

DAILY NEWS

NEW YORK'S HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER

St. Patrick's Cathedral



TRANS FUNERAL FALLOUT

SPECIAL MASS AT ST. PAT'S AFTER MOURNERS STIR OUTRAGE - PAGE 9

SHAWN INGLIMA FOR NYDN

3RD SHOOTER IS 15: COPS

New details emerge amid hunt for suspect in fatal gang gunfight

Police look for evidence at Mount Eden Ave. stop on the 4 train after shooting Monday left one man dead.

SEE PAGE 6

GARDNER ANDERSON FOR NYDN



@resortsworldnyc
RWNewYork.com

MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER TO PLAY THE NEW YORK LOTTERY GAMES. PLEASE PLAY RESPONSIBLY. 24-HOUR PROBLEM GAMING HOTLINE: 1-877-8-HOPENY (846-7369)

SWEET RIDE BMW DRAWING

Saturday, February 24
8pm



**DAILY NEWS****105 YEARS BOLD****EXECUTIVE EDITOR****Andrew Julien**

ajulien@nydailynews.com

MANAGING EDITOR**Robert Dominguez**

rdominguez@nydailynews.com

EDITORIAL PAGE EDITOR**Michael Aronson**

maronson@nydailynews.com

DIRECTOR OF AUDIENCE**Rose Abuin**

rabuin@nydailynews.com

**NATIONAL AND
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR****Amber Garrett**

agarrett@nydailynews.com

POLITICS EDITOR**David Cruz**

dcruz@nydailynews.com

DIRECTOR OF SPORTS CONTENT**Kyle Wagner**

kwagner@nydailynews.com

DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY**Kevin Macdonald**

kmacdonald@nydailynews.com

PRINT PRODUCTION EDITOR**Steven J. Ferrari**

sferrari@nydailynews.com

HOME DELIVERY**Call 800-692-6397 (NEWS)
or mail to DAILY NEWS L.P.**Circulation Fulfillment
270 Duffy Ave., Suite C
Hicksville, NY 11801**GOT A STORY? CALL****212-210-NEWS ...****GOT A PHOTO? E-MAIL****DESK@DAILYNEWSPIX.COM**

Daily News	(212) 210-2100
News Tips	(212) 210-NEWS
Classified Ads	(212) 210-2111
Advertising	(212) 210-2004
Newsstand Circulation	(212) 681-3300
Education (NIE)	(212) 210-2924

Sunday, February 18, 2024
Vol. 105 — No. 239

© 2024 Daily News L.P. All rights reserved. The Daily News (USPS 144-380) is published daily by the Daily News L.P., 4 New York Plaza, New York, NY 10004. Periodicals postage paid at New York, NY, and additional mailing offices. Daily News camera logo: reg. U.S. Pat. & TM Off.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Daily News, Circulation fulfillment, 270 Duffy Ave., Suite C, Hicksville, NY 11801. All materials submitted to Daily News are subject to same terms applied to submission of content to NYDailyNews.com. Those terms can be found at NYDailyNews.com/terms under "User Content."

NEW YORK LOTTERY

Evening: 043 Win 4: 4276

Midday: 565 Win 4: 8232

Pick 10: 4-7-12-21-24-28-29-33-34-35-49-50-55-58-64-72-74-75-77-80

Lotto: 11-18-33-34-39-56 Bonus: 50

Cash 4 Life: 5-38-44-48-55

Cash Ball: 3

Powerball: 6-28-59-62-69

Power Ball: 21 Power Play: 3x

Take 5 Evening: 11-14-20-24-36

Midday: 13-21-27-35-39

NEW JERSEY LOTTERY

Evening Pick 3: 381 Pick 4: 5961

Midday Pick 3: 003 Pick 4: 4165

Cash 5 Xtra: 1-24-28-29-33 x3



CITY MAY 'DELIVER' BRAND-NEW AGENCY

Move to curb e-bike fires and tragic accidents

BY EVAN SIMKO-BEDNARSKI
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

E-bike safety checks and enforcement would be a key role of the new city agency Mayor Adams is contemplating to regulate New York's growing food and package delivery industry.

Deputy Mayor Meera Joshi — who is leading Adams' push to design and establish what some informally call the Department of Sustainable Delivery — told the Daily News the agency "will regulate new forms of delivery transit and ensure their safety."

"The equipment that you're going to use to do that delivery has to be inspected," said Joshi. "There has to be some oversight to ensure that it's safe."

Joshi, who headed the city's Taxi &

Limousine Commission from 2014 to 2019 under former mayor Bill de Blasio, likened the proposed delivery department to her former agency.

The TLC requires all Ubers, Lyfts, taxis and liveries to undergo regular safety inspections and adhere to equipment rules above and beyond those of ordinary cars on the street.

E-bikes, Joshi said, are a "tragic example" of what happens in the absence of such regulation.

"They came in [to the city] quickly, because they met a need of workers to have cheap mobility and to meet the demands of an industry that is based completely on time and rewards for fast delivery," Joshi said.

"But the tragic truth is, nobody did the check around the safety, and we have an

opportunity to prevent the next e-bike tragedy by ensuring that before you can deliver using equipment, there is an authorized specification that that equipment meets when it comes to safety."

Full data aren't available yet for the number of traffic deaths involving e-bike and e-mobility devices in 2023 — but as of October, 18 people had been killed on e-bikes or e-mobility devices.

That partial-year data suggested e-bike and e-mobility deaths are rising.

In 2022, the city says such devices most widely used by delivery workers were involved in 21 deaths. In 2021, the first year for which Vision Zero data e-bike and e-mobility data are available, the devices were involved in 15 deaths.



City administration officials are studying the possibility of creating a new agency to regulate food and package delivery. Above left, Mayor Adams at a new delivery hub in 2022.

The city's Department of Transportation currently sets rules as to where e-bikes and mopeds are allowed to operate and the speeds at which they are allowed to travel.

The DOT has minimal enforcement capabilities, however. It relies on the NYPD to enforce the rules – including such tasks as keeping high-powered mopeds out of the city's bike lane network.

The growth of the e-bike delivery business has also brought deadly lithium-ion battery fires.

Eighteen people died in e-bike battery fires in the city in 2023 – mostly in houses or apartments where poorly designed after-market batteries were being charged. The Fire Department early in February shut down an e-bike battery factory in

Queens where inspectors believed a fire was imminent.

The boom in home delivery that began with the COVID-19 pandemic has brought a spike in the number of trucks and delivery bikes and mopeds on city streets.

Approximately 5 million packages were delivered by cargo bike in 2022, the most recently available data from the Department of Transportation show.

App-based food delivery is harder to quantify, but the city estimates the industry has grown to employ roughly 60,000 people.

"We don't know how many pieces of equipment are traveling throughout our streets delivering goods," Joshi said.

The proposed agency could become

home to other city initiatives on delivery issues.

The Adams administration has been pushing to use cargo bikes in place of delivery trucks for last-mile delivery. The city has also sought suggestions for ways to move local freight on city waterways, and to legalize four-wheeled truck-like e-bikes.

Joshi said she foresees the proposed agency as a "front door," issuing licenses and promulgating rules for businesses that want to operate delivery services in the five boroughs. The department – whether it's a stand-alone agency or a division of an existing agency remains to be seen, Joshi said – would require businesses to apply for licenses to run app-based delivery services, whether they use e-bikes, regular bikes, or,

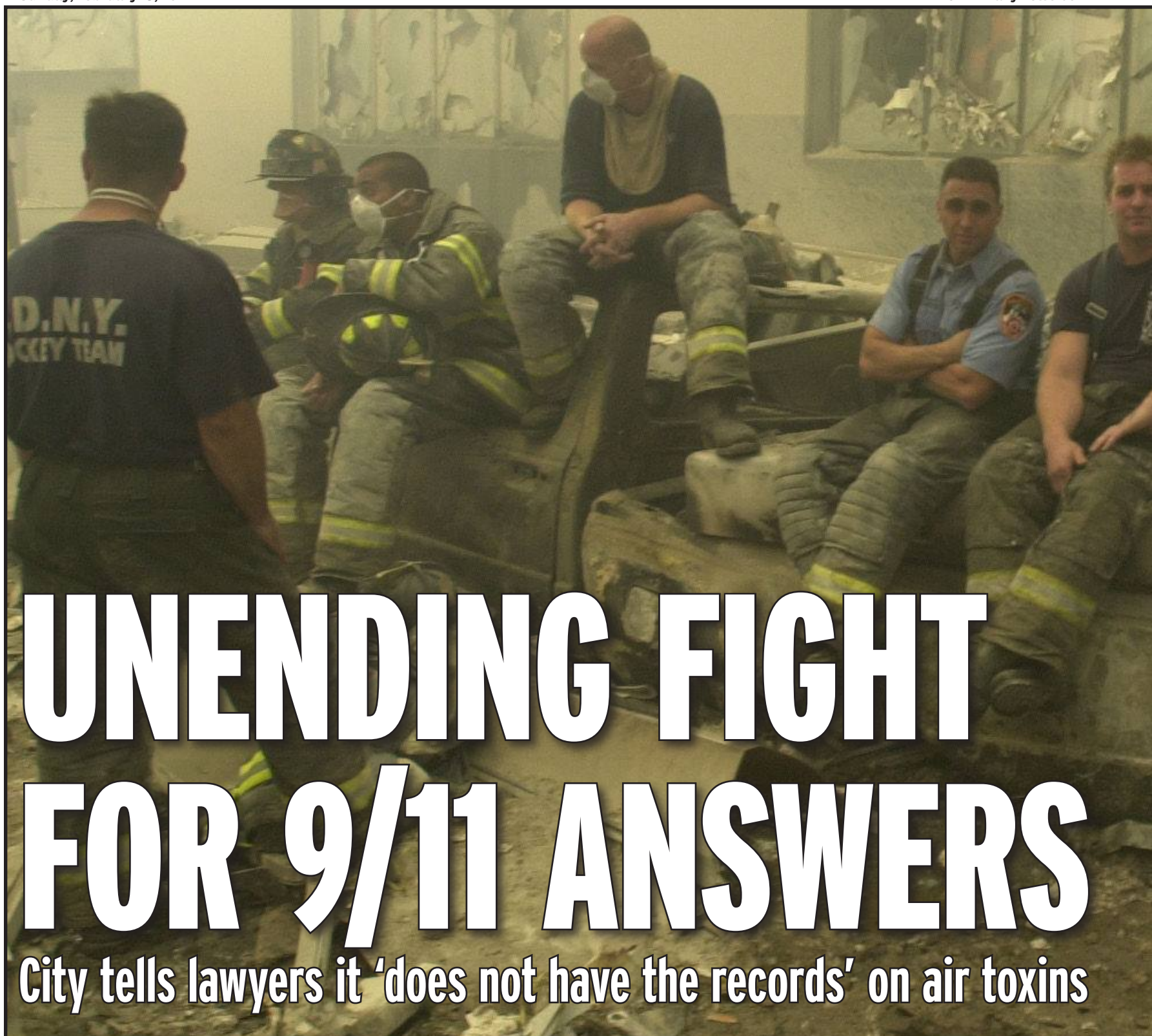
at some future point, robots or drones.

Joshi said she hoped a licensing body for the delivery business would add an incentive for delivery companies to follow the rules.

"If doing business in New York means that you need to get a license from a New York City agency, and that license comes with certain requirements around your safety record, then you start to align those two things," Joshi said.

"It is [a] void in jurisdiction that we want to solve for."

The next steps in the agency's establishment are being worked out. "The conversations with City Council have already started," Joshi said when asked about a time line.



UNENDING FIGHT FOR 9/11 ANSWERS

City tells lawyers it 'does not have the records' on air toxins

BY THOMAS TRACY
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

An attempt to learn more about the deadly toxins kicked into New York City's atmosphere after the 9/11 terror attacks has so far been shut down by city government, with two key agencies claiming they have no information on the matter.

Freedom of Information Law requests to NYC Emergency Management and the Environmental Protection Department — lead agencies in the city's investigation of Ground Zero air quality — asked for whatever data former Mayor Rudy Giuliani was aware of about toxic chemicals at Ground Zero in the months after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

The two agencies closed out the requests last month without providing any information.

"This agency does not have the records

requested," Emergency Management and the Environmental Protection Department both said in a curt, three-sentence response to attorneys Andrew Carboy and Matthew McCauley's FOIL request.

The request asked for "documents, reports, assessments" about the toxins, dust and fumes that came from the destroyed World Trade Center and other information about future health threats to 9/11 first responders and survivors.

Carboy and McCauley have submitted similar FOIL requests to other city agencies, which are still being reviewed, a city official with knowledge of the issue said.

According to the lawyers' spurned requests, the other agencies asked to provide documents include the Design and Construction Department, the Health Department, the mayor's office, the City Council and the Law Department.

Uncovering the paperwork has posed a

challenge because many documents at the time weren't digitized, requiring the agencies to dig into decades-old paper records, said the city official.

Carboy and McCauley issued the FOIL requests on behalf of 9/11 Health Watch and the families of first responders who died of 9/11 illnesses, including Firefighter Robert Fitzgibbon and NYPD Detective Luis Alvarez.

Retired NYPD detective and 9/11 responder Alvarez testified during a House Judiciary Committee in 2019. Frail, gaunt and racked with a 9/11 cancer, Alvarez testified to Congress demanding an extension of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund. Alvarez lost his fight with cancer a month after he testified.

Carboy is appealing the FOIL denial. He says he is stunned that the city would claim it has no records about the terror attacks that are still killing scores of city

residents.

"What's harder to believe? The city's pronouncements that the air in lower Manhattan was safe to breathe following the 9/11 attacks or that the two city agencies trusted to evaluate air quality and provide the results to the public now have no records of those tasks?" Carboy asked.

Benjamin Chevat, director of 9/11 Health Watch, found the city's response "simply preposterous."

Emergency Management "claims they have no records — zero, nada, zilch — to respond with," Chevat said. "The [Emergency Management] director stood at Mayor Giuliani's side through the days following 9/11, and they say there are no records?"

If the FOIL appeal is denied, the attorneys plan on taking other legal action.

An estimated 400,000 people were exposed to Ground Zero toxins on 9/11

First responders at Ground Zero on Sept. 11, 2001 after the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. (MARK LENNIHAN/AP)



and the days that followed, including 91,000 first responders, 57,000 residents who lived south of Canal St. and 15,000 students and administrators at lower Manhattan schools, according to city statistics.

Besides any and all reports, memos and studies shared with the Giuliani administration after 9/11, Carboy is also asking for anything connected with the infamous “Harding memo” which was referenced in a 2007 New York Times article, but never released publicly.

The October 2001 memo to then-Deputy Mayor Robert Harding warned that the city could face as many as 10,000 liability claims, “including toxic tort cases that might arise in the next few decades.”

A U.S. Environmental Protection Agency report in 2003 harshly criticized Christine Todd Whitman, who headed the EPA in 2001, for telling people in New York

just seven days after the terror attacks that the “air is safe to breathe” before she had scientific evidence to support the claim.

Whitman, a former GOP governor of New Jersey, apologized in 2016 for her role, but insisted that she never lied about the air quality and repeated that she was simply passing on information given to her by government scientists.

New York Rep. Jerrold Nadler and former Rep. Carolyn Maloney, both Manhattan Democrats, have long asked for these documents to be released, and sent a letter to Mayor Adams last February asking that the vaults to this information be opened.

“It is long past time for full disclosure of the city’s records,” they wrote in the letter. “While more than 20 years have passed, we still do not know the full impact of that day and the aftermath on the health of thousands of New Yorkers, and the full extent of what the city knew at the time.”

In their letter, the legislators said they understood Adams administration officials are “concerned” about the city’s liability in the matter.

“Releasing the records will likely help to save lives,” they wrote.

In July, Adams agreed to sit down and discuss their longstanding request.

But when the meeting took place, city officials said they wouldn’t release the documents without significant immunities and protections because the information could open them up to lawsuits and “embarrassment,” a source with knowledge of the talks said.

An email to Adams, NYC Emergency Management and the Environmental Protection Department regarding the FOIL denial was not immediately answered. A city spokeswoman said several agencies are continuing to review requests for these documents from attorneys and legislators.

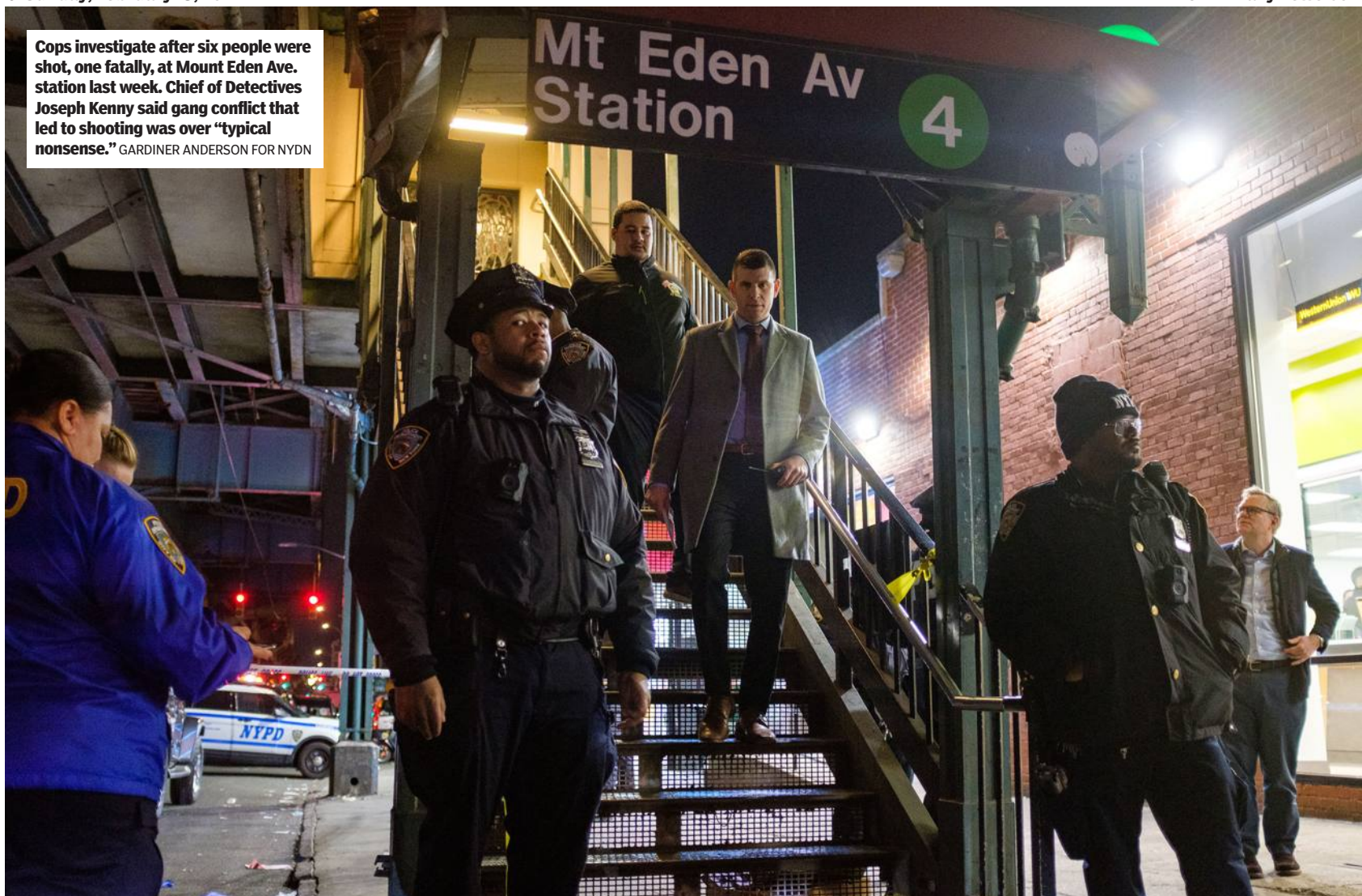
Carboy said acquiring the information isn’t about litigation. More than 20 years later, it would be tough to prove who or what caused the victims’ injuries and illnesses – and besides, he said, the more than 50,000 survivors who have already received money from the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund have agreed not to sue the city.

Instead, Carboy said, the issue is about finding answers to unanswered questions.

“I am struck, two decades on, by the large number of new clients who question the circumstances by which they, and hundreds of thousands of others, were exposed to contaminants while, simultaneously, returning to work and their homes reassured by City Hall of the air’s safety,” Carboy said. “Why were those assurances made, given what we now know?”

“We hope to obtain answers to the questions the public continues to have.”

Cops investigate after six people were shot, one fatally, at Mount Eden Ave. station last week. Chief of Detectives Joseph Kenny said gang conflict that led to shooting was over “typical nonsense.” GARDINER ANDERSON FOR NYDN



'Wanted for murder' at 15

Suspected third gunman in fatal Bronx subway shooting

BY THOMAS TRACY
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

Cops have identified a 15-year-old boy as the third gunman in a Bronx subway station shooting that left one dead and five wounded as new details emerged about the conflict between two warring gangs that sparked the deadly violence, police said Saturday.

The teen, a Bronx resident, was identified hours after his alleged accomplice, 16-year-old Langel Jones, was ordered held without bail on murder charges for the Monday night gang-related shooting at the Mount Eden station on the No. 4 line.

A 14-year-old boy who swapped shots with the two teens and was wounded in a barrage of bullets is also in custody.

Cops are circulating a wanted poster about the 15-year-old, stating that he is “wanted for murder.” His name is being withheld by the Daily News because he is a minor and so far not criminally charged.

The teen is believed to be a member of the “D Block” crew, which often clashes with the “Burnside” crew, cops said.

The three teens opened fire on the train as it entered the station, then continued to shoot as they ran out onto the platform, cops said.

Jones and his accomplice were firing from the south end of the platform while the 14-year-old was shooting from the north end. A “chance encounter” between the gang members sparked the shooting, cops said.

An estimated 19 shots were fired, hitting six people, most of them bystanders caught in the crossfire.

Jones was charged as an adult with murder, assault, reckless endangerment and other charges.

One of the bullets the teen fired struck 35-year-old Mexican immigrant Obed Beltran-Sanchez in the chest, prosecutors say. Beltran-Sanchez died at St. Barnabas Hospital. Five other people between 14 and 71 years old were wounded.

Beltran-Sanchez was seated on the train and stepped out the door when he heard a commotion and was hit by a stray bullet, NYPD Chief of Detectives Joseph Kenny said Thursday.

“He’s just a gentleman riding the

train,” Kenny said. “He made the mistake of looking out onto the platform to see what was going on and he ends up getting killed.”

Video recovered by police shows Beltran-Sanchez lying mortally wounded on the platform as people walk past him, Kenny said.

“It’s heartbreaking to see the video of him laying on the platform dying,” he said.

Jones was “seen along with another individual firing weapons at a third individual who fires back,” prosecutors said at his arraignment.

The 15-year-old remained at large Saturday. He and Jones, who are both members of D Block crew, opened fire on the 14-year-old Burnside member as they sought payback for a Jan. 15 gang-related shooting the younger teen allegedly committed, police said.

D Block stands for Davidson Ave., Kenny said. The earlier shooting happened outside a Davidson Ave. bodega and the 14-year-old was among four others who opened fire on three men near the corner.

One of the victims, 17, was hit in the lower right leg and was taken to St. Barnabas Hospital for treatment. He was very uncooperative with police when questioned, cops said.

Kenny said that bullets collected on the train platform matched bullets recovered from the Davidson Ave. shooting.

The 14-year-old is currently facing charges for the Jan. 15 shooting, but hasn’t been charged with the train shooting. None of the guns used in the firefight were recovered, Kenny said.

The two crews may be responsible for five separate shootings or incidents of shots fired in and around Davidson Ave., police believe.

The longstanding beef between the two gangs is over “typical nonsense,” Kenny said.

“It’s over drill rapping and disrespect,” Kenny said. “The usual taunts.”

Beltran-Sanchez planned to return to his home in Mexico next year. He is survived by his wife, two children ages 12 and 7, and his parents, said Mexican news outlet La Silla Rota.

With Rocco Parascandola



Deeply rooted in communities throughout the greater New York area for over 160 years



Conservative
management to
help ensure the
Bank's stability

Digital technology
to allow you to
bank wherever
and whenever
you want

Personalized
service to
address your
unique needs

Apple
Bank 

Learn more at applebank.com



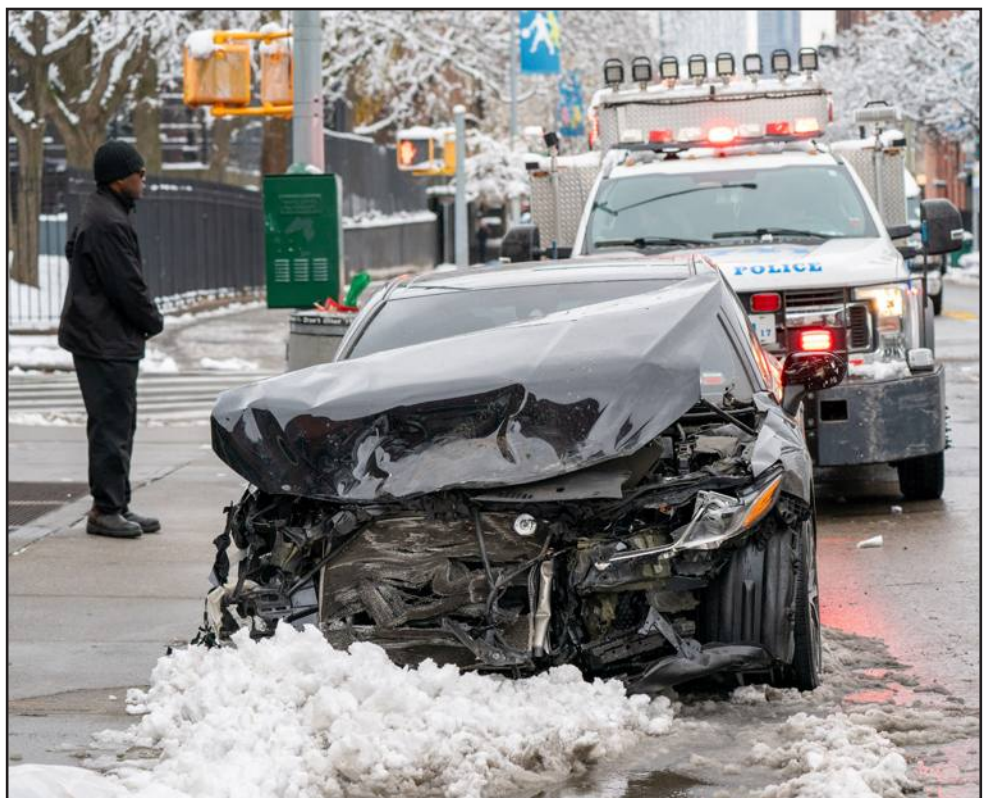
Member
FDIC





Cops at scene Saturday after Toyota Camry livery car (driver below l.) smashed into police vehicle (main) at Classon Ave. and Fulton St. in Brooklyn, sending two Finest to hospital. A parked minivan (below r.) was also damaged.

Nasty crash on nasty day sends 2 cops to hospital



TRANS RITES FALLOUT

'Scandalous behavior' at icon's funeral spurs rare 'Reparation'



Funeral at St. Patrick's Cathedral for trans rights activist Cecilia Gentili (above) reportedly angered some visitors who complained of racy outfits, profanity and other behavior by the mourners.

BY THOMAS TRACY
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

St. Patrick's Cathedral held a rare Mass of Reparation on Saturday after the Archdiocese of New York claimed mourners at a funeral service for trans icon Cecilia Gentili last week engaged in "scandalous behavior."

St. Patrick's pastor, the Rev. Enrique Salvo, said that at Timothy Cardinal Dolan's request, the Mass was offered to pray for forgiveness for what some Catholics considered a desecration of the historic Midtown house of worship.

"Thanks to so many who have let us know they share our outrage over the scandalous behavior at a funeral here at St. Patrick's Cathedral earlier this week. The cathedral only knew that family and friends were requesting a funeral Mass for a Catholic, and had no idea our welcome and prayer would be degraded in such a sacrilegious and deceptive way," Salvo said Saturday in a statement.

"That such a scandal occurred at 'America's Parish Church' makes it worse."

Dolan has not spoken about the funeral.

Priests holding the service on Thursday

were reportedly not told that Gentili was trans.

Joseph Zwilling, a spokesman for the archdiocese, said the church didn't take issue with Gentili's sexual identity, but the actions of the mourners.

Outraged Catholics complained on social media that attendees wore racy outfits and cursed openly at the podium while paying tribute to Gentili, 52, a renowned trans activist and award-winning author, former sex worker and actress.

Mourners also jokingly identified Gentili as a "saint" and changed the lyrics to some Catholic songs to honor the LGBTQ advocate.

Among the mourners was "Pose" star Billy Porter, who, the group CatholicVote said on X, opened the service "with a song mocking the Our Father prayer."

The group went on to say the service was a "mockery of the Christian faith INSIDE St. Patrick's Cathedral."

Ceyeye Doroshov, who organized the memorial, admitted to The New York Times that she did not mention Gentili was trans to St. Patrick's officials and kept her identity "under wraps." Organizers did put out an extensive press release advertising the funeral at the church.

More than 1,000 people attended the service, which was live streamed on the Trans Equity YouTube channel. Many of the mourners were trans and were seen wearing miniskirts, halter tops, fishnet stockings and fur stoles.

So many people showed up at the "homegoing service" that the Rev. Edward Dougherty, who presided over the Mass, commented on the size of the crowd.

"Except on Easter Sunday, we don't really have a crowd that is this well turned out, you know?" Dougherty said during the service.

Gentili's family on Saturday pushed back at St. Patrick's, saying the funeral brought "precious life and radical joy to the cathedral in historic defiance of the church's hypocrisy and anti-trans hatred."

"Cecilia Gentili's funeral service, which filled the pews in ways the cathedral only can during Easter service and NYPD funerals, was a reflection of the love she had for her community and a testament to the impact of her tireless advocacy," family members said in a statement to the Daily News.

"Her heart and hands reached those the sanctimonious church continues to belittle, oppress and chastise, and she

changed the material conditions for countless people, including unhoused people and those who needed health care. The only deception present at St. Patrick's Cathedral is that it claims to be a welcoming place for all," they said.

On Thursday attendees had heralded the cathedral's hosting of the funeral as a pivotal turn in the church's treatment of trans Catholics.

Catholics have long excluded queer and trans people, and the national conference of Catholic bishops in the U.S. rejects the concept of gender transition. However, the Vatican announced in October that the church would allow trans people to be baptized and serve as godparents under some circumstances.

In 1989, thousands stormed St. Patrick's Cathedral in opposition to the Catholic Church's policies on homosexuality, HIV/AIDS and abortion.

Catholics held a Mass of Reparation in Brooklyn in November to cleanse Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church.

The Brooklyn Diocese said the church was desecrated when someone filmed a sexually provocative music video inside the house of worship.



Protesters condemn Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's handling of Gaza war during a rally Saturday in Tel Aviv. They also called for new elections. AP

Impasse over ceasefire

Qatar: 'Humanitarian part' is sticking point in Israel-Hamas deal

BY WAFAA SHURAF
AND SAMY MAGDY
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RAFAH, Gaza Strip — Talks on a potential ceasefire deal in Gaza “have not been progressing as expected” in the past few days after good progress in recent weeks, key mediator Qatar said Saturday, as Israel’s prime minister accused the Hamas militant group of not changing its “delusional” demands.

Speaking during the Munich Security Conference in Germany, Qatar’s prime minister, Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, noted difficulties in the “humanitarian part” of the negotiations.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who is under pressure to bring home remaining hostages taken in the

Oct. 7 Hamas attack, said he sent a delegation to ceasefire talks in Cairo earlier in the week at President Biden’s request, but doesn’t see the point in sending them again.

Hamas wants a permanent ceasefire in Gaza and the release of Palestinians held by Israel.

Netanyahu also pushed back against international concern about a planned Israeli ground offensive in Rafah, a city on southern Gaza’s border with Egypt. He said “total victory” against Hamas requires the offensive, once people living there evacuate to safe areas. Where they will go in largely devastated Gaza is not clear.

New airstrikes in central Gaza on Saturday killed more than 40 people and wounded at least 50, according to hospital officials. Israel’s military said it carried out

strikes against Hamas.

Five people were killed in an Israeli airstrike that targeted a house outside Khan Younis in the south, according to health officials, and an additional five people were killed in an airstrike north of Rafah.

Israel’s offensive was triggered by the Oct. 7 attack that killed some 1,200 people in Israel and took 250 others hostage.

The Gaza Health Ministry on Saturday raised the overall death toll in Gaza to 28,858, saying the bodies of 83 people killed in Israeli bombardments were brought to hospitals in the previous 24 hours.

The war has displaced some 80% of Gaza’s population and sparked a humanitarian crisis. More than half of Gaza’s 2.3 million people are packed into Rafah, which Israel portrays as the last stronghold of Hamas fighters.

Meanwhile, Israel’s military said it had arrested 100 suspected Hamas fighters at Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis, Gaza’s second-largest city. Israel’s defense minister has said at least 20 of those detained were involved in the Oct. 7 attack.

The Gaza Health Ministry said troops turned the hospital into “military barracks” and detained a large number of medical staff. Israel says it does not target patients or doctors, but staffers say the facility is under heavy fire.

Nour Abou Jameh was among the thousands of Palestinians sheltering at the hospital who were forced to leave in the past week.

“Shooting and shelling was coming from all directions,” Jameh said. “When we left at night, bodies were in the streets, and even tanks moved on them and crushed them.”

Dell Technologies

INNOVATION THAT WINS

Bold tech to support your best ideas.

Shop our most popular, top-selling tech.

Scan to Shop



A. Latitude 3540 Laptop
\$749

13th Gen Intel® Core™ i5 processor, Windows 11 Pro, 8GB memory*, 256GB* SSD



B. Precision 5680 Workstation
\$3,239

13th Gen Intel® Core™ i9 processor, Windows 11 Pro, 32GB memory*, 1TB* SSD, NVIDIA® RTX™ 2000 Ada display, 3 years ProSupport available

C. Dell 24 Monitor - S2421HS
\$129⁹⁹
Save \$30

23.8" monitor beautifully designed to sit easily into any space ready for your everyday lifestyle.

D. XPS 13 Laptop
\$849
Save \$310

12th Gen Intel® Core™ i7 processor, Windows 11 Pro, 16GB memory*, 512GB* SSD, Intel® Iris® Xe Graphics, FHD+ display

Shop Dell.com/deals or call 877-ASK-DELL

FREE SHIPPING*

GREAT PRICES. EVERY DAY.

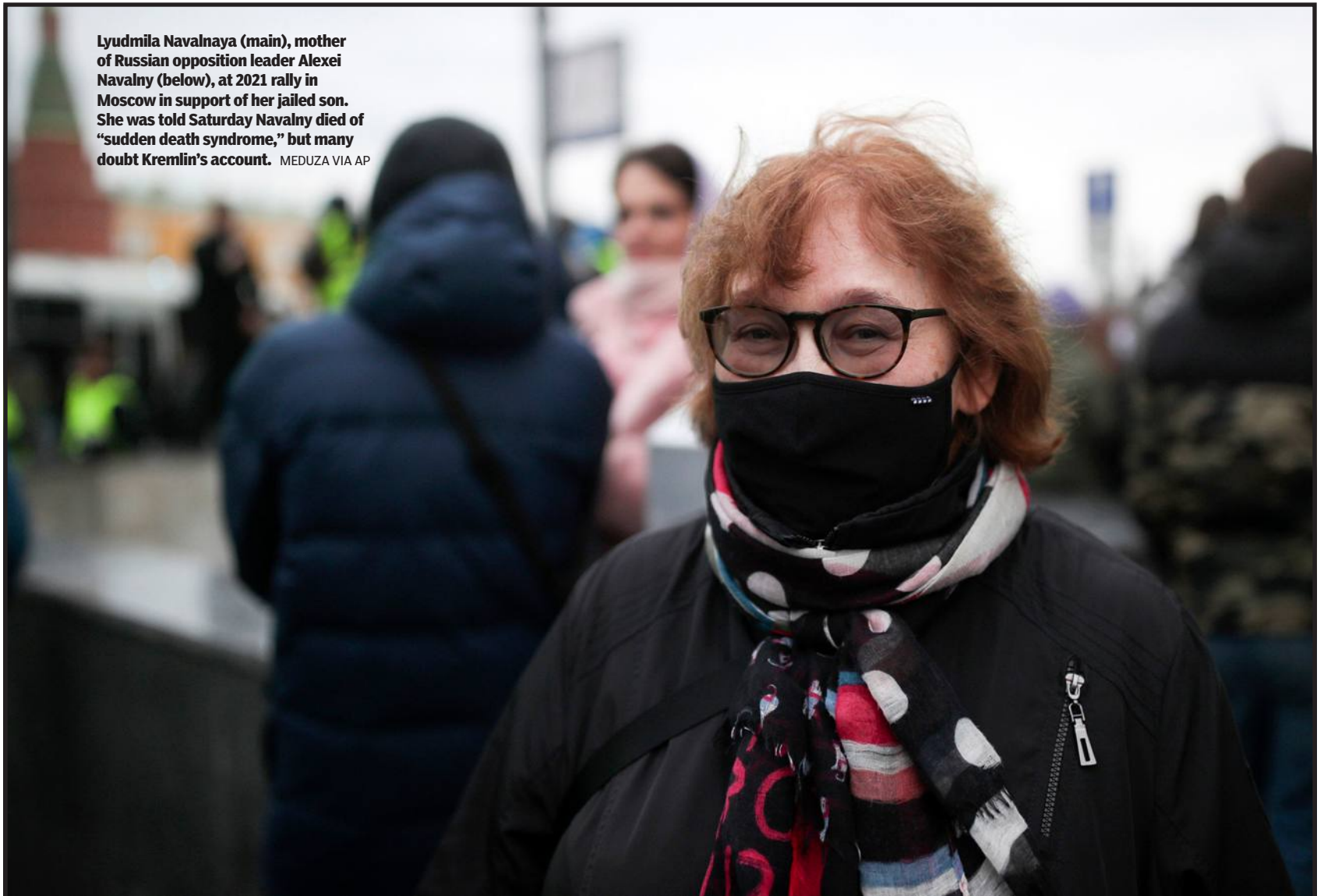
EARN DELL REWARDS*

Most secure Windows ever



Offers valid for date and time shown until offer expiration or sellout.
*Offers valid 2/19/2024-2/26/2024 at 7:59 AM ET, unless otherwise noted.
*Offers subject to change, not combinable with all other offers, while supplies last. Dell may impose a purchase quantity limit (for example, 5 units per order). Taxes, shipping, and other fees apply. Free shipping offer valid only in Continental U.S. (excludes Alaska and P.O. Box addresses). Offer not valid for Resellers. Dell reserves the right to cancel orders arising from pricing or other errors. *Dell Rewards: 3% excludes taxes and shipping. Rewards expire on the 15th day of the fourth month following the month in which they were earned. The total amount of Rewards Points that can be earned each Dell fiscal quarter shall not exceed 200,000. (The Dell fiscal calendar begins in February.) Outlet purchases do not qualify for rewards. Expedited Delivery not available on certain monitors, batteries and adapters and is available in Continental (except Alaska) U.S. only. Other exceptions and restrictions apply. Not valid for resellers and/or online auctions. Offers and rewards subject to change without notice, not combinable with all other offers. See full program at Dell.com/rewards. Hard Drive capacity varies with preloaded material and will be less. System memory may be used to support graphics, depending on system memory size and other factors. Microsoft and Windows are trademarks of Microsoft Corporation in the U.S. and/or other countries. Prices do not include applicable taxes, shipping, environmental, and other surcharges. Offers not combinable with any other offers or discounts. Certain products may be limited in availability. Dell is not responsible for typography, pricing or other errors. Dell reserves right to cancel orders arising from any errors or limit quantities. Copyright © 2024 Dell Inc. or its subsidiaries. All Rights Reserved. Dell Technologies, Dell, EMC, Dell EMC and other trademarks are trademarks of Dell Inc. or its subsidiaries. Other trademarks may be trademarks of their respective owners. 705001

Lyudmila Navalnaya (main), mother of Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny (below), at 2021 rally in Moscow in support of her jailed son. She was told Saturday Navalny died of “sudden death syndrome,” but many doubt Kremlin’s account. MEDUZA VIA AP



‘Sudden death’? Nyet!

Putin critic Navalny was murdered, dissident’s team insists

BY JESSICA SCHLADEBECK
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

The mother of Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny, who died Friday at the age of 47, was told Saturday her son was killed by “sudden death syndrome” — a claim his team has waved off as untrue, alleging instead that Russian President Vladimir Putin’s nemesis was murdered.

Lyudmila Navalnaya was also told her son’s body would not be returned until officials completed their investigation, his spokeswoman Kira Yarmysh told Reuters. That’s despite the fact that Navalny’s team was informed earlier in the day that the probe was done and that it uncovered no evidence to suggest that anything criminal had occurred.

Yarmysh added that one of Navalny’s lawyers was also told no cause of death had yet been confirmed.

“It’s obvious that they are lying and doing everything they can to avoid handing over the body,” Yarmysh wrote on X,

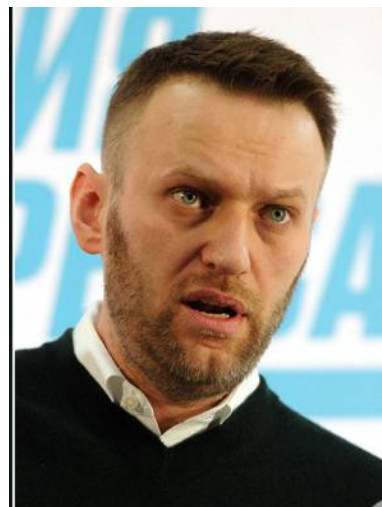
noting that Navalny’s team has demanded his body “be handed over to his family immediately.”

Navalny’s lawyer traveled alongside the Kremlin critic’s mother to the Polar Wolf arctic penal colony, about 1,200 miles from Moscow, braving frigid temperatures in a bid to learn more about his death. They were told his body was at Salekhard morgue, but the facility was closed when they arrived. Officials subsequently “assured them [the morgue] is working and Navalny’s body is there,” Yarmysh said.

“The lawyer called the phone number which was on the door,” she continued. “He was told he was the seventh caller today. Alexei’s body is not in the morgue.”

Navalny, a former lawyer, fell unconscious and died Friday following a walk at the remote arctic prison, where he was serving a 30-year sentence, authorities said. His mother on Saturday was given an official notice listing his time of death as 2:17 p.m. local time, Yarmysh said.

“Navalny was murdered. We still don’t



know how we’ll keep on living, but together, we’ll think of something,” said Maria Pevchikh, head of the board of Navalny’s Anti-Corruption Foundation.

Navalny was initially arrested in

January 2021 upon returning from a hospital in Germany, where he had been recuperating from what his team called an assassination attempt carried out by the Kremlin. His followers revealed he initially fell ill during a flight from Tomsk, Russia, to Moscow in August 2020, with several labs around the world confirming nerve-agent poisoning to be the cause.

At that time, he was sentenced to more than two years in prison for violating probation. Then, in March 2022, Navalny was ordered to spend nine years at a high-security facility on fraud and contempt charges, alleged infractions his team has repeatedly called politically motivated.

He was handed an additional 19 years this past summer, that time on charges of extremism relating to his anti-corruption foundation.

Russian officials have repeatedly denied any involvement in the poisoning as well as his recent death.

With News Wire Services



WE NARROWED YOUR OPTIONS DOWN TO UNLIMITED

With custom colors, dynamic shapes and sizes and unlimited design options, E-Series windows and doors make it possible to create the home you've always imagined. Follow your inspiration, express your own unique style and set your home apart with Andersen.



LOVE THE LIFE YOU SEE.™

Learn more at andersenwindows.com/e-series

"Andersen" and all other marks where denoted are trademarks of Andersen Corporation.
©2022 Andersen Corporation. All rights reserved

**BROOKLYN
WINDOW & DOOR**
718.WINDOWS
185 30TH ST, BROOKLYN, NY 11232

BROOKLYN WINDOW & DOOR
185 30TH STREET
BROOKLYN, NY 11232
718 627 6400
www.brooklynwindow.com

MOVEMENT, AT LAST, ON

Demolition OK'd for 23-story apartment tower in Washington

BY TÉA KVETENADZE
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

A 23-story apartment building could finally be coming to the long-abandoned lot above the 181st St. A train station in Washington Heights after the city approved a demolition permit Feb. 14.

Developers want to construct a 164-unit, 435-foot-tall building on the property located at 524 Fort Washington Ave. and 29 Overlook Terrace, which includes a vacant former synagogue above a rocky outcrop.

That's according to recent filings with the Department of Buildings, which also indicate several floors could be used as a school. Plans for the proposed new building, first reported in 2022, show about 15 stories would rise above Fort Washington Ave. and tower over nearby buildings — as well as Bennett Park, which is located directly across the street and occupies the highest natural point in Manhattan.

"Nothing's been set in stone just yet," said Nathan Shapiro of Bizzi & Partners, one of the developers behind the project. "Everything's still in review and we still have to see what's going to happen."

Bizzi & Partners and fellow developers Sumaida & Khurana bought the land for a



reported \$12 million in 2022.

Shapiro did not have any comment on a timeline for the project, but a contractor would need to pull the relevant work permits before demolition work could begin. The application for the new building, last filed in January, has not yet been approved by the DOB.

The project, which is also referred to as "1 Bennett Park," would cost over \$100 million to build, according to filings. It includes 87 parking spots and over 130,000 square feet

of community facilities; space for a school is detailed on eight of the lower floors, though Shapiro would not confirm anything about a possible new school.

When asked about the potential effect on the 90-plus-year-old subway station it would be built above, Shapiro said "there will be no impact" and they are in touch with the MTA.

City Realty reported last October it would be the largest new condominium in Upper Manhattan and published renderings of the huge brickwork façade.

None of the Washington Heights residents the Daily News spoke to were aware of the plans. That may be because the developers didn't have to go through a rezoning process to build so unusually high for the area — the other buildings around the park top out at six stories — since the zoning already allows it for such irregularly-shaped lots.

But the prospect of the new 23-story building has rankled many residents, who said they worried about the design and implications for Bennett Park, the 181st St. subway station, adjacent buildings and the neighborhood at large.

"Build better buildings and you'll undoubtedly face less opposition from the communities in which you situate them," said Ted Kirschner, 52, a creative director who has lived in Washington Heights for 11 years.

"But drop another bland box with cheap brickwork and no discernible character designed by someone paying more attention to a spreadsheet than a community and watch us fight like hell. As we always do. And sadly, watch us, and this beautiful city of ours, ultimately lose."

Others were more amenable to the project, pointing to the city's lack of housing.

Dennis Golin, 32, has lived in Washington Heights his whole life. He met his wife when

myunique.com

Presidents' Day Sale!

50% OFF

STOREWIDE

Monday, February 19th

LEVITTOWN, NY
304E HEMPSTEAD TPKE
(516) 731-1727

BRONX, NY
218 W 234TH ST
(718) 548-1190

UNION CITY, NJ
3136 KENNEDY BLVD
(201) 867-7077

ELIZABETH, NJ
116 BROAD STREET
(908) 994-0600

PATERSON, NJ
188 MAIN STREET
(973) 742-2020

WESTBURY, NY
625 OLD COUNTRY RD
(516) 338-1760

QUEENS, NY
92-18 JAY BROWNE BLVD
(347) 901-5750

UNION, NJ
2485 US-22 W
(908) 688-6822

SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NJ
698 OAK TREE AVE
(908) 822-1600

HAWTHORNE, NJ
111 WAGARAW RD
(973) 423-3444

@MyUniqueThrift

Stores open Thr early!



BLDG. FOR VACANT LOT

Heights that could also include space for new school

they both attended preschool at the Fort Try-on Jewish Center, which was formerly housed on the site.

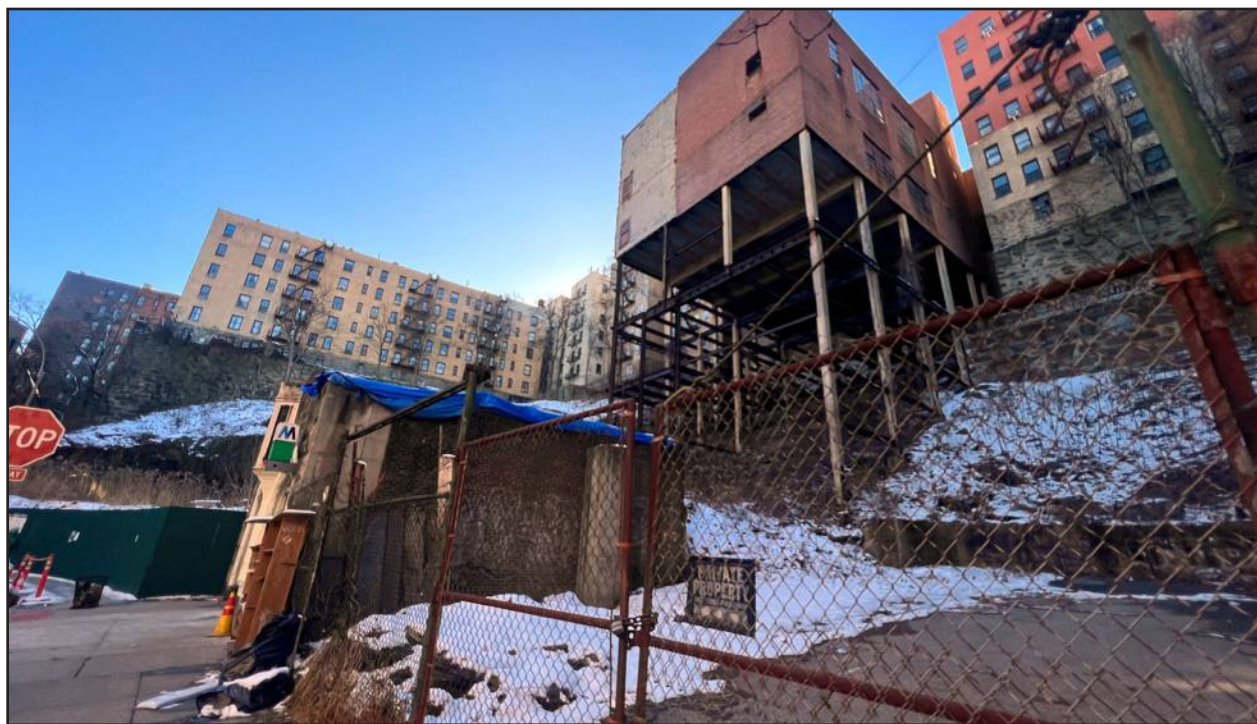
"I would have loved for it to be restored as a community center, but constructing housing would be a far better use for that currently decrepit patch of land," Golin said.

