay	25	14	9	2	30	98	76
Ottawa	27	12	13	2	26	82	86
Buffalo	27	11	13	3	25	80	86
Detroit	27	10	14	4	24	67	83
Montreal	27	10	14	3	23	75	98

METRO.	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Washington	27	19	6	2	40	109	74
New Jersey	30	18	10	2	38	102	82
Carolina	27	17	9	1	35	101	81
N.Y. Rangers	26	14	11	1	29	85	79
N.Y. Islanders	29	11	11	7	29	77	87
Philadelphia	28	12	12	4	28	83	98
Pittsburgh	29	12	13	4	28	84	110
Columbus	27	12	12	3	27	93	96

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Minnesota	27	18	5	4	40	86	65
Winnipeg	29	20	9	0	40	103	75
Dallas	26	16	10	0	32	86	67
Colorado	29	16	13	0	32	95	103
Utah	27	12	11	4	28	79	79
St. Louis	28	13	13	2	28	73	87
Nashville	28	7	15	6	20	61	88
Chicago	27	8	17	2	18	66	86

PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Vegas	28	18	7	3	39	99	82
Los Angeles	27	16	8	3	35	83	71
Vancouver	26	14	8	4	32	85	83
Edmonton	27	15	10	2	32	82	79
Calgary	27	13	9	5	31	72	78
Seattle	29	14	14	1	29	89	88
San Jose	30	10	15	5	25	82	108
Anaheim	25	10	12	3	23	62	76

**NOTE:** Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
N.Y. Islanders 4, Ottawa 2
Seattle 7, N.Y. Rangers 5
Colorado 4, New Jersey 0
Tampa Bay 4, Vancouver 2
Columbus 4, Winnipeg 1
Utah 4, Philadelphia



SPORTS CALENDAR

	MON DEC9	TUE DEC10	WED DEC11	THU DEC12	FRI DEC13	SAT DEC14	SUN DEC15
							BAL 1:00 P.M. CH. 2
							JAX 1:00 P.M. CH. 5
	TOR 7:30 P.M. MSG		ATL 7:00 P.M. MSG				
					MEM 8:00 P.M. YES		
	CHI 7:00 P.M. MSGSN		BUF 7:00 P.M. TNT			LA 1:00 P.M. MSG	STL 6:00 P.M. MSG
		TOR 7:00 P.M. ESPN+		LA 7:00 P.M. MSG		CHI 1:00 P.M. MSGSN	
		LA 7:30 P.M. MSGSN		CHI 7:30 P.M. MSGSN			CHI 3:00 P.M. MSGSN
			BRY 7:00 P.M. CBSSN				

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

**6:30 p.m.:** Minnesota at Indiana, BTN  
**8 p.m.:** Abilene Christian at Baylor, CBSSN  
**NBA**  
**7:30 p.m.:** Knicks at Raptors, MSG  
**NFL**  
**8:15 p.m.:** Bengals at Cowboys, CH. 7  
**8:15 p.m.:** Bengals at Cowboys

ODDS

NFL WEEK 14		MONDAY	
FAVORITE	NOW O/U	UNDERDOG	
Cincinnati	5½ (49½)	at Dallas	
NBA		MONDAY	
FAVORITE	LINE O/U	UNDERDOG	
at Toronto	Off (Off)	New York	
COLLEGE BASKETBALL		MONDAY	
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	
at Indiana	9½	Minnesota	
at VCU	22½	Pennsylvania	
at Norfolk State	2½	Hofstra	
at S. Carolina State	1½	Charleston Sthrn	
at Baylor	20½	Abilene Christian	

SOCCER

**MLS CUP PLAYOFFS**  
**MLS CUP CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**Saturday:** #2 LA Galaxy 2, #7 New York 1

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

**SUNDAY'S RESULTS**  
Fulham 1, Arsenal 1  
Bournemouth 2, Ipswich 1  
Leicester 2, Brighton 2  
Chelsea 4, Tottenham 3

GOLF

**PGA HERO WORLD CHALLENGE**  
**4th of 4 rounds; Albany, Nassau, Bahamas; 7,449 yards; Par: 72**  
Scottie Scheffler 67-64-69-63—263 -25  
Tom Kim 74-65-62-68—269 -19  
Justin Thomas 66-67-66-71—270 -18  
Akshay Bhatia 67-66-71-69—273 -15  
Keegan Bradley 68-67-68-71—274 -14  
Ludvig Aberg 67-70-72-67—276 -12  
Robert Macintyre 68-71-68-70—277 -11  
Sahith Theegala 67-71-66-74—278 -10  
Sungjae Im 69-68-72-71—280 -8  
Sepp Straka 69-68-72-71—280 -8  
Patrick Cantlay 67-71-71-72—281 -7  
Brian Harman 70-72-72-68—282 -6  
Cameron Young 64-75-72-72—283 -5  
Sam Burns 68-72-74-70—284 -4