The Fort Washington Avenue portion of the property is currently covered in scaffolding adorned with graffiti and missing dog posters; the Overlook Terrace section is fenced off and strewn with garbage, the remnants of the old synagogue teetering above the rocky yard.

The last attempt to build on the site proved disastrous: construction began in 2007 but ran into financial and logistical troubles and halted during the Great Recession, leaving the synagogue unusable. The project was subsequently foreclosed on.

Gabi Porter, 49, has lived in the neighborhood since 1995 and knows how tough working on the site has been in the past.

"My guess is, after they've spent a fortune trying to get the project going, and disturbed everyone and everything around them, they will ultimately find that they severely underestimated the cost of the project," she said of the plans. "It's ugly, but neighborhoods change and evolve."



Photos show two views of abandoned lot at Fort Washington Ave. and Overlook Terrace in Washington Heights that developers hope to turn into a 23-story apartment building. TÉA KVETENADZE FOR NYDN



CATHOLIC CEMETERIES
St. John • Mt. St. Mary • Holy Cross
St. Charles / Resurrection

Catholic Cemeteries provides families with a sacred and permanent caring place for the cremated body of a loved one.



St. John



Mount St. Mary



Holy Cross

Indoor/Outdoor
Niches starting
at \$950 or
\$36 a month*



St. John

Serving Catholic Families For Over 150 Years
See the difference by contacting one of our counselors.

*Installment terms with no finance charges for pre-need purchases.

As indicated, please call or send me my **FREE** informational packet.
I understand that no cemetery representative will ever visit my home.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

I am interested in:

☐ St. John
(718) 894-4888
Middle Village, NY

☐ Mount St. Mary
(718) 353-1560
Flushing, NY

☐ Holy Cross
(718) 284-4520
Brooklyn, NY

Please mail to:

St. John Cemetery
80-01 Metropolitan Avenue
Middle Village, NY 11379
www.ccbklyn.org

DN 2/18/24

NYPD'S BOSS TAKES

Blasted for giving deputy chief a pass after he pulled woman's hair

BY GRAHAM RAYMAN
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

NYPD Commissioner Edward Caban declined to discipline a high-ranking deputy chief accused of pulling a female protester's hair and shoving her face into the ground in downtown Manhattan in 2020, records show.

Caban's decision came in October in the case of Deputy Chief Gerard Dowling of the NYPD's Special Operations Bureau. Caban's decision was included near the bottom of an oversight report made public last week by the Civilian Complaint Review Board.

Caban elected to remove Dowling's case from CCRB jurisdiction and decide on his own whether to discipline him. It was one of 11 cases Caban "retained" in the last three months of 2023.

Under a 2012 memorandum of understanding between the Police Department and the Civilian Complaint Review Board, police commissioners are allowed to retain cases if submitting them to CCRB examination would be "detrimental" to the NYPD's disciplinary process, or if the officer has no disciplinary history or prior substantiated complaints.

Of the 11 cases Caban retained late in 2023, he issued no discipline in four and minor discipline ranging from training to one lost vacation day in the other seven.

Advocates for police accountability scored Caban's decision in the Dowling case.

"We long have objected to the NYPD's authority to unilaterally close cases where the CCRB has found misconduct, and this case perfectly illustrates that concern," said Christopher Dunn, legal director of the New York Civil Liberties Union.

"When disciplinary cases of high-level officers simply disappear, that destroys the notion of police accountability," Dunn said.

Dowling was cleared of punishment in the case, which began with a protest June 2, 2020, outside 17 Battery Place in the Financial District, across from Battery Park.

NYPD officers and supervisors including Dowling, Inspector James McGeown and Capt. Ronald Ramos tried to disperse the group with kicks and baton strikes, the CCRB found. The encounter generated a series of civilian complaints.

When a woman tried to intervene in the melee, Dowling grabbed her hair by the braid and with two other officers pulled her down, according to the CCRB's findings and a video of the incident.

The woman "landed facedown on the ground," the CCRB findings say. Other officers placed flex cuffs on her wrist, the findings show.

In an interview with CCRB after he viewed the video, Dowling acknowledged he had grabbed the woman's hair but said it was unintentional.

The CCRB substantiated the two improper use of force allegations against



Civilian board's Jonathan Darche (above) rips top cop Edward Caban (main) for letting Deputy Chief Gerard Dowling (far r.) off the hook.

Dowling. "Substantiated" means the CCRB found "sufficient credible evidence to believe that the subject officer committed the alleged act without legal justification."

Deputy Chief Anthony Marino, an aide to Caban, wrote CCRB Director Jonathan Darche on Oct. 31 that the force Dowling

used in the situation was "reasonable and necessary to overcome resistance to arrest."

Marino noted that Dowling has never been disciplined in 28 years on the job. "The police commissioner intends to take no disciplinary action against [Dowling]," Marino wrote.

Darche replied Nov. 9 arguing the

CCRB should be allowed to pursue charges against Dowling.

"[The woman] was in custody, on the ground surrounded by officers, and posed no physical threat to the officers nor was she a threat to escape custody," he wrote. "Dowling was not justified in using force against her and should be held accountable

HEAT ON DISCIPLINE

and shoved her face into ground in 2020 Financial District protest



Christophe Bensmaine named Dowling in his lawsuit over a May 30, 2020, protest in Times Square as a commander of cops who injured him during the event. The city settled that case for \$167,500.

In the third settled case, Christina Gavin named Dowling in her 2020 lawsuit as one of the cops who grabbed her and kicked her legs out from under her during a protest on 125th St. in Harlem on Nov. 22, 2019. She alleged Dowling made false statements in the case. That case settled for \$30,501.

Records show Dowling has been named in 14 CCRB complaints, including seven involving use of force. The only two cases substantiated involved the June 2, 2020, incident.

Dowling joined the NYPD in 1995. He was promoted from inspector to deputy chief by then-Commissioner Dermot Shea in October 2021 after those lawsuits had been filed.

He was promoted to deputy chief in June 2022 under then-Commissioner Keechant Sewell.

The CCRB has objected to the practice of letting a police commissioner retain some disciplinary cases.

"The CCRB stands by all its disciplinary recommendations and believes that due process is best served by the disciplinary process," said CCRB spokeswoman Clio Calvo-Platero.

"When the commissioner retains a case, we lay out the facts and explain the board's reasoning as clearly as possible. Under the current disciplinary system, this is all that the CCRB can do in these matters."

As the No. 2 in Special Operations to Chief Wilson Arambales, Dowling helps oversee the emergency services, aviation, harbor, and mounted units and the Strategic Response Group, which responds to large-scale events.

On Monday, the CCRB issued its annual report for 2023, which showed that 5,550 complaints were filed in the year, a 50% jump over 2022 and the highest total in a decade. Complaints containing an allegation of an improper stop-and-frisk rose to 940 from 522, an 80% spike.

for this misconduct?"

Marino was unmoved in his reply Nov. 16, repeating that Dowling would not be disciplined for the incident.

Dowling was one of two dozen police supervisors named as defendants in a landmark class action lawsuit filed by the New York Civil Liberties Union and the Legal

Aid Society over the NYPD's handling of the 2020 George Floyd protests. The city settled the case in July for \$13.6 million.

Dowling was also named as a defendant in at least five other civil rights lawsuits since 2019 related to actions during protests. The city settled three of those lawsuits for a total of \$276,501, records show.

In one of those settled cases, Alyssa Sukhana named Dowling in her 2021 suit over a May 25, 2020, Bronx protest where people were "kettled," or violently hemmed in, by hundreds of cops. Dowling, the lawsuit alleged, had a key role in planning the police response to the protest. The lawsuit settled for \$78,500, records show.



While Saturday's 2 inches of snow was about half of Tuesday's nearly 4 inches, New Yorkers still had to dig out in Brooklyn (main) and Rosedale, Queens (below), among other spots.

So you wanted snow?

OK, now you've got it, for the second time in a week

BY JESSICA SCHLADEBECK
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

After nearly two years without any major snowfall, New Yorkers for the second time in a week woke up to a wintry-white scene Saturday.

The precipitation began overnight Friday, coating Central Park with more than 2 inches of snow by 7 a.m., the National Weather Service said. It continued into Saturday morning, with a few flurries still falling into the early afternoon.

The bands of snow from there pushed away from the city and further east, along the South Shore of Long Island, where residents faced threats of snow squalls early Saturday evening.

According to the National Weather Service, snow squalls are "quick intense bursts of snow accompanied by strong gusty winds." While squalls are short-lived, they come on quick, meaning that conditions can deteriorate rapidly.

Ahead of the weekend snowfall, the weather service issued a winter weather advisory for all of New England, New Jersey, southern Westchester County and Long Island as well as New York City. It urged residents to use caution while



driving and to keep an eye out for slippery sidewalks before the notice expired about 10 a.m. on Saturday.

"A huge THANK YOU to everyone who heeded the Travel Advisory and kept our city safe, and to the crews who worked tirelessly through the night and this morning," the NYC Emergency Management said in a post to X.

Temperatures hovered in the

low-to-mid 30s throughout the day Saturday, before plummeting overnight and freezing over the snow-slicked sidewalks.

Temperatures with windchills in the upper teens were forecast for Sunday morning, but things are slated to warm up slightly as the week progresses.

Snow from Tuesday's nor'easter didn't even have a chance to fully melt before the latest round of winter weather.

The storm earlier in the week, which came after a weekend of balmy, spring-like weather, hit the Big Apple with nearly 4 inches of snow. The snowfall in the city Saturday was part of a bigger storm sweeping across the East Coast, which tracked a bit more south than the one that struck earlier in the week.

The fast-moving weather event dumped a ton of snow on Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and southern Pennsylvania, where a winter storm warning was issued late Friday through Saturday morning, according to the National Weather Service. In parts of Maryland and West Virginia, up to 10 inches of snow were in the forecast, with snowfall rates of up to 2 inches an hour at times, the agency said.

In Philadelphia, residents could see as much as 6 inches of snow, while D.C. was slated to get between 2 and 5 inches.

Parts of New Jersey were walloped by winter weather, with as much as a foot of snow blanketing central parts of the Garden State.

The weather service warned of snow-covered roads and visibility as low as a half mile to 1 mile, emphasizing the conditions could be dangerous for those traveling.

MEN'SSIZES
7-20
WIDTHS
B-6E

globe

SHOES

WOMEN'SSIZES
5-13
WIDTHS
N-3W

Located at

**INTERSTATE SHOPPING CTR
RAMSEY, NJ**

(between TJ Maxx & Party Fair)

(201) 843-6515**www.globe-shoes.com****0% SALES TAX ON SHOES IN NEW JERSEY*****PRESIDENTS' DAY WEEKEND***

20% OFF* SALE

MONDAY**February 19, 2024****SEE EXCLUSIONS BELOW**

*Excludes ALL PRIOR PURCHASES,
sale merchandise, socks, accessories,
out-of-stock items, Gift Certificates,
UGG, SAS, Samuel Hubbard & Birkenstock.
No other discount or coupon can be applied.

ONLINE USE CODE: **PRES20** at checkout.
Online exclusions may differ.

**PLUS SHOP OUR
CLEAR THE RACK**

SALE

50% OFF*

*SELECTED STYLES WHILE SUPPLIES LAST. ALL SALES FINAL.**Store Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 10:00-6:00 • Thursday & Saturday 10:00-7:00**

President Biden (seen in 2022) pulled no punches last week in blaming Russian thug Vladimir Putin for death of Alexei Navalny.

AP

This is the Joe we need

Fired up over Navalny's death, dithering by pols on Ukraine

He's still a little goofy, and the doddering old man moments still make us all a little uncomfortable, but on the subject of Russia's out-of-control aggression, President Biden came off last week as a strong and capable leader.

At a news conference addressing the death of Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny, Biden took on all comers: the bully president in Moscow, the shameless Congress in Washington and the troublemaking candidate who wants to push him out of the White House.

"Make no mistake — Putin is responsible for Navalny's death," Biden said Friday, mincing no words about his disdain for the Russian leader.

"We don't know exactly what happened. But there is no doubt that the death of Navalny was a consequence of something that Putin and his thugs did."

After months of "Saturday Night Live" skits, late-night monologue jokes and a

scathing Justice Department report about the president's reported memory loss, Biden came out swinging.

He pounded Putin for silencing his opposition, he lashed into lawmakers for taking a recess without voting on a Ukraine aid package, and he tore into former President Donald Trump for threatening to sic Russia on delinquent NATO members.

"All of us should reject the dangerous statements made by the previous president that invited Russia to invade our NATO allies if they weren't 'paying up.' He said, if an ally did not

pay their dues, he'd encourage Russia to, quote, 'Do whatever the hell they want,' " Biden said.

"This is an outrageous thing for a president to say. I can't fathom, can't fathom — from Truman on, they're all rolling in their graves hearing this. As long as I'm president, America stands by our sacred commitment to our NATO allies, as they have stood by their commitments to us repeatedly."



LEONARD GREENE

Biden followed up the remarks with a timely campaign attack ad calling Trump's NATO comments "traitorous."

Biden still has his good days, and this was clearly one of them.

And whether or not he'll have enough of them to sustain the country over the next four years is debatable.

But this, as it usually is, is less about what Biden has left in the tank than it is about the match that Trump would light under it.

Again.

We've seen this show before, and we didn't like the ending the first time.

Only this time, Trump is giving us a preview.

He said he would punish the people who impeached him twice.

He said he would be a dictator on day one, and day one only.

He said he would sic Russia on loyal NATO allies.

Why wouldn't we believe him?

"No president has ever said anything like it," the narrator in Biden's new ad says. "It's shameful. It's weak. It's dangerous. It's un-American."

Biden beat Trump once before. But that

is no guarantee that Biden will beat him again.

So, now, the Democrats are playing the dangerous game of relying on the courts to do what they may not be able to do at the ballot box.

Don't bet on it. The U.S. Supreme Court seems poised to reject efforts to kick Trump off the ballot.

Dozens of lawsuits have been filed nationally to disqualify Trump under Section 3 of the 14th Amendment, which was designed to keep former Confederates from returning to government after the Civil War.

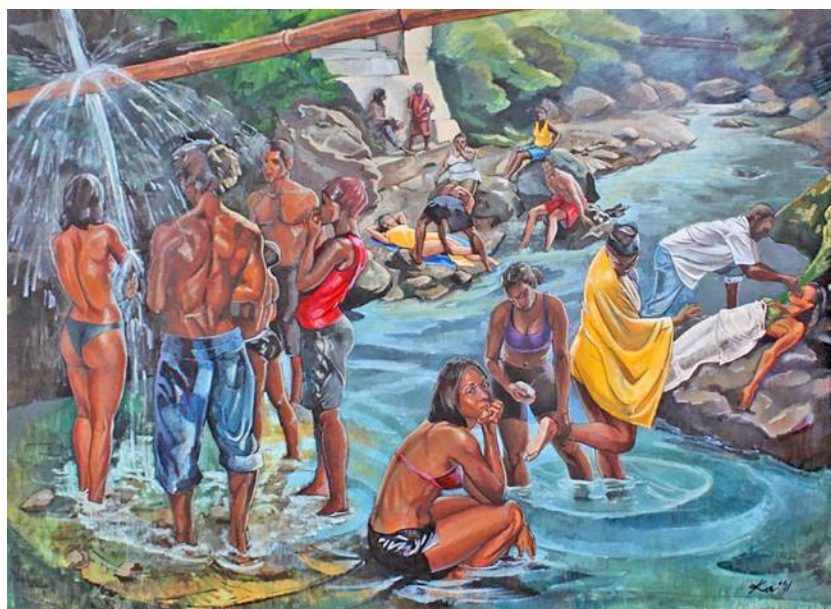
It bars from office anyone who swore an oath to "support" the Constitution and then "engaged in insurrection or rebellion" against it.

Does Jan. 6 ring a bell?

Trump's lawyers argue that efforts to keep him off the ballot "threaten to disenfranchise tens of millions of American voters."

Trump, who appointed three justices to the Supreme Court, is likely to prevail.

That would mean a rematch — and the hope that Biden has enough good days left in him.



The works of Jamaican painter Kai Watson, and other artists will be on display at the Harlem Fine Arts Show in Manhattan. (KAI WATSON)

Focus on artists and art in two separate events

A range of artistic genres is displayed by visual artist Sadikisha Saunders Collier in her latest exhibit, "Journey," running through March 7 at Brooklyn's African Voices Gallery, 325 Lafayette Ave. in Clinton Hill.

From acrylic work to stained glass artworks, Collier's pieces examine historic figures, Black women, and other subjects. A free artist talk featuring Collier and the stories behind her work will be held March 2 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets are required for admission.

Visit bit.ly/JourneyArtAvailable for more on the "Journey" exhibit and its art, and bit.ly/FreeJourneyTalk for the artist's talk.

Harlem Fine Arts 2024

The Harlem Fine Arts Show — three days of art, artist talks, community engagement and art education — is coming to The Glasshouse, 660 12th Ave. (between W. 48th and W. 49th Sts.) from Feb. 23 to 25.

Under the theme "Renaissance Now: Curating Cultural Nutrition," artworks and artists representing the Americas, the Caribbean, Central and South America, and other parts of the world will be on display to foster "an atmosphere of hope, conversation, wonder, and community." For tickets and event schedule, visit hfes.org.

Caribbean flip-book

Take a flip through "Global Caribbean," a publication from Guyana-born editor and publisher Annan Boodram's Bronx-based Caribbean Voice magazine.

Articles on Caribbean food, a historic look at the Grenadian Rebellion of 1795 examining tobacco usage as a public health priority, and "Girls in the ITC Day" about increased



JARED McCALLISTER
CARIBBEAN

female representation in the information and communications technology are some of the international topics.

Read the latest issue of Global Caribbean at bit.ly/GlobalCaribbean.

All about 'Icons'

"Reimagining Icons: Counter-Narratives and Histories Enriched," a group exhibition featuring artwork by Moridja Kitenge Banza, Erika Defreitas, Simone Elizabeth Saunders, and Shanna Strauss is on display at the Claire Oliver Gallery, 2288 Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Blvd. in Manhattan through March 9.

The show is curated by writer, creative strategist, and fine art appraiser Evlyne Laurin. Visit claireoliver.com/ or send email to Hello@ClaireOliver.com.

A Tanksley talk

Join a free talk with veteran oils, watercolor and printmaking artist Ann Tanksley in "Ann Tanksley: Conversations II Artist Reception," Sunday at Dorsey's Fine Art Gallery, 553 Rogers Ave. (between Fenimore and Hawthorne Sts.) in Brooklyn, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The prolific artist is known for many works, including her 200-plus collection of artworks based on the writings of novelist Zora Neale Hurston. Visit dorseysfineartgallery.com, or call 718-210-9812, or send email to info@dorseysfineartgallery.com.

rateSeeker.com
Deposit & Loan Guide
Check rates daily at www.rateseeker.com/savings-rates

Institution	Int Chking Acct Min	Money Mkt Acct Min	3 mo CD Min	6 mo CD Min	12 mo CD Min	18 mo CD Min	24 mo CD Min	36 mo CD Min	60 mo CD Min	Phone / Website
Apple Bank	NA	NA	3.50	3.50	4.00	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	914-902-2775 applebank.com/locator
Visit applebank.com/CDRates										
Bethpage Federal Credit Union	Great rate! Earn 5.00% APY on an 11-Month Certificate from Bethpage. \$50 min. balance required. Terms/conditions apply. Insured by NCUA.									855-966-3062 www.lovebethpage.com
Visit a local branch or lovebethpage.com/11month to get started.										
HAB Bank	NA	NA	5.25	5.65	5.25	3.00	3.00	NA	NA	212-532-4444 www.habbank.com
Visit us at www.Hab.bank										

TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS FEATURE,
CALL SALES DEPARTMENT @ 773-320-8492

Savings Update

Why paying off your car loan early isn't always a good idea

We've all heard it countless times: paying off debt is one of the wisest financial goals you can set. But while paying off your car or truck loan early may indeed be a smart move, it isn't the best choice 100% of the time.

For one, the shorter your loan term, the less likely it will bring much benefit. If you financed your vehicle for just 3 years, you'll probably gain little by retiring it early, since you already capitalized on lower interest rates by choosing a shorter term.

You'll also want to check whether your loan carries a prepayment penalty, or if it involves precomputed interest. In contrast to simple interest, precomputed interest means paying the loan off early won't reduce your ultimate interest expense.

If you're clear on these are issues, paying off your loan early will reduce your total cost, which is always a good thing. In addition, it will free up money in your budget

for other uses, will make it easier to sell or trade-in your vehicle, and if you'll soon be applying for a mortgage, will helpfully lower your debt-to-income ratio.

On the other hand, keeping the loan can be great for your credit score, as it adds diversity to your credit profile and provides an opportunity to build your track record of on-time payments.

It's also sensible to instead pay off any debts with a higher interest rate than your car loan. Credit card debt and personal loans are almost always a better use of your debt reduction dollars than a vehicle loan.

Lastly, if paying off your car or truck early leaves you with less cushion to weather unexpected expenses each month, or prevents you from establishing an adequate emergency fund, it's smarter to fund that financial security first.

Rate Criteria: Rates effective as of 02/13/24 and may change without notice. RateSeeker, LLC. does not guarantee the accuracy of the information appearing above or the availability of rates in this table. Banks, Thrifts and credit unions pay to advertise in this guide. NA means rates are not available or not offered at the time rates were surveyed. All institutions are FDIC or NCUA insured. Yields represent annual percentage yield (APY) paid by participating institutions. Rates may change after the account is opened. Fees may reduce the earnings on the account. A penalty may be imposed for early withdrawal. To appear in this table, call 773-320-8492.

36th Annual Suburban Home Show



HOME IMPROVEMENTS • REMODELING • DECORATING • LANDSCAPING & MORE

FEBRUARY 23, 24, 25 • Fri 2-7:30 • Sat 10-7:30 • Sun 10-5:30

Rockland Community College Fieldhouse

145 College Rd. • Thruway exit 14B • Suffern, NY

Present this ad for FREE ADMISSION at show entry.

Name _____

Address _____

City State Zip _____

Email _____

Good for up to 2 Adult Admissions

MUST fill out to be valid

Everything to Improve Your Home and Yard.

Regular Adult admission \$10, Children 12 and under FREE with adult

FREE PARKING

www.goodlivingexpos.com



RICHARD JOHNSON

An industry 'full of toxic, disgusting

Megyn Kelly doesn't miss the bosses she had at Fox News and then NBC News.

"When I left NBC, I was sitting on my couch thinking, I don't know if I want to go back into the industry at all. It's full of toxic, disgusting people," she told **Arthur Aidala** on his podcast "These City Streets With Arthur Aidala."

"I can't imagine working for another person who's going to tell me I have to follow his editorial judgment, not my own. And in the mainstream, there's nothing but that."

Kelly is happy these days podcasting "The Megyn Kelly Show" that airs live daily on SiriusXM.

Explaining the popularity of **Donald Trump**, she said, "The No. 1 thing he does is, he is entertaining. I've called him the walking ball of charisma, because the best way to get coverage on any outlet, whether it's digital or print or cable or broadcast, is to be someone ... who drives the numbers. Because most of these people are capitalists and they want money."

"And that means putting on things that rate or get clicks or do well. And Donald Trump is that in every way, shape and form. So that's the best thing he does. That's why he got \$3 billion in what's called earned media in the 2016 election."

Getting praised for her acting by **Robert De Niro** gave **Laura Ault** "a special feeling," she said.

De Niro, who has been Oscar-nominated eight times, lauded Ault for her scene in "About My Father," where she plays an overly cheerful person to De Niro's grump. "He came over and told me how great I did," Ault said. "Not everyone can say that."

Ault, a very fit mother of two daughters, said she is often told she's a ringer for **Kristen Wiig**.

Doing a scene for the "Bad Monkey" TV series starring **Vince Vaughn**, Ault asked **Alex Moffat**, a "Saturday Night Live" alum like Wiig, "Do I remind you of anyone?"

Moffat drew a blank.

"It was windy. My hair was blown cross my face, ... He was a lot of fun."

Jeff Koons is sending some art to the moon.

A rocket made by **Elon Musk's** SpaceX blasted off Wednesday from Cape Canaveral carrying Koons' 125 1-inch miniature moon sculptures, each associated with people who have made a significant impact to life on Earth, such as **Mozart**, **Galileo**, **Cleopatra** and **Leonardo da Vinci**, to name a few.

This historic launch, conceived by **Chantelle Baier**, CEO of 4SPACE, will land Thursday and leave Koons' moons near the southern pole of the lunar surface for eternity.



If you were an accomplished oil and gas engineer in Houston, what would you do in your spare time?

Taquiela Wright designed lingerie, and launched her own company named **Delisa Rose**.

Wright grew up in Peoria, Ill., moved to Hollywood and ended up in Texas. Now she's telling all in a new podcast series recorded in New York that debuted, appropriately enough, on Valentine's Day.

"An Intimate Night With Delisa Rose" tackles failed marriages, sexiness at any size and how confidence conquers all. She battled a life-threatening illness, survived a failed marriage, and did it all "with curves."

"I'm powerful within my own body, there's not a lot of Black lingerie designers in the industry. I just did New York Fashion Week. If I can survive that I can survive anything," she says with a laugh.

The podcast is coming to Apple and Spotify but can be previewed now at DelisaRoseLuxuryLingerie.com. Get advice and

a garter in the same place.

"Wayne's World" director **Penelope Spheeris** got her first Hollywood break producing comedian **Albert Brooks'** early work on "Saturday Night Live." But there now seems to be no love lost between the pair.

"After we did six or seven [short films] with me telling Albert where to put the damn camera, I was blessed — ha! — with the job of producing Albert's first movie 'Real Life,'" Spheeris told "Rock's Backpages" podcast. "It was after that he went on to make himself a career as a director starring in his own films, but he never asked me again to work with him. He used all the crew I brought him ... that was kind of s---y."

Spheeris said that Brooks' friend **Rob Reiner** made a documentary about Brooks, "Defending My Life."

"Guess who was excluded?" she said. "Yeah, f---k those guys!"

The hottest new celebrity watch isn't gold, silver or platinum — it's glass.

Samuel L. Jackson was the first to get a Ritmo Mundo watch. Then **Michael Strahan**, who usually wears Rolex.

The timepieces have been in "Entourage" and "CSI: Miami."

The classy glassy model Pegasus came out last week at \$3,500.

"It's the celebrity look that ironically celebrities like," laughs Mundo man and designer **Ali Soltani**. "Sam has been wearing his everywhere for a few months."

The synthetic glass case lets you see all the inner workings. "It's clear it's a winner," cracked one Instagram watch aficionado.

Will they "wind up" with other celebs? We'll see. Or see-through.

The superrich looking for a getaway home on the California coast may be super-interested in this listing: 140 acres of prime real estate called Broad Beach Ranch on the

people,' sez Megyn



cliff directly above the star-studded Malibu Colony will be auctioned off by Sotheby's.

In 2023, **Beyoncé** and **Jay-Z** spent \$190 million for a 42,000-square-foot house on 8 acres in Paradise Cove just minutes away from the for-sale ranch located on the Encinal Canyon overlooking the Pacific Coast Highway.

The lucky buyer will get "Splash" movie star **Daryl Hannah** and her beau singer **Neil Young** as next-door neighbors.

Opening bids for the ocean-view land are expected to start between \$2 million to \$4 million and zoom up from there, starting March 28. The property is being sold by entrepreneur and Aphrodite Rosé founder **Frank Schilling**.

● **Princess Diana's** iconic sapphire-and-diamond engagement ring has inspired a new generation of brides because it was featured on the final season of "The Crown."

The 12-carat ring was left to **Prince William** much to the reported chagrin of

Prince Harry and **Meghan Markle**, who had to settle for a less historic stone, a 3-carat diamond valued at approximately \$200,000.

William used his mother's ring, valued at \$400,000, when he proposed to **Kate Middleton**, who wears it every day.

Grooms looking to impress their fiancées can now buy another storied sapphire that was owned by American aristocrats **Alice** and **Pierre du Pont**, of the famed chemical family. In 1937, the couple were on holiday in Ceylon (Sri Lanka), where they asked to see the most important gem in the country.

They ended up buying an incredibly rare 24.20-carat sapphire.

The stunning stone, known as the Du Pont Sapphire, was transformed into a ring surrounded by nearly 4 carats of diamonds.

M.S. Rau is selling the ring for \$2.4 million.

It's available online and is also being shown until Tuesday at the Palm Beach Center.

COSMETIC MAKEOVERS DENTAL IMPLANTS INVISIBLE ORTHODONTICS

**MISSING TEETH? LOOSE PAINFUL DENTURES?
DENTAL IMPLANTS WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE!!**



We offer gift certificates or care credit financing to give your loved ones a healthier smile.

- Cosmetic Orthodontics
- Cosmetic Bonding
- Bleaching
- Implants
- Crowns
- Fillings
- Cleanings

**Full Dental Makeovers
& All Cosmetic Dentistry**

Can be done in 1-2 appointments.

All prosthetic work must be completed at our office to qualify for the promotional fees

**With
This Ad**

Free Consultation and Smile Analysis (\$150 value)

Dental Implants as low as \$750 (\$1,650 value)

We cater to cowards...Nitrous Oxide (Sweet Air) and I.V. Sedation available for apprehensive patients.

We Create Beautiful Smiles...Let Us Create One For You!!

Perfect Smile Design P.C. 110-45 Queens Blvd. Forest Hills, NY

R. Lestz, D.D.S., DICOI

718-544-9100

Diplomate: International Congress of Oral Implantologists

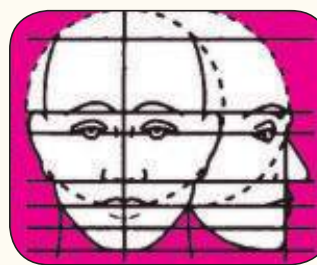
Member: American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry

ADVERTISEMENT

Master of the Dental Makeover

Dr. Richard Lestz, a dentist with over 25 years experience in dental cosmetics, implants and general dentistry, has a unique calling card. Above a caption, which reads "dento-facial symmetry," it shows horizontal and vertical lines drawn through a face. What does this have to do with Dr. Lestz's specialty, you may ask? Plenty.

"These lines are proportional and symmetrical," he explains. "Faces that we consider to be beautiful, or ideal, fit into these lines. When teeth are crooked or missing altogether, there is a loss of bone and other supporting structures, which may cause the shape of the face to collapse inward and vertically. By cosmetically reconstructing the teeth and their supporting structures, we can achieve a more esthetic, healthy and youthful appearance."



**Dr. Richard Lestz
uses dento-facial
symmetry
as the guideline for
bone and tooth
reconstruction.**

Dr. Lestz, a diplomate of the International Congress of Oral Implantologists and a member of the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, is a master of the dental makeover. Dental implants, or artificial root replacement, are the rapidly growing alternative to bridges and partial dentures to replace missing teeth. Dr. Lestz can quickly determine if you are a candidate for the procedure, and then employ the latest implant technology.

Dr. Lestz also specializes in **tooth whitening** and **bond-**

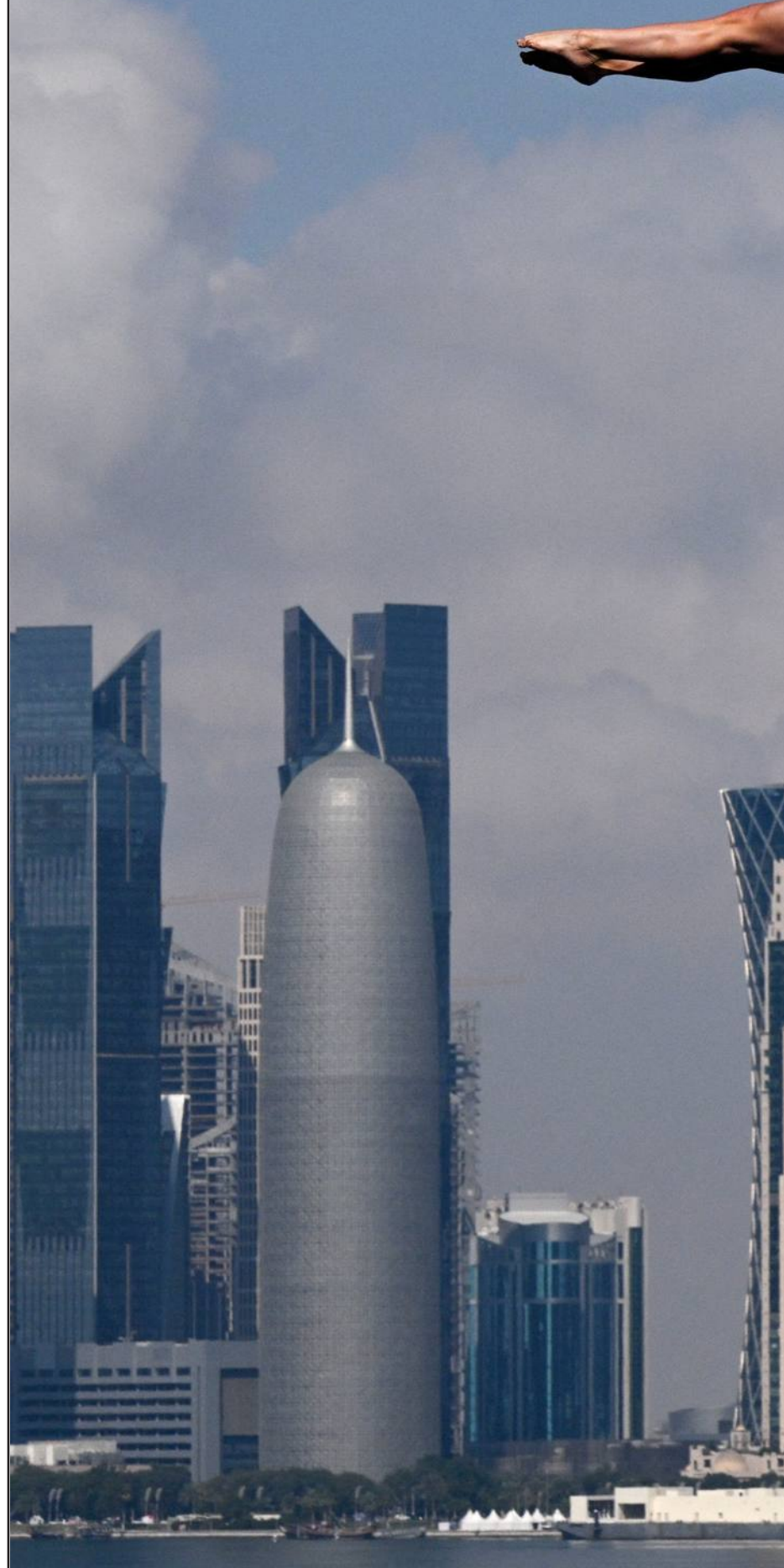
ing cosmetics such as porcelain veneers, which cover surfaces of the teeth to greatly improve your smile. For more information, or to schedule and appointment at his Forest Hills office, call (718) 544-9100. You can also log on to dentalimplantsandcosmetics.com.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

THAT'S HOT: Actress Zendaya pauses so photographers can capture every inch of her spectacular getup for "Dune: Part Two" at the movie's premiere in London. GETTY



SKY DIVING: A competitor gets in a practice dive for the women's high diving event at the World Aquatics Championships in Doha. AFP/GETTY





KEEP DIGGING: Allan Penney shovels out a pickup truck in Sydney, Nova Scotia, after mother nature dumped some 3 feet of snow on the area. AP



BRAMHALL'S WORLD



Adams' snow day hokey pokey is slippery & gross

After a long snow drought, New Yorkers on Tuesday got a reminder about how quickly the fresh white stuff becomes slippery and gross — and how quickly grand political rhetoric becomes slippery and gross, too.

Every part of the public school's slushy "remote learning" debacle was an indictment of the shrinking system and a mildly traumatic flashback for parents, kids and school staff to the lost pandemic year.

"We feel really good about this," Schools Chancellor David Banks said on Monday. "It's one of the good things that, in fact, emerged from the pandemic, was our preparedness to be ready for moments like this."

But on Tuesday morning, students and teachers logging in were sent to a "Service unavailable" page. Not good!

That apparently counts as a teachable moment for parents, according to Mayor Adams, who hasn't said much about pandemic learning loss generally but was all about it at Monday's press conference with Banks where he declared that "we need to minimize how many days our children are just sitting at home making snowmen."

It takes a special sort of parent to think kids make snowmen while sitting at home.

Employing the cranky uncle-knows-best



HARRY SIEGEL

register he used back in the day to instruct parents to search their kids' dolls for hidden drugs, Adams went on to say that those "not willing to navigate a computer for your child" were "a sad commentary":

"Clicking on, figuring out how to navigate that, using it as a teaching moment on how to get it online and how to get it up, showing our children that difficulties come and we overcome that, that is what it's all about."

"So, you can't tell me that Mommy took me to school with her arthritic knees in a snow day and you are frustrated by [logging] onto a computer. That's not acceptable to me. Our children must learn. They fell behind. We need to catch up. That is what we need to be focusing on."

That's what it's all about, huh?

Parents who spent the pandemic dealing with endless log-ins and system errors before the city's COVID vaccine registration page shut them out on the day in-person school finally resumed aren't going to

dance to that hokey pokey.

Neither are the kids who went sledding in parks on Tuesday after logging in to get checked off as present on what they called "a phony Zoom day."

The real reason the city didn't have a snow day is that it can't lose even one school day without risking a violation of New York State's legal requirement of at least 180 of them.

The city only clears that low bar by counting a couple of teacher training days as school days. In real life, if your kid can't go to school it's not a school day.

As Errol Louis laid out in a classic Daily News column nearly a decade ago, one reason for this mess is the addition of different groups' celebrations as public school holidays — shortchanging all the parents and students citywide who don't observe, say, Yom Kippur or Eid al-Fitr or the Lunar New Year.

It's an expansion that started with the Hebrew High Holidays, back when Jewish women made up a vastly outsized share of public school teachers.

That's ancient history now, yet New York City keeps adding new holidays, most recently Diwali, along with proclamations from politicians about how doing so is a moral triumph for the whole city.

This isn't complicated. Lawmakers

should save the political recognition of different religious and ethnic communities for alternate-side parking suspensions.

Give every public school student a few excused days for family observances. Don't schedule big tests or events on the days of major holidays. Use asynchronous "remote learning" so that kids have a way to catch up on their own time with lessons they miss.

Adams, an inveterate tech booster who took his first paycheck as mayor in cryptocurrency, was mocked during the campaign for fantasizing about how, "By using the new technology of remote learning, you don't need children to be in a school building with a number of teachers. It's just the opposite. You could have one great teacher ... teach three to four hundred students who are struggling in math."

Later, he claimed he'd meant 30 or 40 students even though he'd talked about hundreds on other occasions, and said:

"I fought to end remote learning and put children back in schools. I'm a believer in that."

Amen!

And when the weather doesn't allow for that, have a snow day.

Siegel (harry@thecity.nyc) is an editor at The City, a host of the FAQ NYC podcast and a columnist for the Daily News.

DAILY NEWS EDITORIAL

NYC needs housing, not lawsuits

As the City Council mulls a lawsuit to force the Adams administration into compliance with its CityFHEPS housing voucher expansion, the Legal Aid Society beat them to the punch last week.

City Hall has made no bones about the fact that it otherwise has no intention of complying with the misguided law, which among other things makes New Yorkers eligible if they've received a demand letter from a landlord and aren't even in eviction proceedings while also significantly raising income thresholds.

We of course should not set the precedent that a mayoral administration is empowered to simply ignore laws as passed by the City Council, a circumstance that would lead to chaos and rule by arbitrary edict. While this particular law may have been short-sighted and premature, coming into effect as NYC hit a historically low vacancy rate for affordable apartments, it is still a law duly passed by the public's elected representatives over the mayor's veto. If a court has to order the administration to start issuing the vouchers, so be it.

What the court can't do is change the availability of housing. While it is incumbent on City Hall to ensure it has the administrative and bureaucratic resources to comply with its legal obligations, the mayor can't snap his fingers and create this capacity, especially as the city has already been struggling to timely issue benefits for existing applicants.

Piling on thousands of additional beneficiaries will, obviously and unavoidably, set back efforts to get the benefit to the people who more desperately need it. You can think this is a shame or a dereliction, but

none of that changes the calculus as it currently exists.

More to the point, a judge certainly can't produce more housing or increase the vacancy rate (or print the extra billions needed for the extra vouchers.) There are several efforts underway at the city and state levels to shift things around, to streamline zoning requirements and incentivize transit-oriented development and restore tax incentives for new construction. These initiatives are crucial, even existential, and they must be pursued with expediency and resolve by lawmakers and advocates.

Prior to the fruits of these efforts, though, we're at an emergency level of housing shortage, and it is wrong to pit currently homeless voucher holders against a large pool of new beneficiaries for a minuscule stock of current affordable apartments. As per City Hall, there are already some 10,000 voucher holders who have yet to find housing to actually use their vouchers on. Adding another 10,000 seems like the opposite of a solution.

The Council knew all this before it passed the bill and overrode Mayor Adams' veto, and now what's done is done.

New vouchers are mandated and will be going out, but the Council's supposed pro-housing members shouldn't be surprised now when this fails to fix the city's affordable housing crisis, and they certainly shouldn't take it as a job well done without working in a concerted way to address this crisis.

They began with a potential last step and are working their way backwards, and if they don't reach the first steps soon then they will find that this push is cosmetic at best and counterproductive at worst. Get to it, clock's ticking.

Get your No. 2 pencils ready

The standardized test, badly battered in recent years as universities moved to more holistic admissions models during the COVID pandemic and in the wake of Supreme Court rulings upending race-conscious admissions, isn't down for the count quite yet — and that's a good thing for young people from disadvantaged backgrounds.

This month, Dartmouth became the first Ivy League school to resume requiring students to submit their SAT or ACT score, starting next year, moving away from a test-optional policy that, while well-intentioned, wasn't having the desired effect.

This isn't just about a small cluster of elite private schools that get outsized attention while educating a tiny fraction of Americans. According to the nonprofit FairTest, more than 80% of U.S. colleges are now test-optional or test-free.

The problem is this: Tests, while certainly imperfect measures of academic prowess, are better than most alternatives. They're less subject to highly unlevel playing fields, like grade point average and school quality and course difficulty. They're not profoundly subjective, like measurements of students' grit and creativity and exuberance. They don't innately favor the wealthy and well-connected, as are the points often given to students with enriching service projects or extracurriculars.

Sure, plenty of students can and do prep to boost their SAT or ACT scores, and that preparation often costs money — but standardized tests, which are the same whether you take them in Astoria, Anchorage or Alabama, turn out to be among pretty good predictors of students' success.

Dartmouth changed course after its new president, Sian Beilock, asked some professors to study standardized tests' utility as a criterion in admissions.

First, they found that tests more closely related with students' college performance than high-school grades, teacher recommendations and essays. Second, and maybe even more important for those who've been leading the anti-test brigades to understand, they found that less-advantaged students often withheld their test scores thinking that doing so would increase their chances of admissions — when in fact their scores would've helped them get into the elite school.

The score on a single test taken on a single day is only one indicator. There are plenty of kids who do a little bit worse on the SAT and ACT who might otherwise be brilliant students. Which is one of the drawbacks with the single-test admissions model for the most selective New York City public high schools.

But there's a huge distance between saying that admissions shouldn't be based on just one test and saying tests shouldn't be one important factor, measured alongside others. In far too many ways, the college admissions game is rigged to help the wealthy and privileged. A study released last year found that applicants from families in the top 0.1% economically had more than twice the chance of getting accepted to a top-tier university than the average applicant.

The SAT and ACT — and Advanced Placement tests, and International Baccalaureate tests, and other well-established, rigorous measures of what kids have learned and how sharply they think — can give a leg up to disadvantaged kids who might have attended subpar K-12 schools, had turbulent adolescences filled with family and economic obligations, yet still managed to show a spark.

Don't write off the tests, or the kids who use them to demonstrate excellence, yet.

Vision Zero's decade of safer streets

BE OUR GUEST

BY YDANIS RODRIGUEZ

Today, Feb. 18, New York City marks the 10th anniversary of the Vision Zero traffic safety program, which has had a transformative effect on our streets.

From my days chairing the City Council's Transportation Committee, when Vision Zero started, to now leading the New York City Department of Transportation (NYC DOT), I know many New Yorkers take those transformations for granted. But hearing from the families of traffic violence victims who first courageously urged New York to embrace Vision Zero, I know the importance of our efforts.

We know much work is left to do. But on this anniversary, it is worthwhile to first take stock of the incredible progress over the past decade as we took an unprecedented approach to fostering safer and more equitable streets for all New Yorkers.

Inspired by our colleagues in Europe, New York City was the first Vision Zero city in America, as we recognized that our goal should be NO traffic fatalities, and uses a mix of engineering, education, and enforcement measures to get there. Since 2014, Vision Zero has been instrumental in driving down traffic deaths in NYC by more than 10%, with pedestrian fatalities declining a dramatic 37%.

As national trends move in the opposite direction, our efforts here have saved lives, spared families from heartbreak, and made communities stronger through the collective efforts of a range of New Yorkers — from advocates to elected officials and beyond.

Those tangible results also reflect the commitment of Mayor Adams to equity: neighborhoods with the highest percentages of non-white residents actually saw a 16% decrease in overall traffic fatalities during the 10 years of the program; in just the last two years, African-American traffic fatalities have declined 36%.

Vision Zero has worked because it is driven by data. By leveraging detailed information about crashes, we make sure that each day NYC DOT deploys new safety interventions where they are needed most — by raising crosswalks to make intersections safer or adding pedestrian head-start signals, protected bicycle lanes, and much more.

Vision Zero's greatest legacy may in fact lie in dramatic physical changes we made to the streets themselves. With more than 1,200 safety projects completed and more than 200 miles of protected bike lanes installed, New York City's landscape has undergone a remarkable transformation.

Iconic thoroughfares like Queens Blvd. and the Grand Concourse may stand as the best examples, with significant declines in crashes, pedestrian injuries, and deaths. But every neighborhood has seen change, and last year we built a record number of protected bike lanes, prioritizing underserved communities such as the South Bronx and East New York, and to accommodate faster e-mobility devices, we also widened lanes.

Education has also been a cornerstone of Vision Zero's outreach efforts, as NYC DOT has fostered a new level of traffic safety consciousness. From school visits to training sessions for transportation professionals, we sparked culture change around the importance of responsible road behavior.

Finally, enforcement, too, has played a pivotal role in Vision Zero. We deployed hundreds of new speed cameras, and their expansion to 24/7 operation in 2022 led to a significant reduction in overnight speeding, dropping by an average of 30% along corridors with camera enforcement. We focus on speed because it is the key factor between life and death in most traffic crashes: a pedestrian struck by a vehicle traveling at 25 mph is half as likely to die as a pedestrian struck at 30 mph.

Looking ahead, New York City's experience should serve as an inspiration for other American cities, especially around pedestrian fatalities — which Vision Zero has helped drive to record lows here. Last year in New York City we had the second-fewest pedestrian fatalities in 114 years of recorded data while across the country, pedestrian deaths reached 40-year highs.

Here in New York, we have now set our sights even higher, with plans to add more space at intersections (called "daylighting") and secure more red-light cameras, which we believe can save even more lives.

Because we have not yet met Vision Zero's ultimate goal, the 10th anniversary is a bittersweet milestone: at my agency, we are making it a reaffirmation of our sober and collective commitment to building a safer, more equitable future. As we reflect on a decade of progress, we will redouble our efforts to make every street safer.

Together, we can continue to work to honor those grieving families who have bravely turned their pain into purpose — and bring the vision of zero traffic fatalities to a reality.

Rodriguez is New York City's transportation commissioner.

SUNDAY

OPINION

OUR HEALTH CARE

N.Y. GOPers must not
repeal Obamacare

BE OUR GUEST

BY DR. DARA KASS

More than a decade after the Affordable Care Act's passage, President Barack Obama's signature achievement is more popular than ever. So is 2024 the year that Republicans finally give up their crusade to repeal the ACA? If former President Donald Trump's recent comments on the matter are any indicator, they're not through with it yet.

This open enrollment period, a record-breaking 21.3 million Americans signed up for health care through the Affordable Care Act, nearly double the number of people enrolled when President Biden took office. As the former Health and Human Services regional director for New York and New Jersey, I'm proud to have supported the agency through historic enrollment rates and educated folks on their health care options.

Today, more people are covered by the ACA than ever before, and the nation's uninsured rate is historically low at 8%. In New York State alone, 5.8 million residents are insured through ACA marketplace coverage.

The numbers speak for themselves: Americans want affordable, high quality health care. Four out of five people who sign up for health insurance through the ACA can find health care coverage for \$10 a month or less. Millions of Americans on Obamacare are saving an average of \$800 a year, giving working class families more breathing room to pay for other necessities like food, gas and rent.

And yet, Trump is doubling down on his pledge to terminate the ACA if he is elected president again. The former president claims that he wants to replace Obamacare with a better alternative, but after many years of threats to repeal it, Trump has yet to produce a viable plan. Meanwhile, New York's Republican delegation is slowly but surely endorsing him one by one for the GOP presidential nomination. It's safe to assume they're in lockstep with his reckless calls to roll back one of the most transformative and life-saving statutes in American history.

The consequences of ACA repeal would be disastrous: in addition to millions of people losing coverage, more than 135 million Americans with pre-existing conditions would lose critical protections, 49 million seniors would have to pay higher costs for prescription drugs, and insurance companies would not be required to cover preventative care, such as vaccinations, contraception, and cancer screenings.

Adult children would no longer be able to stay on their parents' insurance and insurance

companies could impose annual and lifetime limits on coverage.

Trump's call to end the ACA has been met with deafening silence by most of New York's Republican members of Congress. The stakes are incredibly high — given that the state of New York could very well decide which party controls Congress in 2024, it's important for voters to know what New York's GOP representatives, including Mike Lawler, Nick LaLota, Brandon Williams, and Anthony D'Esposito would do if faced with gutting the Affordable Care Act.

Concerningly, New York Republicans have long supported ACA repeal, voting repeatedly to gut ACA protections, cut back access to Medicaid, and raise prescription drug costs for seniors.

When I look back on my tenure as the HHS regional director, I'm proud of the cost-saving, common sense health care reforms we achieved for Americans. As Republicans in Washington fight to block progress and weaken health care protections for Americans, Democrats expanded on the success of the ACA with the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act, which makes coverage more affordable for people and lowers drug costs for seniors, including a \$35 a month cap on insulin and no-cost vaccines.

I am deeply concerned about the New York GOP's enabling of Trump's extreme proposals, especially as New York battles an affordability crisis. As the cost of living skyrockets across our state, ACA coverage gives people peace of mind knowing they won't go bankrupt over an injury or illness. It also means people can actually go to the doctor if they do get sick, improving health outcomes.

Thanks to the ACA, no one has to worry that their insurance company will discriminate against them over a pre-existing condition or charge them more basic care.

The ACA is under threat, and we must hold our lawmakers accountable. If the extreme Republicans in Congress get their way, millions of families would face skyrocketing health care costs or lose their health care altogether. We must push them to protect access to health care, not rip it away from New Yorkers who need it most.

Kass served as the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services regional director covering New York, New Jersey and Puerto Rico from 2021 until last month.



IS NOW AT RISK

NYC's frontline doctors need your help

BE OUR GUEST

BY DR. FRANCES QUEE

In 2020 we as a nation faced the most difficult of times. We battled a 1-in-a-100-year pandemic as countries closed off borders, travel was restricted and much of the world wore face masks to protect themselves and loved ones from infection. More than a million Americans perished and we, the dedicated doctors, fought for your and our own survival.

Each day, more than a dozen patients would succumb to the virus within our hospital walls at Elmhurst Hospital. Ours mirrored the reality of virtually every public hospital in New York. In an attempt to mitigate the havoc wrought by this new disease, overworked physicians and nurses worked round the clock treating hundreds of patients despite the incredible danger it posed to their own well-being.

These numbers reflect the magnitude of the battle waged by health care professionals at Elmhurst and all of the city's other public hospitals. A battle that, at times, felt apocalyptic.

As health care professionals, we witnessed the chaos within the emergency rooms – the stretchers running out, freezer trucks being used to store bodies as morgues overflowed, chairs doubling as makeshift accommodations, and the overwhelming demand for critical care. The intensive care units intended for the most critical cases and sickest patients, were inundated beyond capacity, underscoring the immense strain placed upon our health care workforce.

Before the pandemic, the city's hospital system grappled with significant physician staffing challenges. However, the pandemic's aftermath intensified this pre-existing problem, pushing recruitment and retention of doctors to the brink of impossibility. The absence of sufficient staffing jeopardizes patient care, regardless of the doctors' expertise, leaving them unable to deliver the necessary and deserved care. In such stressful conditions, doctors are more prone to experiencing burnout, hindering their ability to perform optimally.

We have substantial vacancies in many, if not most, public hospital departments across the Health + Hospitals system. The scarcity of physicians within the system has exacerbated the workload for those already in service, compelling them to extend their work hours beyond reasonable limits. This prolonged strain on the existing workforce has led to an alarming rise in cases of burnout among health care professionals.

The inability to effectively recruit and retain physicians has not only hampered the delivery of quality care but has also taken a toll on the well-being of those tirelessly working to uphold

the health care infrastructure. In light of these pressing challenges, we are seeking out your support in addressing the urgent staffing needs within our health care system.

The physicians who work in the facilities that make up New York City's Health + Hospitals are at a disadvantage relative to those who work in facilities owned by private entities. Compared to our counterparts in privately owned facilities, physicians within the city hospitals are notably under-resourced, receiving significantly lower compensation while grappling with perpetually short-staffed environments.

Despite these challenges, we remain steadfast in our commitment to providing quality care to all, irrespective of background, economic status, immigration status, or identity. Our physicians serve as beacons of compassion and dedication, often sacrificing personal time and familial obligations for the betterment of their patients. Their unwavering dedication to serving the most vulnerable members of society underscores their selflessness and resilience in the face of adversity, embodying the true spirit of health care service.

However, we are fortunate to be part of a union that understands our needs as physicians. The Doctors Council SEIU aims to create meaningful change that not only enhances the professional satisfaction and quality of life for our physicians but also bolsters the overall resilience and effectiveness of the public health care sector. By championing fair pay and dignified working conditions, the union seeks to fortify the foundation upon which the Health + Hospitals system rests, ensuring its capacity to continue serving the diverse health care needs of New York City's residents.

We are fighting for a fair contract and are seeking the public's support during our negotiations. I am proud to be part of this coalition of doctors in public service. Help us continue to have the ability to serve the communities we love. Call or email your City Council member or the mayor. Tell them the city's doctors who service us deserve a fair contract that can help maintain the health care system.

The city hospitals need to be fully staffed. They need to recruit and retain the doctors who serve those most in need – those who have nowhere else to go for their health care needs.

Quee is president of the Doctors Council, the union of physicians and dentists who work in New York City's public health and hospital system.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Email to voicers@nydailynews.com or post your letter to
Voice of the People, Daily News, PO Box 7180, New York, NY 10008.
 Please include full name, address and daytime phone number.
 The Daily News reserves the right to edit letters.

You can't blame all the present chaos on Trump

Naples, Fla.: To Voicer Mike Barrett: It seems like this country picks up a great amount of the NATO cost while other countries either decline to pay or only pay half of what they should. So you think that is fair? We send foreign aid to everyone and never receive compensation when it is our turn at the bottom of the bucket.

As far as NATO and our so-called allies, they should be paid up – Donald Trump is right about that. We must always be prepared. As far as not backing up countries that are part of NATO and our allies, it has happened already on Biden's watch: Israel. They pleaded for help and the United States delayed that aid. They were attacked by Hamas terrorists who still hold a large number of Israeli and American hostages. So, please don't tell me that Trump is the problem.

If he was still president, not only would NATO countries be paid in full, but we would not be facing half the crap that we are. Russia would never have attacked Ukraine. China would not be contemplating taking over Taiwan. Hamas would not have attacked Israel on Oct. 7, and if they did, there would not be much left of those terrorists. Iran would not have been so stupid to push the U.S.A. into a corner. We would not have our military bases in the Middle East constantly under attack (photo) or have to protect waterways. And we would not have Putin threatening our satellites and communications systems.

John Leonard



AP

No refuge

Ocala, Fla.: I find it amazing that so many Arab nations are angry at Israel for retaliating against Hamas for the Oct. 7 murders. I find it fascinating that none of them are welcoming the displaced Palestinians. We hear about the suffering on both sides, but no one wants the Palestinians? I am curious why this point is never brought up by the media.

Lynn Miller

The hand that guides

Larchmont, N.Y.: I find it ironic that Speaker Mike Johnson says not to worry about Russia possibly launching nuclear weapons into space. He says, "Steady hands are on the wheel. We're working on it and there is no need for alarm." What happens if his puppet master calls and tells him not to do anything because the panic is good for his reelection prospects? I wonder how quickly Johnson would let go of the wheel and let the car drive off the cliff!

Steve Michaud

Eerily silent

Swarthmore, Pa.: As the world reflects on the death of Alexei Navalny at the hands of Vladimir Putin, tributes to Navalny's bravery, his resoluteness and his love of country are being echoed around the globe. One world leader wannabe who has not offered his concern or condolences is Donald J. Trump. Frankly, Navalny's death in a brutal, Arctic Russian penal colony is the least of Trump's concerns, and as it removes a prickly thorn from the side of Trump's putative good friend,

Putin, he may even welcome it. As a presidential candidate who admires and seemingly wants to emulate autocrats like Putin, Trump's happy to see his "friend" further tighten his vise-like grip on power. Trump's dream is to one day enjoy the kind of dictatorial power exercised by Putin. If given the opportunity, he most assuredly will try to do so.

Ken Derow

Policy of denial

Manhattan: To Voicer Andrew Ross, who has a very selective and narrow view of the COVID-19 timeline: I agree that mistakes were made early on, as no one was prepared or actually understood the approaching danger of the pandemic. What I have issue with, Mr. Ross, is Trump's response once we knew how deadly it was. The man gets no pass from me for shutting down travel to China. That one action does not eradicate everything he did downstream to, again, politicize and ignore the reality of what was happening.

Elizabeth Winters

Bad behavior

Brooklyn: It's a shame that we open our city to these migrants coming in, and they're causing all sorts of robberies and havoc, especially the attack on two police officers. Send them back.

Charlie Pisano

Racially reductive

Marlboro, N.J.: Re Pat Leonard's article "Diva, Las Vegas" (Feb. 15): I now only skim the Daily News because it's so socialist-liberal. Leonard's article demanding that Travis Kelce be

shown absolutely no leniency for bumping coach Andy Reid is re-goddamn-diculous. He's comparing Kelce, who has never had any off-field or negative locker room incidents as have the likes of Terrell Owens, Odell Beckham Jr., A.J. Brown, Kadarius Toney and Keyshawn Johnson, all of whom have competed for misfit of the month throughout (most of) their careers. Jeez, really?! The guy had nothing else to come up with, so he pulls the race card. Really sickening. That's all I got – just like Leonard.

Howie Winick

Conduct unbecoming

Chadbourn, N.C.: Travis Kelce is truly a punk. He is one reason that masses of people in the general public don't like so-called sports stars. Their classless behavior is almost unbelievable at times. He should have been terminated on the spot. It is truly vexing, sickening. I wouldn't walk across the street to get his autograph, nor if he was offering a handful of tickets to see him play. Many descriptive phrases come to mind as relates to Travis, one of them being "overgrown spoiled brat."

Teddy Bullard

Not unusual

Boynton Beach, Fla.: Voicer Joe Schulok complains about the liberal media's alleged meager reporting of the Lakeland Church shooting. What, pray tell, Joe, did the liberal media fail to report? That the mass shooter was able

to obtain a military-grade assault rifle in December 2023 in spite of a criminal record and several run-ins with police, or having obvious mental health issues? Are you a proponent of "red flag" laws that allow police to identify and manage gun owners with criminal records and mental health issues before tragedies occur, which Texas Republican politicians refuse to enact? Or perhaps, Joe, the liberal media has developed an immunity to mass shootings, particularly when the only death reported is that of the shooter. Perhaps liberals in general are joining the ranks of their brothers across the aisle in accepting the only right-wing solution to mass shootings: thoughts and prayers and a "get over it and move on" attitude.

William T. Bredin

This shouldn't be normal

Astoria: To paraphrase Albert Einstein, we can not solve a problem with the same consciousness that created the problem. How are we not livid about another mass shooting, somehow believing more guns (and prayers) are answers to the ongoing violence?! We are normalizing too many things that are detrimental to our collective human family. Alas, I fear that as long as we keep doing nothing, the body count will only increase! We must come together and find ways to shift this paradigm for all of our safety and well-being!

Karen N. Pearlman

Escape plan

Warwick, R.I.: The recent active shooter incident at Lakewood Church in Houston reminds all of the personal need to be informed of the means of public safety that the facility provides. They include large shopping malls, business and medical offices, indoor and outdoor sporting and entertainment venues, and religious and educational facilities. It has been noted through media coverage that in many hazardous incidents, those present panic and run in all directions with no guidance for where the emergency exits are located. A few states have copied Rhode Island's fire codes and adopted mandatory public announcements of the paths of egress and locations of all emergency exits. When entering any public structure, look for all exits, or hopefully, the facility informs with printed instructions on handouts or on QR codes posted throughout. Without this, people stampede and create a devastating incident with deadly results.

Bob Sweeney

Ritz trip

Manhattan: As you report, the honchos are vague about their motives for a winter break in balmy Dubai. Fortunately, the people know that Adams & Friends spend a lot of time following big money. Here they go again, likely with a casino in mind. I am not alone in being unimpressed.

Frankie Turchiano

BUY WINDOWS DIRECT
From The Manufacturer...
No Middleman!

TRI-STATE
WINDOW FACTORY CORP.

SIDING
ROOFING • DOORS

ONE DAY
INSTALLATION



- Casements
- Double Hung • Sliding Windows



- Bows & Bays
- Patio Doors • Garden Windows

Built-In
Mini-
Blinds
Available
in all
Windows,
Patio
Doors and
French
Doors

Compare The Quality Of Our Windows

Energy Star Label Rated Double Hung Window
U Factor.16, Casement U Factor Rated.16.
The Lower The U Factor, The More Energy
Efficient The Window.



NEW!
Generation
Super High
Performance
Triple Glass



Major Brand Siding, Roofing
And Doors, Manufactured By
Other Companies Are Available

**VINYL
SIDING**

24 Designer Colors and
9 Styles To Choose From!



Since 1969
TRI-STATE
WINDOW FACTORY CORP.
The Tri-State Window Formula: We Build Them!
We Install Them! We Guarantee Them!

NYC Department of Consumer Affairs Lic.# 2035845-DCA

1-718-277-8200 Ext.3

New York City
Five Boros
718-277-8200

Factory Showroom
360 Marcus Blvd, Deer Park
631-667-8600 Ext. 3
Lic.# 21236H

Nassau Factory Outlet
3657 Merrick Rd, Seaford
516-826-9800 Ext. 3
Lic.# H18B6140000

Free In-Home Estimates

Showroom Hours: Mon-Sat 10:30-4, Sun 11-4
Additional Hours By Appointment Only.

Westchester, Rockland,
Connecticut,
New Jersey
1-800-645-4568 Ext. 3



www.tristatewindowfactorycorp.com



*Applies to installed list prices. †Subject to credit approval. Not to be combined with any other sales offer or prior sales. Westchester Lic.# WC-11684-H01 • Connecticut Lic.# 605419 • New Jersey Lic.#13VH02504300 • Rockland Lic. #H-09742-07-23-00

SUCCESS

YOUR GUIDE TO MANAGING MONEY,
WORK AND THE BUSINESS OF LIFE

Kiplinger

FAST COMPANY

Inc.

BLUE SKY
INNOVATION

DREAMSTIME

Improve your credit score to borrow at better rates

BY ELLIOT RAPHAELSON
TRIBUNE CONTENT AGENCY

If you intend to buy a new home, or if you intend to take out a loan in the near future for any other reason, you obviously want to have the best credit rating in order to get the lowest interest possible.

Here are some ways for you to improve your credit score.

- Pay your bills on time. Whenever you pay a bill late, it can have a negative impact on your credit score. Use automatic monthly payments with reliable servicers.
- Pay your credit card bill in full each month rather than carry a balance.
- Keep your credit utilization below 30% of your credit limit. One way to do this is to ask some of your creditors to increase your credit limit.
- Don't apply for too many new accounts. Even if you apply for a new account and are not approved, it can have a negative impact on your credit score.
- Review your credit report, and

dispute any errors. There are three credit reporting agencies, Equifax, TransUnion and Experian. At no cost, once a year, you can request a credit report from these companies. If there are any errors in the report that have a negative impact on your credit rating, ask for a correction to be made as soon as possible.

● If your credit score is too low to obtain a new traditional credit card, you can obtain a secured credit card. With this type of credit card, a credit limit will be established, and you will have to prepay this amount in advance. However, once you demonstrate that you can use this account responsibly, you should be able to establish new traditional credit cards.

If you are buying a new home, you obviously want to obtain the lowest interest rate. Because inflation is under better control now, the Federal Reserve is likely to reduce interest rates in 2024. The average 30-year fixed rate mortgage has dropped to approximately 6.7% at the end of January according to Freddie Mac. As a result, obtaining a 6% rate may be possible

in the near future if you have established a good credit rating.

If you are able to increase your credit score and obtain the lowest interest rate, it will reduce the lifetime cost by thousands of dollars.

For example, according to Bankrate, if you have a credit score of 760 or above, it is conceivable that you could obtain a mortgage with a 6.33% rate now. Comparing that rate with a mortgage of 6.95%, which might be the best rate available with a lower credit score, the difference in payments for a \$300,000 mortgage for a 30-year term would be over \$44,000.

Another way to lower your interest cost is to use "mortgage points." Each point represents 1% of the loan amount; you can pay points upfront to the lender. One point on a \$200,000 loan would cost \$2,000. Each point lowers the interest rate by a quarter of a percentage point for the life of the loan.

If you are planning to refinance the mortgage in a short time frame, paying points upfront is less desirable.

Generally, you can obtain the best

interest rate on a mortgage from a financial institution where you maintain several other accounts, such as investment accounts, savings accounts or checking accounts.

However, you have to be careful to understand the financial institution's requirements in order to obtain a lower interest rate. If there is a requirement to maintain a very large account minimum in order to receive a lower mortgage rate, it may not be worthwhile.

For example, if the financial institution is offering a lower rate only if you have them manage a large investment portfolio, I would be hesitant to agree to that condition.

Don't assume that your bank is offering the best mortgage rate. It's best to investigate multiple financial institutions. However, it would be best to obtain the best rate without having to commit to a large account balance for accounts you may not want to maintain.

Elliot Raphaelson welcomes your questions and comments at raphelliot@gmail.com.



DREAMSTIME

Single? No close relatives? You should plan for care late in life

BY JANET BODNAR
KIPLINGER'S PERSONAL FINANCE

For many retirees, plans for their own elder care often include relying on family for some assistance. But how can singles with no close relatives plan for their own care late in life?

The short answer is that they should be doing much the same things as people who have families — except that their situation can be more complicated, so they may have to take extra steps.

“Estate planning is fundamentally important for singles,” says Erin Smith, director of estate planning for Edelman Financial Engines.

In particular, you need to draft a durable power of attorney naming someone as “attorney-in-fact” to make financial decisions on your behalf should you become

incapacitated, and you should appoint a health care proxy to handle medical decisions.

If you die without a will, state law determines how your assets will be distributed.

But, says Smith, “no state has a statutory list of people to make financial decisions for you.”

Although adult children often fill this role, it's fine to cast a wider net. “I don't necessarily think of ‘family’ as blood relatives,” says Suzanne Blankenship, author of “How to Take Care of Old People Without Losing Your Marbles.”

“I define ‘family’ as people who make me feel at home — someone like a trusted friend or colleague.” Even more important is that your representative be both financially savvy and trustworthy.

If you don't know anyone who fills the bill, you can always hire a

professional, such as an estate-planning attorney, a trust company or, in certain states, someone who has been licensed as a “professional fiduciary.”

Virginia Wilkins, who is 79 and has always been single, made her first estate plan in 1974 when she bought her first house, and she has been updating it ever since. “I've used many different professionals, including attorneys, accountants and financial planners,” Wilkins says. Because we tend to select someone from our own generation, says Wilkins, “as we grow older, so do they, and they could retire or die before we do.”

As a result, one of the first questions she asks is about continuity: “What provisions have they made should they die or become incapacitated?”

The caveat about defaulting to

someone from your own age group applies to your attorney-in-fact as well as your health care proxy. In each case, Smith recommends having a second or third choice from a younger generation as a backup.

And just as you need someone with financial savvy to handle your finances, look for someone with a health care background to make medical decisions, or at least someone who stays calm under pressure.

An estate plan can also deal with issues that are of special concern to singles, such as naming a guardian for pets.

Smith notes that some states impose their own estate taxes, which can kick in on estates that exceed as little as \$1 million. Married couples can delay estate taxes till the death of the surviving spouse, but “singles need to plan for their own tax mitigation,” says Smith.

Unhappily hybrid

Return-to-office debate may be settling down in a way that pleases no one

BY JARED LINDZON
FAST COMPANY

After years of flip-flopping on remote and in-person work policies, most knowledge workers and employers seem to have reached a hybrid compromise, but questions remain about the truce lasting.

While not every worker wants to work from home and not every employer is demanding a return to the office, studies since the pandemic have consistently shown a clear divide between the two groups.

One recent report from Ringover, for example, found that two-thirds of workers would accept a lower salary for a remote role and nearly 80% are worried about a return-to-office mandate. The study also found that in-office days have steadily increased in America, from an average of 1.1 a week in 2021 to 3.4 last year.

Employers, meanwhile, largely have sought to bring workers back into the office. In 2021, many of the biggest tech companies began rolling out the first iteration of their RTO policies, only to pivot in the face of employee backlash and new COVID variants.

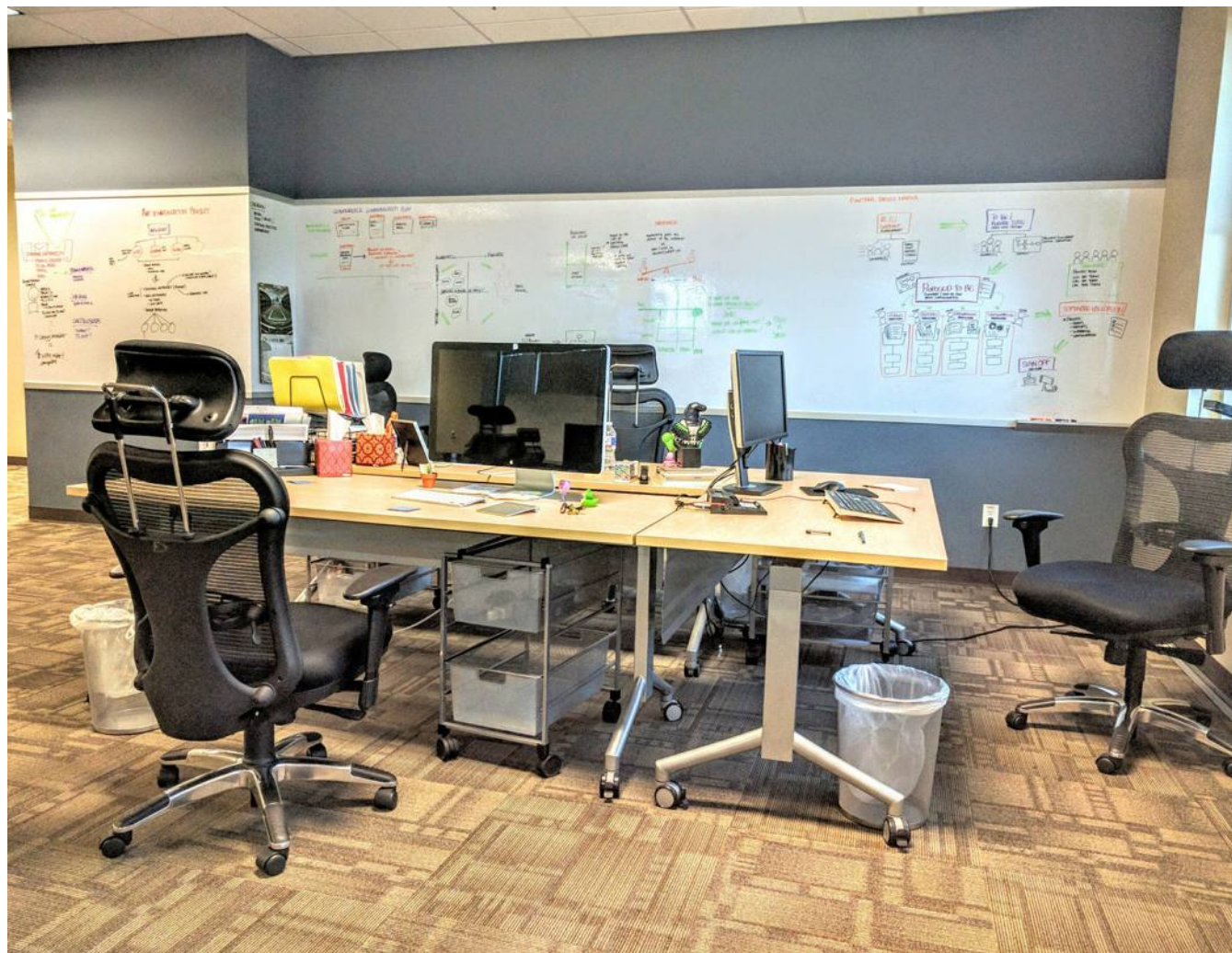
Amazon, for example, announced a full return to office in 2021, then switched to a policy that would allow team leaders to set the standard, only to later switch to a strict three-day in-office requirement, which was met by employee petitions and walkouts. In November, CEO Andy Jassy announced greater enforcement measures and threatened the jobs of those who didn't comply.

Similar tussles have broken out at workplaces across the country and around the world as employers and employees jostle over work arrangements. After years of fighting, however, much of the workforce appears to be settling into a more standard hybrid schedule that neither side seems entirely satisfied with — but both may be willing to accept.

A THREE-DAY COMPROMISE

According to a recent study conducted by global corporate real estate firm Jones Lang LaSalle, 90% of Fortune 100 employees are either hybrid or fully on site, with an overall average of three days of weekly office attendance.

"2023 was really the year of many companies establishing their policies that had been holdouts," said Jones Lang LaSalle's research manager Jacob Rowden, the study's author. "Moving into 2024, we're going to see a lot less companies having a wholesale shift in their policies,



DREAMSTIME

and more companies focusing on enforcement and adoption of the policies that they've already rolled out."

Rowden explains that after three years of remote and hybrid work experiments, many employers are ready to move past the workplace-flexibility question and start making long-term plans based on a consistent policy.

"I'm sure we will still see incremental movements here and there, but it seems like most of the progress that we've made in the last year has gotten us close to an equilibrium," he says. "You're starting to see more of a clustering of policies according to industry, so now it's the case that if you look at any company, and you look at a majority of their competitors and peers, they will all have very similar policies."

EMPLOYERS ARE READY TO MOVE ON

Although employers and employees seem ready to compromise on a three-day in-office average, neither side seems entirely satisfied.

A resumebuilder.com survey

from late 2023, for example, found that 9 in 10 employers will enforce an RTO mandate by the end of 2024. Furthermore, while remote roles have become less common, interest remains strong.

According to a study conducted by LinkedIn, remote jobs make up less than a tenth of positions advertised on the platform, yet they receive 46% of the applications — about five times more than the average.

"Based on some survey evidence we've seen in the broader public, employers might be ready to move on to other problems, whereas for workers, having that flexibility might be their primary problem," LinkedIn senior economist Kory Kantenga says. "Having a backup if your babysitter cancels, being able to take care of sick or elderly parents. These are problems people deal with every day that being able to work flexibly helps, and they can't deprioritize them because there's another problem shareholders want to solve."

Kantenga adds that labor market dynamics will largely dictate which side has more power at the negotiating table,

and despite a slight pullback last year, the market is again trending in employees' favor.

"There have been a lot of RTO mandates that have come out, but they haven't actually worked — and we haven't seen employers firing workers en masse — so there's a sense of revealed preference there," he says. "Taking a longer view, we have a population that is shrinking, and that means that labor supply is going to be constrained, so at some point the balance of power will tip toward workers."

MOST EMPLOYERS DON'T EMBRACE FLEXIBILITY

In the shorter term, however, it appears that most office workers are willing to settle for a hybrid compromise, even if it's not their ideal option. According to a survey conducted by FlexJobs, about 46% say hybrid is their top choice, 51% would prefer to be fully remote, and just 3% want to be in the office full time.

"There's a lot of leveling off that has happened in the last year regarding the average organization doing two to three days in the

office," says FlexJobs founder and CEO Sara Sutton. "I think the debates are still happening, the pendulum is still swinging, and I think we're kind of vulnerable because there's been so many outside forces that have pushed remote. I don't think it's solid yet."

Sutton explains that when it comes to setting flexibility policies, most employers feel like their hand has been forced, first by the pandemic, then by internal pressure from employees, but most haven't fully bought in to the concept.

As such, she fears that instead of a sudden pivot, many have resigned to enforcing a full return to office in gradual steps, which may explain the current state of affairs and may foreshadow more turmoil to come.

"Hybrid is where people are, but they're not comfortable there — the majority of organizations still aren't comfortable there — which is why it still feels volatile," she says. "Until that part shifts, and the majority of companies choose hybrid as the best-case scenario ... I will have a hard time believing it's actually been accepted."



DREAMSTIME

Don't sabotage your success after promotion

BY AJ HESS
FAST COMPANY

It's an amazing feeling to get a promotion. You've been recognized for your results and ability to perform at a high level. You're excited, and perhaps a little bit nervous, and want to prove yourself in your new role.

In this swirl of emotions, it's tempting to double down on what you've already been doing that got you to this point. But as a time management coach, I've seen that using the same time management strategies in your new position as you've used in your previous one can actually sabotage your success.

Here are the four time management strategies to use when you get a promotion to help you succeed at this higher level.

SHIFT YOUR PRIORITIES

When you receive a promotion, you typically take on a broader scope of responsibility. To do well in this larger role, you'll likely need to spend less time on — or sometimes no time at all — on what you were doing in the past. Even though this makes sense intellectually, emotionally you can be tempted to revert to doing the work you used to do or to constantly check in and “help” the people who are still doing those activities.

The reason this happens is that you

feel more comfortable in areas where you have years of experience. And your new role may include tasks you don't feel as confident in — and some tasks where you may have no idea what you're doing.

To fight this temptation, step back and think about what matters most in your current role. What are your annual goals? How will you be evaluated? What's really your responsibility?

Then focus on learning how to do this new work. If you're doing your direct reports' jobs, no one is doing yours.

DELEGATE MORE

When you're a top performer, it's easy to fall into the mindset that “I can do this better than anyone else, so I should just do it myself.”

Although it may be true that you could complete a task at a higher level than others, that might not actually be in your best interest after a promotion. You can't do what you did in the past to the same level of detail and handle more.

You not only need to be clear about your new priorities and resist the urge to do the job you used to do, but you likely also need to learn to delegate some responsibilities that are part of your new role.

For example, perhaps you're promoted to sales manager, and you're now responsible for leading other salespeople

in addition to personally working on a few large accounts. With this promotion, you may now have some administrative support as well as some junior salespeople under you. Because you're taking on the new management responsibilities, you could release time by delegating items like:

- Background prep on prospects.
- Coordinating meeting times.
- Updating the customer relationship management system after a meeting.
- Filling out expense reports.

These tasks likely still relate to the large accounts you're managing but aren't items that need to be on your to-do list. By using your team, you can focus on the highest leverage activities that lead to more sales.

SET MORE BOUNDARIES

Another counterintuitive shift that you need to make when you get promoted is to set more boundaries. It can be tempting to do the opposite and feel like you need to fling your door wide open to be available to staff. But if you're in more meetings and have more responsibility, you actually have less flexibility for ad hoc chats.

At minimum, I recommend blocking some hours each week to do your own focused work. That might look like no meetings before 10 a.m. (except in emergency) or blocking out Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for two hours at a time.

If you protect time for yourself, you'll be more present and helpful and available for your team. If you don't give yourself any time to get your own work done, you can end up frustrated, resentful and desperately trying to catch up on your tasks after everyone else has logged off for the night.

MANAGE YOUR INBOXES

When you get more messages, you need to focus more on managing your inboxes instead of letting your inboxes manage you. That means that you'll want to have a clear sense of your top priorities for the day and not let yourself get derailed by less important items that might pop into your inboxes.

If something comes in that's not your top priority but will take a significant amount of time, you can either delegate it or reply to the message letting the person know that you received their message and will get to the item soon.

Then you can plan in time to get the task done when it works for you. You can't make everyone happy all at once, so you need to reply to the most important messages and triage the rest.

A promotion is an amazing opportunity to up-level your influence and skills. When you manage your time correctly, you can make sure that you continue to succeed and set yourself up for the next opportunity.

Lying George sues Jimmy Kimmel over vids for show

BY JESSICA SCHLADEBECK
AND JOHN ANNESE
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

Ousted Rep. George Santos has filed a lawsuit against Jimmy Kimmel, alleging the funnyman fooled him into making personalized videos via the Cameo app, which he then used as content for his eponymous late-night talk show.

The suit, filed Saturday in Manhattan Federal Court, was sparked by a segment on “Jimmy Kimmel Live!” called “Will Santos Say It?”

Back in December, Kimmel revealed to his audience that Santos — who had just been expelled from Congress over alleged fraud

and campaign finance violations — found a new gig on Cameo, a platform that allows celebrities and other high-profile figures to charge fans for customized videos.

According to Santos’ suit, obtained by the Daily News, Kimmel (photo left) and his team created “phony names and narratives” and then submitted at least 14 requests for clips through the app. It further claims the show’s staff selected “personal use licenses for all the Cameo videos with the intention to violate such licenses by broadcasting and commercially exploiting the Cameo videos on national television.”

In a couple of clips aired during the segment, Santos (photo right) congratulated a fake fan for winning a meat-eating contest and



lauded another for cloning her dog, according to the suit.

“Could you imagine if I get sued by George Santos for a fraud? I mean, how good would that be? It would be like a dream

come true,” Kimmel said during his Dec. 11 show, according to the suit. “Since I started buying his videos, his rates went way up to \$500 a piece. He should be thanking me for buying these videos.”

The following day, Santos sent Kimmel a cease-and-desist letter.

“Kimmel admitted to committing copyright infringement and fraud against George in the name of ‘comedy’ and then asked us to sue him, all on national television. So we did,” his attorney Andrew Mancilla said in a statement to the Daily News.

Santos is suing Kimmel, ABC and Disney for copyright infringement, fraud, breach of contract and unjust enrichment. He’s seeking \$150,000 in statutory damages for each alleged infringement, for a total of \$750,000 over five videos.

He has also demanded the videos be removed from YouTube and TikTok accounts associated with the show.



Building on Logan St. in Cypress Hills where cops found a 43-year-old woman and a 40-year-old man dead Friday. THEODORE PARISIENNE FOR NYDN

Mother of three and a man found shot to death in B’klyn apartment

BY NICHOLAS WILLIAMS
AND THOMAS TRACY
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

A mother of three and a man neighbors believed to be her boyfriend were found dead of gunshot wounds in a Brooklyn apartment, police said Saturday.

Detectives are looking into the possibility that the man found dead in the Cypress Hills building killed the woman and then himself, a police source with knowledge of the case said.

Cops responding to a report of a crime in progress found a 43-year-old woman and a 40-year-old man unconscious inside an apartment on Logan St. near Etna St. about 4:45 p.m. Friday.

Both victims had been shot in the head and were declared died at the scene. A firearm was found near the man’s body, police said.

Neighbors said the dead woman, who was originally from the Dominican Republic, lived with her young daughter and two sons.

“She was a really nice lady. She’s calm and stays to herself,” said a neighbor who gave his name as Xavier.

“She would host karaoke parties. She

would have family over,” Xavier said.

Another neighbor, Grace Hernandez, 58, said she last saw the woman three Saturdays ago. “She opened the door and she kissed her daughter goodbye when the father came to pick her up,” Hernandez said.

The building super, Santos Araujo, said he noticed a turn in the woman’s behavior when she began dating a man he described as “antisocial” a few months back.

“She was a happy lady. Very happy. She liked music,” said Araujo.

“After she met this guy she changed a lot. She used to play music a lot. After December we noticed she doesn’t play music. It’s weird.”

The victims’ names were not immediately disclosed Saturday as cops worked to notify family members.

“It’s very sad because we are all like family in this building,” Araujo said.

Last month, Jason Jackson, 35, shot his girlfriend Olga Kirshenbaum dead and then himself in their Park Slope apartment, cops said.

Both victims had been shot in the head, cops said.

A handgun was found next to Jackson’s body, leading police to believe that he shot Kirshenbaum, then took his own life.

Suffolk officer is stabbed, cops fatally shoot suspect

BY EVAN ROSEN
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

Suffolk police fatally shot a Bay Shore man who stabbed an officer responding to a domestic violence call Saturday, officials said.

Police responded to the home on Udall Road in Bay Shore about 9:10 a.m. after a woman called and “stated that her husband was acting violent,” said Acting Suffolk County Police Commissioner Robert Waring.

As officers opened a screen door at the home’s front entrance, Taiquell Woodson, 33, emerged with a large knife and lunged at one of the officers, Waring said.

“The officer retreated and fell into the snow in the front yard,” Waring said.

“Woodson jumped on top of him with the knife and he starts stabbing the officer, clearly attempting to kill him.”

The officer’s bullet-resistant vest saved him from being stabbed in the chest, officials said.

Another officer tried to use his Taser on Woodson, but was unsuccessful.

A third officer at the scene “fired his service weapon, striking Woodson and stopping the attack,” Waring said.

“This incident occurred in about five seconds,” the police commissioner said. “I want to be clear: This was a justified shooting.”

Officers gave Woodson CPR at the scene, and an ambulance rushed him to South Shore University Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

The stabbed officer was taken to Stony Brook University Hospital, where he was treated for wounds to his hands, arms and face.

The injuries are not life-threatening, but the officer may suffer nerve damage to his hand, said James Vosswinkel, a Stony Brook trauma surgeon.

Woodson’s wife and 1-year-old child remained in the home and were uninjured in the incident.

The identity of the officer was not made public Saturday.

Waring said the officer has been with the Suffolk County Police Department for a year and a half.

There is body cam video of the incident, but it will not be released “at this time,” Waring said.

The shooting will be investigated by the state attorney general’s office.

Woodson’s criminal history includes an arrest for a robbery in Riverhead, L.I., in October, Waring said.

Scooter driver dies in Bx. hit-run; motorist nabbed

A 35-year-old man on a two-wheeled gas-powered scooter died in a Bronx hit-and-run crash — and the driver involved ended up under arrest, police said Saturday.

William Cruz was riding his scooter south on Park Ave. in Belmont about 7:40 p.m. on Friday when he collided with a black sedan heading east

on E. 183rd St., cops said.

EMS rushed Cruz to St. Barnabas Hospital, but he couldn’t be saved. Cruz lived in Washington Heights.

The operator of the sedan, Emilio Galvan, 25, fled the scene and later ditched his car, cops said.

Cops said they figured out where the car was ditched, and waited for

Galvan to retrieve it.

When he returned to pick up the car a about-noon Saturday, he was placed under arrest, police said.

Police charged Galvan, who lives in Norwood, the Bronx, with leaving the scene of an accident and operating a motor vehicle without insurance.

Thomas Tracy

Today

Partly sunny and breezy

High: 41° Low: 32°

Monday

Plenty of sunshine

High: 42° Low: 30°

Tuesday

Partly sunny

High: 43° Low: 33°

Wednesday

Partly sunny

High: 44° Low: 37°

Goshen

36/23

Newton

37/23

White Plains

38/26

Bridgeport

39/28

New Haven

39/31

Montauk

41/34

New York City

41/32

Deer Park

41/29

Riverhead

40/26

New Brunswick

41/25

Sandy Hook

43/33

Trenton

40/25

Hammonton

45/24

Long Beach

44/30

Atlantic City

44/31

Cape May

45/34

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

Almanac Yesterday

Statistics for New York City through 5 p.m. yesterday

Temperature

High/Low 36°/31°

Normal high/low 43°/30°

Record high 68° in 2022

Record low -5° in 1896

Precipitation

24 hrs through 5 p.m. yest. ... 0.18"

Ski Report

Resort	Trails Open	Base
Camelback	38	24-48
Catamount	33	10-30
Holiday Mtn.	4	0-12
Hunter Mtn.	49	0-35

Source: onthesnow.com

UV Index Today

1 3 3 2 1 0

8 am 10 am Noon 2 pm 4 pm 6 pm

AccuWeather.com UV Index™

0-2 Low; 3-5 Moderate; 6-7 High; 8-10 Very High; 11+ Extreme.

Marine Forecast

New York Harbor: Wind WSW 15-25 mph today. Seas 1-3 feet. Visibility unrestricted.

Coney Island: Wind WSW 15-25 mph today. Seas 2-4 feet. Visibility generally unrestricted.

Sandy Hook: Wind WSW 25-35 mph today. Seas 3-6 feet. Visibility generally clear.

Montauk: Wind W 25-35 mph today. Seas 4-8 feet. A shower.

Sun and Moon

	Rise	Set
Sun	6:47 a.m.	5:33 p.m.
Moon	11:50 a.m.	3:06 a.m.

Full

Last

New

First

Feb 24

Mar 3

Mar 10

Mar 16

AccuWeather

Get the NEW app

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE® (All Periodicals Publications Except Requester Publications)

Statement of Ownership, Management, and Circulation

1. Publication Title
Daily News

2. Issue Frequency
Daily News - Monday through Sunday

3. Filing Date
2/16/24

4. Number of Issues Published Annually
365

5. Annual Subscription Price
\$748.80

6. Complete Mailing Address of Known Office of Publication (Not printer) (Street, city, county, state, and ZIP+4®)
P.O. Box 7189
New York, NY 10008

7. Complete Mailing Address of Headquarters or General Business Office of Publisher (Not printer)
Michael Gates (General Manager) - P.O. Box 7180, New York, NY 10008

8. Full Names and Complete Mailing Addresses of Publisher, Editor, and Managing Editor (Do not leave blank)
Publisher (Name and complete mailing address)
Michael Gates (General Manager) - P.O. Box 7180, New York, NY 10008
Editor (Name and complete mailing address)
Andrew Julian (Executive Editor) - P.O. Box 7180, New York, NY 10008
Managing Editor (Name and complete mailing address)
Robert Dominguez (Managing Editor) - P.O. Box 7180, New York, NY 10008

9. Ownership (Do not leave blank. If the publication is owned by a corporation, give the name and address of the corporation immediately followed by the names and addresses of all stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of the total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, give the names and addresses of the individual owners. If owned by a partnership or other unincorporated firm, give its name and address as well as those of each individual owner. If the publication is published by a nonprofit organization, give its name and address.)
Full Name
NY Daily News Enterprises, LLC
Partnership:
NYDN Holdings LLC
NYDN 39, LLC
NYDN-B, LLC
Complete Mailing Address
P.O. Box 7180, New York, NY 10008

10. Tax Status (For completion by nonprofit organizations authorized to mail at nonprofit rates) (Check one)
This purpose, purpose, and nonprofit status of this organization and the exempt status for federal income tax purposes:
☐ Has Not Changed During Preceding 12 Months
☐ Has Changed During Preceding 12 Months (Publisher must submit explanation of change with this statement)

11. Known Bondholders, Mortgagees, and Other Security Holders Owning or Holding 1 Percent or More of Total Amount of Bonds, Mortgages, or Other Securities. If none, check box
Full Name
Complete Mailing Address

12. Electronic Copy Circulation
a. Paid Electronic Copies
b. Total Paid Print Copies (Line 10c + Paid Electronic Copies (Line 10a))
c. Total Print Copies (Line 10b + Paid Electronic Copies (Line 10a))
d. Percent Paid (Paid Print & Electronic Copies) (Line 10b + Line 10c) / (Line 10b + Line 10c + Line 10d) x 100
e. Locality that 90% of all paid electronic copies (electronic and print) are paid above a national policy.

13. Publication of Statement of Ownership
If the publication is a general publication, publication of this statement is required. Will be printed in the 2/18/2024 issue of the publication. ☐ Publication not required.

14. Signature and Title of Editor, Publisher, Business Manager, or Owner
Michael Gates
General Manager
2/18/2024

15. I certify that all information furnished on this form is true and complete. I understand that anyone who furnishes false or misleading information on this form or who omits material or information requested on the form may be subject to criminal sanctions (including fines and imprisonment) and/or civil sanctions (including civil penalties).

Your Story. Our Headlines.

Display a memorable article with a news plaque complete with a personalized plate.

DAILY NEWS
STORE

Shop now at
nydailynews.com/plaque
or call (866) 545-3534



HOSPITALITY
GROUP

EHP HOSPITALITY RESTAURANTS CAREER FAIR

JOIN OUR TEAM!

OPEN POSITIONS

Management

- General Manager
- Floor Manager • Maître d'

Front of House

- Server • Runner • Busser • Bartender
- Hostess/Host • Barback • Barista

Back of House

- Expo • Chef de Cuisine • Sous Chef
- Cook • Prep Cook • Dishwasher

SCHEDULE

All February and March
Monday-Friday
10AM-5PM

IN-PERSON LOCATION

Enchanté Bistro
210 Hampton Road
Southampton, NY 11968

VIRTUAL

To Schedule a Virtual Interview, Please Visit:
<https://www.ehphospitality.com/careers>



Football History Books

Bring home the history of your favorite team with a personalized newspaper book, featuring original Daily News coverage over the years.

DAILY NEWS
STORE

Shop now at
nydailynews.com/footballbook
or call (866) 545-3534

DAILY NEWS



JETS AND GIANTS NEWS DELIVERED STRAIGHT TO YOUR INBOX

SIGN UP FOR **"NY GIANTS EXPRESS"**
and **"NY JETS: JETS STREAM"**

NYDAILYNEWS.COM/NEWSLETTERS



These roll-ups offer everything you love about classic layered lasagna, only they are much easier. TNS

Everyone will want seconds

BY PATTY CATALANO
THEKITCHN.COM

Fifteen years ago, I married into an Italian American family and quickly realized that every tender memory involved a loud, full table and plates of cheesy lasagna. I make the family's heirloom recipe for special occasions, but for those nights in between, I tend to tinker with the recipe.

So far, my favorite iteration is lasagna roll-ups. This classic dinner includes the same tender sheets of pasta, meaty marinara sauce and creamy ricotta filling. But it's more fun to make and much easier to serve because every person gets their own saucy spiral.

KEY INGREDIENTS

Marinara sauce: Choose a good-quality store-bought sauce or make marinara from scratch.

Mozzarella cheese: Buy pre-shredded or shred your own mozzarella cheese. Look for the blocks of low-moisture mozzarella, not the rounds of fresh mozzarella for this recipe.

Parmesan cheese: The salty, funky flavor of Parmesan cheese can't be beat. Add half of the grated Parmesan cheese to the ricotta filling and save the rest for topping the roll-ups.

Ricotta cheese: Whole-milk ricotta cheese has a creamy texture. Avoid lower-fat options, which have a rubbery consistency.

Egg: A single egg adds richness to the

ricotta cheese filling and helps give it some structure, so that the cheese doesn't slide out of the pasta spirals.

Lasagna noodles: This recipe was developed with regular dried lasagna noodles, not no-boil.

Onion and garlic: Sautéed onion and garlic is the secret to adding homemade flavor to store-bought marinara sauce.

Ground beef: Use lean ground beef so you don't have to drain off excess fat. Ground turkey (not ground turkey breast) can be substituted.

TIPS FOR MAKING ROLL-UPS

Stack noodles between parchment paper: Boiled lasagna noodles really want to stick together once they are drained. Arrange the noodles so they are ready to roll by filling a rimmed baking sheet with a single layer of noodles. Top with parchment paper, add another layer of lasagna noodles and repeat.

Form an assembly line: Place the ricotta mixture and beefy marinara sauce nearby, then add the fillings to the cooked lasagna noodles assembly-line style. This is also a really great time for kids to help with preparing dinner.

Begin baking covered with foil: Cover the roll-ups with aluminum foil to trap some of the heat inside the casserole dish and to avoid over-browning the cheese.

LASAGNA ROLL-UPS

Makes: 6 servings

Cooking spray

1 medium yellow onion

2 cloves garlic

8 ounces low-moisture mozzarella cheese

2 ounces Parmesan cheese

12 dried lasagna noodles (not no-boil, about ⅔ of a 1-pound box)

1 tablespoon olive oil

1 ½ teaspoons kosher salt, divided, plus more for cooking noodles

1 teaspoon dried Italian seasoning

½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

12 ounces lean ground beef

1 (24- to 32-ounce) jar marinara sauce

1 (15- to 16-ounce) container whole-milk ricotta cheese

1 large egg

1. Arrange a rack in the middle of the oven and heat the oven to 375 degrees. Coat a 9-by-13-inch baking dish and a rimmed baking sheet with cooking spray.

2. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil over medium-high heat. Meanwhile, dice 1 medium yellow onion (about 1 ½ cups) and mince 2 garlic cloves. Grate 8 ounces low-moisture mozzarella cheese on large holes of a box grater (about 2 cups). Finely grate 2 ounces Parmesan cheese on small holes of a box grater (about 1 cup packed), if needed, or measure out ½ cup store-bought grated.

3. Add 12 dried lasagna noodles to the boiling water and cook 1 minute less than package directions, about 7 minutes. Drain and arrange 5 to 6 noodles in a single layer on the baking sheet and top with a sheet of parchment paper. Repeat with another layer of noodles, more parchment paper and a third layer of noodles on top.

4. Meanwhile, heat 1 tablespoon olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat until shimmering. Add onion, 1 teaspoon of kosher salt, 1 teaspoon dried Italian seasoning and ½ teaspoon black pepper. Cook until onion is tender and just beginning to brown, 4 to 5 minutes. Add garlic and cook until fragrant, 30 seconds to 1 minute. Add 12 ounces lean ground beef and cook, breaking up the meat into smaller pieces with a wooden spoon, until browned and cooked through, 5 to 7 minutes. Add 1 jar marinara sauce, stir to combine and remove from the heat.

5. Spread 1 ½ cups of the meat sauce evenly over the bottom of the prepared baking dish.

6. Place 1 container whole-milk ricotta cheese, 1 large egg, the remaining ½ teaspoon kosher salt, ½ cup of the mozzarella cheese and half of the Parmesan cheese in a large bowl and stir to combine.

7. Spread about 3 tablespoons of the ricotta mixture and 1 tablespoon of the meat sauce onto each lasagna noodle. Starting at a short end, roll them up one by one. Arrange seam-side down in the baking dish. Spoon the remaining meat sauce over the lasagna rolls and sprinkle with the remaining mozzarella and Parmesan cheeses.

8. Cover baking dish tightly with aluminum foil. Bake for 10 minutes. Uncover and bake until sauce is bubbling around edges, lasagna rolls are heated through, and the cheeses are beginning to brown, 15 to 20 minutes more. If your baking dish is broiler-safe, turn the oven to broil and broil until the cheese on top is browned in spots, 1 to 2 minutes.

Make ahead: The lasagna roll-ups can be assembled and refrigerated unbaked up to two days in advance, or frozen for up to one month. Thaw the frozen lasagna roll-ups for in the refrigerator before baking.