(MNF with Peyton and Eli), ESPN2  
**NHL**

**7 p.m.:** Rangers vs. Blackhawks, MSGSN  
**WOMEN'S SOCCER**  
**7 p.m.:** NCAA Tournament: Wake Forest vs. North Carolina, Championship, ESPN  
**MEN'S SOCCER**

**3 p.m.:** Premier League: Wolverhampton at West Ham United, USA

NHL		MONDAY	
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at Buffalo	-152	Detroit	+126
at NY Rangers	-255	Chicago	+205
at Montreal	-152	Anaheim	+126

**COLLEGE FOOTBALL**  
**FAVORITE** **NOW O/U** **UNDERDOG**  
at Army 4½ (40½) Navy  
**Salute to Veterans Bowl**  
S. Alabama 10½ (59½)Western Mich.  
**Frisco Bowl** **Dec. 17**  
Memphis 1½ (57½) W. Virginia  
*For the latest, go to BetMGM Sportsbook*

**MONDAY'S MATCH**  
West Ham vs. Wolverhampton, 3p.m.

**SATURDAY'S RESULTS**  
Aston Villa 1, Southampton 0  
Brentford 4, Newcastle 2  
Crystal Palace 2, Man City 2  
Notting. Forest 3, Man United 2  
Everton vs. Liverpool, ppd

**DP WORLD: NEDBANK CHALLENGE**  
**4th of 4 rounds; Gary Player Country Club, Sun City, South Africa; 7,819 yards; Par: 72**  
Johannes Veerman 70-71-73-69—283 -5  
Matthew Jordan 69-72-71-72—284 -4  
Romain Langasque 70-70-73-71—284 -4  
Aldrich Potgieter 73-70-66-75—284 -4  
Thorbjorn Olesen 69-74-72-70—285 -3

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

**HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED**  
**No. 1 Kansas (7-2) lost to Missouri 76-67.** Next: vs. NC State, Saturday.  
**No. 2 Auburn (8-1) beat Richmond 98-54.** Next: at Ohio St., Saturday.  
**No. 3 Tennessee (8-0) did not play.** Next: vs. Miami, Tuesday.  
**No. 4 Kentucky (8-1) did not play.** Next: vs. Colgate, Wednesday.  
**No. 5 Marquette (9-1) did not play.** Next: at Dayton, Saturday.  
**No. 6 Iowa St. (7-1) beat Jackson St. 100-58.** Next: at Iowa, Thursday.  
**No. 7 Gonzaga (7-2) did not play.** Next: at No. 25 UConn, Saturday.  
**No. 8 Purdue (8-2) beat Maryland 83-78.** Next: vs. No. 22 Texas A&M, Saturday.  
**No. 9 Duke (7-2) beat Louisville 76-65.** Next: vs. Incarnate Word, Tuesday.  
**No. 10 Alabama (7-2) did not play.** Next: vs. Creighton, Saturday.  
**No. 11 Wisconsin (8-2) did not play.** Next: at No. 19 Illinois, Tuesday.  
**No. 12 Oregon (9-1) lost to UCLA 73-71.** Next: vs. Stephen F. Austin, Sunday.  
**No. 13 Florida (9-0) did not play.** Next: at Arizona St., Saturday.  
**No. 14 Cincinnati (7-1) beat Howard 84-67.** Next: vs. Xavier, Saturday.  
**No. 15 Baylor (5-3) did not play.** Next: vs. Abilene Christian, Monday.  
**No. 16 Memphis (7-2) lost to Arkansas St. 85-72.** Next: at Clemson, Saturday.  
**No. 17 Houston (5-3) did not play.** Next: vs. Troy, Tuesday.  
**No. 18 Pittsburgh (8-2) did not play.** Next: vs. E. Kentucky, Wednesday.  
**No. 19 Illinois (6-2) did not play.** Next: vs. No. 11 Wisconsin, Tuesday.  
**No. 20 North Carolina (5-4) did not play.** Next: vs. La Salle, Saturday.  
**No. 21 Oklahoma (9-0) did not play.** Next: at Oklahoma St., Saturday.  
**No. 22 Texas A&M (8-2) beat Texas Tech 72-67.** Next: at No. 8 Purdue, Saturday.  
**No. 23 Mississippi (8-1) did not play.** Next: at Southern Miss., Saturday.  
**No. 24 San Diego St. (6-2) did not play.** Next: vs. Cal Baptist, Wednesday.  
**No. 25 UConn (7-3) beat Texas 76-65.** Next: vs. No. 7 Gonzaga, Saturday.

**SUNDAY'S MEN'S SCORES**  
**EAST**  
Bryant 122, Northern Vermont-Johnson 63  
Cornell 103, Army 84  
Fordham 87, Maine 72  
Harvard 72, New Hampshire 62  
Iona 72, St. Peter's 63  
Marist 82, Manhattan 75  
Merrimack 80, Niagara 62  
Mount St. Mary's 101, Fairfield 94  
Northeastern 78, Colgate 75  
Oklahoma St. 85, Seton Hall 76  
Quinnipiac 83, Sacred Heart 73  
Siena 66, Canisius 53  
Wagner 63, Md.-Eastern Shore 61  
**SOUTH**  
Arkansas St. 85, Memphis 72  
Auburn 98, Richmond 54  
Duke 76, Louisville 65  
LSU 80, Florida Gulf Coast 71  
Longwood 97, Mary Baldwin 40  
Louisiana Tech 69, Louisiana-Lafayette 58  
Mercer 89, Stetson 83, OT  
Mississippi St. 91, Prairie View 84  
Murray St. 73, SE Missouri 53  
Radford 74, Bucknell 70, OT  
Samford 72, Austin Peay 47  
South Alabama 76, Jacksonville St. 74  
UCF 66, Tarleton St. 51  
**MIDWEST**  
Cincinnati 84, Howard 67  
Fort Wayne 82, Robert Morris 77  
Ill.-Chicago 69, Dartmouth 68, OT  
Iowa St. 100, Jackson St. 58  
Missouri 76, Kansas 67  
Purdue 83, Maryland 78  
SIU-Edwardsville 82, Ball St. 69  
Saint Louis 85, Chicago St. 62  
**SOUTHWEST**  
Texas A&M 72, Texas Tech 67  
Texas St. 75, Rice 66  
UConn 76, Texas 65  
Vanderbilt 83, TCU 74  
**WEST**  
UCLA 73, Oregon 71

**HOW WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED**  
**No. 1 UCLA (9-0) beat Washington 73-62.** Next: at Long Beach St., Saturday.  
**No. 2 UConn (8-0) did not play.** Next: at No. 10 Notre Dame, Thursday.  
**No. 3 South Carolina (9-1) beat No. 9 TCU 85-52.** Next: vs. South Florida, Sunday.  
**No. 4 Texas (8-1) beat James Madison 93-62.** Next: vs. Southern U., Wednesday.  
**No. 5 LSU (11-0) beat Grambling St. 100-54.** Next: vs. Louisiana-Lafayette, Sunday.  
**No. 6 Southern Cal (8-1) did not play.** Next: vs. Fresno St., Tuesday.  
**No. 7 Maryland (10-0) did not play.** Next: TBA.

TENNIS

**WTA MUNDOTENIS OPEN**  
Sunday at Florianapolis; Florianapolis, Brazil; outdoors, Red clay  
**WOMEN'S SINGLES, SEMIFINALS**  
Ylena In-Albon d. #1Maria Lourdes Carle, 3-6, 7-6(9), 6-2.  
#7Maja Chwalinska d. #8 Leolia Jeanjean, 6-0, 6-3.  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
#7 Chwalinska d. In-Albon, 6-1, 6-2.

**No. 8 Duke (9-2) beat Virginia Tech 81-59.** Next: TBA.  
**No. 9 TCU (9-1) lost to No. 3 South Carolina 85-52.** Next: vs. Louisiana Tech, Sunday.  
**No. 10 Notre Dame (7-2) beat Syracuse 93-62.** Next: vs. No. 2 UConn, Thursday.  
**No. 11 Oklahoma (8-1) beat Alabama St. 110-46.** Next: vs. Oral Roberts, Sunday.  
**No. 12 Ohio St. (8-0) beat No. 21 Illinois 83-74.** Next: vs. Ball St., Tuesday.  
**No. 13 Kansas St. (10-1) beat Texas A&M 89-50.** Next: vs. Middle Tennessee, Saturday.  
**No. 14 Kentucky (7-1) did not play.** Next: at Purdue, Saturday.  
**No. 15 West Virginia (9-1) did not play.** Next: at Temple, Sunday.  
**No. 16 North Carolina (9-1) beat Coppin St. 72-46.** Next: vs. UNC-Greensboro, Wednesday.  
**No. 17 Iowa (8-1) did not play.** Next: vs. No. 20 Iowa St., Wednesday.  
**No. 18 Mississippi (6-3) beat Tennessee St. 85-38.** Next: vs. South Alabama, Sunday.  
**No. 19 Alabama (9-1) did not play.** Next: vs. Murray St., Sunday.  
**No. 20 Iowa St. (8-2) beat Cent. Michigan 82-56.** Next: at No. 17 Iowa, Wednesday.  
**No. 21 Illinois (7-2) lost to No. 12 Ohio St. 83-74.** Next: vs. Bradley, Thursday.  
**No. 22 Louisville (5-4) did not play.** Next: vs. Grambling St., Thursday.  
**No. 23 Michigan (8-1) beat Northwestern 60-54.** Next: vs. Detroit, Saturday.  
**No. 24 Michigan St. (9-0) beat DePaul 89-61.** Next: vs. No. 17 Iowa, Sunday.  
**No. 25 Nebraska (8-1) beat Minnesota 84-65.** Next: vs. Tarleton St., Wednesday.