A Mexican twist on Lenten fish fry

BY GRETCHEN MCKAY
PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE



Pan-fried fish with garlic, almonds and guajillo peppers teams up with a cheesy baked potato ring for a Mexican take on a Lenten fish fry. GRETCHEN MCKAY/PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE

Ash Wednesday kicked off the 40-day Lenten period leading up to Easter and, with it, the beloved tradition of Friday night fish fries. But what if you'd rather spend a cozy evening at home, or simply love fried fish any night of the week?

This Mexican fish recipe from chef Pati Jinich's cookbook, "Treasures of the Mexican Table," is an unconventional option for those who associate Lent with the traditional favorite of cod. Mexican "through and through," you'll find variations of it up and down the coast, Jinich writes, with different cooks and restaurants adding their own spin with different chilies.

Her take on the dish treats fish lovers to delicate filets of flounder first seared in hot butter, then topped with a nutty, garlicky sauce of slivered almonds sauteed in butter with slivers of dried guajillo chiles and thinly sliced garlic. It's full of flavor with a nice, crunchy texture. Even better: The entire dish takes about 10 minutes start to finish.

To complete the Lenten theme with a cheesy side, it's paired with an elegant (but easy) mashed potato "crown" baked in a Bundt pan and sliced like a cake.

The potato recipe easily serves 8, so there are bound to be leftovers — Jinich suggests panfrying the slices in a bit of butter, and topping them with fried eggs and salsa.

You can find bagged guajillo chiles (the dried form of mirasol chiles) in the Mexican food section of most larger grocery stores.

PAN-FRIED FISH WITH GARLIC, ALMONDS AND GUAJILLOS AND POTATO CROWN

Makes: 4 servings, with plenty of leftover potato crown

For the fish:

2 pounds flounder or sole fillets or other skinless, mild-tasting white-fleshed fish
1 teaspoon kosher salt, or to taste
Freshly ground black pepper
4 tablespoons unsalted butter, divided
¼ cup vegetable oil, divided
15 garlic cloves, sliced (about ½ cup)
2 dried guajillo chiles, stemmed, seeded and thinly sliced or snipped with scissors
⅓ cup slivered almonds
2 limes, halved

For the potato crown:

4 tablespoons unsalted butter, at room temperature, plus more for pan
2 tablespoons bread crumbs
4 pounds red potatoes, peeled and cut into chunks
⅓ cup heavy cream
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
¾ cup grated melting cheese, such as asadero, Oaxaca, Monterey Jack or mozzarella
½ cup grated añejo, cotija or Parmigiano-Reggiano
3 large eggs, well beaten

1. Prepare potato crown: Preheat oven to 400 degrees, with rack in the middle. Butter a 10-inch Bundt pan and dust with bread crumbs.

2. Bring a large saucepan of salted water to a boil. Add potatoes, reduce heat to medium and simmer until potatoes are tender, about 20 minutes. Drain and place in large bowl.

3. Add butter and cream to the potatoes, and mash with a potato masher or fork until smooth.

4. Stir the flour, baking powder and

2 teaspoons salt in a small bowl, then stir into potato mixture. Stir in both cheeses. Stir in eggs and mix until thoroughly incorporated.

5. Scrape potatoes into the Bundt pan and smooth the top. Bake for 55 minutes, or until potatoes are fluffed and golden. Remove from oven and allow to sit for a few minutes.

6. While potatoes are resting, prepare fish.

7. Season fish with salt and pepper to taste. Heat 2 tablespoons of butter and 2 tablespoons oil in a large skillet, preferably nonstick, over medium-high heat.

8. Once the butter melts and bubbles, add half of the fillets in a single layer without crowding the pan. Sear for 1-2 minutes on the first side. Before turning, run a spatula under the fish to make sure that the fillets aren't sticking.

9. Turn and cook for 1-2 minutes on the other side, until fish can be flaked with a fork. Transfer to a platter.

10. Heat the remaining 2 tablespoons each butter and oil and cook the remaining fillets. Transfer to the platter.

11. Add garlic and guajillo chiles to the pan, stir and cook for about 30 seconds, until fragrant and beginning to color. Add the almonds and stir as everything browns and crisps, no more than a minute. Scrape the garlic mixture over the fish.

12. Invert potatoes onto a serving platter, and serve immediately with the fish, with lime halves for squeezing.

— Recipe from "Treasures of the Mexican Table: Classic Recipes, Local Secrets" by Pati Jinich



She-crab soup is a luxurious and creamy chowder with an undercurrent of briny crab flavor. TNS

Make Lowcountry classic at home

BY PATTY CATALANO
THEKITCHN.COM

A visit to South Carolina's Lowcountry means more than Palmetto trees and pralines. I should know, after spending the weekends as a grad student driving from one end of the state to the coast for one reason: the food. The region's restaurants serve the best briny oysters, bowls of freshly caught shrimp nestled on top of creamy grits and my favorite, she-crab soup. But I shouldn't have to wait for a trip to South Carolina to serve this seafood stew.

Here's how to make the Lowcountry classic in your own kitchen.

This creamy crab chowder is a specialty of Charleston. Scottish settlers brought partan bree, a traditional rice-and-crab bisque, with them when they emigrated in the 1700s. William Deas, chef and butler to Charleston's mayor in the early 1900s, is credited with adding the red-orange roe to the now-famous soup.

Classically, she-crab soup distinguishes itself from other seafood chowders with the combination of crabmeat and crab roe. The roe gives the chowder its traditional orange hue and distinctive briny flavor. Crab roe, or the eggs from the female crab, are only available in the spring, making she-crab soup a seasonal specialty.

Today, crab roe can be difficult (if not impossible) to find because to protect the crab population, you aren't allowed to harvest egg-carrying female crabs in many states. But an absence of roe doesn't mean you have to forgo this decadent dish altogether. Make this special soup at home using lump crabmeat. Pull out the biggest clusters of crab for finishing the soup. Add the rest of the crab to a Dutch oven with rich cream, briny clam juice, lemon juice and a dash of sherry.

SHE-CRAB SOUP

Makes: 4 servings
 1 ½ cups whole milk or half-and-half
 1 cup heavy cream
 ½ teaspoon hot sauce, such as Tabasco, plus more for serving
 1 small yellow onion
 2 stalks celery
 4 cloves garlic
 ½ medium lemon
 1 pound lump crabmeat
 5 sprigs fresh parsley, for serving (optional)
 4 tablespoons (½ stick) unsalted butter
 1 teaspoon kosher salt
 ¼ teaspoon ground white pepper
 ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
 1 (8-ounce) bottle clam juice, divided
 2 tablespoons dry sherry, plus more for serving
1. Place 1 ½ cups whole milk or half-and-half, 1 cup heavy

cream and ½ teaspoon hot sauce in a large measuring cup or medium bowl and let sit at room temperature while you prepare the remaining ingredients.

2. Prepare the following, adding each to same medium bowl as you complete it: Grate 1 small yellow onion on large holes of a box grater (about ⅓ cup). Finely chop 2 celery stalks (about 1 cup). Mince 4 garlic cloves.

3. Prepare the following, keeping each separate as you complete it: Finely grate the zest of ½ medium lemon until you have ½ teaspoon zest. Gently pick through 1 pound lump crabmeat to remove any shells or cartilage. Reserve 4 ounces (about 1 cup) of the crab for serving. Pick the leaves from 5 fresh parsley sprigs and coarsely chop if desired (1 tablespoon).

4. Melt 4 tablespoons unsalted butter in a Dutch oven over medium-low heat. Add the onion mixture, 1 teaspoon kosher salt, ¼ teaspoon ground white pepper and

¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg. Cook until the onion is softened but not browned, about 5 minutes.

5. Add 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour and cook, stirring constantly, until flour coats vegetables, is cooked but not browned, and starts to leave a film on bottom of pot, about 2 minutes. Add ¼ cup clam juice and cook, scraping any browned bits from the bottom of the pan, until the liquid evaporates, about 2 ½ minutes.

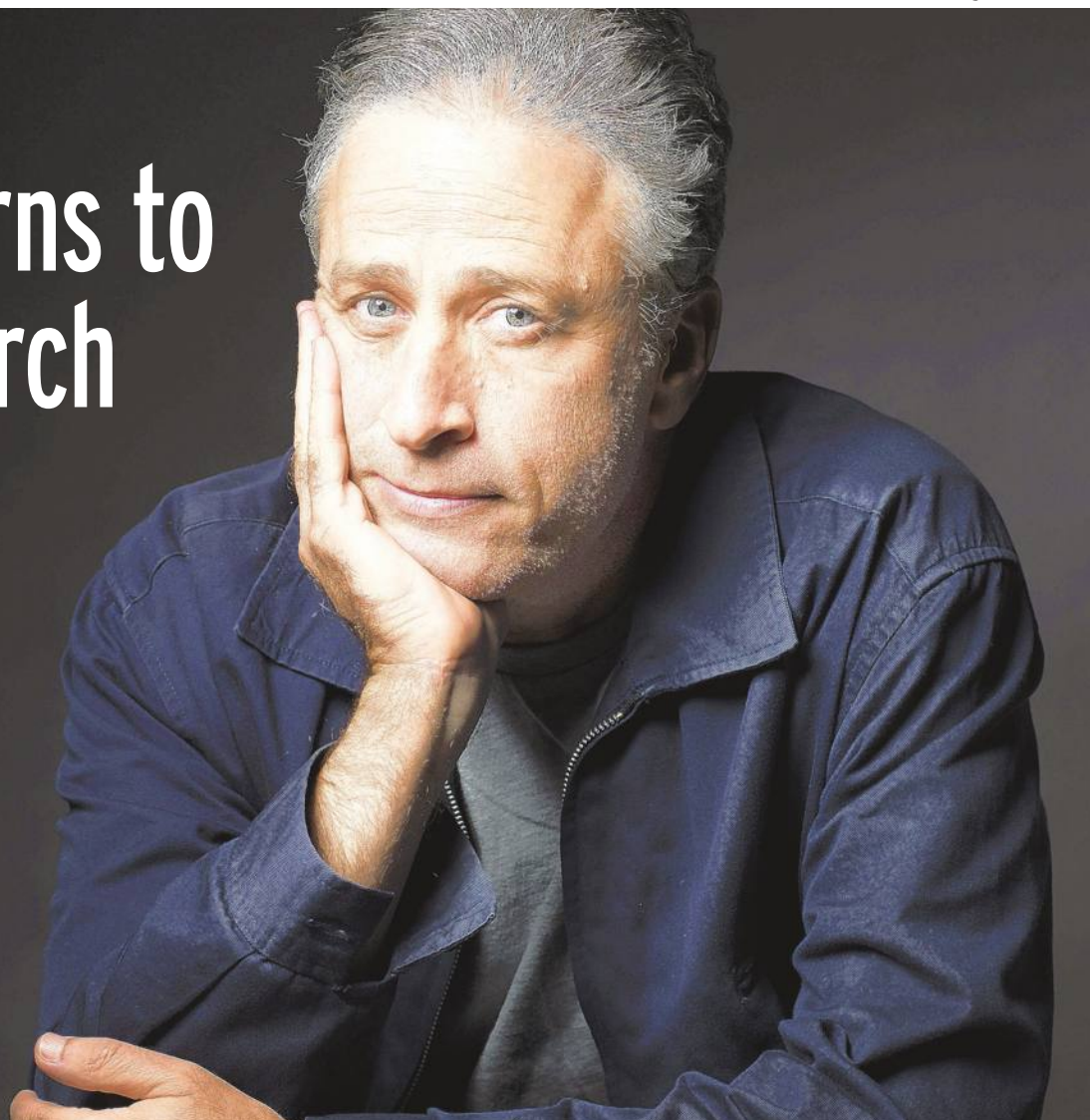
6. Add the remaining ¾ cup clam juice, milk mixture and crab. Bring to a simmer and cook, whisking often, until thickened, about 10 minutes. Remove the pot from the heat. Add the lemon zest and 2 tablespoons dry sherry and stir to combine. Taste and season with more kosher salt or white pepper as needed.

7. Divide reserved 4 ounces crab meat between 4 bowls, then ladle the warm soup on top. Garnish with the parsley and serve with more dry sherry or hot sauce if desired.

Stewart returns to late-night perch

'Daily Show' host forced to compete with his former self

Host from 1999 to 2015, Jon Stewart will helm "The Daily Show" on Mondays through the election. VICTORIA WILL/INVISION 2014



BY DAVID BAUDER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

As host of "The Daily Show" from 1999 to 2015, Jon Stewart changed comedy — and arguably journalism too — with sharp, satirical takes on politics and current events. He became an essential part of the nation's conversation.

Stewart, who walked away from "The Daily Show" to much fanfare, returned to his old perch Monday night. He has agreed to host each Monday through the election, and to executive produce the weeknight show for Comedy Central into next year to help it through another transition.

Comebacks are hard enough in an industry that doesn't always reward second acts. Catching lightning again will be difficult — particularly at a time when late-night television is greatly diminished as a cultural force and others, some from Stewart's family tree, are now competitors.

It can be even tougher when, as Salon critic Melanie McFarland put it, the current Jon Stewart is forced to compete with memories of the old Jon Stewart.

"The world has changed," says veteran television executive Doug Herzog, who hired Stewart and his successor, Trevor Noah, for Comedy Central. "The media environment has changed. The business has changed. It's just so different. I'll never speak for Jon, but he's always been about going forward, he's not about moving backwards. And that's what I would expect him to do."

Stewart had hit his stride in the early 2000s. At the time, political humor had largely consisted of tame one-liners before Stewart and his team of mock

"correspondents" — people you've come to know well like Steve Carell and Stephen Colbert — dove into the news of the day. He exposed double-talk, pointed out hypocrisy and could draw laughter with a wide-eyed look of incredulity or fear.

Studies found "The Daily Show" was a key news source for many young Americans. Stewart's comedy targeted journalists too. CNN canceled its political debate show "Crossfire" after Stewart skewered a then-bowtied Tucker Carlson.

"Jon Stewart totally changed the face of late-night," says Robert Thompson, director of the Bleier Center for Television and Popular Culture at Syracuse University.

And the television executive who lured Stewart back, Chris McCarthy, called him "the voice of our generation."

Stewart hasn't been talking about it publicly, although he did offer a joke — what else? — on social media. "After much reflection I have decided to enter the transfer portal for my last year of eligibility," he said on X, the platform formerly known as Twitter.

He ended his previous hosting stint on Aug. 6, 2015, precisely as Trump emerged as a force in presidential politics. Some of Stewart's fans were sorely disappointed that he was not there to offer his nightly take on the Trump presidency.

Tough political humor didn't leave with Stewart and has even thrived. Colbert makes Donald Trump a nightly punching bag on CBS. John Oliver, an alumni of "The Daily Show," has an award-winning, issue-oriented show on HBO. Another "Daily" veteran, Samantha Bee, held forth on TBS from 2016 to 2022. Jimmy Kimmel and Seth Meyers are tartly topical, and Greg Gutfeld seeks laughs from a

conservative perspective on Fox News Channel.

So Stewart will return to a crowded field of comics looking to mine much of the same material.

His appearances on Mondays — the same nights that Rachel Maddow does her once-a-week show on MSNBC — offer liberals a television murderer's row.

It's a more serious Stewart that fans have gotten to know since he left, both through his activism on behalf of rescue workers from Sept. 11, 2001, and his short-lived show on the Apple TV+ streaming service, "The Problem with Jon Stewart." It's legitimate to ask whether his comedy will be able to get rolling again after a nine-year absence, on the air just once a week, and if he can assemble a staff of writers as good as he once had.

Popular culture is littered with stars who tried to come back but could never recapture the magic — Arsenio Hall, Lucille Ball and Roseanne Barr are examples just from comedy.

Often it had little to do with talent. The moment had simply passed, and Thompson worries that the same might be true now.

Late-night comedy has far less of an imprint on the culture now than it did when Americans turned off the bedroom light after hearing Johnny Carson's monologue, or even when Stewart went away.

Rather than stay up late, many Americans now log on to the internet the next morning to catch late-night highlights, the best jokes.

"People don't talk about late-night anymore," Herzog said. "Night in and night out, it doesn't play the same cultural role. We don't stay up to watch Johnny Carson anymore, Cher on David Letterman,

whatever it was. I don't feel like it's there anymore. It's fragmented and gotten smaller, just like everything else."

During the 2014-15 season, "The Daily Show," Jimmy Fallon's "Tonight," Kimmel and Letterman in his last year at CBS collectively averaged 10.5 million viewers, according to the Nielsen company. The same four shows — Colbert in place of Letterman — have 4.8 million viewers now. The shows took in \$859 million in ad revenue in 2015. Through last November, the 2023 tally was \$259 million, the ad intelligence provider Vivvix said.

Separate out "The Daily Show," and the decline is much sharper. Stewart had more than 1.3 million viewers in his last season; Trevor Noah was down to 372,000 in 2022. And those numbers surely dropped last year with the botched effort to find a successor. During Stewart's last full year in 2014, "The Daily Show" earned an estimated \$129 million in advertising revenue. Last year it was down to \$19 million through November, per Vivvix.

Dominated for years by white men, the format has grown stale, McFarland says.

"I don't think the late-night scene is going to go away entirely," she says. "But it needs to remake itself."

Older viewers will surely be curious to see if Stewart still has it. The same might not be true for younger people who know Stewart by reputation only. And is the 61-year-old the right person to pinpoint another generation of talent?

"Jon's got a way of seizing the moment," Herzog says. "Everything has changed. We're not going back in time, but I do have the confidence that Jon will find a way forward. Jon is good that way."

We'll see. No pressure.

War and Treaty traveling the road to success

From small town to the Grammys, duo take world by storm

BY ADAM GRAHAM
THE DETROIT NEWS

Michael Trotter Jr. was lost. Spiritually, yes, but we'll get to that in a minute. More immediately, he was physically lost, on the road late one night while driving through Michigan with his wife, Tanya, and his eyelids were growing heavy.

So the Army veteran pulled off Interstate 94 to find a hotel to rest until morning and ended up at a Days Inn in Albion. And from that point on, nothing for the couple would ever be the same.

Trotter and his wife make up the rousing musical duo the War and Treaty, the fiery country-blues-rock-Americana twosome who have taken the music world by storm. The pair's major-label debut album "Lover's Game" was released last March to wide acclaim and landed the duo two nominations at this year's Grammy Awards, including best new artist.

Since the Grammy nominations, the War and Treaty has been everywhere, performing at the Detroit Lions' Thanksgiving Day game, the Emmy Awards, the CMA Awards, NBC's "Christmas at Graceland" special and an episode of WWE's "Smackdown."

And it all stems from what they formed and fortified in Albion, as they wrapped their arms around a small community that embraced the couple right back.

Before the Trotters found Albion, they found each other on Aug. 28, 2010, at a music festival outside Baltimore, where both were performing.

At the time, Michael Trotter Jr. was an Iraq War veteran struggling with PTSD and trying to find his footing in the music business, and Tanya Blount was an industry veteran who had flirted with fame — that's her in 1993's "Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit," performing "His Eye is on the Sparrow" alongside Lauryn Hill — but had never quite knocked down the door.

They were introduced by a mutual friend and their connection was immediate — phone numbers were quickly exchanged — but Michael Trotter Jr. says he initially backed off, out of fear.

"I wasn't looking for anything. I didn't have my life together," says Trotter, who had already been married and divorced in his 20s. "I had low self-esteem, and I wasn't trying to approach Tanya. Tanya was damn near perfect,



Michael Trotter Jr. and Tanya Trotter, seen performing Feb. 2, were nominated for two Grammys this year. CHRIS PIZZELLO/AP

"The way that Michael and Tanya make you feel, it's like going to a church service. I'm not particularly religious, but after a War and Treaty concert, I feel renewed."

— CLIFF HARRIS, MUSICIAN AND PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY AT ALBION COLLEGE

and I didn't want to mess it up. So I tossed her number in the garbage, and I walked away.

"I was just used to losing, and this was a win, a win I didn't feel like I deserved," he says. "So I wasn't going to trick myself into believing I belonged in her world."

Tanya Trotter, who also had been married previously, felt differently, and she reached out to him the following day, asking him to work on music. At the time, she was performing in a group with her brother.

"Michael came over the next day, and he had a complete album written for my brother and me, which I had never seen before," she says. "I've seen people write lyrics, but I've never seen someone have complete songs, I've never seen someone who hears every part, every note, from the drum patterns to the strings, to the keyboard, guitar, bass, everything. He had everything in his head."

The Trotters sang together on a demo track, and when a friend heard their voices blend, "she said, 'You guys are going to have

to consider doing that,'" Tanya Trotter says.

And that was that: They were married soon thereafter.

It was at Blues at the Bohm Theatre in Albion where Cliff Harris first saw Michael Trotter Jr. perform and knew he had to meet the big-voiced belter. Harris, a professor of chemistry and biochemistry at Albion College, is also a musician, but the trajectory of his career changed after he heard Trotter sing.

"I went from being the lead singer of my band to the manager of their band," says Harris, who with his wife, Karen Erlandson, managed the Trotters "for a hot minute," he says.

They promoted the duo's first concert as the War and Treaty at Albion's Washington Gardner Elementary School, where the band was paid a whopping \$75 for the performance.

Harris and Erlandson signed the group to a management contract, knowing full well that they would soon be on to bigger and better things.

"When we signed the papers, we said, 'We know this

is temporary. When you get the next offer, don't worry. Just let us know, we're happy for you,'" Harris says.

When they eventually signed a deal with Universal Music Group, Harris vowed to never manage another group "because now I can say every band I've ever managed has gone straight to Universal," he says with a hearty chuckle.

Harris says he remembers watching the War and Treaty — the name stems from a passionate argument and subsequent make-up between the couple — perform for 75 people at the Bohm, knowing there was a larger audience out there for the couple. The duo's sound is steeped in gospel and the blues, and it's undeniably powerful. It was just a matter of connecting the dots.

"The way that Michael and Tanya make you feel, it's like going to a church service. I'm not particularly religious, but after a War and Treaty concert, I feel renewed," Harris says.

After the duo released its debut album, "Healing Tide," recorded in Nashville, Tennessee,

and featuring a collaboration with Emmylou Harris, national bookings were pouring in, including slots at 2018's Newport Folk Festival and Bonnaroo. The couple played shows with Al Green and recorded with Jason Isbell.

Last year was a banner year for the duo, following the release of "Lover's Game." The couple recorded songs with the Brothers Osborne and Zach Bryan, and were nominated for a slew of trophies at the CMT Music Awards, the Academy of Country Music Awards and the Country Music Association Awards.

At the Grammys, in addition to a nod for best American roots song, they faced a crowded field for best new artist, which was awarded to Victoria Monét.

"It's a feeling that I can't really put into words. It's amazing that people are still discovering us and that our peers have acknowledged us this time around," Tanya Trotter says. "We're new to a lot of people, and it's a pleasure to be able to live long enough to experience it, and to be able to celebrate just being nominated."

The duo is working on a new album set for release later this year — first single "Mr. Fun" was recently released — and have tour dates set this year with Chris Stapleton and Zach Bryan. They're even shopping a script that would bring their love story to the big screen, with John Legend attached as a producer.

A safety net under stress

Community health centers help 1 in 11 Americans obtain medical care, food

BY DEVI SHASTRI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Elisa Reyes has come to Plaza del Sol Family Health Center in New York City for doctor's appointments for more than a decade.

She moved away a while ago but keeps returning — even if it means a two-hour roundtrip bus ride.

That's because her two children see the same doctor she does. Because when she's sick, she can walk in without an appointment. Because the staff at the Queens clinic helped her apply for health insurance and food stamps.

"I feel at home. They also speak my language," Reyes, 33, said in Spanish. "I feel comfortable."

Plaza del Sol is one of two dozen sites run by Urban Health Plan Inc., which is one of nearly 1,400 federally designated community health centers. One in 11 Americans rely on these to get routine medical care, social services and, in some cases, fresh food.

The clinics serve as a critical safety net in every state and U.S. territory for low-income people of all ages. But it's starting to buckle under stress.

Since 2012, community health centers have seen a 45% increase in the number of people seeking care — and they've opened more service sites to expand their footprint to more than 15,000 locations.

Many centers are short-staffed and struggling to compete for doctors, mental health professionals, nurses and dentists. Leaders also said that funding is an ever-present concern, with the monthslong debate over the federal budget making it all but impossible for them to plan and hire for the long term.

Community health centers have been around for decades, and are largely what remains when urban and rural hospitals close or cut back on services.

Dr. Matthew Kusher, Plaza del Sol's clinical director, said there are things that prescriptions can't change, like stopping the spread of flu and COVID-19 when people live in apartments with one family per room and it's impossible to quarantine.

"What we provide here is only 20% of what goes toward somebody's health," Kusher said. "Their health is more driven by the other factors, more driven by the poverty, and the lack of access to food or clean water or healthy air."

Nine in 10 health center patients live at or below 200% of the federal poverty line, according



Dr. Matthew Kusher, clinical director of Plaza del Sol Family Health Center, examines a patient Jan. 11 in the Queens borough of New York City.

EDUARDO MUNOZ ALVAREZ/AP PHOTOS



Dr. Manuel Vazquez, Urban Health Plan's vice president of medical affairs, speaks with a patient at El Nuevo San Juan Health Center in the Bronx borough of New York City.

to the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration. Beyond that:

- In 2022, nearly 1.4 million health center patients were homeless.
- One in 5 was uninsured.
- Half were on Medicaid.
- One in 4 was best served in a language other than English; about 63% were racial or ethnic minorities.

Dr. Acklema Mohammad started 50 years ago as a medical assistant in Urban Health Plan's first clinic, San Juan Health Center in New York City. She has cared for families across three

generations.

"It's so gratifying to work in this community. I'm walking through the door, or I'm walking down the street, and I'm getting hugs," she said. "All along, 'Oh, Dr. Mo! You're still here!'"

Staffing is Mohammad's biggest worry. Many pediatricians retired or changed jobs after the pandemic. It's not just about money, either: She said job applicants tell her they want quality of life and flexibility.

"It's a big job and it's a big issue because we have so many sick children and so many sick patients," Mohammad said, "but

we don't have enough providers to take care of them."

Former pediatricians are sometimes picking up virtual visits to provide relief, she said, and telehealth helps, too. But when telehealth is not a possibility, El Nuevo San Juan Health Center tries to bring care to people instead.

About 150 elders get at-home visits, said Dr. Manuel Vazquez, Urban Health Plan's vice president of medical affairs who oversees the program. There are times when the care isn't covered, but the team does it without pay.

One of the nation's first community health centers opened in the rural Mississippi delta in 1967, in the wake of the Civil Rights Movement's Freedom Summer.

Today, Delta Health Center in Mound Bayou, Mississippi, has 17 locations in five counties, including free-standing clinics and some in schools.

Access to preventive care is critical as area hospitals cut back on neonatal services and other specialty care, said Temika Simmons, Delta Health Center's chief public affairs officer.

"If you're in the middle of a heart attack, you're going to have to be airlifted to Jackson or Memphis where they have the equipment to save your life, and so you might die along the way,"

she said. "So, what we've been doing in terms of primary care is trying to keep people away from that part."

Another key to the centers' ability to improve health disparities is understanding and being part of their communities. Plaza del Sol is located in the heavily immigrant, mostly Latino neighborhood of Corona, which was the epicenter of New York City's COVID-19 spread. Staff are required to speak Spanish.

The Mississippi Delta staffers are trained to spot signs of abuse, Simmons said, or know that the patient "fussing and fighting" about filling out a form likely can't read.

To continue to serve the communities in the way they want to, center leaders say they're stretching dollars as far as they can — but need more.

Based on the rising number of patients and inflation in the health care sector, federal funding for centers would need to increase by \$2.1 billion to match 2015 funding levels, according to an analysis sponsored by the National Association of Community Health Centers.

"You can't be overwhelmed with the problem," Simmons said. "You've got to just simply take it one day at a time, one patient at a time."



The 2024 Aston Martin DB12 goes from zero to 60 mph in 3.5 seconds. ASTON MARTIN

AUTO REVIEW

'24 Aston Martin DB12 makes perfect sports car proposition

BY LARRY PRINTZ
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Romance is dead. The idea of refined, beautiful things is a notion that has been replaced by a post-industrial aesthetic that has utterly ruined product design. It doesn't matter if it's distressed denim, a mangy old barn door repurposed as a bathroom door or automobile design that takes its cues from video games. All new design is devised to shock or abuse our sense of beauty.

It's no wonder that Ralph Lauren's design vision, one that embraces the greatness of traditional American design, remains so incredibly popular and widely accepted. Or that Aston Martin, and its adherence to traditional sports cars values, remains so beloved worldwide.

That's what makes the 2024 Aston Martin DB12 one of the world's great sports cars. But Aston

ASTON MARTIN DB12

Base price: \$245,000

Engine: Twin-turbocharged 4.0-liter V8

Horsepower/Torque: 671/590 pound-feet

EPA fuel economy (city/highway): 14/22 mpg

Length/Width/Height: 186/78/51 in

Ground clearance: 4.7 in

Cargo capacity: 9.3 cubic feet

Martin would prefer you call it a super tourer.

If the DB12 looks familiar, it should. It dates to the 1948 Aston Martin 2-liter Sports, now known as the DB1. For 2024, the 75th anniversary of the DB1, the DB12 arrives looking much like its predecessor, the DB11. And indeed, it does wear the DB11's doors and borrows the DBS's roof. But look closely and you'll see changes. The DB12's front end is higher and sports a larger grille. The headlamps

have been redesigned, as has the front splitter and side mirrors. And look closely at its footwear. It's the first car in the fitted with Michelin's new Pilot Sport 5S tires.

Under the hood, you might be expecting to find a V12 — but you'd be wrong. In its place is a Aston-Martin-revised Mercedes-AMG twin-turbocharged 4.0 V8 engine that produces 671 horsepower and 590 pound-feet of torque. That's an increase of 34 percent from the DB11. The driveline includes five driving modes: GT, Sport, Sport+, Individual, and, for the first time, Wet.

Hop in the car and you'll find much the DB11's perfect driving position remains intact. So too are the power seat switches on the side of the center console. The placement is less than ideal for those with longer legs. Bracing your leg against the center console inadvertently moves the seats, as I discovered to my dismay. And yeah, you could grouse against the

minuscule trunk. But this is a sports car — um — make that super tourer. If you need more space, pack lighter or look elsewhere.

But there's much to like about the center stack, which has been reworked from the DB11. Gone are the round push-buttons for the transmission atop the center of the instrument panel. Instead, a toggle shifter is standard, much like those used on other European cars.

The DB11 is certainly a grand touring car rather than a sports car. In other words, while it could go fast, comfort was nearly as important as velocity. The steering is linear, quick and direct, and the car carves through corners without a trace of wallow, eager to follow the driver's orders. It stakes out the space between hardcore sports cars like the Ferrari Roma and Porsche 911 Turbo, and grand tourers like the Bentley Continental GT.

And that makes the perfect proposition in a high-dollar sporting driving machine.

Your HOROSCOPE

BY TAROT.COM

For Sunday, February 18

A shift in the vibe could be obvious today. Both the emotional Moon and the vital Sun are moving from social Air signs to intuitive Water signs. Their harmonious trine is exact when the Moon is in chatty Gemini and the Sun is in idealistic Aquarius, fueling an easy flow of conversation and connection. Luna then drifts into nurturing Cancer before the Sun spins into psychic Pisces. We're turning a page together and learning greater depth and sensitivity.

ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 19

The chatter in your life could presently be overwhelming. It's possible that you need to get away from it all and think things through on your own. No matter how much you trust the opinions of your social network, there are some decisions you can only make for yourself.



LIBRA

SEPT. 23-OCT. 22

Thoughtfully studying what makes you happy is a good use of your time now. That way, you can plan to get more of it in your life. Fitting in a new activity is possible. Although it's often hard to alter established habits, having a clear goal in mind should help you stay motivated.



TAURUS

APRIL 20-MAY 20

Getting to know your goals could be crucial at present. Sure, that will empower you to achieve things that matter to you and maybe even make money in the process. When you have the opportunity to chat up new acquaintances, be as genuine as you can. The ones who are right for you will stick around.



SCORPIO

OCT. 23-NOV. 21

Connecting deeply with a loved one is on the table today. You may be intensely focused on doing what's necessary. Although you can make progress, you might also wonder where you are in all of this. If you're out of practice in identifying these, just follow your curiosity — you'll get back on track soon.



GEMINI

MAY 21-JUNE 20

Living in line with your beliefs could be a high priority for you at the moment. You're able to avoid coming off as dogmatic or bombastic because this effort is clearly about you, not about converting other people to your way of thinking. In the near future, it should give you a stronger sense of your goals.



SAGITTARIUS

NOV. 22-DEC. 21

A conversation could speedily wander deeper than you expect. Perhaps you're just having a routine chat with a loved one. Whatever the surprise might be, look on the bright side. With that working in your favor, you'll be better prepared to figure out a path forward as a team.



CANCER

JUNE 21-JULY 22

Presenting an exciting and adventurous image is on the horizon for you. Even if you don't tell anyone else, they may notice the confidence you gain from confronting your fears. When you give the impression that you can handle anything, opportunities are more likely to find you.



CAPRICORN

DEC. 22-JAN. 19

Your radar for practical concerns is finely tuned at the moment. As you throw yourself into your duties however, you'll potentially come to a major realization. Once you start talking with them, they'll probably have their own ideas about how they'd like things to go.



LEO

JULY 23-AUG. 22

Putting yourself out there can be rewarding today. You're well-equipped to work a room and find the person in it who's the best match. Once you do so though, don't run to tell the world about your promising collaboration right away. Let your connection grow in private for the time being.



AQUARIUS

JAN. 20-FEB. 18

Knowing yourself could be an essential ingredient to your success at this time. Going forward, this can help you do what's necessary to shore up the financial and practical sides of your life. If you have something fun to look forward to, you'll probably be energized to work for it.



VIRGO

AUG. 23-SEPT. 22

You might currently be wondering what you should do to attract a particular kind of relationship. When you're working hard toward your goals, you're exactly where you need to be. It's true that not everyone has the same priorities you do, but those who don't aren't the right matches for you anyway.



PISCES

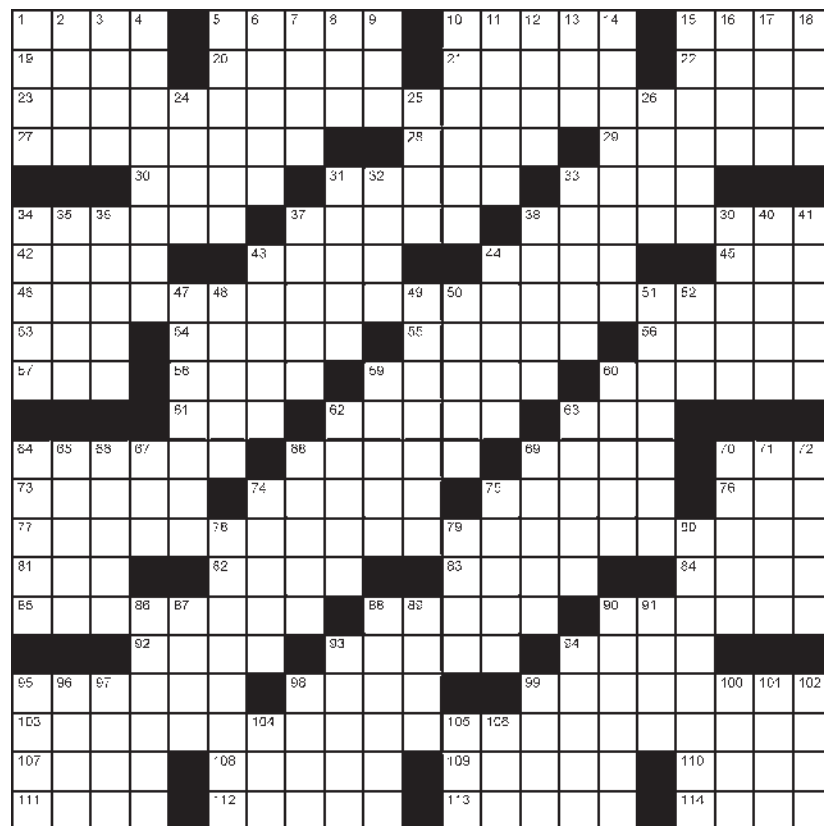
FEB. 19-MARCH 20

Surfacing from deep waters is even more refreshing than usual. People may be especially interested in what you have to say, as you seem to understand the collective mood well. There's no need to lord your influence over anyone in a negative way though. Leading others to have a good time will probably be more fun for you too.



THE BIG X-WORD

Going, Going, Gone by James Barrick



© Dist. by Andrews McMeel Syndication for UFS

ACROSS

- 1 Highlander
- 5 Dive bar drinks
- 10 Branchlet
- 15 Botch up
- 19 Qualified
- 20 Unseen
- 21 emanations
- 22 Perfume ingredient
- 22 — Stanley Gardner
- 23 Does all that's possible: 4 wds.
- 27 Ovals
- 28 Waistcoat
- 29 Develops
- 30 Foot digits
- 31 Cooks a certain way
- 33 Look-alike sib
- 34 Shocked
- 37 Bedtime treat
- 38 Occurring at Christmastime only, e.g.
- 42 Opening
- 43 Told tales
- 44 Nimble
- 45 Stat. in baseball
- 46 Lose all reason: 5 wds.
- 53 Palindrome in a palindrome
- 54 Rose oil
- 55 Prepare
- 56 Austrian singer — Lenya
- 57 Marina del —
- 58 Shoot the breeze
- 59 Bivouacs
- 60 More crowded
- 61 Playing card
- 62 Savants
- 63 Ballpoint brand
- 64 Reflect
- 68 Remote dwelling
- 69 Go after game
- 70 False show
- 73 Star sign
- 74 — by fire
- 75 Kind of energy
- 76 Exclude
- 77 Accepts as is: 4 wds.
- 81 Cable network
- 82 Buss

- 83 Scot's language
- 84 Fateful day for Caesar
- 85 Safety restraint: 2 wds.
- 88 Outpouring
- 90 Bladed weapons
- 92 Bakery item
- 93 Dundee natives
- 94 Kind of '60s lamp
- 95 Mysterious
- 98 Code word after delta
- 99 Pathogen-free
- 103 Allow to act as desired: 5 wds.
- 107 "The Green —"
- 108 Kilns
- 109 Gets exactly right
- 110 River in France
- 111 Indigo dye
- 112 Stem joints
- 113 Performing group
- 114 — -do-well

DOWN

- 1 Wind
- 2 Magwitch of "Great Expectations"
- 3 Israel's airline: 2 wds.
- 4 Raise as if by magic
- 5 Hunting dog
- 6 Old Germanic letters
- 7 Desire personified
- 8 Existed
- 9 Defunct airliner
- 10 Hard to chew
- 11 Urge
- 12 Utter defeat
- 13 "The — of the Sixth Happiness"
- 14 Weekends out of town
- 15 Sheep breed
- 16 Samovars
- 17 Head for the hills
- 18 T-men and G-men
- 24 Narrative poem
- 25 Concluded
- 26 "Exodus" author
- Leon —
- 31 Direct
- 32 Kerfuffle: hyph.
- 33 Cotton cloth
- 34 Ray flower
- 35 Fierce glance
- 36 Corny
- 37 Jewish month
- 38 Taters
- 39 Puts one within another
- 40 Mountain ridge
- 41 Printer type
- 43 Dead language
- 44 Daytime TV fare
- 47 Milk sugar
- 48 Old anesthetic
- 49 Warning on a package
- 50 Oman neighbor
- 51 Daughter of Agamemnon
- 52 — sequitur
- 59 Plot
- 60 Alice's cat
- 62 Goes by boat
- 63 Swelling
- 64 Milkshakes
- 65 Goddess of peace
- 66 Lasso
- 67 Race an engine
- 68 Summit
- 69 Contain
- 70 Place of residence
- 71 Wickerwork artisan
- 72 Long lock
- 74 Ribbed cloth
- 75 Arranges
- 78 Closeted scandal
- 79 Unmixed, as brandy
- 80 Drink
- 86 Globetrotter's passion
- 87 Ossicle
- 88 Ski
- 89 Low quality
- 90 Most rational
- 91 Tel —
- 93 Quick bread
- 94 Large spoon
- 95 — mater
- 96 Hold back (with "in")
- 97 City in Colombia
- 98 Watched
- 99 Agitated state
- 100 "God's Little —"
- 101 Philosopher — Descartes
- 102 French river
- 104 Lacto- — vegetarian
- 105 Yoko — Lennon
- 106 Defunct mil. branch

MAGIC EYE®

HOLD THE IMAGE CLOSE TO YOUR NOSE, SLOWLY MOVE IT AWAY AND SUDDENLY A HIDDEN 3D ILLUSION WILL MAGICALLY APPEAR!

FEBRUARY 18, 2024 © MAGIC EYE INC. DISTRIBUTED BY ANDREWS MCMEEL



CLUE: WHO DRIVES AWAY ALL THEIR CUSTOMERS? ANSWER: (XNAL:NDENH) I SERNED BAKOAL BY CHERI SMITH & DAWN ZIMLES WWW.MAGICEYE.COM

BAKER STREET PUZZLE



PREVIOUS SOLUTIONS

Grid of previous solutions for various puzzles, including a crossword puzzle and a Hidato puzzle.

HIDATO

Complete the grid so that numbers 1 - 134 connect horizontally, vertically or diagonally:

			3	2	1				
	67	7				15		18	
					12		20		35
63		70	9	45		22		38	36
	61				43	42	24		31
59	58							40	29
		57	98		101	134			
77			97	54	49	50		132	
	79								108
	83	85		87	120		123	106	127
		92	93			122		125	126
91				117	118				

www.hidato.com Dif. ★★★★★

JUMBLE

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

NTJSUU
LAPMIA
RLUYFR
WSEBOT
SCWEHA
GHREAT

PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

©2024 Tribune Content Agency, LLC All Rights Reserved.

JUMBLE FOR KIDS

The letters of these crazy words are all mixed up. To play the game, put them back into the right order so that they make real words you can find in your dictionary. Write the letters of each real word under each crazy word, but only one letter to a square.

EBE
ROCN
DKCE
IRKN

Color me

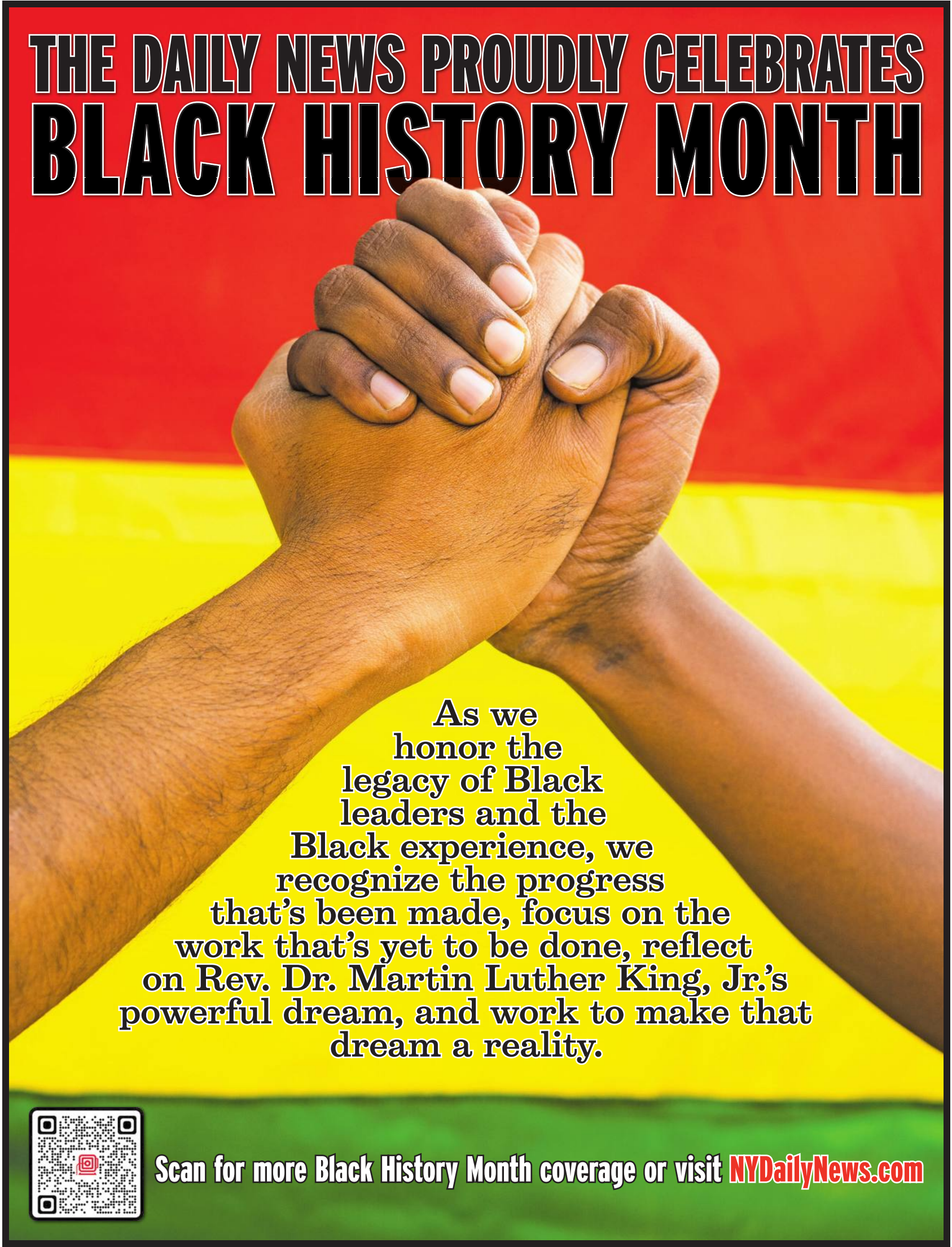
Now you're ready to solve today's Jumble For Kids. Study the picture for a hint. Play around with the letters in the circles. You'll find you can put them in order so that they make your funny answer.