**SUNDAY'S WOMEN'S SCORES**  
**EAST**  
Duquesne 98, Carnegie Mellon 58  
Fairfield 74, Villanova 71  
Fairleigh Dickinson 62, Rider 54  
Fordham 62, LIU Brooklyn 43  
Hofstra 55, Howard 52  
Holy Cross 73, Stony Brook 56  
Lafayette 74, Wagner 45  
Lehigh 73, Cornell 51  
Notre Dame 93, Syracuse 62  
Pittsburgh 59, St. Peter's 51  
Richmond 85, Columbia 76  
St. John's 63, Wake Forest 45  
UMBC 61, St. Francis (Pa.) 45  
UMass 67, Dartmouth 56  
**SOUTH**  
Auburn 69, UAB 62  
Bellarmine 76, Morehead St. 70  
Boston College 72, Virginia 57  
Clemson 74, Radford 48  
Duke 81, Virginia Tech 59  
ETSU 72, Virginia-Wise 42  
East Carolina 60, Elon 43  
Florida 82, Marshall 63  
Florida Gulf Coast 82, Ave Maria 43  
Florida St. 93, SMU 85  
Furman 58, Charleston Southern 42  
Georgia St. 107, Sewanee 49  
Georgia Tech 78, Mercer 42  
Kennesaw St. 64, Chattanooga 42  
LSU 100, Grambling St. 54  
Longwood 81, McNeese St. 54  
Miami 81, Bethune-Cookman 63  
Mississippi 85, Tennessee St. 38  
NC State 86, Old Dominion 55  
Nicholls 67, MVSU 56  
North Carolina 72, Coppin St. 46  
Samford 82, Miles 41  
Southern Miss. 82, Memphis 69  
Texas 93, James Madison 62  
W. Carolina 81, West Georgia 76, OT  
William & Mary 70, SC State 65  
**MIDWEST**  
Butler 69, Ohio 60  
Detroit 81, Cougars 55  
Evansville 87, SIU-Edwardsville 74  
Ill. Chicago 113, North Central College 53  
Iowa St. 82, Cent. Michigan 56  
Marquette 78, Illinois St. 57  
Michigan 60, Northwestern 54  
Michigan St. 89, DePaul 61  
Mississippi St. 102, Chicago St. 42  
Nebraska 84, Minnesota 65  
Ohio St. 83, Illinois 74  
Wichita St. 64, W. Kentucky 59  
Wisconsin 66, Rutgers 64  
**SOUTHWEST**  
Arkansas 84, SE Missouri 45  
Baylor 71, UNLV 64  
Houston 70, SE Louisiana 65  
Kansas St. 89, Texas A&M 50  
Oklahoma 110, Alabama St. 46  
South Carolina 85, TCU 52  
Texas St. 88, North Texas at Dallas 42  
**WEST**  
Boise St. 76, San Diego 59  
Colorado St. 74, Gonzaga 72, OT  
Grand Canyon 76, Utah St. 62  
Long Beach St. 73, Hawaii 69, OT  
New Mexico St. 68, New Mexico 60  
Portland 83, UTEP 67  
UCLA 73, Washington 62  
Utah 79, Princeton 76

**WTA OPEN ANGERS ARENA LOIRE**  
Sunday at Arena Loire; Angers, France; hardcourt indoors  
**WOMEN'S SINGLES, CHAMPIONSHIP**  
#3Alycia Parks d. Belinda Bencic, 7-6(4), 3-6, 6-0.

**WTA SINGLES RANKINGS**  
1. Aryna Sabalenka, Belarus 9,416  
2. Iga Swiatek, Poland 8,370

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

AP TOP 25				
RK.	SCHOOL	W-L	PTS	LW CP
1.	Oregon (62)	13-0	1550	1 1
2.	Georgia	11-2	1474	5 2
3.	Notre Dame	11-1	1398	4 3
4.	Texas	11-2	1346	2 4
5.	Penn St.	11-2	1258	3 5
6.	Ohio St.	10-2	1233	7 7
7.	Tennessee	10-2	1224	6 6
8.	Boise St.	12-1	1108	10 8
9.	Indiana	11-1	1052	9 9
10.	Arizona St.	11-2	1001	12 10
11.	Alabama	9-3	838	11 11
12.	SMU	11-2	837	8 12
13.	Clemson	10-3	827	18 13
14.	South Carolina	9-3	770	13 14
15.	Miami	10-2	697	14 16
16.	Mississippi	9-3	680	15 15
17.	BYU	10-2	531	17 17
18.	Iowa St.	10-3	401	16 19
19.	Army	11-1	363	24 18
20.	Colorado	9-3	329	20 22
21.	Illinois	9-3	317	21 21
22.	Syracuse	9-3	234	23 25
23.	Missouri	9-3	228	22 20
24.	UNLV	10-3	144	19 24
25.	Memphis	10-2	132	25 23

Others receiving votes: Texas A&M

75, Louisville 37, Duke 29, Kansas St. 9,

Marshall 8, LSU 8, Florida 5, Ohio 2, Tulane

2, Baylor 2, Louisiana-Lafayette 1. CP-AFCA

Coaches poll ranking; NR-Not rated.

2024 PLAYOFF RANKINGS

#1	Oregon	13-0	#2	Georgia	11-2
#3	Texas	11-2	#4	Penn St.	11-2
#5	Notre Dame	11-1	#6	Ohio St.	10-2
#7	Tenn.	10-2	#8	Indiana	11-1
#9	Boise St.	12-1	#10	SMU	11-2
#11	Alabama	9-3	#12	Ariz. St.	11-2
#13	Miami	10-2	#14	Ole Miss	9-3
#15	S. Carolina	9-3	#16	Clemson	10-3
#17	BYU	10-2	#18	Iowa St.	10-3
#19	Missouri	9-3	#20	Illinois	9-3
#21	Syracuse	9-3	#22	Army	11-1
#23	Colorado	9-3	#24	UNLV	10-3
#25	Memphis	10-2			

WEEK 16 SCHEDULE

**FRIDAY'S GAME**  
**FCS Quarterfinal - Game 1 at Bozeman, Mont.:** Montana St. (13-0) vs. Idaho (10-3), 9 p.m.

**SATURDAY'S GAMES**  
**EAST**  
Army (11-1) vs. Navy (8-3) at Landover, Md., 3 p.m.

**SOUTH**  
**Celebration Bowl at Atlanta:** SC State (9-2) vs. Jackson St. (11-2), Noon

**MIDWEST**  
**FCS Quarterfinal - Game 3 at Brookings, S.D.:** S. Dakota St. (11-2) vs. Incarnate Word (11-2), Noon

**FCS Quarterfinal - Game 4 at Fargo, N.D.:** N. Dakota St. (11-2) vs. Mercer (11-2), 3:30 p.m.

**FCS Quarterfinal - Game 2 at Vermillion, S.D.:** South Dakota (10-2) vs. UC Davis (11-2), 4 p.m.  
**Salute to Veterans Bowl at Montgomery, Ala.:** W. Michigan (6-6) vs. South Alabama (6-6), 9 p.m.

**NCAA DIV. I PLAYOFFS**  
**FIRST ROUND**  
**FRIDAY, DEC. 20**  
# 10Indiana (11-1) at # 7Notre Dame (11-1), 8p.m. (ESPN/ABC)  
**SATURDAY, DEC. 21**  
# 12Clemson (10-3) at # 5Texas (11-2), 4 p.m. (TNT/MAX)  
# 11SMU (11-2) at # 6Penn St. (11-2), noon (TNT/MAX)  
# 9Tennessee (10-2) at # 8Ohio St. (10-2), 8p.m. (ESPN/ABC)

**QUARTERFINALS**  
**TUESDAY, DEC. 31**  
**At Fiesta Bowl, Glendale, Ariz.**  
SMU/Penn St. winner at # 3Boise St., 7:30 p.m. (ESPN/ABC)  
**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 1**  
**At Peach Bowl, Atlanta**  
Clemson/Texas winner at # 4Arizona St., 1 p.m. (ESPN/ABC)  
**At Rose Bowl, Pasadena, Calif.**  
Tennessee/Ohio St. winner at # 1Oregon, 5 p.m. (ESPN/ABC)  
**At Sugar Bowl, New Orleans**  
Indiana/Notre Dame winner at # 2Georgia, 8:45p.m. (ESPN/ABC)

**SEMIFINALS**  
**THURSDAY, JAN. 9**  
**at Orange Bowl, Miami**  
Quarterfinal winners, 7:30p.m. (ESPN)  
**FRIDAY, JAN. 10**  
**at Cotton Bowl, Dallas**  
Quarterfinal winners, 7:30p.m., (ESPN)

**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**MONDAY, JAN. 20**  
At Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta  
Semifinal winners, 7:30p.m. (ESPN)