Answer here: AND

Jumble: FILTHY, TARIFF, GEYSER, FLAUNT, CHOOSE, NOTIFY. The kite company was new, but based on their sales, they were — OFF TO A FLYING START
Jumble for Kids: KEY, BANK, RUSH, SHED. The more of it there is, the less you see. What is it? — DARKNESS

SUNDAY 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 2 News at 6:30PM (N)	60 Minutes (N)		The Equalizer (N) (SP)		Tracker - Colter tracks down a young man involved in a cult. (N)		CSI: Vegas (N) (SP)		CBS 2 News at 11PM (N)	(11:35) CBS 2 News (N)	Joel Osteen						
3 WJLP	Collector's Call	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	All in the Family	All in the Family	All in the Family	All in the Family	Sullivan	Carol Burnett	Dick Van Dyke	Dick Van Dyke	Honeymoon.						
4 WNBC	NBC Nightly News (N)	2024 People's Choice Awards Red Carpet (N)		2024 People's Choice Awards (N)				Dateline NBC (N)		News 4 NY at 11 (N)	News 4 NY at 11:30 (N)	Sports Final (N)						
5 WNYW	The 6 O'Clock News (N)	Next Level Chef		The Simpsons (N)	Krapopolis (N)	The Great North (N)	Grimsburg (N)	The 10 O'Clock News (N)	Fox 5 Sports Extra (N)	Bensinger - Bert Kreischer	Raw Travel	TMZ (N)						
7 WABC	ABC World News (N)	America's Funniest Home Videos (N)		American Idol - Auditions in Los Angeles, Nashville and the judges' hometowns to find the next singing sensation. (N) (SP)				What Would You Do? (N) (SP)		Eyewitness News at 11 (N)		On the Red Carpet (N)						
9 WWOR	(6:00) • Chicago	Chicago P.D.		Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Whacked						
10/55 WLNY	(6:00) • ET (N)	Inside Ed. (N)	The Point	CBS News Sunday Morning (N)			Paid Program	Judge Judy	Stories of Love	WOW - Put Me in Coach (N)		Family Guy						
11 WPIX	Who Stole	REMEMBER THE TITANS ★★ ★		Will Patton, Donald Faison, Denzel Washington.			The Conners	PIX11 News at Ten (N)		PIX11 Sports Nation (N)		Two Half Men						
13 WNET	Legacy List	Treasures of New York		Secrets of Royal Travel		All Creatures Great (N) (SF)		All Creatures Great		River		Austin (N)						
21 WLII	Weekend (N)	Great Performances (N)		Love Train: The Sound of Philadelphia		Quincy Jones: A Musical Celebration in Paris		Young Forever										
25 WNYE	(6:00) • Aktina TV	Energy Switch	Profiles	On Story	A Day's Work	Her Big Idea	Neighborh	Nightmare Theatre				Exchange						
31 WPNX	(6:00) • NCIS	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS						
41 WFUT2	• Detectives	Dateline		Dateline		Dateline - A detective doubts natural causes as the reason for a death.				Most Shocking		Shocking						
47 WNJU	Noticias T (N)	La casa de los famosos (N)		La casa de los famosos (N)				Pica y se extiende (N)		Noticiero 47	Noticias T (N)	Zona mixta (N)						
A&E	(6:00) • Biography: WWE Legends			Biography: WWE Legends				Biography - Stone Cold Steve Austin's rise to fame in the 1990s.				Biography						
AMC	(6:00) • THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION ('94) ★★ ★★	Tim Robbins.				Monsieur Spade (N)			THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION ('94) ★★ ★★			Tim Robbins.						
ANPL	(6:00) • LoneStar	Lone Star Law		Wardens of the North		Wardens of the North (N)		Lone Star Law		Lone Star Law		Wardens						
BBCA	UNDERWORLD ('03) ★★ Scott Speedman, Michael Sheen, Kate Beckinsale.				UNDERWORLD: AWAKENING ('12) ★★ Kate Beckinsale.				UNDERWORLD: RISE OF THE LYCANS ★★									
BET	• TYLER PERR...	BOO! A MADEA HALLOWEEN ('16) ★★ Cassi Davis, Patrice Lovely, Tyler Perry.				TYLER PERRY'S MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION ('06) ★★ Tyler Perry.												
BRV	• Housewives	Housewives/Potomac		Housewives/Potomac (N)		Married to Medicine (N)		Housewives/Potomac		Married to Medicine								
CBSSN	(6:00) • PBR Bull Riding			Equestrian - League of Nations - From Abu Dhabi.				Poker Night	Poker Night	PBR - UTB: Los Angeles - Round 2 & Championship								
CNBC	• SharkTank	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank						
CNN	(6:00) • CNNNews	CNN Newsroom (N)		Whole Story With Anderson (N)		United States of Scandal (N) (P)		United States of Scandal (N)		Whole Story With Anderson		United States						
COM	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	(11:35) Office	(12:10) Office						
DISN	Big City Greens	Big City Greens	Big City Greens	TOY STORY 3 ('10) ★★ ★ Tom Hanks.			(9:50) Marvel's	(10:20) Marvel's Moon Girl	(10:55) Hamster&	(11:25) Hamster&	Ladybug							
DSC	(5:00) • Afraid	Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid (N) (SP)				Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Afraid						
E!	(6:00) • E! Live From the Red Carpet (N)			2024 People's Choice Awards (N)				BRIDESMAIDS ('11) ★★ ★ Maya Rudolph, Rose Byrne, Kristen Wiig.										
ESPN	(6:00) • College Softball			College Softball				SportsCenter (N)				SportsCenter (N)						
ESPN2	(6:00) • 30 for 30 - The Minister of Defense	Undeclared - Rhoden's Road Trip		Undeclared	Undeclared	Undeclared	Undeclared	30 for 30 - Bullies of Baltimore				World of X						
FAM	• DESPICABLE ...	(7:15) DESPICABLE ME 3 ('17) ★★ Steven Carell.				(9:20) UP ('09) ★★ ★ Voices of Christopher Plummer, Jordan Nagai, Ed Asner.				FERDINAND ('17) ★★ ★								
FBN	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Joel Osteen						
FNC	(6:00) • FoxReport	The Big Weekend Show (N)		Life, Liberty & Levin (N)		Sunday Night (N)		The Big Weekend Show		Life, Liberty & Levin		Sunday Night						
FOOD	(6:00) • Tournament of Champions			Tournament - Chefs face off to win the belt, the title and \$150,000. (N)				Bobby's Triple Threat		Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Tournament						
FX	(5:30) • JUMANJI ('95) ★★ Robin Williams.	JUMANJI: WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE ('17) ★★ ★ Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson.				JUMANJI: WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE ('17) ★★ ★												
HALL	• STORY OF US	AN AMERICAN IN AUSTEN ('24) Nicholas Bishop, Eliza Bennett.				The Way Home (N)		The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls						
HBO	THE COLOR PURPLE ('23) ★★ ★ Taraji P. Henson, Danielle Brooks, Fantasia Barrino.		True Detective (N) (SF)		(10:20) Curb Your Enthusiasm (N)		Last Week (SP)		(11:40) True Detective									
HGTV	• HomeTown	Home Town		Home Town (N)		Home Town (N)		Fixer to Fabulous		Fixer to Fabulous		Home Town						
HIST	(6:00) • America	The Food That Built America		The Food That Built America		The Food That Built America		(10:05) Built America		(11:05) Built America		(12:05) America						
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) • Evil Lives	Evil Lives Here		Evil Lives Here		Evil Lives Here (N)				Evil Lives Here		Evil Lives Here						
IFC	• WILLY WON...	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond						
LIFE	(6:00) • THE BEACH HOUSE MURDERS ('24)			THE MAN IN THE GUESTHOUSE ('24) Ignacy Matynia. (P)				(10:05) ABDUCTED OFF THE STREET: CARLESHA GAITHER STORY			MAN IN THE ...							
LIFEMOV	(6:00) • STALKED BY HER PAST ('22)			SHE'S OBSESSED WITH MY HUSBAND ('24) Alissa Filoramo.				THE KEPT MISTRESS KILLER ('23) Alicia Leigh Willis.			SHE'S OBSES...							
LOGO	3's Company	3's Company	3's Company	3's Company	3's Company	3's Company	3's Company	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Will & Grace						
MAX	(6:20) • INGRID GOES WEST ('17) ★★ ★	HIT & RUN ('12) ★★ Kristen Bell, Dax Shepard.		(9:40) FARGO ('96) ★★ ★ Frances McDormand.		(11:20) THE KID ('19) ★★ Ethan Hawke.												
MSG	(5:00) • PWHL	MSG Shorts	MSG Shorts	Women's College Basketball - Northeastern at Hofstra				United Fight Alliance		United Fight Alliance		Basketball						
MSGSN	(2:00) • FanDuel	Racing (N)		AVP Pro Beach Volleyball Tour - Huntington Beach Open				World - WPT Cash Game - Part 3		World - WPT Cash Game - Part 4		Pro Beach						
MSNBC	(6:00) • Sunday	Ayman (N)		Ayman (N)		Prime: Weekend		Inside With Jen Psaki		Ayman		Sunday						
MTV	• FRIDAY AFTE...	(7:15) FRIDAY ('95) ★★ ★ Chris Tucker, Nia Long, Ice Cube.				(9:15) NEXT FRIDAY ★★ Mike Epps, Justin Pierce, Ice Cube.				FRIDAY AFTER NEXT ('02) ★								
NGEO	(6:00) • W. Tuna	Wicked Tuna		Wicked Tuna		Wicked Tuna		Wicked Tuna		Wicked Tuna		Wicked Tuna						
NICK	SING ('16) ★★ ★	Voices of Reese Witherspoon, Matthew McConaughey.				Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends						
OWN	First-Time Buy	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	Selena and Yolanda (N)		Snapped: Killer Couples		Snapped: Killer Couples		Snapped: Killer Couples		Selena and Yolanda: The Secrets Between Them								
PARMT	(5:50) • Yellowst.	Yellowstone		(8:10) Yellowstone		(9:15) Yellowstone		Yellowstone		Yellowstone								
SHO	(6:15) • THE WHALE ('22) ★★ Brendan Fraser.	(8:15) Mayor of Kingstown (N)		The Woman in the Wall (N)		THE WOLF OF WALL STREET ('13) ★★ ★ Jonah Hill, Leonardo DiCaprio.												
SMITH	(6:00) • Build	Impossible Repairs		At Altitude (N)		How Did They Fix That?		How Did They Build That?		On the Fly: Adventures at Altitude		How Did They						
SNY	• Basketball	College Hockey - Holy Cross at Sacred Heart		Women's College Basketball - Elon at Stony Brook				SportsNite (N)		SportsNite (N)	SportsNite (N)							
STARZ	(6:05) • THE GIRL WITH ALL THE GIFTS ('16)	Hightown		(8:55) LIGHT IT UP ('99) ★★ Forest Whitaker, Usher.		(10:35) JUMANJI: THE NEXT LEVEL ('19) ★★												
STZNC	• ME, MYSELF ...	(7:15) X-MEN: THE LAST STAND ('06) ★★ Hugh Jackman.				IRON MAN 3 ('13) ★★ ★ Gwyneth Paltrow, Robert Downey Jr..			(11:15) HELLBOY ('19) ★ David Harbour.									
SUND	(5:15) • THE COLOR PURPLE ('85) ★★ ★ Whoopi Goldberg.	(8:45) THE COLOR PURPLE ('85) ★★ ★ Danny Glover, Margaret Avery, Whoopi Goldberg.				IRON EAGLE												
SYFY	(6:00) • HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE ('05) ★★ ★ Rupert Grint, Daniel Radcliffe.	HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX ('07) ★★ ★ Rupert Grint, Daniel Radcliffe.																
TBS	(6:00) • NBA All-Star Pre-Game On TBS (N)	2024 NBA All-Star Game - Western Conference vs. Eastern Conference (N)						Pet Tricks	Pet Tricks	SUICIDE SQU...								
TCM	(5:15) • THE DIRTY DOZEN ('67) ★★ ★	TOPKAPI ('64) ★★ ★★ Peter Ustinov, Melina Mercouri.				(10:15) ADAPTATION ('02) ★★ ★ Meryl Streep, Chris Cooper, Nicolas Cage. (P)												
TLC	(6:00) • 90 Day Fiancé			90 Day Fiancé (N)		Love & Translation (N)		90 Day Fiancé (N)		90 Day Fiancé								
TMC	(6:20) • RUN & GUN ('21) Ben Milliken.			ROMEO & JULIET ('96) ★★ ★ Claire Danes, Leonardo DiCaprio.				EMILY BRONTE'S WUTHERING HEIGHTS ★★		(11:50) BAD LIEUTENANT								
TNT	(6:00) • All-Star Sunday Pregame (N)			2024 NBA All-Star Game - Western Conference vs. Eastern Conference (N)						NBA - Western Conference vs. Eastern Conference								
TOON	• PRINCESS BR...	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	American Dad!	American Dad!	American Dad!	American Dad!	Rick and Morty	Rick and Morty	Royal Crackers						
TRUTV	(6:00) • All-Star Sunday Pregame			2024 NBA All-Star Game - Altcast: Western Conference vs. Eastern Conference (N)						Imp. Jokers	Inside Jokes	Imp. Jokers						
TRVL	(6:00) • Bigfoot	Alaskan Killer Bigfoot		In Search of Monsters		Yeti Massacre (N)				Bigfoot: Fear in the Woods		In Search						
TVLND	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld						
USA	(6:00) • Law-SVU	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law-SVU						
VH1	(6:00) • KNOCKED UP ('07) ★★ ★ Katherine Heigl, Paul Rudd, Seth Rogen.	BRING IT ON ★★ Eliza Dushku, Jesse Bradford, Kirsten Dunst.				HE GOT GAME ('98) ★★ ★ Denzel Washington.												
WE	(6:00) • S.W.A.T.	S.W.A.T.		S.W.A.T.		S.W.A.T.		S.W.A.T.		S.W.A.T.		S.W.A.T.						
YES	Yanks Mag.	SportsMoney	Homegrown	Best of CenterStage - Volume 4		Yankeeography - 1998		College Basketball - Stonehill at Le Moyne				PFL						

THE DAILY NEWS PROUDLY CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH



As we
honor the
legacy of Black
leaders and the
Black experience, we
recognize the progress
that's been made, focus on the
work that's yet to be done, reflect
on Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s
powerful dream, and work to make that
dream a reality.



Scan for more Black History Month coverage or visit **NYDailyNews.com**

CLASSIFIED

Call (212) 210-2111
placeanad.nydailynews.com

Employment

Help Wanted General

.Net Programmers, New York, NY: Analyze software reqs & assist & create quality high-level and detailed design documentation. Dvlp, test, deploy & support sftns. Utilize Telerik or other third-party .NET controls. 100% telecommuting permitted w/ occasional work from HQ location. Salary: \$83,743.00/yr. Send res to: Collector Systems, LLC, jobs@collectorsystems.com.

Data Analyst; Point72, L.P. (New York, NY). Apply financial & math techniques to implement large research infrastructure & live production trading of billions across global capital markets. Identify data sources. Must have at least a master's or equiv in Fin Eng'g or rel & 1 yr relevant internship exp as data analyst/scientist/quantitative analyst or related. Must have 1 yr of internship exp w/ programming/using Python, SQL & Java; identifying data anomalies; onboarding, preparing & cleansing large datasets; developing statistical models using large datasets; & gaining domain knowledge regarding certain financial asset classes. Salary range=\$115K-\$175K/yr. Resume to svcRecruiting@Point72.com & reference Job Code Z022024Y.

DevOps Engineer; Trepp Inc. (New York, NY). Improve software dev process/apps through automation. Apply best practices across dev lifecycle. Improve CI/CD jobs & pipeline. May work from home up to 2 days/wk. Must have at least bachelor's or equiv in Comp Sci or rtd field & 2 yrs exp as Software Developer or rtd role. Must have 2 yrs exp w/ using tech in Financial Industry, specifically w/ managing integrity & security of financial datasets; writing Terraform code to automate provisioning & managing AWS infrastructure & implementing best coding standards to ensure secure products; managing & deploying AWS ECS apps, incl setting up clusters, task definitions, & services that run Docker images w/ high scalability & availability; AWS cloud platform services like VPC, IAM, ECS, EFS, RDS, EC2, S3, LAMBDA, LOADBALANCING, ROUTE53, & CLOUDFRONT; & writing Docker files to build custom Docker images for apps & w/ Docker best security practices such as secrets mgmt, image scanning, & container isolation. Salary range min=\$89253/yr. Resume to recruiting@trepp.com & reference Job Code M012024R.

Financial Analyst, Level II (NY, NY): Supv inv. staff & lead engagements for lenders to evaluate borrowers' operations. Monitor debt positions, revenues, expenditures, & future fin'l forecasts of clients & companies to build & implmt budget & restructuring plans & make recommendations to mgmt. Maintain, analyze, & interpret clients' fin'l records & trends to improve companies' fin'l status. Master's in Finance is reqd. Must have the knowl of Generally Accepted Acctg Principles (GAAP); dvlpmt, analysis, & interpretation of fin'l reports; corporate valuation & long-term planning; & fin'l mgmt (capital budgeting, financing, & dividend decisions). Salary: \$175,000/yr. Mail resume to Comericks Partners, LLC at 1411 Broadway, 8th Fl, NY, NY 10018.

Fleet Maintenance Supervisor: Levittown, NY. 2 yrs exp in job offered or related occupation. Advanced knowl of engine, emission systems, transmission, brake, hydraulic and electrical systems. Ability to problem solve & work independently. \$88,026/year. For job details or to apply email Cunex Inc at admin@cunexinc.com

Help Wanted General

Horizon Media LLC seeks Associate Director, Analytics in New York, NY to create frameworks to structure, execute and evaluate marketing measurement initiatives. Salary: \$136,219-145,000 per year. Apply at www.jobpostingtoday.com (Ref #30282) for consideration.

Mandarin Curriculum Specialist Ya-Ya Mandarin Seeds LLC in New York, NY seeks a Mandarin Curriculum Specialist (\$64522 - \$68000/yr) to develop and implement Mandarin language curriculum; research, evaluate and prepare curricula recommendations; assess and discuss curriculum standards; plan, organize and conduct teacher training; recommend Mandarin language teaching techniques; review and suggest language textbooks; and assess and analyze students' test data. Language requirement: Mandarin. Must have at least Master's degree in Education, or a closely related educational field, such as Education Psychology and Methodology, Curriculum and Instruction, or Language and Training. Must have 24 months of experience as curriculum specialist or related occupations, such as Mandarin Teacher or Language Teacher. Mail resume to Ya-Ya Mandarin Seeds LLC, 291 Broadway, Level B, New York, NY 10007.

Mechanical Design Engineer (NY, NY) Read & interpret technical drawings, schematics & generate the shop drawings based on scope of work. Assist/ draft plans, sections elevations, details, & diagrams in dvlpng the shop drawings. Coord various products/samples, & details w/ dsgn intent; interpret, compare, & coord drawing items w/ estimate/proposal by dsgng efficiently & value engg. Analyze customer dsgn proposals, specs, product dsgn to evaluate the feasibility, & maintenance reqmts of product/applic. Analyze structure using specialized s/ware (FEA) & coord w/ Structural engineer to determine materials & specific project suitability. Communicate w/ vendors/partners regarding manufacturability & infallibility. \$88,670/yr. To apply: Please mail your resume & position applied for to R. G. Glass Creations, INC. Attn: H.R. Dept., 1441 Broadway, 28th Fl, NY, NY 10018

Medical & Health Care Service Manager, Valley Stream, NY, Plan, manage and coordinate delivery of health care and diagnostic services, coordinate medical care evaluation with health professionals and diagnostic service providers, managing policies for medical and health information records to assure conformance to quality assurance, standards, protocols & regulatory requirements, process medical documents for insurance purposes, keep abreast with advances in medicines and diagnostic equipments and treatment to improve coordination and quality of health service delivery. Need Bachelor Degree in Health Care Administration/ Health Science/Medicine/ related, skills/knowledge of health care delivery/health care service management and medical records maintenance. Mail resume to Star Medical Diagnostic P.C., 234 West Merrick Rd, Valley Stream, NY 11580

Pattern Maker (Brooklyn, NY) Create wood patterns based on dsgns, blueprints, drawings, or written specs. Construct prototypes & test patterns accuracy. Assemble models & figs. Finalize patterns using woodworking techniques & woodworking machinery to achieve the desired model. Specify assembly instructions, joinery techniques, & other production-rtd instructions. 2 yrs exp reqd. \$46K/yr. Mail resume: Elephants Custom Furniture Inc.; 69 Van Dam St; Brooklyn, NY 11222

Help Wanted General

Pharmacy Assistant, Brooklyn, NY Accept prescription for filling by RPH, gathering and pricing information under unsup, sort, count, incoming merchandise, including items requiring special handling of specialty pharmaceuticals under supervision of RPH, retrieve prescription records, manage inventory control and optimization by pricing, maintaining, and records of inventories, receipts, purchases and diversify using pharmacy computers and computer system to enter data for pricing information, order receipt, store, and inventory of allied pharmaceutical and surgical supplies, verify expd medications, vendors for pricing outdtd products pursuant to vendor's policy, process medical billings and calculate co-payments, assist pharmacist in pharmaceutical marketing, perform assigned optional management of pharmaceutical, OTC products demonstration and marketing. Need high school diploma or equivalent, 1 yr exp in job and knowledge of basic math, skills/knowledge dealing with allied pharmaceutical OTC, surgical supplies, herbal, vitamin products and pharmacy computer operations. Mail resume to Premed Pharmacy Inc, 6324 4th Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11220.

Quant Researcher, Trading Research; Point72 Asset Management (NY, NY). R&D execution algorithms in support of quant research & trading. Enhance & aid in-house quant algorithmic platforms. Develop pre-trade transaction cost estimation models. Possess at least master's or equiv in Quant Fin, Comp Fin, Comp Sci, Ops Research, Math or related quant field & 2 yrs exp as Quant Financial Analyst or related. Must have 2 yrs exp: building models for quant trading strategies/algorithms; trading; working w/ large market/order/ trade data datasets; & w/ R, Python, C++ and SQL. Must have 1 yr of exp w/ KDB & Linux. Also demonstrable exp w/ US equity market microstructure; & portfolio optimization framework incl short term alpha signals research, risk & transaction cost modeling. Salary range=\$200K-\$400K/yr. Resume to svcRecruiting@Point72.com & refer to Job Code Z022024S

Quantitative Analyst; Point72 Asset Management, L.P. (New York, NY). Analyze portfolios & strategies to ID risk & performance drivers. Expand risk infrastructure for risk management & understanding of portfolio construction & investment behavior. Must have bachelor's or equiv in Quant Fin, Fin Eng'g, Comp Eng'g, Comp Sci, Ops Research, Math, Stats or related quant field & 5 years exp as Risk Analyst or related role (OR at least master's or equiv & 3 yrs of exp). Must have 3 yrs exp w/ in a risk capacity for a financial services firm; working w/ pricing models, risk sensitivities & risk aggregation in a portfolio context; SQL & quantitative programming, including Python & C++; & working w/ large data sets. Must have 1 yr exp working w/ crypto assets; & exotic derivatives like Variance Swap & Dispersion Swap. Salary range=\$225,000-\$275,000/yr. Resume to svcRecruiting@Point72.com & reference Job Code Y022024Q

Software Engineer Graphen, Inc. in New York, NY seeks a Software Engineer (\$115918 - \$120000/yr) to design, implement various components of Graphen Artificial Intelligence platform; conduct extraction, cleansing, exploration, transformation and loading of data; develop Machine Learning Platform; perform customization of solutions; troubleshoot complex search. Must have at least Master's degree in computer science, or a closely related major/field, such as Engineering, Electrical Engineering. Mail resume to Graphen, Inc., 500 5th Ave., Suite 2420, New York, NY 10110.

Help Wanted General

Research Analyst; Point72 Asset Management, L.P. (NY, NY). Perform rigorous & innovative research to discover systematic anomalies in FI markets. Use quant financial research to create & help improve current strategies & develop pricing for various derivative instruments. Must possess master's degree or equiv in Stats, Math, Fin Eng, Decision Sci, Ops Research or a related STEM field like Physics or Eng & at least 4 yrs exp as Research Associate/Analyst or related (OR PHD & 1 yr exp). Must have: at least 1 yr exp analyzing risk & return profile of portfolios of fin instruments; demonstrable exp developing, researching, & implementing quant models for FI securities & derivatives for a fin svcs inst & programming in C++ & Python; & College project/coursework experience conducting independent research using large data sets. Salary range=\$150,000-\$200,000/yr. Resume to svcRecruiting@Point72.com & reference Job Code P022024G.

Senior Associate (New York, NY) Set strategic vision for assets life cycle through timely acquisition, renovation, and disposition strategy, and develop, communicate, and execute plans to achieve such vision and strategy; Work with team members to identify potential acquisition opportunities and capture the most attractive unique investments through independent and precise research-including macroeconomy trends, industry development cycle, and market dynamics; Build underwriting model, compile market and deal data, draft investment analysis reports, and independently complete initial two-page investment memo and internal preliminary and final investment reports; Lead due diligence efforts by coordinating various third parties during the due diligence process, arranging diligence schedule within the due diligence period; Execute the most suitable financing plan by drafting RFP for financing, screening term sheet, and coordinating financial due diligence and final closing; Manage the asset disposal process by selecting the most appropriate broker, negotiating the letter of intent, and conducting the SP A negotiation. Work collaboratively with executive leadership concerning ongoing communications and development of hotel strategic plans, establishing hold/sell, refinancing, and restructuring strategies in the future. \$62,234.00 per year. Bachelor's degree in Finance, Mathematics, and other closely related quantitative majors, 36 months experience as Financial Analyst. Please send resume to Junson Assets Management LLC, ATTN: Bingdong Zhao, 2 Grand Central Tower FL 29, New York NY 10017.

Staff Software Engineer, NY, NY: Mng team to dvlp cloud-based security scanning plfrfm & intgrt smltln envrmnt/API svcs for blkchn sys audit/analyss; Rsrch & implmt prprtry vrfctn engine for formal reasoning of blkchn sys correctness on top of formal vrfctn/static analyss/fuzzing, etc.; Dvlp feature modules for security-fcsd blkchn protocol & mtn crspndng infrstrct; Build heuristics-based vlnrbty detection tools & cnstrct defects dtbss; Prfrm security audit/ecnmc asssmnt for public/prvt blkchn/smart cntrct svcs; Aggrgt data within var blkchn aspts & analyz w/diff sttstcl/machine learning mthds for security pftn extrctn. Req: MS in Cmptr Sci/Engg or rel field; Adv knowl of complier cnstrctn/prgrmmng language dsgn; High expts in security evltn/sttstcl reliability analyss for blkchn sftwr svcs; Strong skills in high-dmnsnl data analyss/probabilistic infnrc/machine learning; Prof in Python/Typescript/Golang/OCaml/Docker/Kubernetes/Vagrant & Cloud Infrstrctr (AWS/GCP). Salary: \$183,500 - \$200,000/yr. Apply: jobs@certik.com

Help Wanted General

Admin. Assistant (NY, NY). Grt. & asst. employees, vend. & cust., Est. & maint. employees' attendance rec., Ord. co. supplies & refr., 40 hrs/wk, offd. wage \$35,510 - \$36,000/yr. Send res. to: Top Karaoke & Bar Inc., 34 W. 32nd St., FL. 11, NY, NY 10001

Medidata Solutions, Inc seeks Data Scientist in New York, NY. Translate business challenges into data pipelines & model frameworks. \$132,900-142,900 per year. Telecommuting permitted; work from home allowed up to 3 days per week. Applicants apply <https://www.jobpostingtoday.com/Ref#88484>

Senior Software Engineer, NY, NY: Dvlp scrty-fcsd/cstnzd blkchn svcs & connect w/blkchn user cmnly; Engage in prdct dvlpmt & dvlpmt lifecycles such as idea gnrtn/user intrvws/plnng/dsgn/prttypng/exchn/dlvrgn/trtn; Build web applcns w/graphical user intrfc to fcthr/prmt co's blz; Dsgn/implmt frntnd for intrcn w/ co's blkchn & infrstrctr prlcs for sprrng var blkchn prtcls or non-blkchn applcns; Cnstrct bknd micro-svcs; Work w/UI/UX dsgners & biz/markng stff for prdct dvlpmt. Req: MS in Cmptr Sci/Engg or rel field. Sound knowl of blkchn & cmptr archctr/oprrng svcs/networks/dtbs/data strctr; Strong tchnl skills to implmt strtrs for cmplx prajs; In-depth undrstndg of microsvcs/caching/prfrmc optmztn/scalblty; Familiar w/blkchn sys dvlpmt (Ethereum/Cosmos SDK, etc.) & cloud svcs (AWS/S3/EC2/Lambda, etc.); Prof in Javascript/Python/Golang/HTML/CSS/React/Vue/Angular. Wage: \$120,000-\$165,000/yr. Apply: jobs@certik.com

Sr. Business Intelligence Analyst, NY, NY: Analyz MetTel's BI or mrkt trend data to dsgn sttstcl or anttvt models using BI tools; Explr data trends to imprv strtrg upslng of prdcts/svcs/cstmr rntns; Idntfy opprtns to imprv strtrs, avoid risks, build dsbrds/vis & mng/cstmze ETL process; Use adv analytcs to analyz data, dscvr pftnrs/rtnshps/anomalies/trends & rpt KPI findings to rspctv biz units; Create cmplx prdctv/prscrptv data models to prfrm analyss & deliver updates to stkhldrs; Build bnchmrks for prfrmnc imprvmnt/biz model optmztn/strtrg sltns; Cndct sttstcl analyss on large-scale data sets for forecasting prdcts' prfrmnc; Serve as SME in tchnl skills such as SSIS pkggs/Dynmc SSRS rptrs/Tableau Dshbrds/SQL/adv Excel/Visual Studio & train team members; Dvlp/automate/implmt sltns to meet clients'/vendors' reqs using rprng tools to generate stndrd or ad-hoc rptrs smmrzng bizfin'/ecnmc data. Req: MS in Com Sci/Info Techno or a rel field. Strong skills in cmplx sttstcl/predictive analyss, biz data mgt/strtrg, ETL process & large-scale data mining/warehousing/tuning/modelling/visualization; In-depth knowl of info security; Prof in SQL/SSRS/SSIS/Tableau/adv Excel/Visual Studio. \$108,500 - \$115,000/yr. Apply: Career@mettel.net

Real Estate



PUBLISHER'S NOTE

All real estate advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 and state and local fair housing laws. The Fair Housing Act makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin or an intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination. State or local laws may make unlawful advertising that discriminates on the basis of age, marital status or sexual orientation. The Daily News will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which violates the law. The law requires that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis. If you have a question regarding housing discrimination, call Long Island Housing Services at 1 (800) 660-6920 in Long Island or the Anti-Discrimination Center at (212) 346-7600 in New York City. To file a complaint call HUD toll-free at (800) 669-9777 or the New York City Commission on Human Rights at (212) 306-7500.

Rooms for Rent

Dix Hills, NY Long Island - 1 bdrm apt for rent \$2100 Free wifi. Owner 347-208-6642

Transportation

Autos for Sale

2011 Volkswagen Routan
Wheelchair accessible vehicle
brand new conversion - must drive, excellent condition, \$14,000.
917-873-6072

To place an ad, go to
Placeanad.NYDailyNews.com

RENTING? SELLING?



To place an ad, email
Classifiedads@NYDailyNews.com

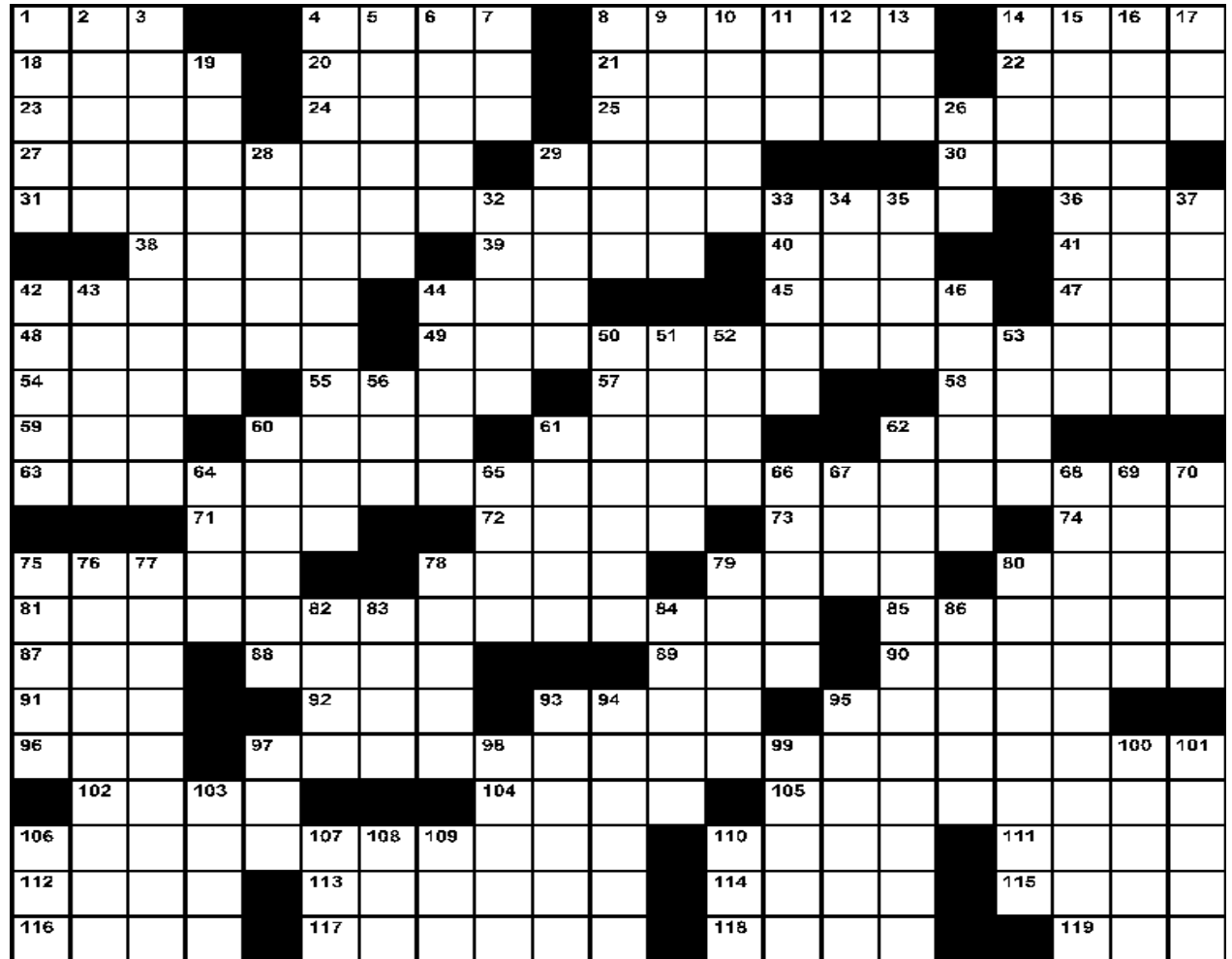
SUNDAY CROSSWORD II

TRI-CITY AREAS

By Jill Singer and Jeff Chen,
edited by Jeff Chen

ACROSS

- 1 "Made You Look" rapper
4 "Terrible" czar
8 Hormuz, for one
14 Actress Ward
18 Hardly a pro
20 "Artemis" org.
21 Greedily amasses
22 Entanglement
23 Yemeni port city
24 Cannabis strain
25 *Sylvester Stallone and Dolph Lundgren feature
27 American light lager
29 Feature of the Apple logo
30 Sedgwick who starred in Andy Warhol shorts
31 *Flawlessly synced state
36 Govt. ID
38 Giants of wrestling
39 Farm workers
40 Anthem contraction
41 Hospital dept.
42 Wrinkle-resistant polyester
44 Person who doesn't feel erotic attraction, for short
45 A giant one was taken on July 20, 1969
47 British ref. set
48 "Wha ...?"
49 *Visual representation of integers
54 Go-getter
55 Makes free (of)
57 Slithering fish
58 Reduces a burden
59 NPR's Flatow or Glass
60 Paw parts
61 Tall, in Turin
62 Diagnostic tool, briefly
63 *Ancient clay soldier unearthed in Xi'an
71 Apt name for a sculptor
72 Singer Kristofferson
73 Sport fish
74 2-2, for example
75 "Who's there?" answer
78 ___ and bear it
79 Liver secretion
80 Clung onto
81 *Traditional song at a Jewish wedding
85 Rose, as stocks or spirits
87 Singer Rita who was a judge on "The X Factor"
88 Cupid's counterpart
89 Diarist Anaïs
90 Holder of an official seal
91 ___ XING
92 Evian offering
93 Reject
95 One streaking at night?
96 Discipline that helps sites stand out (Abbr.)
97 *Bubbly Italian herbal aperitif
102 "In your face, loser!"
104 Loser to the tortoise
105 One percenters
106 Expansion at the edges of big cities ... as exhibited in the answers to the starred clues
110 Regular guy's muffin?
111 James or Howard
112 "___ Little Rich Girl" (nickname for Barbara Hutton)
113 Wisconsin home of Johnson Wax
114 Danish filmmaker von Trier
115 Queen of Arendelle
116 "Need You Tonight" band
117 French star of "Lupin"



2/18

© Andrews McMeel Syndication

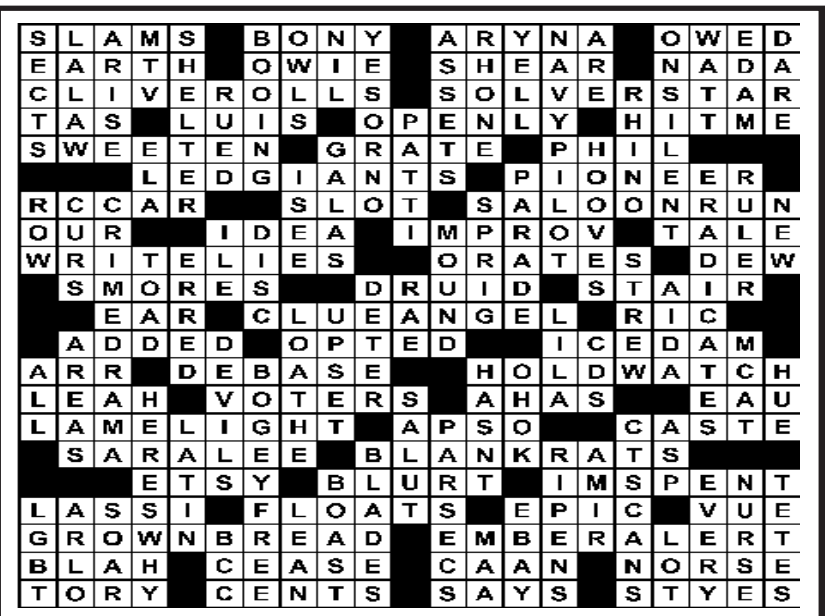
- 118 Key action?
119 "Uh-huh"

DOWN

- 1 Racial justice org.
2 Giant of wrestling
3 Avoids
4 Seal the deal
5 Heist film props
6 Plus
7 "I don't wanna"
8 Holy place
9 "Yer darn ___!"
10 Field day contests
11 Boat for a famed couples cruise
12 Texter's "Beats me"
13 Cluck of shame
14 Icy road hazard
15 Makes a mental image
16 Shot requiring chemistry
17 Off-roader, in brief
19 All steamed up
26 Hankering
28 Corporate notes
29 Curvy
32 Shape studied in topology
33 Feet bottoms
34 Clairvoyant
35 Thumb-sucking phase
37 Overexposed pics?
42 "Ta-da!"
43 Love, in Liguria
44 "Then what?!"
46 French name that means "stone"
50 Projecting, as an opera aria
51 Early app versions
52 "Let's ___ this popsicle stand"
53 Depilatory brand
56 Ceremonial assent
60 Containing no meat or dairy
61 Center courtyards
62 "So confusing!"
64 Hindu deity

- 65 Cajun cooking pod
66 Description that's bee-fitting?
67 Feel unwell
68 Done through repetition
69 Crude ship
70 "I Am Woman" singer Helen
75 Breakfast spots
76 Golf club used for low shots
77 Punch air, perhaps
78 Fill the tank
79 Russian pancake
80 Excessive negativity, in slang
82 Region
83 Linguist Chomsky
84 Accustom (to)
86 Juice
93 Gives birth to
94 Road hog?
95 Music note that's the name of a programming language
97 Amanpour's network
98 "Why Can't I?" singer Liz
99 Collarless dog, maybe
100 Taunt
101 Letter-shaped "Oh no, you didn't!" gesture
103 Sculling gear
106 News org. since 1958
107 Great letters for play producers
108 Big name in cooking spray
109 Co. that gave its name to a jack
110 Sandwich known by its initials

Answer to last week's puzzle



NYDN SPORTS

MAKING CHANGES

Carlos Rodón has worked over the winter to put a poor first season with the Yankees behind him

GARY PHILLIPS, Pages 56-57

A SERIOUS THREAT

If healthy, Jalen Brunson and Knicks are capable of doing damage when NBA playoffs start this spring

We don't know what the Knicks can do over the second half of the year simply because we don't know when they are going to be whole. It seems now that everybody except Mike Breen and Walt Frazier got hurt as the Knicks limped into the All-Star Break, and we all saw what happened after they lit up January the way they did, were well on their way to No. 2 in the Eastern Conference.

So we don't know what they can do when the season starts up again. Or what they can be. But if they do get healthy, if they get Julius Randle back sooner rather than later and Mitchell Robinson really can come back before the season is over, this is what they have shown even before we see how things are going to look with Randle and OG Anunoby and Bojan Bogdanovic on the court together:

They are as good as anybody in the conference behind the Celtics.

And maybe, just maybe, the real dream in the spring in our city is a major basketball event out of the past, which means a big playoff series between the Knicks and the Celtics, the way it used to be when the great Dave DeBusschere would say, "Just throw the f-king money on the table, we'll be there."

Again and again: This is all predicated on Tom Thibodeau getting his players back, meaning the ones he started the season with and the ones he picked up along the way. We saw what a difference-maker Anunoby was on the wing when the Knicks got him from Toronto. And soon, if the basketball gods are friendly, we will see how the Knicks roll when OG and Bogdanovic really are on the court together, and Randle is back to being the physical presence he has been since he got to town.

Most of all, we will see how Jalen Brunson makes it all work. Whatever puncher's chance the Knicks are going to have the rest of the way, whatever they can be if and when they are healthy again,

starts with him.

He is the best and most complete point guard the Knicks have had since Clyde. He is as important to this Knicks team as Steph Curry is to the Warriors. He has made himself as important as any Knick since Patrick Ewing, and that includes what Carmelo Anthony did and what he gave the Knicks a decade ago, when the Knicks won 54 games and the Atlantic Division.

This Knicks team is a much better team than that one was, just off what we saw in January, and that means even with Robinson already gone for awhile; before OG and Bogdanovic and Alec Burks got here; after Randle got hurt. You have to keep talking about health, because that is going to be the whole ballgame the rest of the way. But if they do get healthy and whole, this has the chance to be the best basketball time at the Garden since the Knicks made their run from No. 8 all the way to the NBA Finals a quarter-of-a-century ago.

The only team in the Eastern Conference that has been demonstrably better than the Knicks so far this season is the Celtics, who have been better than everybody. The Bucks, even after a coaching change, are still a mess. Joel Embiid is hurt again for the Sixers, and no one knows when he is going to play again. The Cavaliers have been terrific so far, and they are the ones currently holding down No. 2 in the conference, but what Knicks fan who saw the Knicks beat the Cavs in the first round last season would bet against their team doing it again?

The Knicks had won 15 of 18 before everybody started going down, and now they have predictably dropped down in the standings, or they would be the ones right there behind the Celtics. And understand: Nobody in your sport ever throws you a pity party when your main guys get hurt. It happens to everybody. Now it has been happening to the Knicks. It doesn't change the run they had made before falling back



and falling down.

You know why the Knicks made such a fuss after that bad call against the Rockets the other night, and acted as if it was the first and only call like it in the history of the NBA? It wasn't just because the refs admitted they were wrong afterward. It was because the Knicks needed the game. And might need it down the road

when the seedings in the East get locked in place. The Knicks fully understand what the possibilities are for them once the sides really are again even. If they can get even before things continue to get worse in the standings.

It would be a shame if it happened that way, for this particular group. There have been other fine moments for Thibodeau's

Knicks since he got to town. They shocked everybody and got to No. 4 in the conference in the 2020-21 season. A year ago, they gave the Heat all they could have wanted in the playoffs before it truly was Brunson against the world in Game 6.

But then came January 2024. Then came the New Year. They played 16 games in January and

THE TWEETS



Animal Shelters are about to have a lifetime supply of food thanks to Pete Alonso.
@PiratesAreBad

CAN'T UNDERSTAND

Son of Larry Doby discusses theft of Jackie Robinson statue, remembers Hall of Fame dad

END ZONE, Pages 70-71



MIKE LUPICA

SHOOTING FROM THE LIP

won 14 and the two they lost, to the Mavericks and the Magic, were each by four points. Suddenly the rest of the league was paying attention to what was happening at the Garden again. And with each win, it became more and more clear that Jalen Brunson had become the biggest sports star in town.

Maybe that will change once we get a look at Juan Soto at Yankee Stadium. Maybe it will change when Aaron Judge and Pete Alonso start hitting home runs. Maybe it would have been different if Dr. Rodgers had played for the Jets this season. But he didn't play. He got hurt and then he just talked and talked and talked. The great spotlight of the city kept finding Brunson and he kept playing his game, and suddenly the Knicks were the biggest game in town. At which point things got really loud, and not just at the Garden.

He has finally been recognized as an All-Star. He is more than that here, of course. He is a star of the city now, a star point guard in a place where point guards have always been revered. Patrick was great once. He and Latrell Sprewell and Allan Houston and Marcus Camby made their run in '99. The Knicks of Carmelo and Jason Kidd had that one shining season. But all they did in the end was win a single playoff round.

That's all these Knicks did last year. That was then. This is now. These Knicks are capable of doing more. Much more. If they can get healthy.



If Julius Randle and other injured teammates come back strong, there's no telling what the Knicks — led by Jalen Brunson (opposite) — are capable of once the playoffs start in the spring. GETTY, AP

STILL THINKING ABOUT SUPER MAHOMES, KYLE FIRING THE WRONG GUY IN SAN FRAN & CAITLIN'S MOMENT ...

It is a week since Patrick Mahomes and the Chiefs did what they did in Super Bowl LVIII.

And you know how it always goes in sports, how quickly the caravan moves on.

But it's all right if we linger a bit more on what we saw last Sunday night in Las Vegas, because it was such a surpassing moment for Mahomes' sport and any sport.

This was one of the great players of all time — and someone who might someday be called the greatest of all time — playing at the height

of his immense talent and the height of his game with the biggest prize in his sport on the line.

This was Mahomes doing it in the Game 7 Michael Jordan never got to play for the Bulls.

This was LeBron doing it in a Game 7 against the Warriors one time, after he had gone back to Cleveland.

This was Tiger Woods five years ago, remembering who he was when he was young and winning another Masters, and his 15th major championship.

Ernie Accorsi always said

that the ultimate crucible for a quarterback was whether or not he could take his team down the field with a championship on the line.

And last Sunday night in Vegas, Mahomes didn't just do it once, he did it twice.

Once at the end of regulation, when he had to take his team down the field and at least get a field goal or lose the game and his season.

Then he did it again at the end of overtime, when he was 8-for-8 and ran for a first down on fourth-and-one, before finally throwing it to Mecole

Hardman in the right flat for everything. Mahomes himself made it clear he didn't do it alone.

Chris Jones played the game of his life, the way Justin Tuck and Michael Strahan once did when the Giants knocked off the 18-0 Patriots in Super Bowl XLII.

Travis Kelce caught nine balls.

Andy Reid and Steve Spagnuolo, Reid's defensive coordinator, were brilliant all game long.

But the headliner for Super Bowl LVIII, the way he

is the headliner in American sports right now, was Patrick Mahomes.

● The NBA All-Star Game has turned into flag football at the Pro Bowl.

● So, wait: Kyle Shanahan is firing his defensive coordinator but keeping the analytics guys who told him to take the ball?

Got it.

● I wish Caitlin Clark's season was just beginning.

Hers isn't just a story for this time in women's basketball.

It is one of the best basketball stories of all time.

Caitlinsanity, is what it is.



Damian Lillard celebrates after winning the 2024 Three-Point Contest on Saturday night. GETTY

NBA is hoping for a little more competitiveness in All-Star Game

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Last season's All-Star Game played out in a way that the NBA hopes to never experience again. Nobody was interested in defense and almost nobody was watching the game, at least according to the abysmal television ratings.

So, the league sent a message: Make the All-Star Game better.

How that'll work is anyone's guess. But they'll give it a shot on Sunday night, when the NBA's midseason showcase game returns to Indianapolis for the first time in nearly four decades — with a return to the old no-draft, Eastern Conference vs. Western Conference, 48-minute game format that the league had gotten away from in recent years.

Nobody wants, or expects, Game 7, playoff-type intensity. Nobody is going to risk injury, nor should they, and everyone can agree that injuries — Golden State's Stephen Curry, Phoenix's Kevin Durant, the Los Angeles Lakers' LeBron James and Milwaukee's Giannis Antetokounmpo all either missed the game entirely or played very briefly because of injuries — helped doom the ratings.

A little competitiveness might lead to a bounceback.

"We've talked about it a little bit," said Curry, now a 10-time All-Star. "It's just coming with the right energy where everybody knows kind of the speed of the game, physicality of the game, and you can kind of make those adjustments whether you're starting, whether you're coming off the bench — playing a little bit of defense — and kind of taking it from there wherever the game goes."

The final score of last year's game, where James and Antetokounmpo served as captains: Team Giannis 184, Team LeBron 175. Boston's Jayson Tatum set an All-Star Game record by scoring 55 points and the game had a total — total — of four free throws, all of them shot by Antetokounmpo's team.

"Hot take: I probably won't score 55 points tomorrow," Tatum said Saturday.

We know this much, though: Scoring won't be hard to find. There's going to be a ton of 3-pointers attempted — there were 126 tried last year in this game — and most of them won't exactly be fired off with a defender coming in a full sprint to close out the shooter.

"I want it to be more competitive. I think it can be more competitive," said Milwaukee's Doc Rivers, the East coach. "But the health thing, it's an issue with anything. Someone can get hurt in the layup line. You just never know."

HIS ROUGH START

Knicks' Brunson loses in 1st round of 3-point contest; Lillard repeats title

BY KRISTIAN WINFIELD
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

He fell one short.

Jalen Brunson's start to his first career NBA All-Star Weekend ended one made three shy of advancing to the second round.

He finished with a final score of 24 points but needed 26 to avoid an early elimination. His final missed shot was a money ball worth two points instead of one.

And the Knicks' star was done-in by a flurry of missed threes both to start and end his Three-Point Contest debut.

He missed four of his first five attempts from the left corner, and after he made seven threes in a row — totaling 11 threes made in a 13-attempt span — he missed his final three shots from the right corner.

A tough way to go for a 41.1% shooter from three-point range this season.

Brunson, however, doesn't need any hardware to validate his three-point prowess. He has already made 139 threes through 52 regular-season games this season.

That's five more than he made all of last season with the Knicks, toting back-to-back career-best efficiency seasons from downtown since he signed in New York as a free

agent two summer ago.

In fact, Brunson has tallied 273 made threes since joining the Knicks.

That's only 11 threes shy of his final tally of threes made over four seasons in Dallas.

And even though he entered All-Star Weekend teetering from downtown — he is shooting 31.4% from three in the month of February having made just 11 of his last 35 attempts — Brunson is on pace to eclipse that 273 mark by March.

He is averaging a career-best 27.6 points and 6.5 assists on 48.3% shooting from the field. Brunson was nearly voted an All-Star starter, but lost to Bucks star Damian Lillard by more than 700,000 fan votes.

Brunson ultimately lost the Three-Point Contest to Lillard, too.

The first round of the Three-Point Contest finished in a four-way tie between Lillard, the reigning champion; Minnesota's stretch-four Karl-Anthony Towns; Indiana's Tyrese Haliburton and Atlanta's Trae Young.

The four stars finished the first round with 26 points each, but Haliburton — hometown hero playing for the Indiana Pacers — was eliminated in the tiebreaker round.

Lillard caught fire late to repeat as

Three-Point Champion. He became the first player to repeat as a three-point champ since Jason Kapono in 2007.

He is one of just two representatives for the Knicks at All-Star Weekend in Indianapolis. Knicks two-way forward Jacob Toppin represented the organization in Saturday's Slam Dunk Contest.

NBA coaches also voted Julius Randle an All-Star reserve, but Randle, who dislocated his right shoulder at the conclusion of a Jan. 27 matchup against the Miami Heat, was unable to participate.

Brunson will also participate in Sunday's All-Star Game as an Eastern Conference reserve.

And after competing in his first Three-Point Contest, the Knicks star has now gotten his toes wet in All-Star Weekend festivities.

Given his rapid ascent into stardom, Brunson will assuredly be back, representing the Knicks during the mid-February break in the future.

Next time, he'll know what to expect when he steps onto the floor, if he decides to compete in the Three-Point Contest again.

Silver unsure if tweaks to 65-game rule needed

BY C.J. HOLMES
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

Adam Silver held his annual press conference inside Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis Saturday night ahead of other scheduled All-Star festivities.

The NBA commissioner (photo) touched on an array of pressing issues around the league, such as who will be the face of the association when LeBron James eventually retires, what the All-Star format will look like going forward and the obvious lack of defense in today's game.

However, there were a few issues that took precedent over the rest. For starters, the NBA implemented a new 65-game minimum for players to be eligible for certain end-of-season awards, such as Most Valuable Player and All-NBA consideration. Many have taken issue with it.

The new rule, which was agreed upon by players in the league's new collective bargaining agreement, was designed to curb teams from resting players for load management. But Philadelphia's Joel Embiid, the league's reigning MVP, has already been deemed ineligible for end-of-season awards because of this rule. Kyrie Irving, Evan Mobley, Tyler Herro, Bradley Beal, Darius Garland, LaMelo Ball and numerous other stars are also ineligible for postseason awards as of the All-Star break.