## MONDAY EVENING TV

LIVE SPORTS

MOVIES

REALITY

	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM	
2 WCBS	CBS Evening News (N)	Inside Edition (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	Neighbor (N)	Poppa's House (N)	NCIS - A murder involves a car that begins driving on its own. (N)		NCIS: Origins (N)		CBS News New York 11pm (N)	(11:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (N) ▶		
3 WJLP	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Bev. Hillbillies	Green Acres	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	Perry Mason ▶		
4 WNBC	NBC Nightly News (N)	News 4 NY at 7 (N)	Access Hollywood (N)	The Voice - The top five artists perform a ballad and an up-tempo song to compete for the title of The Voice. (N) (SF)				Brilliant Minds (N)		News 4 NY at 11 (N)	(11:35) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (N) ▶		
5 WNYW	(6:00) ▶ The 6 News (N)	Extra (N)	TMZ (N)	The Real Full Monty (N)				The 10 O'Clock News (N)		Good Night New York (N)	Family Feud	TMZ Live ▶	
7 WABC	ABC World News (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel of Fortune (N)	NFL Football - Cincinnati Bengals at Dallas Cowboys - Desperate teams come together in Big D as the Cowboys (5-7) host the Bengals (4-8). (N)					(11:15) News (N)		(11:50) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (N) ▶		
9 WWOR	True Crime (N)	Family Feud	Family Feud	The News on MY 9 (N)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Family Feud	Family Feud	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law-SVU ▶	
10/55 WLNY	The Conners	Last Man	Last Man	CBS News New York 8pm (N)		48 Hours		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Neighbor	Neighbor	Modern Family	
11 WPIX	PIX11 News (N)	Sports (N)	Big Bang	Best Christmas Movies Ever! (N)				PIX11 News at Ten (N)		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Friends	
13 WNET	America	PBS News Hour (N)		Antiques Roadshow		Antiques Roadshow		Sigourney Weaver		Amanpour and Company (N)		One on One	
21 WLIW	(6:00) ▶ PBS News	Lucy Worsley's H (P)	AGATHA AND THE TRUTH OF MURDER ('18) Ruth Bradley.			All Creatures Great			BBC News		The Day	Amanpour (N) ▶	
25 WNYE	GZERO World	Bonnie Boswell		Women In Media	Her Big Idea	A Day's Work	Buzz	Start Up	How to Thrive	Stroud	Real Road	Made in New ▶	
31 WPXN	(6:00) ▶ Criminal	FBI		FBI		FBI		FBI		FBI		FBI ▶	
41 WFUT2	(6:00) ▶ Homicide	Homicide Hunter: Lt. Joe Kenda		Obsession: Dark Desires		Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Dateline		Dateline ▶	
47 WNJU	Noticias	Los 50 (N) (SF)						La familia		Noticiero 47 (N)	(11:35) Noticias	Venganza ▶	
A&E	(6:00) ▶ First 48	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		(11:05) The First 48		(12:05) First 48 ▶	
AMC	▶ FRED CLAU	NATIONAL LAMPOON'S CHRISTMAS VACATION ('89) ★★★			(9:15) FOUR CHRISTMASSES ('08) ★★ Vince Vaughn.			NATIONAL LAMPOON'S CHRISTMAS VACATION ▶					
ANPL	(6:00) ▶ Naked	Naked and Afraid: Castaways		Naked and Afraid: Castaways		Naked and Afraid: Castaways		Naked and Afraid: Castaways		Naked and Afraid: Castaways		Naked ▶	
BBCA	(6:00) ▶ Law	Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order ▶	
BET	▶ TYLER PERRY'S MADEA'S BIG HAPPY FAMILY	TYLER PERRY'S MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION ('06) ★★ Blair Underwood, Lynn Whitfield, Tyler Perry.			Martin					Martin	Martin		
BRV	▶ BelowDeck	Below Deck Sailing Yacht		Below Deck Sailing Yacht (N)		Below Deck Sailing Yacht (N)		Below Deck Sailing Yacht		Southern Charm			
CBSSN	▶ AutoRace	Auto Racing		College Basketball - Abilene Christian at Baylor (N)				Basketball (N)	College Football - Big Ten Championship: Penn State vs. Oregon ▶				
CNBC	▶ MadMoney	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank ▶	
CNN	(6:00) ▶ Situation	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		The Source With (N)		CNN NewsNight (N)		Laura Coates Live (N)		Cooper 360 ▶	
COM	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Daily Show (N)		Family Guy	
DISN	Bluey	Big City Greens	Big City Greens	THE NAUGHTY NINE ('23) Winslow Fegley.			(9:35) Place	Place	Kiff	Kiff	Kiff	Bluey	
DSC	▶ Contraband	Contraband: Seized		Contraband: Seized		Contraband: Seized (N)		Contraband: Seized		Contraband: Seized		Contraband ▶	
E!	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Snoop Dogg's		E! News (N)		Botched	
ESPN	(6:00) ▶ Monday Night Countdown (N)	NFL Football - Cincinnati Bengals at Dallas Cowboys - From AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas. (N)			Postgame					SportsCenter (N)			
ESPN2	(6:00) ▶ SportCtr	SportsCenter (N)			Kickoff / (8:15) NFL Football					Postgame		30 for 30 - Survive and Advance ▶	
FAM	MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET ('94) ★★★ Elizabeth Perkins, Richard Attenborough.			DR. SEUSS' THE GRINCH ('18) ★★ Benedict Cumberbatch.			The 700 Club					ARTHUR CHR... ▶	
FBN	(6:00) ▶ Bottom	Kudlow		American Dynasty		American Dynasty		American Dynasty		American Dynasty		American ▶	
FNC	(6:00) ▶ Bret Baier	The Ingraham Angle (N)		Jesse Watters Primetime (N)		Hannity (N)		Gutfeld! (N)		Fox News at Night (N)		The Five ▶	
FOOD	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Holiday Baking Championship (N)				Holiday Wars		Beat: Holiday		Baking ▶	
FX	(5:30) ▶ VENOM ('18) ★★	DEADPOOL 2 ('18) ★★★ Josh Brolin, Morena Baccarin, Ryan Reynolds.			What We Do (N)		What We Do	What We Do	What We Do	(11:40) BAD BOYS FOR LIFE ▶			
HALL	(6:00) ▶ LEAH'S PERFECT GIFT ('24) Emily Arlook.	BELIEVE IN CHRISTMAS ('24) John Reardon, Lindura, Meghan Ory.			THE CHRISTMAS CHARADE ('24) Corey Sevier, Rachel Skarsten.					JINGLE BELL ... ▶			
HBO	(5:45) ▶ SHERLOCK HOLMES ('09) ★★	(7:55) Dune: Prophecy		Get Millie (N)		(9:50) Get Millie Black	(10:40) Get Millie Black		(11:25) Dune: Prophecy				
HGTV	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	Dream Home	
HIST	(6:00) ▶ Ancient Aliens: Origins	Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens: Origins (N)		(11:05) Ancient Aliens					(12:05) Ancient ▶		
HLN	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	
ID	(6:00) ▶ People	People Magazine Investigates		People Magazine Investigates		People Magazine Investigates (N)		Ice Cold Christmas (N)		48 Hours on ID		People ▶	
IFC	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	
LIFE	(6:00) ▶ Rookie	The Rookie		The Rookie		The Rookie		(10:05) The Rookie		(11:05) The Rookie		The Rookie ▶	
LIFEMOV	▶ GIRL WHO ESCAPED: KARA ROBINSON STORY			ABDUCTED BY MY TEACHER: THE ELIZABETH THOMAS STORY			DANGER IN THE DORM ('24) Clara Alexandrova, Bethenny Frankel.					ABDUCTED B... ▶	
LOGO	3's Company	3's Company	3's Company	3's Company	3's Company	3's Company	3's Company	3's Company	3's Company	3's Company	3's Company	3's Company	
MAX	WHITE BIRD IN A BLIZZARD ('14) ★★			DENIAL ('16) ★★★ Rachel Weisz. (P)			(9:50) GANGS OF NEW YORK ('02) ★★★ Daniel Day-Lewis, Cameron Diaz, Leonardo DiCaprio. ▶						
MSG	The Better (N)	Knicks (N)	NBA Basketball - New York Knicks at Toronto Raptors (N)					Knicks (N)	The Better	Basketball - New York Knicks at Toronto Raptors ▶			
MSGSN	Rangers (N)	NHL Hockey - Chicago Blackhawks at New York Rangers (N)					Postgame (N)		The Better	NHL Hockey - Chicago Blackhawks at New York Rangers			
MSNBC	(6:00) ▶ AriMelber	The ReidOut (N)		Inside With Jen Psaki (N)		The Rachel Maddow Show (N)		Last Word With Lawrence (N)		11th Hour (N)		R. Maddow ▶	