Many already think the new rule has hurt more than it has helped the quality of the game. There are players who believe that they now have to push through significant injuries just to remain eligible for postseason



honors. The new 65-game rule is also impacting players who were expected to be eligible for supermax deals. Players must make an All-NBA team, win Defensive Player of the Year or MVP to meet the criteria for that kind of payday.

When asked if it is time to separate supermax eligibility from postseason awards, Silver said he was not sure.

"A lot of thought went into the 65-game demarcation," Silver said. "Not only was it collectively bargained with the players, but we spent an extensive amount of time leading up to collective bargaining talking to all the various constituencies in the league, most importantly the coaches, the general managers, individual players directly... The notion was we needed to further incentivize players, particularly star players, to play more games."

Silver is not ready to say that the 65-game rule is not working.

"So far I can tell you that the number of

games that players have participated in is up this season," Silver said. "And interestingly enough, injuries are actually down. So whether that's meaningful data yet, I don't know. I think the right time to take a further look at this rule is at the end of the season when we at least have a year under our belt."

Among other topics, Silver also touched on the uptick of scoring across the NBA in recent seasons. Stephen Curry, Giannis Antetokounmpo and Devin Booker have all scored at least 60 points since December. Luka Doncic and Joel Embiid have both reached 70 points or better.

There have been more 70-point individual performances in the past two seasons than the previous 40 combined. Some NBA coaches think defense has been legislated out of the game. Silver simply believes that skill level in the NBA is higher than it has ever been, which he pointed to as the biggest factor in the league's recent scoring surge. He said the league just wants competitive

games above all.

"You're seeing this global pool of talent coming into the league, some of the best athletes in the world, who can, frankly, just shoot the lights out," Silver said. "I think that's partly what's responsible for the increased scoring. I disagree with people who feel that teams aren't playing defense... The defensive intensity is there. Defensive players are asked to cover much larger areas of the court than they had to, historically."

"I actually am pleased with the state of the game. Having said that, I know there are some coaches who feel that we've hampered in some ways defensive players' ability to play defense, at least the way it used to be played in this league. In part, that's been very intentional. There was a period of time in this league when people thought the game had become too physical and we'd taken away some of the aesthetic beauty from the game. I was one of those people that felt that way in the '90s."

"Whether or not there need to be any adjustments now is something we listen to our coaches, we listen to our players, and the competition committee will continue to consider. I think one thing I'd say, people think that fans like high-scoring games. I think fans like to see players have that ability, use these extraordinary talents. I think, on the other hand, what we hear from fans as well is they like defensive intensity and they want players to be able to play physical defense but not in a way that it hampers, as I said, offensive players from using their incredible skills."

NO SERVICE APPOINTMENT NEEDED... JUST COME IN!

PRESIDENTS' MONTH SALES EVENT!

Now Is The Time To Make Your Best Deal On A New Ford!

<p>0% APR FINANCING UP TO 48 MOS NOW AVAILABLE!</p> <p><small>With approval on select new Fords for 48 mos at \$20.83 p/mo, per \$1000 financed. See dealer.</small></p>	 <p>NEW 2023 FORD ESCAPE SEL AWD</p> <p>\$219*</p> <p>P/MO • 36 MOS LEASE</p> <p><small>8-Speed Automatic, 4 Cylinder, P/S, ABS Brakes, Climate Control, Bluetooth, Power Windows/Locks, More! MSRP \$35,365, VIN#1FPUA71317, \$7,909 Due at Signing: 1st Month Payment, \$7045 Down Payment, \$645 Bank Fee, \$0 Security Deposit, Inc \$750 Ford Customer Rebate (must qualify, see dealer) \$3,000 Ford Renewal Rebate (must qualify see, dealer). Add Tax, Title & DMV fees. Expires 2/29/24.</small></p>	 <p>NEW 2023 FORD BRONCO SPORT AWD</p> <p>\$249*</p> <p>P/MO • 36 MOS LEASE</p> <p><small>8-Speed Automatic, 1.5L, EcoBoost Engine, P/S, ABS Brakes, Rear Parking Sensor, Wireless Charging Pad, Heated Front Seats, Keyless Entry, LED Fog Lights and More! MSRP \$36,500, VIN#1FPR0B5233, \$6,850 Due at Signing: 1st Month Payment, \$5966 Down Payment, \$645 Bank Fee, \$0 Security Deposit, Inc \$1750 Ford Customer Rebate (must qualify, see dealer) \$3,500 Ford Renewal Rebate (must qualify see, dealer). Add Tax, Title & DMV fees. Expires 2/29/24.</small></p>	 <p>NEW 2023 FORD EDGE SEL AWD</p> <p>\$269*</p> <p>P/MO • 36 MOS LEASE</p> <p><small>8-Speed Auto, V6, P/S, ABS Brakes, Climate Control, Bluetooth, Power Windows/Locks, More! MSRP \$40,616, VIN#2F8BA08905, \$6,339 Due at Signing: 1st Month Payment, \$6,025 Down Payment, \$645 Bank Fee, \$0 Security Deposit, Inc \$750 Ford Customer Rebate (must qualify, see dealer) \$3,000 Ford Renewal Rebate (must qualify see, dealer). Add Tax, Title & DMV fees. Expires 2/29/24.</small></p>
	 <p>NEW 2023 FORD EXPLORER 4x4</p> <p>\$299*</p> <p>P/MO • 36 MOS LEASE</p> <p><small>8-Speed Automatic, V6 Engine, P/S, ABS Brakes, Climate Control, Bluetooth, Power Windows/Locks, More! MSRP \$49,800, VIN#1FPGC13826, \$6,939 Due at Signing: 1st Month Payment, \$5995 Down Payment, \$645 Bank Fee, \$0 Security Deposit, Inc \$500 Ford Customer Rebate (must qualify, see dealer) \$4,500 Ford Renewal Rebate (must qualify see, dealer). Add Tax, Title & DMV fees. Expires 2/29/24.</small></p>		

PREMIER
Ford
PremierFordInc.com

KINGS HWY
5001 Glenwood Rd, Brooklyn, NY
1-718-258-7200

BAY RIDGE
612 86th Street, Brooklyn, NY
1-347-578-7900

2 GREAT LOCATIONS

*Includes all costs to consumer except tax, title & DMV fees which are additional & may be due upon signing. Closed end leases based on terms above & subject to Tier 1 approval through Ford Credit. Leases are 25¢ per mile over 7,500 mi/year; lessee responsible for excess wear, tear & repair. Total Monthly Payments/Residual: Escape: \$7884/16860, Edge: \$9684/19240, Explorer \$10,764/20129. Photos for illustration. Prior transactions excluded. Offers cannot be combined. Ad supersedes previous offers. Expires 2/29/24. DCA#0806391. DMV#6240988



CHANGE IN HIS WAYS

Left-hander Rodón knows he has something to prove in '24

BY GARY PHILLIPS
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

TAMPA — As Carlos Rodón sat by his locker at George M. Steinbrenner Field, the noticeably thinner pitcher joked that chasing his three children around helped him get into shape over the offseason.

But the Yankees southpaw and his wife, Ashley, had some help corralling their kids.

"She's our savior," Rodón told the Daily News of a woman the family hired last season. "She does a lot for us. She comes with us and helps us out. She does pretty much everything."

While Rodón preferred to keep the woman's name private, she primarily works as a chef.

"She can make anything," Rodón said, and that skill came in handy as he tried to be more watchful of what he ate over the winter.

Go-to meals included various chicken dishes, zucchini, Brazilian-style potatoes and bok choy.

"There's nothing crazy, nothing that's like, 'Oh my gosh, wow, that's amazing,'" Rodón said, trying to downplay his offseason diet. "I'm just more mindful of what I ingest. At 31, the pounds come on easy."

While Rodón didn't disclose how much weight he's lost, he reported to Tampa in early January less hefty and more toned than last year, when the Yankees listed him at 255 pounds. The new look — which no longer includes a mustache — hasn't gone unrecognized.

"He's been working extremely hard over here and across the street with our personnel," General Manager Brian Cashman said. "I'm really pleased with the position he's put himself in."

Added Aaron Boone: "From where he is right now to 12 months ago is night and day."

Rodón's physical transformation is an encouraging first sign as he also tries to shed the perception that the Yankees made a mistake by signing him to a six-year, \$162 million contract two offseasons ago.

Injuries to Rodón's forearm, back and hamstring limited him to 14 disastrous starts in 2023; he recorded a 6.85 ERA in his first season in pinstripes. The performance fell woefully short of expectations after Rodón posted a 2.67 mark over two All-Star campaigns in 2021 and 2022.

"I kind of just want to let it go. It definitely wasn't easy. I mean, I didn't perform well. And mentally, I probably wasn't in the best spot,



Carlos Rodón (near right) is noticeably slimmer as the Yankees open spring training, compared with last season, when he was listed at 255 pounds (opposite page). AP

and that's OK," said Rodón, who fought mental and physical battles earlier in his career. "As long as I'm mindful of that and aware of where I was physically and mentally, that's kind of the only way you're gonna grow from it."

"The expectations I had for myself, obviously, are pretty high. In a locker room, you feel like you let down your guys, and we have quite a few amazing players, guys that will probably end up being Hall of Famers. And it wears on you when you know you let them down. Obviously, all of us are trying, but we can get anyone to try, right? I can find someone down the street that would be willing to try to play baseball, right? It's about performing."

Rodón initially resisted 2023 reflections during his interview — "diving into last year is really not going to do much" — but he admitted that his final start, on Sept. 29, still eats at him. That day, he failed to record an out while allowing eight earned runs to an awful Royals team. He also turned his back on Matt Blake when the pitching coach made a mound visit.

Rodón said that day "put the cherry on top" of a season to

forget. However, Blake told The News that there are "no issues" between the two.

"It's one of those ones that you wish you could have back," Blake said. "But at the same time, it's the heat of the battle and you understand sometimes that's going to happen."

Rodón did apologize to the coach after that start, and the two talked throughout the offseason.

"Emotionally, I got out of hand and I was frustrated," said Rodón, who also blew a kiss to heckling fans in Anaheim last July. "I'm not trying to defend myself, but emotionally, it was hard. Unfortunately, I took it out on someone that obviously cares about me and is trying to make me better. It was just kind of one of those things where it's in the moment. Obviously, something I have to be more in control of, not so reactive. I will say it was definitely not my shining moment. It wasn't easy. It's hard to not be reactive in that moment. Not that that's OK."

The Yankees knew that Rodón pitched with emotion when they signed him. As they saw, that fire doesn't only burn when things are going well.

"It's definitely a double-edged sword," Rodón continued. "If I use that emotion and harness it against hitters in the game, the possibilities are endless. But it can go both ways. Now it's just controlling that. And I've gotten better over the years, but obviously, clearly, there's still moments."

So far, Rodón has said and done all the right things when it comes to his body and mind.

In addition to eating better, Blake said the lefty has been consistent with his workouts since the offseason began. Meanwhile, Boone noted that Rodón had been a "really good pupil" over the winter, frequently communicating with the Yankees' pitching coaches and strength and conditioning staff.

Rodón also spent a great deal of time refining his movements on the mound over the offseason. The results are paying off early, as he sat in the mid-90s and touched 97 mph during a recent live batting practice session.

This time last year, Rodón sat in the low-90s.

"He's done a lot to improve his prep work in terms of engaging the back hip in different ways so that

the range of motion is accessible in the delivery," Blake explained, adding that those tweaks would contribute to the improved velocity. "That's really what starts the whole conversation."

While Rodón has made a lot of changes, none guarantee a turnaround in 2024. However, the Yankees are counting on exactly that as they seek a return to the playoffs, as he is one of several question marks in their rotation.

The veteran, meanwhile, knows that he has something to prove to himself and those around him.

Rodón said that process starts with putting together a few good days at a time between now and Opening Day. Depending on how the Yankees stack their rotation, Rodón's first two starts could come against the rival Astros and the pennant-winning Diamondbacks. Strong outings against those talented clubs would set him up nicely for his first start at Yankee Stadium, where fans repeatedly booed Rodón last season.

With 2023 in the rearview, he's looking forward to the challenge.

"It's gonna be a fun start," Rodón said. "That's for sure."

Expanded arsenal could help Carlos in Year 2

TAMPA — Carlos Rodón has clearly made some change to his physique. Some tweaks to his arsenal may come next.

The lefty, who showed up to camp in significantly better shape after an offseason of healthy eating, has always relied on his fastball and slider. That combo earned him All-Star nods in 2021 and 2022, followed by a huge payday from the Yankees two offseasons ago.

However, Rodón (photo) had far less success in 2023, recording a 6.85 ERA while battling numerous injuries in his first season with the Yankees.

While those injuries, among other factors, surely contributed to Rodón's poor performance, some also wondered if he became too predictable. The 31-year-old threw his four-seamer, which is already up to 97 mph in camp, 60.5% of the time and used his slider at a 28.9% clip. He has a curveball and a changeup, but he used those 6.5% and 4.1% of the time, respectively, in 2023.

"Just upping the usage of those pitches, obviously, will help my arsenal, and I know that," Rodón told the Daily News. "I was so dominant the year before featuring the fastball-slider, and then sprinkling in some curveball. I was so dialed in with those that I was trying to get back to that point. I just wasn't there."

Rodón's fastball and slider actually

graded well last season, according to the Stuff+ metric, which measures the physical characteristics of pitches, including spin rate and movement. However, major league hitters are always evolving. Pitchers need to do the same.

With that in mind, it wouldn't be surprising to see Rodón use his secondary stuff a little more in 2024.

"Giving him more options is important," pitching coach Matt Blake told The News. "Obviously, the bread and butter is the fastball-slider, and then kind of always thinking about what are the ways he's going to continue

to evolve and grow, whether it's a changeup, whether it's the curveball, whether there's other things in the conversation. But ultimately, it comes down to him executing the fastball and

the slider and then going from there."

While it sounds like Rodón could expand his repertoire a tad, he didn't want to tip his hand too much. Odds are his heater and slider will still lead the pack by a large margin, but time will tell.

"I'm not gonna tell you everything I'm doing," Rodón said. "That's part of the game. That's for hitters to see when the time comes."

MARINACCIO MATTERS

Ron Marinaccio had an excellent rookie season in 2022, recording a 2.05 ERA over



40 games. By the end of the season, he had entered Aaron Boone's circle of trust, but a shin injury kept him off the Yankees' playoff roster.

That same shin hindered the righty that winter and last season, when he struggled in the majors and minors.

"I don't think he had a good base coming into camp last year just from the lack of lower half strength work and power development," Blake said. "I think he was kind of playing from behind the eight ball last year and it just kind of snowballed on him a little bit. The delivery got out of whack."

Boone added that Marinaccio's shin, while never serious, required maintenance last year. Now, however, the manager said that the 28-year-old is "probably in as good a spot as he's been in a couple years."

With Scott Effross officially out of contention for an Opening Day roster spot, Marinaccio could reclaim a job in the Yankees' bullpen with a strong spring. So far, he's off to solid start.

"He's a factor for us if we can keep him healthy," Blake said.

TREVINO UPDATE

Jose Trevino (calf strain) has begun hitting, Boone said. The catcher has been active in the early days of camp, but the manager still doesn't expect Trevino to play in the first week or two of spring games.

"He couldn't play in a game and run full bore, but everything else, he's pretty much doing now," Boone said. "So he's probably a couple of weeks behind, but able to do quite a bit."

PREMIER

NO SERVICE APPT NEEDED... JUST COME IN!

F-SERIES FORD WORK TRUCKS

0% APR FINANCING UP TO 48 MOS NOW AVAILABLE!

NEW 2023 FORD F-150 4X4 \$249 PER MO/36 MOS LEASE

NEW 2023 FORD F-250 PICK-UPS **NEW 2023 FORD F-350 PICK-UPS** **NEW 2023 FORD F-550 PICK-UPS**

NEW 2023 FORD F-150 PICK-UPS

PRESIDENTS' MONTH SALES EVENT!

FORD TRANSIT HEADQUARTERS

Perfect Work Van & In-Stock For Immediate Delivery!

NEW 2023 & 2023 FORD TRANSIT CONNECT **NEW 2023 & 2023 FORD TRANSIT LOW ROOF** **NEW 2023 & 2023 FORD TRANSIT MED ROOF**

NEW 2023 & 2023 FORD TRANSIT HIGH ROOF **NEW 2023 & 2023 FORD E-TRANSIT** **FULLY ELECTRIC - CHOOSE LOW, MEDIUM OR HIGH ROOF**

PREMIER

PremierFordInc.com

KINGS HWY

5001 Glenwood Rd, Brooklyn, NY
1-718-258-7200

BAY RIDGE

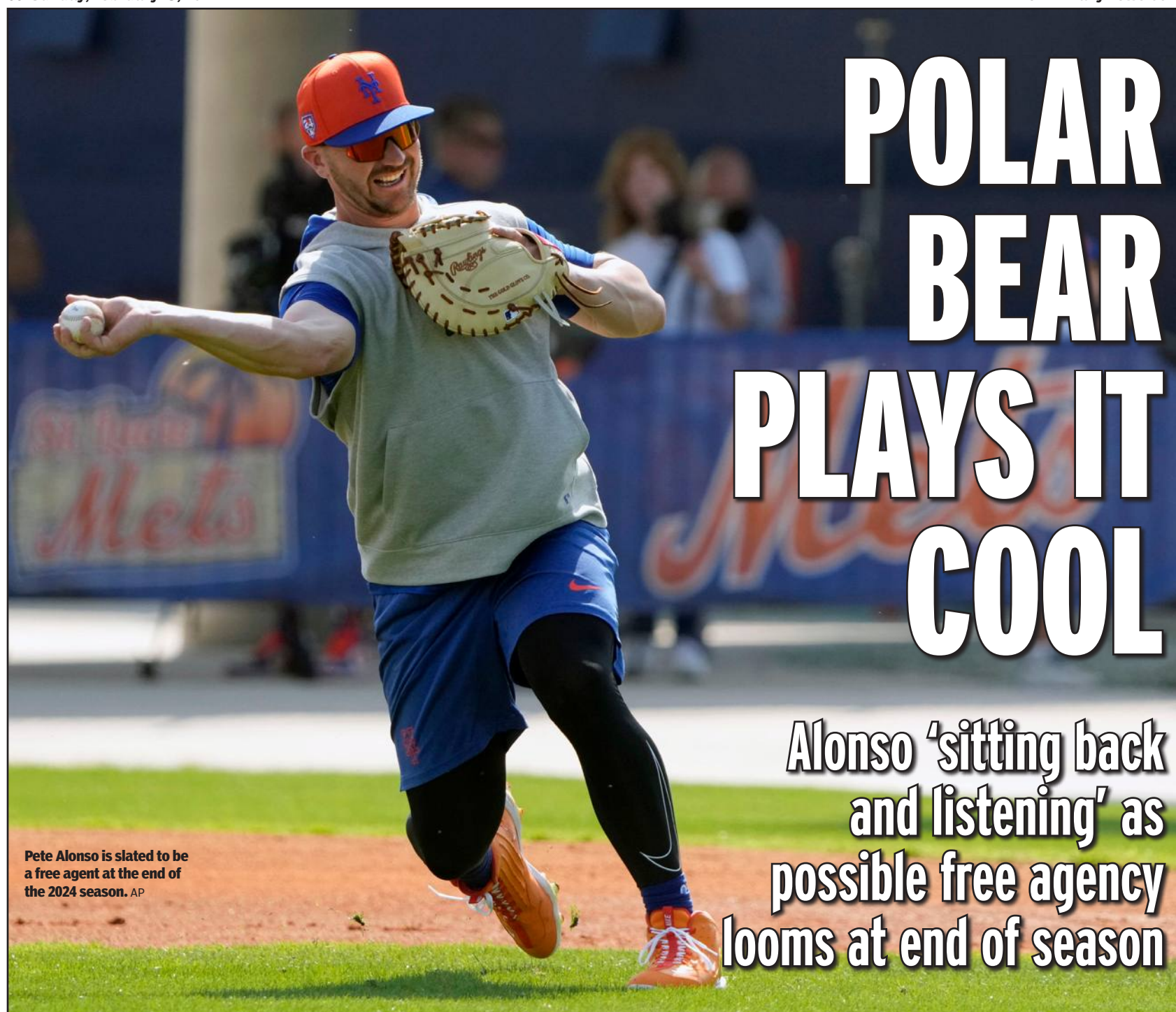
612 86th Street, Brooklyn, NY
1-347-578-7900

2 GREAT LOCATIONS

We Speak Spanish, Russian, French, Arabic, Hindi, Urdu & Punjabi

*Includes all costs to consumer except tax, title & DMV fees which are additional & may be due upon signing. Subject to Tier 1 approval through Ford Credit. Leases are 25¢ per mile over 7,500 mi/year; lessee responsible for excess wear, tear & repair. Total Monthly Payments/Residual: F150 \$3964/16860. Photos for illustration. Prior transactions excluded. Offers cannot be combined. Ad supersedes previous offers. Expires 2/29/24 DCA#0806391, DMV#6240988





POLAR BEAR PLAYS IT COOL

Alonso 'sitting back and listening' as possible free agency looms at end of season

Pete Alonso is slated to be a free agent at the end of the 2024 season. AP

BY ABBEY MASTRACCO
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

PORT ST. LUCIE — Pete Alonso may end up playing his entire career on the Mets, but as he heads into the final year of his contract, there is no progress on any sort of contract extension with the team that drafted him.

Alonso reported to Mets camp Saturday. He announced a new initiative by the Alonso Foundation, the charitable organization started by the first baseman and his wife Haley: For every home run the slugger hits in 2024, the Alonso Foundation will donate \$1000 to animal shelters to get animals out of facilities that euthanize them because of overcrowding.

But then he faced questions about whether or not he'll be hitting free agency after the conclusion of the 2024 season.

"I've just been sitting back and listening," Alonso said Saturday after working out with the team for the first time this spring. "The contract matters that we've talked about were my one-year contract this year."

Alonso changed representation in anticipation of his first multi-year deal, leaving his representatives at Apex Baseball for Boras Corporation. He offered little in terms of

details, only saying it was a move he felt best for him and his family.

Scott Boras typically likes to take clients to free agency to gauge their markets. Historically, the Wilpon family didn't like to deal with Boras, but the agent's relationship with the Mets has changed in recent years as Steve Cohen took over a controlling interest in the club.

Since then, Boras and the Mets have made deals for Max Scherzer and Brandon Nimmo, among others. But so far, nothing for Alonso, a key member of the Mets' core, a popular fan favorite and a power-hitting first baseman.

"I haven't really thought of those scenarios because like, the season is not over," Alonso said. "I just had my first live BP session. My whole focus this year is to be the best I can be, be as locked in mentally and physically as possible to help this team win. That's my job. We'll see what happens in the future. I don't know what's going to happen. But I'm fully committed to being the best player and best teammate I can be to help this team win."

The 2019 NL Rookie of the Year and a three-time All-Star, Alonso has never hit

fewer than 37 home runs in a full major league season. He has a career OPS+ of 136 in five years, has scored 40 or more runs and has driven in 100 or more in each of the past two seasons. Alonso became the second-fastest player in history to hit 150 home runs, doing so in 538 games (Ryan Howard holds the record with 150 in 495 games).

At 29, he's a prime candidate for an extension. But it doesn't seem as though the Mets have made any offers, other than the \$20.5 million arbitration raise he'll receive this season.

Since his rookie season, Alonso has played for three different managers (nearly four, if you count Carlos Beltran) and will now play for a fourth in Carlos Mendoza. The Mets have had three different general managers (four if you count Jared Porter, who was only on the job for a month), one president of baseball operations and countless hitting coaches.

Though Alonso said the multiple managerial changes didn't bother him, one could hardly blame him if he decided to seek a team that has shown long-term stability.

For now, he likes the moves David Stearns and his front office made over the winter,

and he's looking forward to being reunited with his teammate from the University of Florida, center fielder Harrison Bader.

"We filled a lot of holes," Alonso said. "I'm super stoked about having Harrison back. Harrison is a good buddy of mine and has been a good buddy since college. I know that we've added some really good starting pitching as well, and some great defensive pieces. I feel like we have a great core and it's really exciting. I'm really excited to gel and get to know these guys, not just personally, but on the ball diamond as well when we get games going."

The noise around his contract isn't going to go away anytime soon. It might even grow louder with each home run he hits. This time next year, Alonso could be in a different camp in a different uniform.

Or, he could be right where is right now with plans to stay for the rest of his playing days.

"That's something that I've definitely thought about," he said. "I love New York. It's a really special place for my family and I've definitely thought of the idea, definitely welcomed the idea."

"But I can't predict the future."

Mets don't want Acuña to try to be his brother

PORT ST. LUCIE — The Mets have so many players in spring training this season that they had to set up auxiliary lockers in the middle of the clubhouse. Lockers are bookending the couches in the middle of the room, six of them in use by some of the organization's top prospects, with pitchers Christian Scott, Mike Vasil, Dominic Hamel and Nate Lavender occupying four of them, and Jett Williams and Logan Gilbert occupying two on the other side of the room.

One of the temporary lockers contains basketballs for the hoop above the equipment room. Another will likely go to Ji-Man Choi, the Mets' newest minor league signing.

So if you're wondering where Luisangel Acuña, the Mets' top overall prospect in the system, is in the configuration of the lockers, don't worry, he occupies some prime real estate right next to shortstop Francisco Lindor.

"It feels good," the 21-year-old Acuña (photo) said through translator Alan Suriel on Saturday at Clover Park.

The infielder was the crown jewel of the trade deadline haul last summer, coming to the Mets from the Texas Rangers in exchange for Max Scherzer and cash considerations. The brother of Atlanta Braves star and reigning NL MVP Ronald Acuña Jr., Luisangel has some similar attributes, but they differ in positions and with the power tool.

At 5-foot-8, 181 pounds, Acuña has an explosive swing, but he's four inches shorter and doesn't have the same power that his brother in Atlanta possesses. But few players in the world have the same skill set as Ronald, one of the game's most elite players.

"With my brother, there aren't many people that can compare," he said through Suriel. "My brother is a talent that you see every 100 years. I'm going to continue to go out there, I'm going to compete and do what I do."

The younger Acuña is known more for his speed than his power. Acuña stole 57 bases last season in 67 attempts. He draws a lot of walks as well (53 in 533 plate appearances in 2023).

In his first full season at Double-A, he slashed .294/.359/.410 with nine home runs. The Mets will start him in Triple-A Syracuse this season, putting him one step closer to the big leagues.

"I'm taking advantage of every opportunity that I get to play," Acuña said. "I think every opportunity that I get, I have to take advantage and do what I have to do."

Acuña has played second base, shortstop and center field in the Rangers' system, but with the Mets he'll focus on the middle infield. The club plans to use him at second base this spring with Jett Williams playing shortstop. They'll play both positions



AP

throughout the season, but the Mets see it best to give them each a singular focus during spring training.

Acuña will forever be playing in the shadow of his brother, but the Mets don't need him to try to be the same player. They want him to be the best version of himself he can be.

"He's just gotta be himself," said manager Carlos Mendoza. "He's got to go out and continue to learn and continue his development. That's the biggest thing for him. Ronald Acuña is obviously a special player, but we know the talent is here [with Luisangel], and it's important for him to understand who he is as a player and stick to it."

METS ADD CHOI

Choi was signed to a split contract to give the Mets another DH option. A 32-year-old left-handed hitter, he'll compete with DJ Stewart for the left-handed platoon DH

position.

Choi missed most of the first half of 2023 with a strained Achilles tendon. When he returned, he hit .206 with six home runs for the Pittsburgh Pirates before being traded to the San Diego Padres. Shortly after the trade, he strained a rib cage muscle and fractured his ankle, ending his season.

Choi spent the 2017 season with the Yankees, mostly in Triple-A.

"His power will give you quality at-bats," Mendoza said. "I know who he is as a player and as a person, and I'm excited to have him in camp."

RAINED OUT

With rain in the forecast for the Treasure Coast region of Florida on Sunday, the Mets plan to close practice to fans. Position players will report with the first full-squad workout slated for Monday.

PRESIDENTS' MONTH SALES EVENT!

NO SERVICE APPOINTMENT NEEDED... JUST COME IN!



NEW 2023 LINCOLN NAVIGATOR
Now In-Stock!

PREMIER LINCOLN



NEW 2023 LINCOLN CORSAIR AWD

8-Speed Auto, 4 Cylinder, P/S, ABS, Climate Control, Bluetooth, Power Windows/Locks, More! MSRP \$43,045, VIN#5LPUL16605, \$5260 Due at Signing: 1st Month Payment, \$4200 Down Payment, \$645 Bank Fee, \$0 Security Deposit, Inc. \$1000 Lincoln Trade In Assist (available to everyone) Add Tax, Title & DMV fees. Expires 2/29/24.

\$415*

LEASE FOR Per Mo/36 Mos



NEW 2023 LINCOLN NAUTILUS AWD

8-Speed Auto, V6 Engine, P/S, ABS, Climate Control, Bluetooth, Power Windows/Locks, More! MSRP \$58,020, VIN#2LPBL25461, \$6847 Due at Signing: 1st Month Payment, \$5653 Down Payment, \$645 Bank Fee, \$0 Security Deposit, Inc. \$500 Lincoln Bonus Cash (available to everyone) Add Tax, Title & DMV fees. Expires 2/29/24.

\$549*

LEASE FOR Per Mo/48 Mos



NEW 2023 LINCOLN AVIATOR AWD

10-Speed Auto, 3.0L V6, P/S, ABS, Climate Control, P/W/L, Navigation, Sunroof, More! MSRP \$60,400, VIN#5LPGL14233, \$7438 Due at Signing: 1st Month Payment, \$5994 Down Payment, \$645 Bank Fee, \$0 Security Deposit, Inc. \$1000 Lincoln Bonus Cash (available to everyone) Add Tax, Title & DMV fees. Expires 2/29/24.

\$799*

LEASE FOR Per Mo/48 Mos

SHOWROOM HOURS: Mon-Thu 9a-9p, Fri 9a-7:30p, Sat 9a-6p, Sun 11a-5p

WE SPEAK Spanish, Russian, French, Arabic, Hindi, Urdu, Punjabi

5102 Kings Highway,
Brooklyn, New York
1-718-258-9400

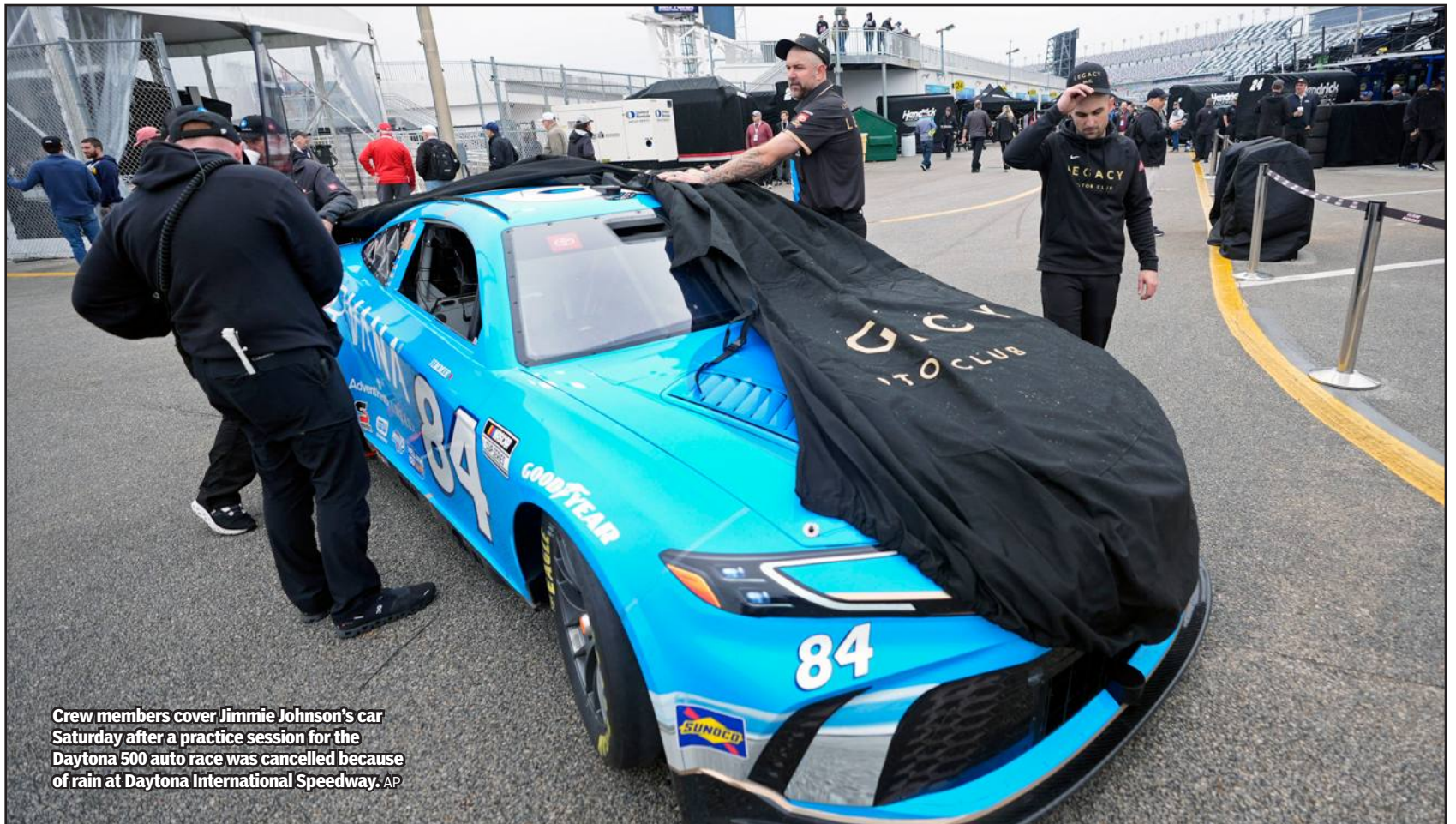


WELCOME MCU MEMBERS AUTHORIZED AUTONET DEALER



www.PremierLincoln.com

*Includes all costs to consumer except tax, title and DMV fees which are additional & may be payable upon consummation in lieu of Lincoln rebates. Closed end lease subject to approval thru Lincoln AFS. Total Payments/Residual: Lincoln Corsair: \$14940/\$25702, Lincoln Nautilus: \$26352/\$28268, Lincoln Aviator: \$38352/\$27572. Leases are 25¢ p/mi over 7,500 mi/p.yr. Lessee responsible for excess wear, tear, maintenance & repair. Dealer not responsible for type errors, photos used for illustration only. Expires 2/29/24. DCA#0806391, DMV#6240988



Crew members cover Jimmie Johnson's car Saturday after a practice session for the Daytona 500 auto race was cancelled because of rain at Daytona International Speedway. AP

A fast start for Toyota

Maker has high hopes for Daytona 500 but rain may affect race

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Denny Hamlin leaned into the window of Christopher Bell's winning Toyota to congratulate his Joe Gibbs Racing teammate on beating him in a Daytona 500 qualifying race.

Hamlin then gave Bell detailed directions to victory lane.

"Been to victory lane at Daytona a time or three," Hamlin wrote on social media. "Had to show (Bell) the way."

After a dismal showing in time trials for Sunday's season-opening Daytona 500, the Toyota camp roared back and swept the two 150-mile qualifying races Thursday night that set the field for "The Great American Race." The wins by Tyler Reddick of 23XI Racing — the team co-owned by Hamlin and Michael Jordan — and Bell marked the first sweep of the Daytona qualifying races for Toyota since 2014.

Adding in Hamlin's victory in the exhibition Clash at the Coliseum earlier this month, Toyota heads into the Daytona 500 a perfect 3 for 3 on the season in its new Camry XSE. With all nine Toyota drivers qualified for Sunday's field, the automaker is hoping to remain undefeated in 2024.

The nine entries are the most Toyota has had in the Daytona 500 since 2011.

Paul Doleshal, group manager of motorsports at Toyota North America, said the automaker was "disturbed" when no Toyota

driver cracked the top 20 in time trials. Erik Jones had the fastest lap for the OEM at 22nd, and seven-time NASCAR champion Jimmie Johnson, the Legacy Motor Club co-owner and Jones' teammate, was 35th and forced to race his way into the 40-car field.

"I think we were a little bit disturbed — probably a strong word — but just surprised about the lack of qualifying speed," Doleshal said a day after the Toyota sweep. "But then felt that the car would race well, and that proved out, so we're encouraged with that."

Said Reddick: "This new Toyota Camry is truly a beast. It was a lot of fun to drive."

Hamlin, who is Toyota's only Daytona 500 winner with three previous victories, will be going for a fourth and initially was listed as the race favorite by FanDuel Sportsbook. The odds Friday had tilted slightly toward both Joey Logano, who will start from the pole for Team Penske in a new Ford Dark Horse Mustang, and Kyle Busch, who crashed in the qualifying race and will start 34th in a Chevrolet for Richard Childress Racing.

Logano will try to continue a hot streak for team owner Roger Penske. The run started last May when Penske won a record-extending 19th Indianapolis 500 with driver Josef Newgarden. He won the Cup championship in November with Ryan Blaney, won the Rolex 24 at Daytona sports

car race last month for the first time since 1969, and now has his first driver on the pole for the Daytona 500.

"There's not a cooler race team that you can work for when it comes to motorsports in general. There's not another motorsports team in America that's decorated as much as Team Penske and what Roger Penske has done, whether it's in NASCAR, sports cars, IndyCar, you name it, the guy's been involved in all of it," Logano said. "One thing that's in common with all of it is he wins. That's where I want to be because of that reason, right? The guy wins, he does it right, he's professional. There's no corners ever cut."

"Roger Penske has never gotten a Daytona 500 pole. Not very often that you can actually do something for the first time for 'The Captain.'"

The last driver to win the Daytona 500 from the pole was Dale Jarrett in 2000.

Weather is expected to play a role in Sunday's race, with rain expected to hit Daytona over the weekend. The forecast is so poor that NASCAR on Friday decided to run the ARCA race scheduled for Saturday after Friday night's Truck Series race.

The final practice session ahead of the Daytona 500 was canceled Saturday morning because of rain at the track.

There's less chance of the Daytona 500 being prematurely altered from its scheduled Sunday afternoon start time, even though

NASCAR moved up the Clash by a full a day earlier this month because of heavy rain in Los Angeles. Unless the weather conditions are dangerous, NASCAR is most likely expected to wait it out as long as possible Sunday before deciding if the race needs to be postponed until Monday.

Ricky Stenhouse Jr. is the defending race winner for JTG-Daugherty Racing, and his victory extended a streak of three consecutive upset winners. Austin Cindric won for Penske as a rookie in 2022 and Michael McDowell of tiny Front Row Motorsports won in 2021.

McDowell was second-fastest in time trials and will start alongside fellow Ford driver Logano on the front row when the green flag drops. There's great anticipation to see how both Ford and Toyota perform in new cars designed for this season, while Chevrolet remains a mystery.

It's been 10 years since Hendrick Motorsports won its last Daytona 500 — in 2014 with Dale Earnhardt Jr. — and team owner Rick Hendrick wants the streak to end as the team launches its 40th anniversary season.

Hendrick driver Kyle Larson is 0 for 10 in the race — he joins Kyle Busch, Martin Truex Jr. and Brad Keselowski as former Cup champions stuck in double-digit Daytona 500 skids — but showed both speed and an ability to push others to the front in his qualifying race.

TERPS' DRIESELL DIES

Lefty Driesell (center), coaching Maryland against Duke in 1974, died Saturday at age 92. He was the first coach to win more than 100 games at four NCAA Division I schools: Davidson, Maryland, James Madison and Georgia State. AP

Coach who put Maryland on college basketball's map was 92

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Lefty Driesell, the Hall of Fame coach whose folksy drawl belied a fiery on-court demeanor that put Maryland on the college basketball map and enabled him to rebuild several struggling programs, died Saturday. He was 92.

Maryland announced Driesell's death. Driesell died at his home in Virginia Beach, Va.

Driesell finished with 786 victories over parts of five decades and was the first coach to win more than 100 games at four NCAA Division I schools. He started at Davidson in 1960 before bringing Maryland into national prominence from 1969-86, a stay that ended with the cocaine-induced death of All-American Len Bias.

Driesell then won five regular-season conference titles over nine seasons at James Madison and finished with a successful run at Georgia State from 1997 to 2003.

"His contributions to the game go way beyond wins and losses, and he won a lot," former Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said after Driesell finally made the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2018. "It's an honor he's deserved for a long time."

Driesell launched the college basketball tradition known as Midnight Madness on Oct. 15, 1971. At three minutes after midnight on the first day of practice as sanctioned by the NCAA, Driesell had his players take a mandatory mile run on the track inside the Maryland football stadium.

The lighting was provided by the headlights of a few cars parked at one end of the stadium. The motivation came from Driesell's prodding and the estimated 800 students who gathered

to watch the unpublicized event.

"I've done a lot of crazy things to get attention, but that wasn't one of them," Driesell said years later. "I was just trying to get an early jump on practice. I had no idea what it was going to lead to."

Driesell also helped knock down racial barriers in the college game. He made George Raveling the first Black coach in the Atlantic Coast Conference by hiring him as an assistant in 1969. Driesell's effort to recruit Charlie Scott to play at Davidson helped make the future NBA star become the first African American scholarship athlete to attend North Carolina.

Scott initially committed to Davidson before choosing UNC but acknowledged that Driesell paved the way.

"I think if there had never been a Lefty Driesell, there would never have been a Charlie Scott attending North Carolina," said Scott, who joined the Hall of Fame in 2018 with Driesell. "My commitment to go to Davidson really opened up all the other schools in the recruiting process."

Race played no factor in Driesell's effort to recruit the best players.

"He did so many great things in marketing the game and opened up so many doors for many African Americans players and coaches like myself," said Len Elmore, who played for Driesell at Maryland from 1971-74. "Lefty was a trailblazer and an innovator."

Driesell was inducted into the College Basketball Hall of Fame in 2007, but his entry into the Naismith shrine proved more elusive. He was a finalist four times before receiving the necessary 75% vote three months after his 86th birthday. The long snub, many speculated, came because Driesell was forced to resign

at Maryland in 1986 after Bias overdosed on cocaine in a campus dorm after being drafted by the Boston Celtics.

Maryland had to pay Driesell for the rest of his 10-year contract because it could find no wrongdoing on his part. But his departure meant Driesell never got to fulfill the declaration he made upon taking over in College Park — he would make Maryland the "UCLA of the East."

Under Driesell, the Terrapins didn't enjoy the success John Wooden had at UCLA. Maryland failed to reach the Final Four during his 17-year stay, but the Terps won or shared five ACC regular-season titles and captured the league tournament in 1984 — on Driesell's fifth trip to the final.

One of Driesell's best teams never made it to the postseason. In the 1974 ACC championship game, the fourth-ranked Terrapins lost in overtime to No. 1 North Carolina State 103-100 during a time when only the conference champion advanced to the NCAA Tournament.

A week later, a Maryland team featuring future NBA starters Tom McMillen, John Lucas and Elmore turned down a bid to the NIT, which it had won two years earlier. N.C. State went on to win the 1974 NCAA title, ending UCLA's seven-year streak as national champions.

"Lefty's team that year," Krzyzewski said, "was probably as good as 20 national champions."

Born on Christmas Day in 1931, Charles Grice Driesell grew up in Norfolk, Va. He was a star basketball player for Granby H.S. in Norfolk before attending Duke.

After working at the Ford Motor Co., Driesell took a job as a junior varsity football

and basketball coach at Granby in 1954 after convincing his wife, Joyce, that he could withstand the pay cut by also selling encyclopedias. He eventually was promoted to head coach of the varsity team before moving to Newport News H.S., where he won 57 straight games.

In 1960, he took a job at Davidson, which was coming off an 11th consecutive losing season. He went 9-14 in his debut, one of only two times over an entire season in which he would finish with a losing record as a college coach.

Driesell won three Southern Conference tournaments and five regular-season championships at Davidson over nine years and went 176-65 before being hired at Maryland. He won 348 games with the Terrapins, a long-lasting school record that was finally broken in 2006 by Gary Williams.

After leaving Maryland, Driesell was hired in 1988 by James Madison, a small Virginia school that finished 10-18 in 1987. He went 16-14 in his first year, 20-11 in his second season and led the Dukes to four straight NIT appearances before going to the NCAA Tournament in 1994.

Driesell compiled a 159-111 record at James Madison and enjoyed continued success at Georgia State. The Panthers were 29-5 in 2000-01 and upset Wisconsin in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament. Two years later, he retired in the early stages of his 41st season with a career record of 786-394. At the time, he ranked fourth in NCAA Division I wins, behind only Dean Smith, Adolph Rupp and Bob Knight.

Driesell is survived by four children. While at Duke, Driesell eloped with Joyce and got married in December 1952. She died in 2021.

BILL MADDEN



BASEBALL

A JUAN-TRACK MIND

With Soto, it's World Series or bust for Yankees this season

TAMPA — One of **Gene Michael's** tenets for building championship Yankee teams was left-handed power in Yankee Stadium, which was woefully absent in recent years. But while the Yankees may have addressed that void in a big way with their acquisition of **Juan Soto** from San Diego, in doing so they violated another Gene Michael principle which was never give up good prospects for a player who isn't signed.

Considering the circumstances, the Yankees have never made a trade with more potential risk than the deal for Soto in which they sacrificed **Michael King**, who was projected to be their No. 3 and possibly even their No. 2 starter behind **Gerrit Cole**, plus the minor league pitcher of the year in **Drew Thorpe** and two useful back-of-the-rotation/swing guys in **Randy Vasquez** and **Jhony Brito**. The prospect of having **Aaron Judge** and Soto, possibly the most explosive righty-lefty hitting combo in baseball, back-to-back in the lineup has **Aaron Boone** understandably psyched about the Bombers this year. Championship or bust as he put it the other day.

And that's what it has to be. Because even if Soto has another monster year, should the Yankees fail to reach the World Series for the 15th straight year, or, even worse, miss the postseason altogether like last year, due to a shortage of starting pitching, the deal must be considered a bust. It would leave the Yankees with another ring-less season and at the mercy of Soto's agent **Scott Boras**, who still thinks he's going to get a \$500 million deal for the lefty slugger.

No question, losing out on

Yoshinobu Yamamoto was a gut punch for the Yankees, making signing **Marcus Stroman** for mid-rotation depth a necessity. But as much as Boone is going to bask at the sight of Soto hitting bombs this spring, he can be forgiven for also casting a wary eye on whoever is starting the games for him.

So far at least the news has been good on the starting pitching front. **Nestor Cortes** is reporting no ill effects with his rotator cuff which shut him down in August last year, while **Carlos Rodon** has reportedly already been clocking 97 mph as opposed to 92-93 this time last year at the outset of camp. Both have had the experience of pitching at the top of the rotation and both have had a history of injuries. If they can avoid the latter and come close to the former, this could indeed be a special seasons for the Yankees.

But there's no getting around all the injuries that have plagued the Yankees these past few years, and with Vasquez, Brito and Thorpe gone, the reinforcement brigade has been thinned to two — righties **Will Warren** and **Chase Hampton** — both of whom have shown considerable promise but are still said to be a ways away from contributing at the major league level.

The good news for the Yankees is that the rest of the American League East teams all have issues, none more so it would seem now than the defending division champion Orioles who, a week after seemingly addressing their biggest need — a No. 1 starter — with the trade with Milwaukee for **Corbin Burnes** — lost last year's ace, **Kyle Bradish**, with an elbow injury that is looking ominously like a coming **Tommy John** surgery. There

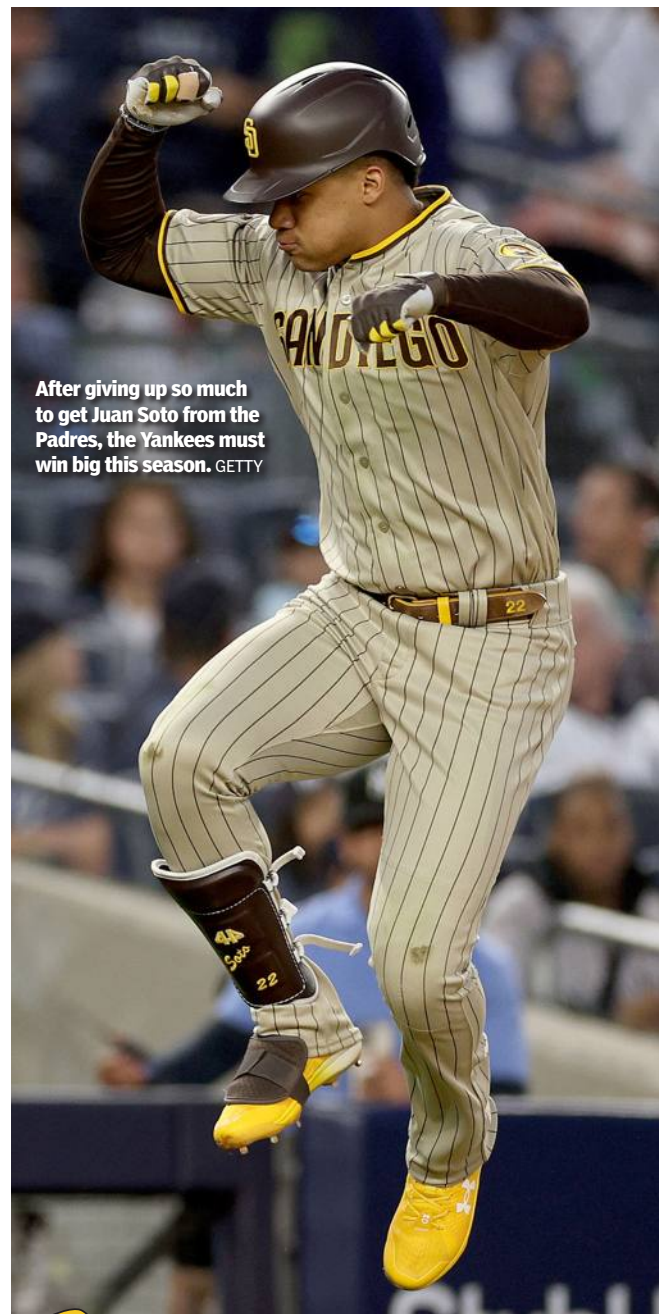
are also legitimate questions about **Craig Kimbrel** adequately replacing **Felix Bautista** as their closer.