MTV	(6:00) ▶ Catfish	DADDY'S HOME 2 ('17) ★★ Mark Wahlberg, Will Ferrell.			(9:20) THE OTHER GUYS ('10) ★★★ Mark Wahlberg, Eva Mendes, Will Ferrell.			(11:40) DADDY'S HOME 2 ★★ ▶					
NGEO	(6:00) ▶ Lost	Lost Cities With Albert Lin		Lost City of Machu Picchu		SUGARCANE ('24) - An investigation sparks a reckoning. (N)					Skeletons of the Inca Rebellion		
NICK	(5:30) ▶ CROODS: A NEW AGE	(7:45) SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
OWN	▶ 20/ 20, OWN	20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN ▶	
OXY	(6:00) ▶ Snapped	Snapped		World's Most Notorious Killers (N)				(9:55) World's Most Notorious Killers		(11:50) Philly Homicide ▶			
PARMT	Two Half Men	Two Half Men	Two Half Men	THE PROPOSAL ('09) ★★ Ryan Reynolds, Mary Steenburgen, Sandra Bullock.					THE PROPOSAL ('09) ★★ Ryan Reynolds, Sandra Bullock. ▶				
PARSHO	(5:00) ▶ SAVING PRIVATE RYAN ('98) ★★★★★	The Agency		Lioness (N)		(9:50) Killing Eve		(10:35) The Agency		(11:35) WOLF OF WALL STREET ▶			
SMITH	(6:00) ▶ Genghis	Mysteries of the Abandoned		Billionaire Space Club		Ice Airport Alaska		History by the Numbers		Billionaire Space Club		Ice Air ▶	
SNY	Mets Stove (N)	AmazinFin (N)	Mets Classics - 2022: Mets at Brewers - From Sept. 19, 2022. Mets clinch a playoff spot.					Mets Stove	SportsNite (N)	SportsNite (N)	SportsNite (N)		
STARZ	(6:45) Outlander	(7:45) HALLOWEEN ENDS ('22) ★★ Jamie Lee Curtis.			(9:40) Outlander		(10:40) RENFIELD ('23) ★★ Nicholas Hoult. (P)		SILENT NIGHT ▶				
STZENC	(5:25) ▶ BACK ON THE STRIP	(7:25) 13 ('10) Sam Riley, Jason Statham.			THE TRANSPORTER ('02) ★★ Jason Statham.		(10:35) TRANSPORTER 2 ('05) ★★		FLATLINERS ▶				
SUND	GHOSTBUSTERS II ('89) ★★ Dan Aykroyd, Sigourney Weaver, Bill Murray.			GHOSTBUSTERS ('84) ★★ Dan Aykroyd, Harold Ramis, Bill Murray.		GHOSTBUSTERS II ('89) ★★ ▶							
SYFY	(5:30) ▶ THE NORTMAN ('22) ★★ Alexander Skarsgård.	EDGE OF TOMORROW ('14) ★★ Emily Blunt, Brendan Gleeson, Tom Cruise.					NOBODY ('21) ★★ Bob Odenkirk. ▶						
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	American (N)	American Dad!	American Dad!	American Dad!	American Dad!	
TCM	(6:00) ▶ TARZAN, THE APE MAN ('81) ★★	FATHER OF THE BRIDE ('50) ★★★★★			(9:45) ALL NIGHT LONG ('62) ★★ Patrick McGoochan.			MAGNIFICENT AMBERSONS ▶					
TLC	(6:00) ▶ Sister	90 Day: The Last Resort		90 Day: The Last Resort (N)				90 Day: The Last Resort (N)		Sister Wives		Last Resort ▶	
TMC	AVARICE ('22) Luke Ford, Gillian Alexy.			ARENA WARS ('24) Wesley Cannon, Kevin Hager.		(9:35) BLACK LOTUS ('23) Rico Verhoeven.		(11:10) DEATH AT A FUNERAL ('10) ★★ ▶					
TNT	(5:30) ▶ NATIONAL TREASURE: BOOK OF SECRETS	DOCTOR STRANGE ('16) ★★ Chiwetel Ejiofor, Benedict Cumberbatch.					GODZILLA VS. KONG ('21) ★★ Alexander Skarsgård. ▶						
TOON	Cartoon Planet	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	American Dad!	American Dad!	Rick and Morty	Rick and Morty	
TRUTV	(6:00) ▶ COACH CARTER ('05) ★★ Robert Ri'chard, Rob Brown, Samuel L. Jackson.	Evolve & F		COACH CARTER ('05) ★★ Robert Ri'chard, Rob Brown, Samuel L. Jackson.									
TRVL	(6:00) ▶ Mysteries of the Unknown	Mysteries of the Unknown (N)			Mysteries of the Unknown								Mysteries ▶
TVLND	Andy Griffith	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King	
USA	(6:00) ▶ Law-SVU	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		WWE Monday Night RAW (N)				Based-True (N)		Scare Tactics		9-1-1 ▶	
VH1	▶ FATHERHOOD	Love & Hip Hop Miami			Love & Hip Hop Miami (N)		Love & Hip Hop Miami		THINK LIKE A MAN ('12) ★★ Jerry Ferrara, Meagan Good, Michael Ealy. ▶				
WE	(6:00) ▶ Bones	Bones		Bones		Bones		Bones		Bones		Bones ▶	
YES	Moments of	HOPE Rem.	Homegrown	Yankees Hot Stove (N)		History of Yankees - 1957-1979		Yankees Hot Stove		Yankees Hot Stove		Yankees ▶	





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