Meanwhile, the Rays are counting on raw rookie **Ryan Pepiot**, who they obtained from the Dodgers for last year's ace **Tyler Glasnow**, to anchor their rotation while waiting on the midseason returns of last year's Tommy John victims **Shane Bieber** and **Jeffrey Springs**. They will also be without their best player, **Wander Franco**, indefinitely as he stands accused of sexual abuse of a 14-year-old girl in the Dominican Republic. Hard to see how they'll come close to the 99 wins they had as division runners-up last year.

And the Red Sox did very little to improve their lot either other than signing the maddeningly inconsistent **Lucas Giolito** for their rotation, while the Blue Jays, who lost (and didn't adequately replace) clubhouse leaders **Matt Chapman** and **Brandon Belt**, remain an underperforming enigma waiting for **Vladimir Guerrero Jr.** to ever live up to his ability.

So say what you will, even with losing out on Yamamoto, the Yankees did more than any team in the AL East this winter to improve off last season which **Brian Cashman** rightfully termed "a disaster." If the starting pitching holds up, the Soto deal could have the same effect as another trade the Yankees made for a left-handed power hitter in **Roger Maris** 60-plus years ago, after they'd finished an uncharacteristic third and then went on to win five straight pennants.

Of course that's assuming they'll be willing to pay another \$500 million Boras ransom for keeping Soto long term.



After giving up so much to get Juan Soto from the Padres, the Yankees must win big this season. GETTY

It's A MADD MADD WORLD...

A year after signing **Xander Bogaerts** to an astounding 11-year/\$280M free agent contract, the Padres have announced they are moving him to second base and replacing him at shortstop with the more defensively efficient **Ha-Seong Kim**. This is the second time in recent years the Padres have given a shortstop a contract of around \$300 million and then moved him off the position. In February 2021, the Padres signed **Fernando Tatis Jr.** to an historic 14-year/\$340M deal and anointed him as their franchise shortstop, only to have him miss the entire 2022 season with an injury and a PED suspension. By the time Tatis came back, they'd signed Bogaerts and he was moved to right field. ... Nice to see the A's and Oakland making nicey-nice again in the midst of their ugly divorce after a "positive" meeting Thursday in which they came closer to an agreement that would allow the A's to extend their agreement with the Coliseum



that runs out after this season. The A's have tentatively planned to open a new ballpark in Las Vegas in 2028 at the earliest and need a place to play in the interim, the most preferable being the Coliseum where they would continue to receive the \$67 million a year from their TV contract which is only good if they play in the Bay Area. In truth, they really should take the advice of Las Vegas mayor **Carolyn Goodman**, who stunned the Super Bowl media horde by saying the proposed Tropicana Hotel site for the A's stadium in Las Vegas "doesn't make sense" and they should really go back to the bureaucrats in Oakland and work out a new plan there. I agree. The A's move to Las Vegas — from the 10th largest TV market to the 40th — makes no sense and will doom them as the lowest revenue team in baseball. They already have the worst owner in baseball in **John Fisher**.



PRESIDENTIAL WEEKEND SAVINGS



Log On And Choose From **The Largest Chevrolet Inventory In The Tri-State Area!**
Simply Choose From Over 1,100 New & Certified Pre-Owned Vehicles All Drastically Reduced For This Event!

SUFFOLK COUNTY LOCATION:


AtlanticChevy.com


NASSAU COUNTY LOCATION:

MillenniumChevrolet.com

BRAND NEW 2024 CHEVROLET EQUINOX  OVER 200 AVAILABLE!	MSRP \$28,915 FACTORY REBATE \$1,500 CHEVY LOYALTY REBATE \$1,000 (MUST OWN OR LEASE A 2010 OR NEWER CHEVY VEHICLE IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD.) ATLANTIC / MILLENNIUM DISCOUNT \$3,638 FINANCE FOR \$22,777 <small>Excludes tax, tags & title</small>	2024 ALL WHEEL DRIVE REMOTE KEYLESS ENTRY BACK-UP CAMERA ONLY \$2,995 DOWN PAYMENT! \$89 <small>Lease per month 24 Month Due at inception: \$2,995 down plus \$89 1st mos. payment Total \$3,084 plus tax & tags. Purchase option \$20,927 - 10K Miles per yr. MSRP \$28,915. Payment includes \$1,500 Chevy lease loyalty. Must have a current Chevy GMF lease in same household.</small>	2024 LT ALLOY WHEELS VEHICLE REMOTE START REAR BACK-UP CAMERA ONLY \$1,995 DOWN PAYMENT! \$154 <small>Lease per month 24 Month Due at inception: \$1,995 down plus \$154 1st mos. payment Total \$2,149 plus tax & tags. Purchase option \$21,623 - 10K Miles per yr. MSRP \$20,682. Payment includes \$1,500 Chevy lease loyalty. Must have a current Chevy GMF lease in same household.</small>	2024 ALLOY WHEELS REMOTE KEYLESS ENTRY BACK-UP CAMERA \$0 DOWN PAYMENT! \$214 <small>Lease per month 24 Month Due at inception: \$0 down plus \$214 1st mos. payment Total \$214 plus tax & tags. Purchase option \$20,241 - 10K Miles per yr. MSRP \$28,915. Payment includes \$1,500 Chevy lease loyalty. Must have a current Chevy GMF lease in same household.</small>
--	--	--	---	--

BRAND NEW 2023 CHEVROLET TRAVERSE ALL-WHEEL DRIVE  OVER 150 AVAILABLE!	MSRP \$37,915 FACTORY REBATE \$1,000 CHEVY LOYALTY REBATE \$1,000 (MUST OWN OR LEASE A 2010 OR NEWER CHEVY VEHICLE IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD.) ATLANTIC / MILLENNIUM DISCOUNT \$4,138 FINANCE FOR \$31,777 <small>Excludes tax, tags & title</small>	ALL WHEEL DRIVE SIDE BLIND ZONE ALERT OUTSIDE POWERED HEATED MIRRORS BLACK BOWTIES ONLY \$2,495 DOWN PAYMENT! \$184 <small>Lease per month 24 Month Due at inception: \$2,495 down plus \$184 1st mos. payment Total \$2,679 plus tax & tags. Purchase option \$26,779 - 10K Miles per yr. MSRP \$38,810. Payment includes \$2,500 Chevy lease loyalty. Must have a current Chevy GMF lease in same household.</small>	ALL WHEEL DRIVE ALLOY WHEELS REAR BACK-UP CAMERA \$0 DOWN PAYMENT! \$289 <small>Lease per month 24 Month Due at inception: \$0 down plus \$289 1st mos. payment Total \$289 plus tax & tags. Purchase option \$26,162 - 10K Miles per yr. MSRP \$37,915. Payment includes \$2,500 Chevy lease loyalty. Must have a current Chevy GMF lease in same household.</small>
--	--	--	---

BRAND NEW 2024 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500 • 4X4 • CREW CAB  OVER 130 AVAILABLE!	MSRP \$52,805 FACTORY REBATE \$250 TRADE ASSISTANCE REBATE MUST TRADE IN A 2010 OR NEWER OWN VEHICLE \$2,250 CHEVROLET LOYALTY MUST OWN OR LEASE A 2010 CHEVROLET \$2,500 ATLANTIC / MILLENNIUM DISCOUNT \$5,028 FINANCE FOR \$42,777 <small>Excludes tax, tags & title</small>	2024 LT 4X4 CONVENIENCE PACKAGE ALL-STAR PACKAGE ONLY \$2,995 DOWN PAYMENT! \$214 <small>Lease per month 24 Month Due at inception: \$2,995 down plus \$214 1st mos. payment Total \$3,209 plus tax & tags. Purchase option \$43,684 - 10K Miles per yr. MSRP \$55,295. Payment includes GMF lease loyalty rebate \$3,000. Must: currently lease Blazer, Colorado or Equinox thru GMF in household.</small>	\$0 DOWN PAYMENT! \$344 <small>Lease per month 24 Month Due at inception: \$0 down plus \$344 1st mos. payment Total \$344 plus tax & tags. Purchase option \$43,684 - 10K Miles per yr. MSRP \$55,295. Payment includes Chevy owner loyalty rebate \$3,000. Must: currently own or lease 2009 or newer Chevrolet vehicle in household.</small>
--	---	---	---

BRAND NEW 2024 CHEVROLET BLAZER LT PACKAGE  OVER 20 AVAILABLE!	MSRP \$38,515 FACTORY REBATE \$1,000 CHEVY LOYALTY REBATE \$1,000 (MUST OWN OR LEASE A 2010 OR NEWER CHEVY VEHICLE IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD.) ATLANTIC / MILLENNIUM DISCOUNT \$4,538 FINANCE FOR \$31,977 <small>Excludes tax, tags & title</small>	2024 ALLOY WHEELS REMOTE VEHICLE START HEATED FRONT SEATS ONLY \$2,995 DOWN PAYMENT! \$164 <small>Lease per month 24 Month Due at inception: \$2,995 down plus \$164 1st mos. payment Total \$3,159 plus tax & tags. Purchase option \$27,731 - 10K Miles per yr. MSRP \$38,515. Payment includes \$2,500 Chevy lease loyalty. Must have a current Chevy GMF lease in same household.</small>	\$0 DOWN PAYMENT! \$289 <small>Lease per month 24 Month Due at inception: \$0 down plus \$289 1st mos. payment Total \$289 plus tax & tags. Purchase option \$27,731 - 10K Miles per yr. MSRP \$38,515. Payment includes \$2,500 Chevy lease loyalty. Must have a current Chevy GMF lease in same household.</small>
---	--	---	--



43 IN STOCK FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY!

BRAND NEW ALL RE-DESIGNED 2024 CHEVROLET

TRAX & TRAILBLAZER

LS, LT, RS & ACTIV MODELS!

IN STOCK & READY TO ROLL! DRIVE YOURS HOME TODAY!



34 IN STOCK FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY!



CHEVROLET ATLANTIC

OPEN 7 DAYS WEEK! SALES HOURS:
M-F 9-8, SAT. 9-8, SUN. 11-8

1-844-300-1090

1350 Sunrise Highway | Bay Shore AtlanticChevy.com





MILLENNIUM CHEVROLET

OPEN 7 DAYS WEEK! SALES HOURS:
M-F 9-8, SAT. 9-8, SUN. 11-8

1-844-480-3500

220 North Franklin Street | Hempstead MillenniumChevrolet.com



On Leases: At Term End Either Return Vehicle With 10K Miles Per Year Or Pay 25¢ Each Additional Mile Or Purchase Vehicle At Stated Amount. All Offers Approved With A+ Tier Approval/ 800+ Auto Fico 1 With GM Financial (Colorado thru Ally). On Equinox and Silverado lease payments includes \$1,000 select membership savings. see dealer for details. Customer Responsible For Excess Mileage, Wear And Tear, \$995 Acquisition Fees Repairs And Maintenance plus taxes and DMV fees. Customer responsible at term end: Disposition Fee \$395 (waived with the purchase of another GM vehicle). Must present ad at time of signing. All offers with approved credit. Offers available on in-stock units only. Prior deals excluded. Advertised discount offers cannot be combined with other offers. All rebates are taxable. Tax paid by consumer and then rebates assigned to dealer. Not all customers will qualify for advertised specials. Resident restrictions may apply. Must finance thru dealer 750+ credit. Must take same day delivery. Cannot be combined with any other offer. See dealer for details. Ad expires 2-29-2024. © JMC 2024

BOB RAISSMAN

MEDIA

THERE ARE NO WORDS

Romo fumbled his chance after Kelce's Reid outburst

There are occasions when a picture doesn't tell the whole story.

Like the moment CBS' Super Bowl cameras caught **Travis Kelce** screaming in **Andy Reid's** face and bumping the Chiefs' coach, nearly knocking him off his feet, in the second quarter. The stunning shot couldn't stand alone. It begged for a reaction.

Yet, **Tony Romo**, CBS No. 1 NFL analyst had none. Instead, Romo was content describing what over millions of viewers could already see.

"After the fumble he (Kelce) comes over to Andy (Reid). He goes 'keep me in,'" Romo said. "What happened on the fumble is he wasn't in (the game). **Noah Gray** went in and he had to block."

What did Romo really think? After all, CBS is paying him \$17 million per year for his opinions, right? Did Romo think it was just a heat of the moment reaction by Kelce? Did he have a problem with what was a sideline assault by a superstar on his coach? Was there anything humorous Romo could glean from the ugly incident?

After all, a big — and appealing — part of Romo's broadcast game is his sense of humor, right?

Romo's decision to go bland and neither lower the boom on Kelce, or excuse him for getting tangled up in frustration, was major. It left a big hole in CBS Supe production. Romo's partner, **Jim Nantz**, rarely gets in the opinion business during a game making Romo's omission even more glaring. During the halftime report, **Norman Julius Esiason** took Kelce to task, but his cutting commentary was likely delivered while millions of American toilets were flushing.

BRADY'S TAKE

Meanwhile, in a peek at what could be on the horizon, it's worth examining how **Tom Brady**, who joins Fox as its No. 1 NFL analyst next season, handled the Kelce-Reid tango.

Brady recognized he was in no position to chastise Kelce. To do so would have risked being branded a phony long before his booth debut.

"I don't mind seeing it (Kelce getting in Reid's face) 'cause I was a part of a lot of those things," Brady said Monday on his SiriusXM "Get Up" show. "Emotions are so high. You are definitely not centered. You're not in a meditative state at



After Travis Kelce screamed at and bumped coach Andy Reid during the Super Bowl, CBS commentator Tony Romo (inset) had a chance to deliver in the booth, but he failed. GETTY, AP



that point"

If Brady made this comment during the game telecast, he would have drawn two different reactions. Some viewers would have ripped him for letting Kelce off the hook. Others would have appreciated his players-eye view of the situation.

Especially when delivered by a former player who was often seen losing his temper on the sidelines.

CLARK GETS SOCIAL

Once you get through **Ryan Clark's** three-minute video tribute to himself on X, his message to ESPN suits is not hard to decipher: Your contract offers sucks and I'm about to move on.

Clark's ESPN contract expired and he's negotiating a new one, apparently through social media.

Clark, a passionate, outspoken, insightful analyst, makes a case for how his hard work, grinding and tunnel-vision approach has led to him becoming one of the top NFL analysts on ESPN's roster. Clark leaves the impression that he works harder than his colleagues at the network.

Clark paying homage to his own

work-ethic leads to the following question: Isn't drive and preparation part of the job description? It's not special. It's what you're supposed to do.

The Bristol Faculty may not be thrilled with Clark attempting to put pressure on them through social media posts. Also, might potential employers at other networks see it as a red flag and become skittish dealing with someone who goes public when he has an issue with the company?

JJ TO THE RESCUE

Like the Batman signal lighting up the dark Gotham night, one can envision ESPN using a glowing basketball to make an urgent call for the man who invented hoops, **JJ Redick**.

Redick's mission: To parachute in and save ESPN's No. 1 NBA broadcast team.

The coming of Redick might actually inject some much-needed personality to the combo of **Mike Breen** and **Doris Burke**. They have delivered a certain blandness during their few performances together this season.

AROUND THE DIAL

TNT Sports brainiacs have no problem teaming **Draymond Green** with **Charles Barkley** for their alternative NBA All-Star telecast Sunday night on TruTV. Green is fresh off an indefinite suspension for striking Suns center **Jusuf Nurkic**. No doubt Adam Silver had to bless TNT's

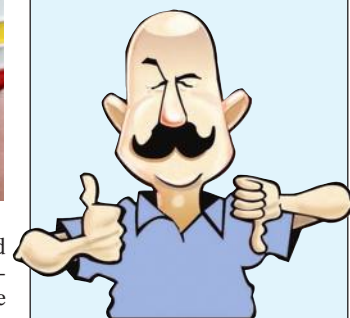
decision to reward Green for bad behavior. Yet the unpredictable couple — Barkley/Green — will entice eyeballs to the AltCast. And that's all that matters to the commissioner. ... SXM's **Christopher (Mad Dog) Russo** is pushing hard for **Brent Musburger** to receive the **Pete Rozelle** Radio-TV award from the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Russo, who credits Musburger for creating CBS' "The NFL Today" (it was actually then CBS Sports president the late Robert Wussler), went as far as to say it "would be criminal" if Musburger doesn't receive the award. Criminal? ... It appears those who still choose to listen to local Valley of the Stupid Gasbags are destined (doomed might be a better word) to hear daily soliloquies about whether the Mets are ever going sign **Pete Alonso**. Tired! ... So sorry for those who streamed the Super Bowl on Paramount+ and had to put up with technical problems. Not exactly an endorsement for the NFL's commitment to streaming. ... Among all the Super Bowl promos and commercials, CBS neglected to promote its own CBS Sports Network postgame show leading to eyeballs either going to ESPN or NFL Network's live, on the field, offerings. ... After an over eight-year run (1,775 shows) on CBSSN, **Adam Schein** was gracious while signing off "Time To Schein" for the final time Monday. Schein used much of his farewell to thank, by name, all his colleagues. Class act.

DUDE OF THE WEEK



VANESSA BRYANT

For her poise. Her grace. Her sincerity. All were on display last week at the unveiling of her late husband, Kobe's, statue outside the Lakers arena in Los Angeles. "It brings me joy to see how much love you have for all of us," she said. "We love you back."



DWEEB OF THE WEEK

WOODY JOHNSON

For his cockeyed approach to ownership. He used an appearance during Super Bowl week to finally ratchet up the pressure (at least publicly) on Robert Saleh. Then after the Chiefs squeaked by San Francisco to win the Super Bowl, Mr. Johnson thought it was a swell time to announce his Jets would be revealing new uniforms in April.

DOUBLE TALK

What **Kyle Shanahan** said: "But just where we're at with our team from a scheme standpoint and looking through this year to the last few years this is a decision [firing DC Steve Wilks] that was best for our organization."

What **Kyle Shanahan** meant to say: "We needed a scapegoat and I found one."

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY	CONF
Boston	43	12	.782	—	8-2	W-6	26-3	17-9	30-6
New York	33	22	.600	10	5-5	L-4	19-8	14-14	22-12
Philadelphia	32	22	.593	10½	3-7	L-1	17-11	15-11	21-14
Brooklyn	21	33	.389	21½	4-6	L-2	13-17	8-16	14-17
Toronto	19	36	.345	24	3-7	L-3	11-16	8-20	12-23

SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY	CONF
Miami	30	25	.545	—	6-4	W-2	15-13	15-12	22-16
Orlando	30	25	.545	—	7-3	W-1	18-8	12-17	20-14
Atlanta	24	31	.436	6	6-4	L-2	13-15	11-16	14-23
Charlotte	13	41	.241	16½	3-7	W-3	8-21	5-20	9-25
Washington	9	45	.167	20½	2-8	L-8	3-23	6-22	6-31

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY	CONF
Cleveland	36	17	.679	—	9-1	W-1	19-9	17-8	24-11
Milwaukee	35	21	.625	2½	3-7	L-2	23-7	12-14	25-13
Indiana	31	25	.554	6½	5-5	W-1	17-11	14-14	24-14
Chicago	26	29	.473	11	5-5	L-1	15-12	11-17	15-19
Detroit	8	46	.148	28½	3-7	L-3	4-23	4-23	5-25

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY	CONF
New Orleans	33	22	.600	—	7-3	W-3	16-10	17-12	23-18
Dallas	32	23	.582	1	7-3	W-6	17-13	15-10	20-18
Houston	24	30	.444	8½	3-7	L-1	19-9	5-21	16-14
Memphis	20	36	.357	13½	2-8	W-2	7-20	13-16	13-24
San Antonio	11	44	.200	22	2-8	L-1	5-21	6-23	7-22

NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY	CONF
Minnesota	39	16	.709	—	7-3	W-4	19-5	20-11	27-8
Oklahoma City	37	17	.685	1½	6-4	W-2	21-6	16-11	22-13
Denver	36	19	.655	3	5-5	L-3	21-5	15-14	20-13
Utah	26	30	.464	13½	3-7	L-4	17-10	9-20	13-22
Portland	15	39	.278	23½	2-8	L-6	9-17	6-22	6-31

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY	CONF
L.A. Clippers	36	17	.679	—	7-3	W-1	20-6	16-11	22-13
Phoenix	33	22	.600	4	7-3	W-2	18-11	15-11	19-15
Sacramento	31	23	.574	5½	5-5	W-1	15-9	16-14	20-15
L.A. Lakers	30	26	.536	7½	7-3	W-3	19-9	11-17	20-17
Golden State	27	26	.509	9	8-2	W-1	14-14	13-12	15-20

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

ALL-STAR WEEKEND SCHEDULE

in Indianapolis
SATURDAY'S EVENTS
HBCU Classic, Winston-Salem 64, Virginia Union 47

All-Star Saturday Night

-- Skills Challenge (Team Pacers: Tyrese Haliburton, Indiana, Bennedit Mathurin, Indiana, Myles Turner, Indiana)
-- Three-Point Contest (Damian Lillard, Milwaukee)

-- Stephen Curry vs. Sabrina Ionescu
3-Point Challenge (Stephen Curry)
-- Slam Dunk Contest

SUNDAY'S EVENTS

11:30a.m.: NBA Legends Awards
1:30p.m.: G-League Next Gen Game
East NBA All Stars vs.
West NBA All Stars, 8p.m.

FRIDAY'S RISING STARS RESULTS

SEMIFINAL 1

Team Jalen 40, Team Tamika 35

SEMIFINAL 2

Team Detlef 41, Team Pau 36

FINAL

Team Jalen 26, Team Detlef 13

REGULAR SEASON

MONDAY'S GAMES

No games scheduled.

TUESDAY'S GAMES

No games scheduled.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

No games scheduled.

KNICKS SCHEDULE

February 22: at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
February 24: vs. Boston, 8:30 p.m.
February 26: vs. Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
February 27: vs. New Orleans, 7:30 p.m.
February 29: vs. Golden State, 7:30 p.m.
March 3: at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
March 5: vs. Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
March 8: vs. Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
March 10: vs. Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
March 12: vs. Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.

NETS SCHEDULE

February 22: at Toronto, 7 p.m.
February 24: at Minnesota, 9 p.m.
February 26: at Memphis, 8 p.m.
February 27: at Orlando, 7 p.m.
February 29: vs. Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
March 2: vs. Atlanta, 3 p.m.
March 4: vs. Memphis, 7:30 p.m.
March 5: vs. Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
March 7: at Detroit, 7 p.m.
March 9: at Charlotte, 7 p.m.

Team Jalen 40, Team Tamika 35

FRIDAY'S RESULT

JALEN	Min	M-A	M-A	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Holmgren	9:55	2-4	1-2	0-3	1	0	5
Sochan	6:17	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	0	0
Kessler	9:45	1-1	0-0	0-2	1	2	2
Mathurin	13:20	7-13	2-5	1-2	0	0	18
Williams	9:55	1-1	0-0	1-3	3	0	2
Hawkins	10:28	3-5	0-0	0-5	2	1	7
Lively II	7:00	3-3	0-0	1-2	0	0	6
Totals	60:00	17-27	3-7	3-19	7	3	40

Percentages: FG .630, FT .429.

3-Point Goals: 3-6, .500 (Mathurin 2-4, Hawkins 1-2).

Team Rebounds: 1. Team Turnovers: None.

Blocked Shots: 0

Turnovers: 9 (Holmgren 5, Williams 2,

Kessler, Mathurin).

Steals: 1 (Williams).

Technical Fouls: None.

TAMIKA	Min	M-A	M-A	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Banchero	11:18	2-7	1-2	0-3	2	1	5
Murray	11:19	2-4	0-0	1-3	2	0	5
Duren	7:54	1-4	0-0	0-1	0	0	2
Henderson	11:22	4-6	1-1	0-0	1	0	10
Ivey	9:17	4-7	0-0	1-3	1	2	8
Williams Jr.	7:48	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	0	3
George	7:42	1-4	0-0	1-1	0	0	2
Totals	60:00	15-34	2-3	3-11	8	3	35

Percentages: FG .441, FT .667.

3-Point Goals: 3-16, .188 (Henderson 1-2, Williams Jr. 1-2, Murray 1-3, Duren 0-1, Ivey 0-1, George 0-3, Banchero 0-4).

Team Rebounds: 3. Team Turnovers: None.

Blocked Shots: 1 (George).

Turnovers: 3 (Banchero, Henderson, Ivey).

Steals: 7 (Ivey 4, Duren, George, Williams Jr.).

Technical Fouls: None.

Team Jalen	40	—	40
Team Tamika	35	—	35

T—0:28.

Team Detlef 41, Team Pau 36

FRIDAY'S RESULT

DETLEF	Min	M-A	M-A	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Bates	1:39:05	2-6	0-0	0-0	2	0	5
Buzelis	14:05	3-7	0-0	1-2	2	0	7
Tshiebwe	13:50	1-1	0-0	4-8	0	0	2
McClung	14:00	5-9	2-4	3-5	3	0	12
Williams	14:00	5-10	0-1	1-2	2	0	11
Almansa	0:00	1-2	0-0	0-1	0	1	2
Smith	-1:15:00	1-5	0-0	2-3	1	2	2
Totals	60:00	18-40	2-5	11-21	10	3	41

Percentages: FG .450, FT .400.

3-Point Goals: 3-16, .188 (Buzelis 1-2, Bates 1-3, Williams 1-6, Almansa 0-1, McClung 0-2, Smith 0-2)

Team Rebounds: 6

Team Turnovers: None

Blocked Shots: 2 (Almansa, Bates)

Turnovers: 7 (McClung 3, Williams 2, Buzelis, Tshiebwe)

Steals: 5 (Williams 2, Bates, McClung, Smith)

Technical Fouls: None

TEAM PAU	Min	M-A	M-A	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Miller	13:50	0-4	0-0	1-2	0	0	0
Smith Jr.	14:00	2-4	0-0	0-1	0	0	4
Wmbnyma	14:00	5-6	1-1	3-7	1	1	11
Jaquez Jr.	1:39:00	3-4	0-0	0-2	3	1	6
Podziemski	11:12	1-3	0-0	0-2	4	0	3
Wallace	10:09	3-8	0-0	0-0	1	1	8
Coulibaly	0:00	2-3	0-0	0-0	1	0	4
Totals	60:00	16-32	1-1	4-14	10	3	36

Percentages: FG .500, FT 1.000

3-Point Goals: 3-13, .231 (Wallace 2-6, Podziemski 1-3, Jaquez Jr. 0-1, Smith Jr. 0-1, Miller 0-2)

Team Rebounds: None.

Team Turnovers: None

Blocked Shots: 3 (Wembanyama 2, Miller)

Turnovers: 6 (Wembanyama 5,

Podziemski)

Steals: 4 (Miller 2, Coulibaly, Wembanyama)

Technical Fouls: None

Team Detlef	41	—	41
Team Pau	36	—	36

3-POINT FG PCT.	3FG	3FGA	PCT
Allen, PHO	123	255	.482
Kennard, MEM	75	165	.455
Leonard, LAC	112	247	.453
Powell, LAC	111	245	.453
Williams, OKC	72	159	.453
Nesmith, IND	108	239	.452
Beasley, MIL	156	351	.444
Durant, PHO	108	244	.443
Conley, MIN	115	260	.442
Merrill, CLE	87	197	.442
Holiday, BOS	103	234	.440
McDermott, SA	76	173	.439
Towns, MIN	121	277	.437
Walker, BKN	71	164	.433
Joe, OKC	99	232	.427
Jones, WAS	87	204	.426
Curry, GS	252	599	.421
Harden, LAC	136	323	.421
Hunter, ATL	61	145	.421
McCollum, NO	139	340	.421
Reid, MIN	105	251	.418

Team Jalen26, Team Detlef 13

DETLEF	Min	M-A	M-A	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Bates	6:21	1-3	0-0	1-2	1	1	2
Buzelis	3:27	0-3	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Tshiebwe	7:05	4-5	0-0	2-2	1	0	8
McClung	7:05	0-1	0-0	0-0	3	0	0
A.Williams	7:05	1-2	0-0	0-1	0	0	3
Smith	3:38	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Almansa	0:44	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	60:00	6-15	0-0	3-5	5	2	13

Percentages: FG .400, FT .000

3-Point Goals: 1-7, .143 (A.Williams 1-1, Buzelis 0-1, McClung 0-1, Smith 0-1, Tshiebwe 0-1, Bates 0-2)

Team Rebounds: 1

Team Turnovers: None

Blocked Shots: 1 (A.Williams)

Turnovers: 5 (A.Williams 3, Buzelis, McClung)

Steals: 1 (Buzelis)

Technical Fouls: None

JALEN	Min	M-A	M-A	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Holmgren	7:05	0-0	2-2	0-2	0	0	2
Sochan	3:27	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Kessler	3:27	2-2	0-0	1-1	0	0	4
Mathurin	7:05	1-3	2-2	0-0	2	0	4
J.Williams	7:05	2-3	0-0	0-2	3	0	5
Hawkins	3:38	2-2	0-0	1-1	2	0	5
Lively II	3:38	3-3	0-0	0-0	1	0	6
Totals	60:00	10-15	4-4	2-6	8	0	26

Percentages: FG .667, FT 1.000

3-Point Goals: 2-4, .500 (Hawkins 1-1, J.Williams 1-2, Mathurin 0-1)

Team Rebounds: 2

Team Turnovers: None

Blocked Shots: 1 (Holmgren)

Turnovers: 3 (Holmgren, J.Williams,

Sochan)

Steals: 3 (Holmgren, J.Williams, Mathurin)

Technical Fouls: None

AUTO RACING

NASCAR CUP SERIES
DAYTONA 500 LINEUP

After Wednesday qualifying; subject to change after Duels races; race Sunday at Daytona International Speedway; Daytona Beach, Fla., lap: 2.5 miles

ST #	DRIVER	MAKE	MPH
1	22 Joey Logano	Ford	181.947
2	34 Michael McDowell	Ford	181.686
3	45 Tyler Reddick	Toyota	178.806
4	20 Christopher Bell	Toyota	179.101
5	9 Chase Elliott	Chevy	181.178
6	2 Austin Cindric	Ford	181.207
7	48 Alex Bowman	Chevy	180.014
8	11 Denny Hamlin	Toyota	178.951
9	77 Carson Hocevar	Chevy	177.904
10	42 John H. Nemechek	Toyota	177.837
11	43 Erik Jones	Toyota	179.637
12	14 Harrison Burton	Ford	180.328
13	99 Daniel Suárez	Chevy	179.791
14	71 Zane Smith	Chevy	178.271
15	54 Ty Gibbs	Toyota	179.211
16	6 Brad Keselowski	Ford	179.390
17	5 Kyle Larson	Chevy	181.635
18	24 William Byron	Chevy	181.174
19	17 Chris Buescher	Ford	180.079
20	14 Chase Briscoe	Ford	180.122
21	1 Ross Chastain	Chevy	180.883
22	51 Justin Haley	Ford	179.190
23	84 Jimmie Johnson	Toyota	178.845
24	23 Bubba Wallace	Toyota	179.254
25	41 Ryan Preece	Ford	180.173
26	36 Kaz Grala	Ford	.000.
27	19 Martin Truex Jr	Toyota	179.365
28	16 AJ Allmendinger	Chevy	179.637
29	7 Corey LaJoie	Chevy	179.065
30	4 Josh Berry	Ford	179.634
31	38 Todd Gilliland	Ford	180.339
32	12 Ryan Blaney	Ford	179.989
33	3 Austin Dillon	Chevy	181.068
34	8 Kyle Busch	Chevy	180.995
35	47 Ricky Stenhouse Jr	Chevy	179.172
36	15 Riley Herbst	Ford	180.195
37	31 Daniel Hemric	Chevy	179.522
38	10 Noah Gragson	Ford	180.076
39	62 Anthony Alfredo	Chevy	179.648
40	60 David Ragan	Ford	179.283
DID NOT QUALIFY			
--	78 BJ McLeod	Chevy	177.343.
--	44 JJ Yeley	Chevy	175.572.

UPCOMING CUP SCHEDULE

Feb. 25: Ambetter Health 400, Hampton, Ga.
March 3: Penzoil 400, Las Vegas
March 10: Shriners Children's 500, Avondale, Ariz.
March 17: Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn.
March 24: EchoPark Automotive Grand Prix, Austin, Texas
March 31: Toyota Owners 400, Richmond, Va.
April 7: NASCAR Cup Series Race at Martinsville, Ridgeway, Va.
April 14: Auto EchoPark Automotive 400, Fort Worth, Texas
April 21: GEICO 500, Talladega, Ala.
April 28: Wirth 400, Dover, Del.
May 5: AdventHealth 400, Kansas City, Kan.
May 12: Goodyear 400, Darlington, S.C.
May 19: x-NASCAR All-Star Open, North Wilkesboro, N.C.
May 19: NASCAR All-Star Race, North Wilkesboro, N.C.
May 26: Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C.
June 2: Enjoy Illinois 300 presented by TicketSmarter, Madison, Ill.
June 9: Toyota / Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif.
June 16: Iowa Corn 350, Powered by Ethanol, Newton, Iowa
June 23: NASCAR Cup Series Race at New Hampshire, Loudon, N.H.
June 30: Ally 400, Lebanon, Tenn.
July 7: Grant Park 165, Chicago
July 14: HighPoint.com 400, Long Pond, Pa.
July 21: Brickyard 400, Speedway, Ind.
Aug. 11: Cook Out 400, Richmond, Va.

MLB SPRING TRAINING

(Subject to change)
THURSDAY'S GAME
L.A. Dodgers vs. San Diego, 3:10p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 23
Northeastern U. at Boston, 1:05p.m.
Chi. White Sox vs. Chi. Cubs, 3:05p.m.
San Diego vs. L.A. Dodgers, 3:05p.m.
Texas vs. Kansas City, 3:05p.m.
Arizona vs. Colorado, 3:10p.m.
* U. Minnesota vs. Minnesota, 6:05p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 24
Boston vs. Baltimore, 1:05p.m..
Atlanta vs. Tampa Bay, 1:05p.m.
Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota, 1:05p.m.
Miami vs. St. Louis (ss), 1:05p.m.
N.Y. Yankees vs. Detroit, 1:05p.m.
N.Y. Mets vs. St. Louis (ss), 1:05p.m.
Philadelphia vs. Toronto, 1:07p.m.
Cincinnati vs. Cleveland, 3:05p.m.
Chi. Cubs vs. San Francisco, 3:05p.m.
Seattle vs. Chi. White Sox, 3:05p.m.
Texas vs. Kansas City, 3:05p.m.
Colorado vs. Oakland, 3:05p.m.
Colorado (ss) vs. Arizona, 3:10p.m.
L.A. Dodgers vs. L.A. Angels, 3:10p.m.
Milwaukee vs. San Diego, 3:10p.m.
Houston vs. Washington, 6:05p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

No. 1 UConn (24-2) beat No. 4 Marquette 81-53. Next: at No. 17 Creighton, Tuesday.
No. 2 Purdue (23-2) did not play. Next: at Ohio St., Sunday.
No. 3 Houston (22-3) beat Texas 82-61. Next: vs. No. 10 Iowa St., Monday.
No. 4 Marquette (19-6) lost to No. 1 UConn 81-53. Next: vs. DePaul, Wednesday.
No. 5 Arizona (19-5) vs. Arizona St. Next: vs. Washington St., Thursday.
No. 6 Kansas (20-6) beat No. 25 Oklahoma 67-57. Next: vs. Texas, Saturday.
No. 7 North Carolina (20-6) beat Virginia Tech 96-81. Next: at No. 21 Virginia, Saturday.
No. 8 Tennessee (19-6) beat Vanderbilt 88-53. Next: at Missouri, Tuesday.
No. 9 Duke (20-5) beat Florida St. 76-67. Next: at Miami, Wednesday.
No. 10 Iowa St. (20-5) beat Texas Tech 82-74. Next: at No. 3 Houston, Monday.
No. 11 South Carolina (21-5) lost to LSU 64-63. Next: at Mississippi, Saturday.
No. 12 Baylor (19-6) beat West Virginia 94-81. Next: at No. 19 BYU, Tuesday.
No. 13 Auburn (20-6) lost to No. 22 Kentucky 70-59. Next: at Georgia, Saturday.
No. 14 Illinois (19-6) beat Maryland 85-80. Next: at Penn St., Wednesday.
No. 15 Alabama (18-7) beat Texas A&M 100-75. Next: vs. Florida, Wednesday.
No. 16 Dayton (21-4) beat Fordham 78-70. Next: at George Mason, Wednesday.
No. 17 Creighton (19-7) beat Butler 79-57. Next: vs. No. 1 UConn, Tuesday.
No. 18 Saint Mary's (Cal.) (21-6) did not play. Next: vs. San Francisco, Tuesday.
No. 19 BYU (18-7) lost to Oklahoma St. 93-83. Next: vs. No. 12 Baylor, Tuesday.
No. 20 Wisconsin (17-9) lost to Iowa 88-86, OT. Next: vs. Maryland, Tuesday.
No. 21 Virginia (20-6) beat Wake Forest 49-47. Next: at Virginia Tech, Monday.
No. 22 Kentucky (18-7) beat No. 13 Auburn 70-59. Next: at LSU, Wednesday.
No. 23 Indiana St. (22-5) lost to S. Illinois 74-69. Next: at Valparaiso, Wednesday.
No. 24 FAU (20-5) did not play. Next: at South Florida, Sunday.
No. 25 Oklahoma (18-8) lost to No. 6 Kansas 67-57. Next: at Oklahoma St., Saturday.

SATURDAY'S MEN'S SCORES
EAST

Akron 73, Buffalo 62
Army 59, Holy Cross 53
Baylor 94, West Virginia 81
Binghamton 69, NJIT 55
Boston College 85, Miami 77
Boston U. 74, Navy 65
Brown 71, Penn 64
Colgate 62, Bucknell 50
Cornell 89, Dartmouth 80
Delaware St. 66, Coppin St. 56
Drexel 81, Campbell 66
Duquesne 66, Saint Joseph's 56
Fairleigh Dickinson 93, St. Francis (Pa.) 74
Harvard 80, Columbia 75
Hofstra 82, Northeastern 62
Howard 90, NC Central 82
Illinois 85, Maryland 80
La Salle 82, UMass 81
Lafayette 68, American 62
Le Moyne 75, Stonehill 67
Lehigh 75, Loyola (Md.) 70
Mass.-Lowell 86, Bryant 77
Merrimack 83, LIU 68
Monmouth (NJ) 84, Stony Brook 61
Morgan St. 70, Md.-Eastern Shore 65
Pittsburgh 86, Louisville 59
Princeton 73, Yale 62
Providence 81, DePaul 70
Richmond 90, George Washington 74
Sacred Heart 63, Wagner 53
St. Bonaventure 81, Davidson 80(OT)
UConn 81, Marquette 53
UMBC 80, Albany (NY) 75
Vermont 68, Maine 57
SOUTH
Alabama 100, Texas A&M 75
Alabama A&M 80, MVSU 57
Alcorn St. 69, Bethune-Cookman 54
Appalachian St. 85, Louisiana-Lafayette 73
Ark.-Pine Bluff 80, Alabama St. 74
Arkansas St. 76, South Alabama 73
Austin Peay 87, North Alabama 79
Cincinnati 76, UCF 74
Coastal Carolina 74, Marshall 67
Delaware 62, NC A&T 54
Duke 76, Florida St. 67
Elon 73, UNC-Wilmington 72
Florida 88, Georgia 82
Gardner-Webb 73, SC-Upstate 65
Georgia St. 68, Old Dominion 65
Georgia Tech 65, Syracuse 60
Hampton 67, Towson 61
High Point 99, Radford 74
Jackson St. 77, Florida A&M 55
James Madison 87, Georgia Southern 80
Kentucky 70, Auburn 59
LSU 64, South Carolina 63
Lamar 94, New Orleans 72
Longwood 81, Presbyterian 73
Louisiana Tech 75, FIU 68

McNeese St. 74, Nicholls 47
Mercer 88, Samford 84
Middle Tennessee 96, UTEP 90(2OT)
Mississippi 79, Missouri 76
Mississippi St. 71, Arkansas 67
NC State 78, Clemson 77
Norfolk St. 71, SC State 67(OT)
North Carolina 96, Virginia Tech 81
SE Louisiana 81, Houston Christian 78
Southern Miss. 78, Texas St. 74
Stetson 61, Florida Gulf Coast 60
Tennessee 88, Vanderbilt 53
The Citadel 76, VMI 51
Troy 85, Louisiana-Monroe 57
UNC-Asheville 86, Charleston Southern 55
UT Martin 88, Morehead St. 82
Virginia 49, Wake Forest 47
W. Carolina 70, ETSU 65
W. Illinois 68, Tennessee St. 61
W. Kentucky 72, New Mexico St. 58
MIDWEST
Cent. Michigan 69, W. Michigan 42
Cleveland St. 81, Youngstown St. 73
Creighton 79, Butler 57
Dayton 78, Fordham 70
E. Illinois 72, Lindenwood (Mo.) 57
E. Kentucky 75, Bellarmine 65
E. Michigan 69, Bowling Green 60
Fort Wayne 83, Detroit 69
Iowa 88, Wisconsin 86(OT)
Iowa St. 82, Texas Tech 74
Kent St. 85, N. Illinois 47
Miami (Ohio) 80, Ball St. 59
Michigan St. 73, Michigan 63
Milwaukee 73, N. Kentucky 72
Missouri St. 82, Valparaiso 74
Nebraska 68, Penn St. 49
North Dakota 78, Oral Roberts 65
Oakland 107, IUPUI 59
S. Dakota St. 85, Omaha 77(OT)
S. Illinois 74, Indiana St. 69
SIU-Edwardsville 80, SE Missouri 76
St. Thomas (MN) 83, South Dakota 80
TCU 75, Kansas St. 72
Wright St. 101, Robert Morris 71
SOUTHWEST
Abilene Christian 63, Stephen F. Austin 62
Grambling St. 66, Texas Southern 63
Houston 82, Texas 61
Kansas 67, Oklahoma 57
Lipscomb 85, Cent. Arkansas 68
Northwestern St. 81, Incarnate Word 61
Oklahoma St. 93, BYU 83
Sam Houston St. 83, Liberty 73
Southern U. 77, Prairie View 71
TX A&M-CC 86, TX A&M Commerce 63
TX-Arlington 89, TX Rio Grande Valley 70
Tulsa 93, Rice 82(OT)
UALR 80, S. Indiana 62
WEST
Boise St. 90, Fresno St. 66
California 82, Washington 80
Colorado St. 75, Utah St. 55
Denver 77, N. Dakota St. 71
Gonzaga 102, Pacific 76
Grand Canyon 79, Cal Baptist 76
Idaho 55, Idaho St. 53
Long Beach St. 87, CS Northridge 73
Montana 88, Montana St. 69
N. Colorado 80, Sacramento St. 75
Portland St. 83, N. Arizona 68
San Francisco 82, Loyola Marymount 59
Seattle 66, Utah Tech 65
UC Riverside 67, UC Davis 61
UC Santa Diego 76, Cal St.-Fullerton 69
UC Santa Barbara 77, Hawaii 71
Utah Valley St. 78, S. Utah 75
Washington St. 72, Stanford 59
Weber St. 90, E. Washington 84
Arizona St. at Arizona, late
CS Bakersfield at UC Irvine, late
Colorado at Southern Cal, late
Oregon at Oregon St., late
Portland at Pepperdine, late
Santa Clara at San Diego, late
Wyoming at San Jose St., late
Nevada at UNLV, late

HOW WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

No. 1 South Carolina (24-0) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia, Sunday.
No. 2 Ohio St. (22-3) did not play. Next: at Penn St., Thursday.
No. 3 Stanford (23-3) did not play. Next: vs. Arizona, Friday.
No. 4 Iowa (23-3) did not play. Next: at No. 14 Indiana, Thursday.
No. 5 Texas (24-3) beat Iowa St. 81-60. Next: vs. Texas Tech, Wednesday.
No. 6 NC State (22-3) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Sunday.
No. 7 Kansas St. (22-4) beat UCF 60-58. Next: vs. No. 24 West Virginia, Wednesday.
No. 8 Colorado (20-5) did not play. Next: at No. 10 Southern Cal, Friday.
No. 9 UCLA (19-5) did not play. Next: at Oregon, Sunday.
No. 10 Southern Cal (19-4) did not play. Next: at No. 11 Oregon St., Sunday.
No. 11 Oregon St. (21-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 10 Southern Cal, Sunday.
No. 12 Virginia Tech (21-4) did not play. Next: at No. 18 Louisville, Sunday.
No. 13 LSU (21-4) did not play. Next: at Texas A&M, Monday.

No. 14 Indiana (21-3) did not play. Next: at Illinois, Monday.
No. 15 UConn (22-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 20 Creighton, Monday.
No. 16 Notre Dame (18-6) did not play. Next: at Duke, Monday.
No. 17 Gonzaga (26-2) beat Pacific 91-78. Next: vs. San Francisco, Thursday.
No. 18 Louisville (21-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 12 Virginia Tech, Sunday.
No. 19 Syracuse (21-4) did not play. Next: at Virginia, Sunday.
No. 20 Creighton (21-3) did not play. Next: at No. 15 UConn, Monday.
No. 21 Baylor (18-6) did not play. Next: vs. Texas Tech, Sunday.
No. 22 Utah (19-7) did not play. Next: at No. 9 UCLA, Thursday.
No. 23 Oklahoma (18-7) lost to No. 24 West Virginia 70-66. Next: at Cincinnati, Tuesday.
No. 24 West Virginia (22-3) beat No. 23 Oklahoma 70-66. Next: at No. 7 Kansas St., Wednesday.
No. 25 Princeton (20-3) beat Yale 70-25. Next: at Columbia, Saturday.

SATURDAY'S WOMEN'S SCORES
EAST

Army 58, Holy Cross 43
Binghamton 68, NJIT 48
Boston U. 69, Navy 60
Brown 61, Penn 59
Bryant 62, Mass.-Lowell 43
Butler 55, Villanova 52
Canisius 71, Siena 64
Colgate 59, Bucknell 55
Dartmouth 48, Cornell 44
Fairfield 61, Mount St. Mary's 59
Fairleigh Dickinson 68, St. Francis (Pa.) 48
Iona 54, St. Peter's 35
Lafayette 64, American 57
Le Moyne 55, Stonehill 44
Maine 57, Vermont 55
Manhattan 72, Quinnipiac 66(OT)
Merrimack 61, LIU Brooklyn 59
Niagara 90, Marist 64
Princeton 70, Yale 25
Rhode Island 61, Davidson 49
Sacred Heart 79, Wagner 55
Seton Hall 91, DePaul 78
VCU 63, UMass 49
West Virginia 70, Oklahoma 66
Wisconsin 61, Rutgers 43
UMBC at Albany (NY), late
SOUTH
Alabama A&M 64, MVSU 51
Alcorn St. 51, Bethune-Cookman 40
Appalachian St. 93, Georgia St. 67
Ark.-Pine Bluff 70, Alabama St. 47
Austin Peay 73, Lipscomb 60
Chattanooga 56, ETSU 41
Coppin St. 53, Delaware St. 46
Drake 77, Belmont 71
FAU 67, South Florida 55
FIU 68, Louisiana Tech 51
Florida Gulf Coast 86, Queens (NC) 60
George Mason 60, George Washington 57
Georgia Southern 85, South Alabama 70
High Point 67, Radford 50
Jackson St. 71, Florida A&M 44
Jacksonville 73, North Florida 60
James Madison 73, Coastal Carolina 60
Lamar 63, New Orleans 60
Liberty 86, Sam Houston St. 56
Louisiana-Lafayette 59, Arkansas St. 46
Marshall 89, Old Dominion 75
Memphis 72, East Carolina 70
N. Iowa 89, Murray St. 87
NC Central 70, Howard 64(OT)
Nicholls 81, McNeese St. 67
Norfolk St. 87, SC State 25
North Alabama 88, Bellarmine 66
Presbyterian 67, Longwood 52
Richmond 75, Loyola Chicago 71
SC-Upstate 73, Gardner-Webb 56
SE Louisiana 60, Houston Christian 40
Southern Miss. 68, Texas St. 58
Stetson 64, Kennesaw St. 54
Tennessee St. 84, W. Illinois 71
Troy 81, Louisiana-Monroe 77
UAB 87, Rice 74
UNC-Asheville 68, Charleston Southern 63(OT)
UNC-Greensboro 69, Mercer 49
UT Martin 70, Morehead St. 54
Md.-Eastern Shore at Morgan St., late
Samford at W. Carolina, late
MIDWEST
Akron 65, Buffalo 54
Ball St. 75, Ohio 60
Cleveland St. 64, Milwaukee 51
E. Illinois 68, Lindenwood (Mo.) 62
Green Bay 71, Youngstown St. 59
Ill. Chicago 68, Bradley 47
Illinois St. 78, Valparaiso 64
Kansas St. 60, UCF 58
Kent St. 77, Cent. Michigan 54
Miami (Ohio) 58, W. Michigan 50
Minnesota 86, Northwestern 63
Missouri St. 73, Evansville 56
N. Dakota St. 86, Denver 65
N. Illinois 61, E. Michigan 52
N. Kentucky 77, Wright St. 63
Nebraska 77, Purdue 65
Oral Roberts 102, North Dakota 57
S. Dakota St. 79, Omaha 57

S. Illinois 80, Indiana St. 70
SE Missouri 67, SIU-Edwardsville 57
South Dakota 75, St. Thomas (MN) 61
TCU 79, Cincinnati 72
Toledo 88, Bowling Green 68
Wichita St. 74, Tulsa 65
Duquesne at Saint Louis, late
SOUTHWEST
Cent. Arkansas 83, E. Kentucky 49
Grambling St. 60, Texas Southern 55
Houston 65, Oklahoma St. 57
Incarnate Word 53, Northwestern St. 45
Middle Tennessee 56, UTEP 41
S. Indiana 88, UALR 51
Southern U. 75, Prairie View 68(OT)
Stephen F. Austin 89, Abilene Christian 83
Texas 81, Iowa St. 60
TX A&M-CC 86, TX A&M Commerce 69
TX-Arlington 71, TX Rio Grande Valley 55
Southern U. at Prairie View, late
WEST
Cal Baptist 71, Grand Canyon 65
Cal St.-Fullerton 60, UC San Diego 46
Colorado St. 75, Wyoming 70
E. Washington 74, Weber St. 54
Fresno St. 74, San Jose St. 59
Gonzaga 91, Pacific 78
Idaho 49, Idaho St. 48
Kansas 70, BYU 62
Long Beach St. 86, CS Northridge 62
Montana 72, Montana St. 50
N. Arizona 89, Portland St. 73
N. Colorado 65, Sacramento St. 59
Nevada 68, Boise St. 65(OT)
New Mexico St. 64, W. Kentucky 61
S. Utah 67, Utah Valley St. 66(2OT)
San Diego 66, Loyola Marymount 50
San Diego St. 90, Utah St. 62
Santa Clara 66, Portland 58
UC Irvine 72, CS Bakersfield 68
UC Riverside 50, UC Davis 41
Utah Tech 89, Seattle 75
Air Force at UNLV, late
Pepperdine at Saint Mary's (Cal), late

SOCCER

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PT
Liverpool	25	17	6	2	59	24	57
Arsenal	25	17	4	4	58	22	55
Man City	24	16	5	3	57	26	53
Aston Villa	25	14	5	6	52	33	49
Tottenham	25	14	5	6	52	38	47
Man United	24	13	2	9	33	33	41
Newcastle	25	11	4	10	53	41	37
West Ham	25	10	6	9	36	44	36
Brighton	24	9	8	7	43	40	35
Chelsea	25	10	5	10	42	41	35
Wolverhampton	25	10	5	10	39	40	35
Fulham	25	8	5	12	34	41	29
Bournemouth	24	7	7	10	33	46	28
Brentford	24	7	4	13	35	45	25
Notting. Forest	25	6	6	13	32	44	24
Crystal Palace	24	6	6	12	27	43	24
Luton Town	23	5	5	13	33	45	20
Everton	24	8	5	11	26	32	19
Burnley	25	3	4	18	25	55	13
Sheffield United	24	3	4	17	22	60	13

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Liverpool 4, Brentford 1
Arsenal 5, Burnley 0
Aston Villa 2, Fulham 1
Newcastle 2, Bournemouth 2
Notting. Forest 2, West Ham 0
Wolverhampton 1, Tottenham 1
Man City 1, Chelsea 1

SUNDAY'S MATCHES

Sheffield United vs. Brighton, 9a.m.
Luton Town vs. Man United, 11:30a.m.

MONDAY'S MATCH

Everton vs. Crystal Palace, 3p.m.

TUESDAY'S MATCH

Man City vs. Brentford, 2:30p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21

Liverpool vs. Luton Town, 2:30p.m.

MLS REGULAR SEASON

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21
Inter Miami CF vs. Real Salt Lake, 8p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 24

Columbus Crew vs. Atlanta FC, 2p.m.
Los Angeles FC vs. Seattle, 4:30p.m.
Charlotte FC vs. N.Y. City FC, 7:30p.m.
D.C. United vs. New England, 7:30p.m.
Orlando City SC vs. Montreal, 7:30p.m.
Philadelphia vs. Chicago, 7:30p.m.
Austin FC vs. Minnesota, 8:30p.m.
FC Dallas vs. San Jose, 8:30p.m.
Houston vs. Spring KC, 8:30p.m.
St. Louis CITY SC vs. Real Salt Lake, 8:30p.m.
Portland vs. Colorado, 10:30p.m.

SUNDAY, FEB. 25

FC Cincinnati vs. Toronto FC, 2:30p.m.
Nashville SC vs. N.Y. Red Bulls, 5p.m.
LA Galaxy vs. Inter Miami CF, 8:30p.m.

NHL									
EASTERN CONFERENCE									
ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA		

Florida	55	36	15	4	76	185	135		
Boston	55	32	12	11	75	185	147		
Toronto	53	29	16	8	66	193	168		
Tampa Bay	56	30	21	5	65	193	189		
Detroit	54	28	20	6	62	190	176		
Buffalo	54	24	26	4	52	158	166		
Montreal	55	22	25	8	52	157	198		
Ottawa	51	22	27	2	46	172	184		

METRO.	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA		
N.Y. Rangers	54	35	16	3	73	179	151		
Carolina	53	31	17	5	67	178	154		
Philadelphia	55	29	19	7	65	164	159		
New Jersey	53	27	22	4	58	177	182		
N.Y. Islanders	53	22	18	13	57	155	177		
Washington	53	24	21	8	56	131	167		
Pittsburgh	51	24	20	7	55	150	137		
Columbus	52	16	26	10	42	153	194		

WESTERN CONFERENCE	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA		
Dallas	55	34	14	7	75	208	167		
Colorado	55	33	18	4	70	205	178		
Winnipeg	51	32	14	5	69	152	117		
St. Louis	54	29	23	2	60	160	168		
Nashville	55	28	25	2	58	167	179		
Minnesota	54	25	23	6	56	164	176		
Arizona	53	23	26	4	50	154	168		
Chicago	55	15	37	3	33	115	193		

PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA		
Vancouver	55	37	12	6	80	203	142		
Vegas	53	31	16	6	68	172	146		
Edmonton	51	32	18	1	65	181	147		
Los Angeles	52	26	16	10	62	163	144		
Seattle	54	23	21	10	56	149	155		
Calgary	55	25	25	5	55	166	174		
Anaheim	54	19	33	2	40	139	190		
San Jose	53	15	33	5	35	113	203		

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

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Los Angeles 5, Boston 4(OT)
Chicago 3, Ottawa 2
Edmonton 4, Dallas 3(OT)
Detroit 5, Calgary 0
Nashville 5, St. Louis 2
Buffalo 3, Minnesota 2, OT
Florida 9, Tampa Bay 2
Toronto 9, Anaheim 2
Washington 4, Montreal 3
Philadelphia vs. New Jersey at MetLife Stadium, late
Winnipeg at Vancouver, late
Carolina at Vegas, late
Columbus at San Jose, late

SUNDAY'S GAMES

N.Y. Rangers vs. N.Y. Islanders at MetLife Stadium, 3p.m.
Arizona at Colorado, 6p.m.
Los Angeles at Pittsburgh, 6p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES

Anaheim at Buffalo, 12:30p.m.
Dallas at Boston, 1p.m.
Toronto at St. Louis, 1p.m.
Vancouver at Minnesota, 2p.m.
Detroit at Seattle, 3:30p.m.
Edmonton at Arizona, 4p.m.
Vegas at San Jose, 4p.m.
Winnipeg at Calgary, 4p.m.
Chicago at Carolina, 7p.m.
Ottawa at Tampa Bay, 7p.m.

FRIDAY'S RESULT

Carolina 5, Arizona 1

PWHL

TEAMS	REG.		OT		SO		PT	GF	GA
	GP	W	L	W	L	W			
Minnesota	10	4	2	2	2	0	0	18	23
Montreal	10	3	2	3	2	0	1	17	22
Toronto	11	5	5	1	0	1	0	17	26
Boston	8	2	3	2	1	0	0	11	20
New York	9	2	4	2	1	0	0	11	22
Ottawa	8	2	2	0	4	0	0	10	19

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Minnesota at Ottawa, late
New York at Boston, late

SUNDAY'S GAME

Minnesota at Montreal, 1p.m.

FRIDAY'S RESULT

Toronto 3, Montreal 0

PWHL NEW YORK SCHEDULE

February 21: vs. Montreal, 7 p.m.
February 23: at Toronto, 7 p.m.
February 28: at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
March 3: vs. Minnesota, 12:30 p.m.

Los Angeles 5, Boston 4 (OT)

Los Angeles	1	1	2	1	—	5
Boston	2	1	1	0	—	4

First Period: 1, Boston, van Riemsdyk 10 (Shattenkirk, Frederic), 8:03; 2, Los Angeles, Roy 3 (Lewis, Englund), 11:02; 3, Boston, van Riemsdyk 11 (Pastrnak, McAvoy), 14:45 (pp)
Penalties: Frederic, BOS (Fighting), 11:02; Englund, LA (Fighting), 11:02; Marchand, BOS (Interference), 12:23; Doughty, LA (Slashing), 14:38

Second Period: 4, Boston, Richard 1 (Lauko, Boqvist), 13:04; 5, Los Angeles, Gavrikov 4 (Dubois, Clarke), 16:38

Penalties: Clarke, LA (Delay of Game), 1:41; Doughty, LA (Boarding), 5:41

Third Period: 6, Los Angeles, Laferriere 7 (Dubois, Byfield), 5:51; 7, Boston, Frederic 15 (van Riemsdyk, Geekie), 7:12; 8, Los Angeles, Kopitar 17 (Doughty, Arvidsson), 18:25 (pp)

Penalties: Dubois, LA (Roughing), 11:47; Carlo, BOS (Roughing), 11:47; Zacha, BOS (Holding), 16:25
Overtime: 9, Los Angeles, Clarke 1 (Danault), 4:33

Penalties: Clarke, LA (Hooking), 2:24

Shots on Goal: Los Angeles 16-6-12-1—35; Boston 8-9-10-4—31

Power-play opportunities: Los Angeles 1 of 2; Boston 1 of 4

Goalies: Los Angeles, Rittich 8-2-3 (31 shots-27 saves); Boston, Ullmark 16-6-4 (35-30)

A: 17,850 (17,565)
T: 2:48

Referees: Mitch Dunning, Dan O'Rourke
Linesmen: Michel Cormier, Matt MacPherson

Chicago 3, Ottawa 2

Ottawa	1	1	0	—	2
Chicago	1	1	1	—	3

First Period: 1, Chicago, Foligno 12 (Kurashev, Bedard), 13:29; 2, Ottawa, Stutzle 12 (Joseph, Giroux), 15:57

Penalties: None

Second Period: 3, Ottawa, Chychrun 9 (Tarasenko, Stutzle), 8:13 (pp); 4, Chicago, Bedard 16 (Kurashev), 10:54

Penalties: T.Johnson, CHI (Tripping), 0:37; Raddysch, CHI (Hooking), 6:51

Third Period: 5, Chicago, Dickinson 17 (T.Johnson, Anderson), 18:08

Penalties: Brannstrom, OTT (Slashing), 7:32

Shots on Goal: Ottawa 7-22-13—42; Chicago 8-6-8—22

Power-play opportunities: Ottawa 1 of 2; Chicago 0 of 1

Goalies: Ottawa, Korpisalo 13-18-2 (22 shots-19 saves); Chicago, Mrazek 13-21-2 (42-40)

A: 18,888 (19,717)
T: 2:28

Referees: Michael Markovic, Furman
South

Linesmen: Travis Gawryletz, Kiel Murchison

GAME WINNING GOALS

NAME	TEAM	GP	GW
Elias Pettersson	Vancouver	55	9
Sam Reinhart	Florida	54	9
Matt Duchene	Dallas	53	7
Nathan MacKinnon	Colorado	55	7
Carter Verhaeghe	Florida	54	7
Cole Caufield	Montreal	54	6
Filip Forsberg	Nashville	54	6
Nikita Kucherov	Tampa Bay	54	6
Brad Marchand	Boston	54	6
J.T. Miller	Vancouver	55	6
William Nylander	Toronto	52	6
Brayden Point	Tampa Bay	55	6
Mikko Rantanen	Colorado	55	6
Andrei Svechnikov	Carolina	32	6
Frank Vatrano	Anaheim	53	6
Pavel Buchnevich	St. Louis	51	5
Leon Draisaitl	Edmonton	50	5
Roope Hintz	Dallas	52	5
Chris Kreider	N.Y. Rangers	54	5
Auston Matthews	Toronto	51	5

NHL EXPANDED SCORING LEADERS

Through Saturday

PLAYER, TEAM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	PP	SH	GW	S	PCT
Nikita Kucherov, Tampa Bay	54	36	57	93	6	14	12	0	6	230	15.7
Nathan MacKinnon, Colorado	55	32	57	89	14	32	7	0	7	250	12.8
Connor McDavid, Edmonton	48	21	59	80	20	26	5	1	2	161	13.0
David Pastrnak, Boston	54	34	44	78	20	43	11	0	4	271	12.5
Elias Pettersson, Vancouver	55	28	44	72	18	4	10	0	9	143	19.6
Artemi Panarin, N.Y. Rangers	54	31	40	71	2	16	9	0	3	202	15.3
J.T. Miller, Vancouver	55	24	46	70	23	41	8	1	6	120	20.0
Mikko Rantanen, Colorado	55	29	41	70	-1	32	11	0	6	185	15.7
William Nylander, Toronto	52	27	41	68	0	14	7	2	6	215	12.6
Quinn Hughes, Vancouver	55	12	54	66	37	28	1	0	2	128	9.4
Auston Matthews, Toronto	51	45	21	66	18	4	12	0	5	221	20.4
Sam Reinhart, Florida	54	39	26	65	16	21	22	4	9	142	27.5
Leon Draisaitl, Edmonton	50	26	37	63	12	56	12	0	5	138	18.8
Cale Makar, Colorado	50	13	47	60	7	12	5	1	0	154	8.4
Matthew Tkachuk, Florida	54	18	42	60	11	50	2	0	1	192	9.4
Robert Thomas, St. Louis	53	19	41	60	15	34	3	1	2	108	17.6
Mitchell Marner, Toronto	51	22	38	60	15	14	6	1	2	129	17.1
Sebastian Aho, Carolina	50	19	38	57	8	20	5	1	5	144	13.2
Jesper Bratt, New Jersey	53	20	37	57	2	8	6	0	5	165	12.1
Brayden Point, Tampa Bay	55	26	30	56	-10	10	7	0	6	148	17.6

Edmonton 4, Dallas 3 (OT)

Edmonton	0	3	0	1	—	4
Dallas	0	3	0	0	—	3

First Period: None

Penalties: Hintz, DAL (High Sticking), 9:00; Kulak, EDM (High Sticking), 19:22

Second Period: 1, Dallas, Marchment 18 (Johnston, Duchene), 1:08 (pp); 2, Edmonton, Bouchard 13 (Ekholm, Perry), 2:03; 3, Dallas, Harley 14 (Duchene, Heiskanen), 4:47; 4, Edmonton, Perry 6 (Draisaitl, McDavid), 6:55; 5, Edmonton, Ryan 5 (Nugent-Hopkins), 18:42 (sh); 6, Dallas, Duchene 22 (Marchment, Harley), 19:02 (pp)

Penalties: Dallas bench, served by Marchment (Too Many Men on the Ice), 12:17; Suter, DAL (Tripping), 12:34; Perry, EDM (Holding), 17:58; Draisaitl, EDM (Holding), 20:00

Third Period: None

Penalties: None

Overtime: 7, Edmonton, Bouchard 14 (Draisaitl), 0:30 (pp)

Penalties: Johnston, DAL (Hooking), 0:23

Shots on Goal: Edmonton 7-10-6-1—24; Dallas 6-16-5-0—27

Power-play opportunities: Edmonton 1 of 4; Dallas 2 of 3

Goalies: Edmonton, Pickard 7-2-0 (27 shots-24 saves); Dallas, Oettinger 20-9-3 (24-20)

A: 18,532 (18,532)
T: 2:32

Referees: Wes McCauley, Garrett Rank
Linesmen: Ryan Daisy, James Tobias

Carolina 5, Arizona 1

FRIDAY'S RESULT

Carolina	2	2	1	—	5
Arizona	1	0	0	—	1

First Period: 1, Carolina, Martinook 9 (Skjei, Staal), 0:16; 2, Carolina, Chatfield 5 (Necas, Drury), 4:50; 3, Arizona, Guenther 5, 14:32

Penalties: Skjei, CAR (Tripping), 20:00

Second Period: 4, Carolina, Jarvis 17, 6:28; 5, Carolina, Teravainen 17 (Drury, Noesen), 17:16 (pp)

Penalties: Martinook, CAR (Hooking), 13:48; Bjuggstad, ARI (Roughing), 15:36

Third Period: 6, Carolina, Bunting 12 (Necas), 4:37

Penalties: Martinook, CAR (Tripping), 0:38; Moser, ARI (Interference), 12:35; Carolina bench, served by Bunting (Tripping), 14:45

Shots on Goal: Carolina 15-9-6—30; Arizona 16-5-10—31

Power-play opportunities: Carolina 1 of 2; Arizona 0 of 4

Goalies: Carolina, Kochetkov 14-9-3 (31 shots-30 saves); Arizona, Villalta 0-0-0 (4-4), Arizona, Vejmelka 6-13-2 (26-21)







A: 4,600(5,000); **T:** 2:27

Referees: Brandon Blandina, Chris Schlenker
Linesmen: Jesse Marquis, CJ Murray

SHOTS

NAME	TEAM	GP
David Pastrnak	Boston	54
Nathan MacKinnon	Colorado	55
Nikita Kucherov	Tampa Bay	54
Auston Matthews	Toronto	51
Brady Tkachuk	Ottawa	50
Filip Forsberg	Nashville	54
William Nylander	Toronto	52
Cole Caufield	Montreal	54
Artemi Panarin	N.Y. Rangers	54
Joel Eriksson Ek	Minnesota	53
Matthew Tkachuk	Florida	54
John Tavares	Toronto	51
Owen Tippett	Philadelphia	51
Jake Guentzel	Pittsburgh	50
Mikko Rantanen	Colorado	55
Jonathan Marchessault	Vegas	53
Travis Konecny	Philadelphia	55
Sidney Crosby	Pittsburgh	51
Zach Hyman	Edmonton	49
Nazem Kadri	Calgary	54

SPORTS CALENDAR

	SUN FEB 18	MON FEB 19	TUE FEB 20	WED FEB 21	THU FEB 22	FRI FEB 23	SAT FEB 24
					PHI 7:00 P.M. MSG+		BOS 8:30 P.M. MSG+
					TOR 7:00 P.M. YES		MIN 9:00 P.M. YES
	NYI 3:00 P.M. CH. 7		DAL 7:00 P.M. MSG		NJ 7:00 P.M. MSGSN		PHI 3:00 P.M. MSGSN
			WAS 7:00 P.M. MSGSN2		NYR 7:00 P.M. MSG2		MON 2:00 P.M. MSG2
	NYR 3:00 P.M. CH. 7		PIT 7:00 P.M. MSGSN		STL 8:00 P.M. MSGSN2		TB 2:00 P.M. MSGSN2
	SH 5:00 P.M. FS1			G'TOWN 7:00 P.M. FS1			

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Noon: Loyola of Chicago at Rhode Island, CBSSN
Noon: FAU at South Florida, ESPN
Noon: Wichita St. at Charlotte, ESPN2
1 p.m.: Purdue at Ohio St., CH.2
2p.m.: Chattanooga at Furman, CBSSN
2p.m.: Bradley at N. Iowa, ESPN2
3 p.m.: Northwestern at Indiana, FS1
4 p.m.: Memphis at SMU, ESPN
5 p.m.: Seton Hall at St. John's, FS1
6:30 p.m.: Rutgers at Minnesota, BTN
7 p.m.: Utah at UCLA, FS1

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Noon: Pittsburgh at Clemson, ACCN
Noon: Michigan St. at Michigan, BTN
Noon: Georgia Tech at NC State, CH.11
Noon: Florida at Kentucky, SECN
1 p.m.: Georgia at South Carolina, CH.7
2p.m.: Syracuse at Virginia, ACCN
2p.m.: Virginia Tech at Louisville, ESPN
2p.m.: Columbia at Harvard, ESPN
2p.m.: Tennessee at Vanderbilt, SECN
3 p.m.: Southern Cal at Oregon St., PAC-12N
4 p.m.: Florida St. at Miami, ACCN
4 p.m.: Texas Tech at Baylor, ESPN2
4 p.m.: Missouri at Arkansas, SECN
5 p.m.: UCLA at Oregon, PAC-12N
6 p.m.: North Carolina at Wake Forest, ACCN

NBA

8 p.m.: NBA All-Star Game: West vs. East, Indianapolis , TNT/TBS

NHL

3 p.m.: Stadium Series: NY Rangers vs. NY Islanders, Ch.7

SOCCER

BEACH MEN'S
6:20 a.m.: 2024 FIFA World Cup Group Stage: Japan vs. Belarus, Group C, FS2
7:50 a.m.: 2024 FIFA World Cup Group Stage: Mexico vs. Oman, Group D, FS2
10:20 a.m.: 2024 FIFA World Cup Group Stage: Senegal vs. Colombia, Group C, FS2
11:50 a.m.: 2024 FIFA World Cup Group Stage: Brazil vs. Portugal, Group D, FS2
6:20 a.m. (Monday): 2024 FIFA World Cup Group Stage: Egypt vs. U.S., Group A, FS2

MEN'S

9 a.m.: Premier League: Brighton & Hove Albion at Sheffield United, USA
11:30 a.m.: Premier League: Manchester United at Luton Town, USA
WOMEN'S
10 a.m.: Bundesliga: Essen at Bayern, CBSSN

COLLEGE WRESTLING

2p.m.: Wisconsin at Iowa, BTN
4 p.m.: Nebraska at Penn St., BTN
AUTO RACING
2:30 p.m.: NASCAR Cup Series: The DAYTONA 500,CH.5

BOWLING

1 p.m.: PBA: The Pete Weber Missouri Classic, FS1

MEN'S LACROSSE

Noon: Loyola (Md.) at Johns Hopkins, ESPN
COLLEGE SOFTBALL

9:30 a.m.: Shriners Children's Clearwater Invitational: Washington vs. North Carolina, ACCN

9:30 a.m.: Shriners Children's Clearwater Invitational: Texas vs. Northwestern, ESPN2

9:30 a.m.: Shriners Children's Clearwater Invitational: Minnesota vs. LSU, SECN

6 p.m.: Shriners Children's Clearwater Invitational: UCF vs. UCLA, ESPN

8 p.m.: Shriners Children's Clearwater Invitational: Florida St. vs. Tennessee, ESPN

GOLF

4:30 a.m.: Ladies European Tour: The Aramco Saudi Ladies International, Final Round, GOLF
1 p.m.: PGA Tour: The Genesis Invitational, Final Round, GOLF
3 p.m.: PGA Tour: The Genesis Invitational, Final Round, CH.2
3 p.m.: PGA Tour Champions: The Chubb Classic, Final Round, GOLF

HORSE RACING

3 p.m.: NYRA: America's Day at the Races, FS2
RODEO
Noon: PBR: Championship Round, Los Angeles (Taped), CH.2

SKIING

3 p.m.: FIS: Alpine World Cup, Deer Valley, Utah, CH.4

4 p.m.: FIS: Alpine World Cup,

Minneapolis, CH.4
TENNIS
6 a.m.: Dubai-WTA Early Rounds
Rotterdam-ATP, Buenos Aires-ATP,

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON: Acquired RHP David Sandlin from Kansas City in exchange for RHP John Schreiber.
SEATTLE: Claimed RHP Levi Stoudt off waivers from Cincinnati. Designated OF Canaan Smith-Njigba for assignment.
National League
ARIZONA: Agreed to terms with OF Randal Grichuk on a one-year contract. Placed RHP Drey Jameson on the 60-day IL.
WASHINGTON: Agreed to terms with RHP Jacob Barnes on a minor league contract.

FOOTBALL
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
SEATTLE: Named Charles London quarter-back coach.

HOCKEY
NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
ANAHEIM: Activated C Alex Killorn from injured reserve.
BOSTON: Recalled C Anthony Richard from Providence (AHL).
COLORADO: Recalled C Chris Wagner from Colorado (AHL) loan.
TORONTO: Recalled D Max Lajoie from Toronto (AHL).
VANCOUVER: Recalled F Arshdeep Bains from Abbotsford (AHL). Returned D Jett Woo to Abbotsford on loan.
WASHINGTON: Activated LW Sonny Milano from injured reserve.
MINOR LEAGUE HOCKEY
American Hockey League
CALGARY WRANGLERS: Signed D Patrick Kudla to a professional tryout contract (PTO) from Idaho (ECHL).
CLEVELAND: Signed F Alex Whelan to a rest-of-season contract.
HARTFORD WOLFPACK: Signed F Blade Jenkins to a one-way contract for remainder of the season.
LEHIGH VALLEY: Recalled G Nolan Maier form Reading (ECHL) loan.
ROCKFORD: Recalled G Mitchell Weeks from Indy (ECHL) loan.
ECHL
ECHL: Suspended Iowa F Adam Goodsir one game for an instigating penalty on Feb. 16 in a game against Indy.
ADIRONDACK: Activated D Ryan Orgel from reserve. Placed D Darian Skeoch on bereavement/family leave.
ATLANTA: Activated G Brad Barone and F Mitch Walinski from reserve. Planced G Josh Boyko and D Jacob Graves on reserve.
FORT WAYNE: Activated G Tyler Parks from reserve. Placed G Ryan Fanti on reserve.
GREENVILLE: Activated Fs Cole Donhauser and Austin Saint from reserve. Placed Fs Jake Smith and Jordan Timmons on reserve.
INDY: Acquired G Caydon Edwards from the emergency backup goalie list (EBUG).
IOWA: Activated G Hunter Jones and F Will Calverley from reserve. Placed G Peyton Jones on reserve.

TENNIS

ATP ABN AMRO OPEN
Saturday at Ahoy Rotterdam; Rotterdam, Netherlands; indoors, hardcourt
MEN'S SINGLES, SEMIFINALS
#1Jannik Sinner d.
Tallon Griekspoor, 6-2, 6-4.
#5Alex de Minaur vs.
#6 Grigor Dimitrov, 6-4, 6-3.

ATP DELRAY BEACH OPEN

Saturday at Delray Beach Stadium & Tennis Center; Delray Beach, Fla.;
outdoors, hardcourt
MEN'S SINGLES, SEMIFINALS
#1 Taylor Fritz vs.
Marcos Giron, late.
#3 Tommy Paul d.
#2 Frances Tiafoe, 6-2, 6-2.

ATP IEB+ ARGENTINA OPEN

Saturday at Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club; Buenos Aires; outdoors, Red clay
MEN'S SINGLES, SEMIFINALS
#3 Nicolas Jarry d.
#1 Carlos Alcaraz, 7-6 (2), 6-3.
Facundo Diaz Acosta, d.
Federico Coria, 6-2, 6-3.

WTA DOHA TOTAL ENERGIES OPEN
Saturday at Khalifa International Tennis and Squash Complex; Doha, Qatar;
outdoors, hardcourt
WOMEN'S SINGLES, CHAMPIONSHIP
#1 Iga Swiatek d.
#3 Elena Rybakina, 7-6 (8), 6-2.

Delray Beach-ATP Finals, TENNIS
2 a.m. (Monday): Dubai-WTA,
Doha-ATP, Rio de Janeiro-ATP, Los
Cabos-ATP Early Rounds, TENNIS

GOLF

PGA TOUR
GENESIS INVITATIONAL
3rd of 4rounds, Riviera Country Club;
Pacific Palisades, Calif.; 7,322yards; Par: 71

Patrick Cantlay	64-65-70-199	-14
Xander Schauffele	70-66-65-201	-12
Will Zalatoris	66-70-65-201	-12
Luke List	65-69-68-202	-11
Jason Day	65-69-69-203	-10
Harris English	69-69-65-203	-10
Corey Connors	70-65-70-205	-8
Hideki Matsuyama	69-68-68-205	-8
J.T. Poston	68-71-66-205	-8
Adam Hadwin	69-70-67-206	-7
Tom Hoge	66-70-70-206	-7
Beau Hossler	68-70-68-206	-7
Mackenzie Hughes	69-65-72-206	-7
Adam Svensson	67-72-67-206	-7
Eric Cole	73-69-65-207	-6
Tony Finau	70-67-70-207	-6
Ben Griffin	72-69-66-207	-6
Adam Scott	72-68-67-207	-6
Cameron Young	72-66-69-207	-6
Christiaan Bezuidenhout	69-69-70-208	-5
Lucas Glover	69-71-68-208	-5
Russell Henley	70-69-69-208	-5
Max Homa	73-65-70-208	-5
Kurt Kitayama	70-69-69-208	-5
Scottie Scheffler	68-70-70-208	-5
Brendon Todd	68-71-69-208	-5
Byeong Hun An	67-72-70-209	-4
Sam Burns	70-71-68-209	-4
Tommy Fleetwood	70-68-71-209	-4
Viktor Hovland	70-69-70-209	-4
Rory McIlroy	74-66-69-209	-4
Seamus Power	74-68-67-209	-4
Nick Taylor	70-69-70-209	-4
Ludvig Aberg	68-72-70-210	-3
Rickie Fowler	70-69-71-210	-3
Brian Harman	69-70-71-210	-3
Tom Kim	69-69-72-210	-3
Taylor Moore	69-73-68-210	-3
Cameron Davis	65-73-73-211	-2
Sungjae Im	71-71-69-211	-2
Denny McCarthy	69-74-68-211	-2
Collin Morikawa	70-71-70-211	-2
Sahith Theegala	72-69-70-211	-2
Lee Hodges	69-74-69-212	-1
Si Woo Kim	69-74-69-212	-1
Andrew Putnam	71-70-71-212	-1
Gary Woodland	70-72-70-212	-1
Nicolai Hojgaard	70-71-73-214	+1
Emiliano Grillo	70-71-74-215	+2
Charley Hoffman	69-74-72-215	+2
Chase Johnson	72-70-73-215	+2
Jordan Spieth	66-73-DQ	

PGA CHAMPIONS: CHUBB CLASSIC

2nd of 3 rounds, The Black Course, Naples, Fla., 6,909; Par 72
Stephen Ames
Rocco Mediate
Paul Broadhurst
Alex Cejka
Ernie Els
Mark Hensby
67-64-131 -13
63-71-134 -10
69-66-135 -9
66-69-135 -9
66-69-135 -9
66-69-135 -9

ODDS

COLLEGE BASKETBALL FAVORITE	LINE	SUNDAY UNDERDOG
at Charlotte	7½	Wichita State
Loyola Chicago	4½	at Rhode Island
Florida Atlantic	3½	at South Florida
Purdue	7½	at Ohio State
Belmont	2½	at UIC
at Furman	3	Chattanooga
Canisius	2½	at Siena
at East Carolina	1½	Tulane
at Temple	5½	UTSA
at Fairfield	5½	Mount St. Mary's
at Qiinnipiac	7½	Niagara
at Drake	9½	Murray State
Bradley	2½	at Northern Iowa
at UAB	2½	North Texas
at Illinois State	4½	Evansville
at Indiana	1½	Northwestern
at SMU	4½	Memphis
at UCLA	3	Utah

NHL

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
NY Rangers	-150	at NY Islanders	+125
at Colorado	-240	Arizona	+195
at Pittsburgh	-122	Los Angeles	+102

DAILY NEWS NYDailyNews.com

6 a.m. (Monday): Dubai-WTA,
Doha-ATP, Rio de Janeiro-ATP, Los
Cabos-ATP Early Rounds, TENNIS

Richard Green	68-68-136	-8
Steve Stricker	69-67-136	-8
Davis Love III	70-67-137	-7
Joe Durant	67-71-138	-6
Brian Gay	69-69-138	-6
Jerry Kelly	70-68-138	-6
Rod Pamplung	70-68-138	-6
Charlie Wi	69-69-138	-6
Steven Alker	67-72-139	-5
K.J. Choi	70-69-139	-5
Padraig Harrington	69-70-139	-5
Tim Petrovic	70-69-139	-5
Ken Tanigawa	67-72-139	-5
Kirk Triplett	70-69-139	-5
David Bransdon	69-71-140	-4
Fred Couples	73-67-140	-4
Scott Dunlap	67-73-140	-4
Matt Gogel	70-70-140	-4
Paul Goydos	70-70-140	-4
Miguel Angel Jimenez	72-68-140	-4
Notah Begay	72-69-141	-3
Steve Flesch	68-73-141	-3
Harrison Frazer	68-73-141	-3
Gibby Gilbert III	71-70-141	-3
Ricardo Gonzalez	70-71-141	-3
Rob Labritz	72-69-141	-3
Michael Muehr	71-70-141	-3
Boo Weekley	71-70-141	-3
Stuart Appleby	74-68-142	-2
Marco Dawson	73-69-142	-2
Ken Duke	68-74-142	-2
Lee Janzen	69-73-142	-2
Mario Tiziani	70-72-142	-2
David Toms	72-70-142	-2
Billy Andrade	71-72-143	-1
Colin Montgomerie	71-72-143	-1
Dicky Pride	68-75-143	-1
Gene Sauers	77-66-143	-1
Heath Slocum	74-69-143	-1
Paul Stankowski	73-70-143	-1
Mike Weir	71-72-143	-1
Shane Bertsch	70-74-144	E
Russ Cochran	72-72-144	E
Bob Estes	69-75-144	E
John Huston	73-71-144	E
Timothy O'Neal	73-71-144	E
Steve Allan	74-71-145	+1
Glen Day	71-74-145	+1
Y.E. Yang	70-75-145	+1
Woody Austin	72-74-146	+2
Jason Bohn	78-68-146	+2
Tom Pernice	71-75-146	+2
John Senden	73-73-146	+2
Jeff Sluman	77-69-146	+2
Mark Calcavecchia	76-71-147	+3
Chris DiMarco	72-75-147	+3
Justin Leonard	71-76-147	+3
Scott Parel	76-71-147	+3
Scott Verplank	75-72-147	+3
Olin Browne	73-76-149	+5
Billy Mayfair	72-77-149	+5
Michael Allen	75-75-150	+6
Cameron Beckman	75-75-150	+6
John Daly	70-72-142	+7
Robert Gamez	77-74-151	+7
Brandt Jobe	74-77-151	+7
Tom Lehman	78-73-151	+7
Jeff Maggert	74-77-151	+7
Scott McCarron	79-72-151	+7
Duffy Waldorf	73-78-151	+7
Mikael Lundberg	80-72-152	+8
David Duval	80-WD	

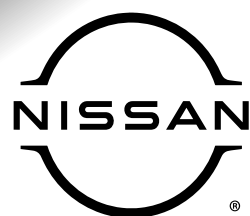
NBA ALL-STAR GAME

FAVORITE	LINE (O/U)	SUNDAY UNDERDOG
West Stars	2½ (36¼/4)	East Stars

Margin of victory
West (1-10) +165
East (1-10) +230
All-Star Game MVP*
Giannis Antetokounmpo +600
Tyrese Haliburton +800
Stephen Curry +800
LeBron James +800
Jayson Tatum +900
Anthony Edwards +900
Kevin Durant +1100
Damian Lillard +1100
Shai Gilgeous-Alexander +1200
Luka Doncic +1400
Devin Booker +1600
Donovan Mitchell +2200
Paul George +3500
Jalen Brunson +3500
Anthony Davis +4000

*MVP odds from Draft Kings.

For the latest odds, go to FanDuel Sportsbook, <https://sportsbook.fanduel.com/>



NISSAN
OF THE BRONX

PRESIDENT'S

SALES EVENT ALL MONTH LONG!



2024 NISSAN

ALTIMA S FWD

VIN 1N4BL4BVXRN346160, MSRP \$27,535

\$234 /MO
LEASE FOR 36 MO. LEASE \$2995 DOWN

2
OR MORE
AT THIS
PRICE



2023 NISSAN

ROGUE S AWD

VIN 5N1BT3AB2PC862772, MSRP \$31,400

\$249 /MO
LEASE FOR 36 MO. LEASE \$2995 DOWN

2
OR MORE
AT THIS
PRICE



2024 NISSAN

PATHFINDER S AWD

VIN 5N1DR3AC7RC240204, MSRP \$39,785

\$329 /MO
LEASE FOR 36 MO. LEASE \$2995 DOWN

2
OR MORE
AT THIS
PRICE



3660 Boston Rd. | Bronx, NY 10469

718.260.6704 | NissanoftheBronx.com

Altima Selling Price \$25,932, Rogue Selling price \$30,013, Pathfinder Selling Price \$37,385. \$2,995 cash or equity due at signing plus acquisition fee, tax and license. A dealer documentary service fee for up to \$200 may be added to the sale price or capitalized cost. \$0 security deposit. Mile charge \$0.25/mile over \$5,000 miles/year. On approved credit through Nissan Motor Acceptance Corporation only. See dealer for details. Expires 2/29/24.

THE NISSAN
**THRILL OF
THE DRIVE**
SALES EVENT

'I THOUGHT WE HAD MOVED PAST THAT'

BY TONY PAIGE
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

"I know that there's an aisle in between, but it's not a barrier. It's invisible. You guys need to reach your hands across. You need to cooperate. You need to compromise, and you need to coexist. This is the greatest country in the world and it's the best when Republicans and Democrats are working together. Nobody on either side has all the answers. You've got to listen to each other."

— Larry Doby Jr. politely chastising members of Congress while accepting the Congressional Gold Medal on behalf of his late father baseball Hall of Famer Larry Doby

When a statue of Jack Roosevelt Robinson was stolen, mutilated and burned last month in Wichita, Kan., by a bunch of slacked jawed, tiny membered cretins, it seems the more things change ... you know the rest.

For Larry Doby Jr., son of the Hall of Famer who was the second man of color to break baseball's segregation policy, he could only vent.

"Oh, my goodness," he tells the Daily News in disgust. "I thought we had moved passed that. You'd think that we've already fought those battles and it just seems sometimes we're going backwards. It's crazy. I just don't understand what is in people's minds."

Doby Jr. is on a break from his day/night job of being a rigger — someone who builds stages for performers. His boss is Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Billy Joel. They've been together for a while.

"Oh, my goodness like 28 years or something like that," says the 66-year-old Montclair, N.J. resident with a chuckle. After traveling around the world with the Piano Man, in about two weeks it's back to work with another gig.

"We're playing Tampa with Sting in the Bucs Stadium," he says.

Doby's dad had it just as tough as Jackie Robinson, but that spotlight wasn't as bright as many of the Cleveland writers treated him shabbily and called him moody and sullen.

"When he reported to the Indians, [with] 25 players, a manager

who didn't want him and three coaches, he was introduced in the locker room and five guys shook his hand," says Jerry Izenberg, long-time columnist with The Star Ledger. He is the author of "Larry Doby in Black and White: The Story of a Baseball Pioneer" due out in March by Skyhorse Publishing. "Everybody else gave him a dead fish [handshake] and two of them turned and faced the wall."

Izenberg and Doby, raised in Paterson, N.J., had a long friendship though it got off to a strange start.

"My doorbell rang, and Larry was standing in the snow. He said, 'What do you drink?'" recalls Izenberg, 93, now residing in Las Vegas of that 1967 encounter. "Those days I drank a lot. I said if it's wet, I'll drink it. He said, 'I'll be here at seven with a bottle' and turned around and walked away into the snow."

"I couldn't figure out if I wrote a piece that offended him because I was his hometown columnist. He comes at seven with a bottle. He puts it on the kitchen table, and we didn't get up from that table till 10 or 11 the next morning."

Doby Jr. helped Izenberg with the book because he noted, "my father had a really hard life and as a result of that, he did not trust any people."

"You are the one that he trusted."

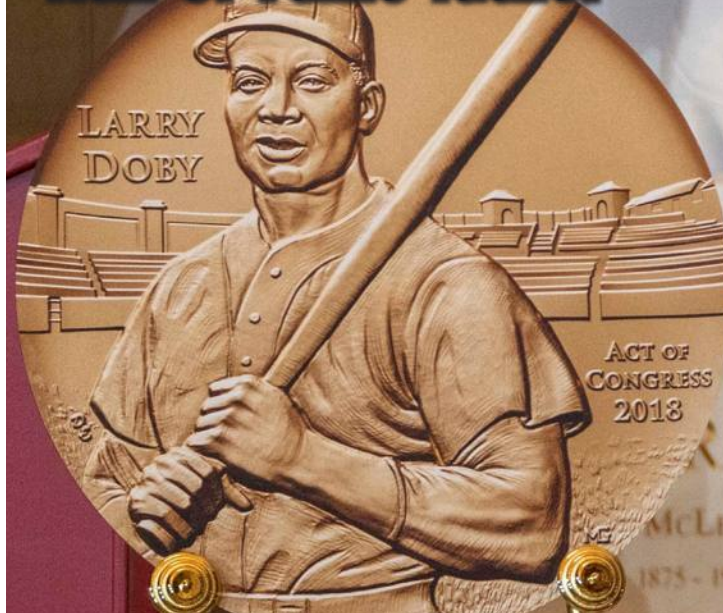
Doby Jr. wasn't the baseball player his father was, not many were. He earned a baseball scholarship to Duke University and played a bit in the minors for the White Sox but had his education to fall back on with a major in history and philosophy.

"I was determined to graduate college because my father instilled that in me," says Doby Jr. "I wanted to play sports. That didn't work out, but I was going to get that piece of paper one way or the other. Duke was a wonderful experience."

When Doby Jr. played sports (baseball, basketball and football in high school, baseball and football at Duke), his father was on the road coaching.

"He was a father/coach," recalls Doby Jr. "He was very cognizant that he did not want to push me, and he actually erred on the side of not enough coaching. As he

Larry Doby Jr. goes off on theft of Jackie Robinson statue and reminisces about his Hall of Fame father



would always tell me, listen to your coaches. I'm not there."

But when he did, it was odd.

"When he then took an interest in me to coach, I was like, 'Really? Now you want to coach?'" he says laughing. "Luckily, that didn't last long and then I was all ears but in the beginning it was weird because he really was a hands off kind of guy as a coach."

"He was hands on as a father but hands off as a coach."

Getting back to his December admonishment to the politicians in the room that included Speaker of the House Mike Johnson and Senators Mitch McConnell and Cory Booker, how did that happen?

"You have these congressmen

that sit across the aisle from each other and it's the greatest country in the world, but it's the greatest country in the world when those people are working together," says Doby Jr. "Nobody knows everything, and we can always learn something. To the day you die, you can learn something."

Some just don't want to learn. The destruction of the Jackie Robinson statue in Wichita struck a nerve with Doby Jr. because his father had statues erected in his honor most notably at Cleveland's Progressive Field.

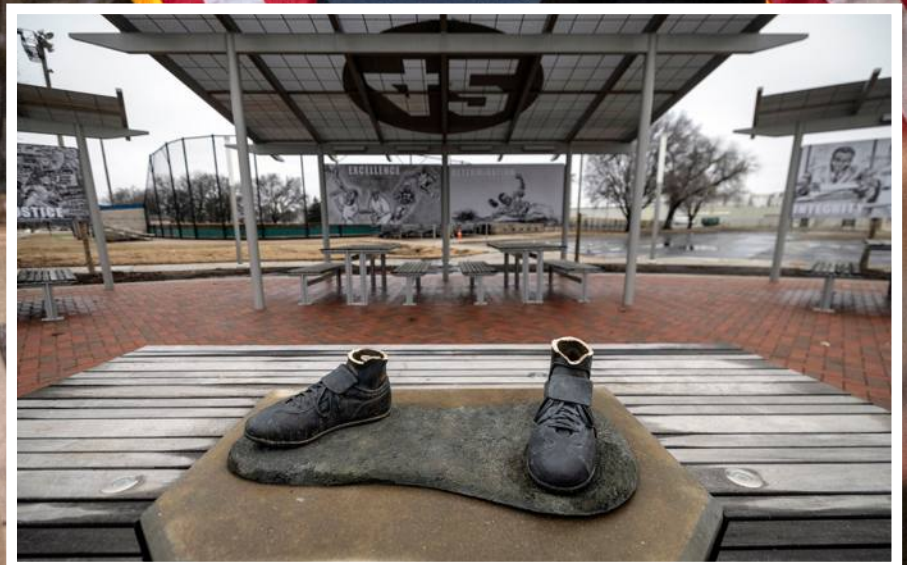
"It's hard for us to fathom that a certain person couldn't drink out of the same water fountain, couldn't use the same bathroom,

couldn't eat in the same restaurants, couldn't stay in the same hotels," says Doby Jr. with the quiet undertone much like his dad. "That's almost like a foreign concept."

"We just don't realize it because it doesn't affect us daily and then when something like the statue defacing in Wichita, we can't believe it."

When Cleveland won Game 4 of the 1948 World Series, Doby became the first Black man to homer in a Fall Classic. Winning pitcher Steve Gromek and Doby hugged each other with big smiles after the game. They went on to defeat the Boston Braves in six games capturing Cleveland's first championship

Larry Doby Jr., who spoke after his father posthumously received the Congressional Gold Medal and used the opportunity to call for unity in Congress, says he's stunned that someone would still have it in them to destroy a statue honoring Jackie Robinson (inset) in Wichita, Kan., recently. AP



since 1920. Doby hit .318 for the Series. He also lead the American League in homers twice (1952 and 1954) and RBI once (1954).

The photo of the two of them went viral courtesy of the Associated Press. Let's just say most of America was appalled. They couldn't fathom that a Black man and a white man could smile, hug and touch each other cheek to cheek in the warm embrace of victory.

The photo of the two of them hugging is on the back of Doby's Congressional Gold Medal.

Gromek stated when he returned home to Hamtramck, Mich., someone told him, "You could have just shook his hand."

Some members on the team did

help him like future Hall of Famer Joe Gordon who offered to play catch with the rookie from the Negro Leagues.

After all his struggles and accomplishments, it seemed like Doby would never make it into the Hall of Fame. It was now up to the Veteran's Committee and Isenberg had written columns questioning why Doby wasn't in.

Doby told him to stop trying, but Isenberg gave it one last shot.

"I wrote the nastiest column I could possibly write about the lack of traction in getting Doby in the Hall and mailed it to every member of the Veteran's Committee," says Isenberg. "One of them answered me and it started, Dear

Asshole, Monte [Irvin] and Yogi [Berra] and I have been advocating Larry's cause ever since the Veteran's Committee got a chance on him. So why don't you get your fat ass off the couch and go out and try to get the votes we need. Signed Ted Williams.

"They used to leave their gloves on the outfield grass when they came in. So, Doby's bending over to pick up his glove when somebody swats him in the ass, and he turns around and it's Ted Williams. He says, 'Keep your head up buddy. You're gonna be a great player.' Williams recognized it right away."

Doby was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1998 and he

passed in 2003.

Doby Jr. realized his father was a great dad even though he was on the road coaching or becoming the second Black man to manage in the Majors behind Frank Robinson.

Once a number two, always a number two?

"We root for the underdog, and we want somebody to succeed especially when they've had difficulties," says Doby. "We've kind of lost that compassion."

Something that both his parents instilled in him. With both his mother, the glue of the family and his father's source of strength, and his father gone, Doby Jr. knows his dad is still

with him.

"If you don't miss [your father] then that probably means you didn't have a good relationship with him, so I miss him every day," says Doby Jr. who grew up with his four sisters. "I'm very lucky to have him as a father and very lucky that people see fit to honor him now even though it's bitter-sweet because he's not here."

As for those who thought Doby didn't belong in the Hall because it took a while for him to get in, Isenberg set the record straight.

"What do you think Babe Ruth's average would have been if he had a death threat every night?" says Isenberg.

POLAR BEAR JUST 'LISTENING'

Alonso arrives at spring training, says no talk on contract for beyond this season: P. 58-59

SPORTS
FINAL

Sunday, February 18, 2024

DAILY NEWS

**LUPICA: Full-strength
Knicks should be tough
come playoff time**

**IT
COULD
BE GOOD**



Injuries to top players have made the Knicks an unknown quantity for much of the NBA's regular season, but if they get all of their players healthy Jalen Brunson (above) and crew will be a playoff powerhouse. P. 52-53

0126832 10070 1 09077 SF-CITY 02/18/24

CN

AP

DAILY NEWS

Your Trusted New York News Source



Enjoy your subscription across all your
devices at enewspaper.nydailynews.com

HAL FOSTER'S
Prince Valiant
BY SCHULTZ AND YEATES

"THEN HE RETURNED TO THE PLACE OF THE FISHERMEN, WHO HAD LIVED FOR MANY YEARS IN PEACE WITH US. WHEN THEY OBJECTED TO HIS EVIL ACTIONS...

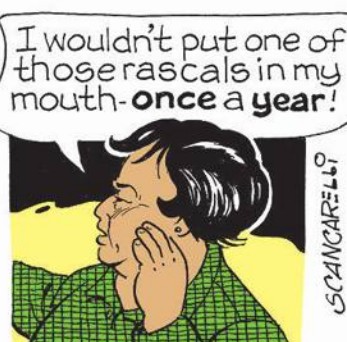
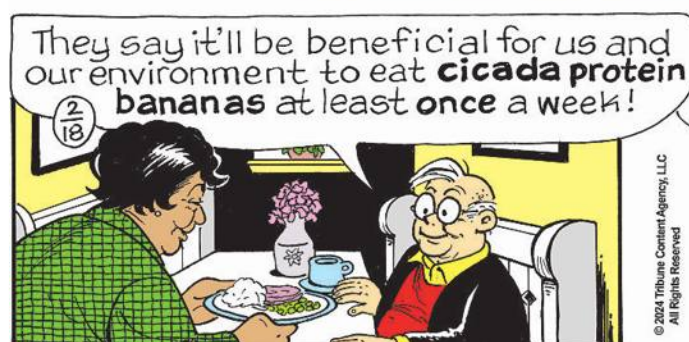
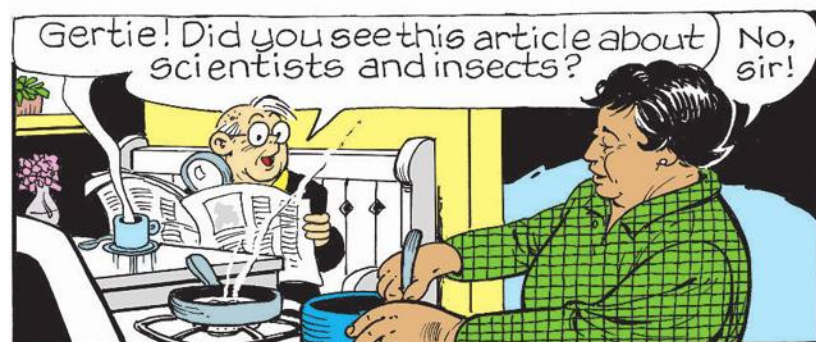
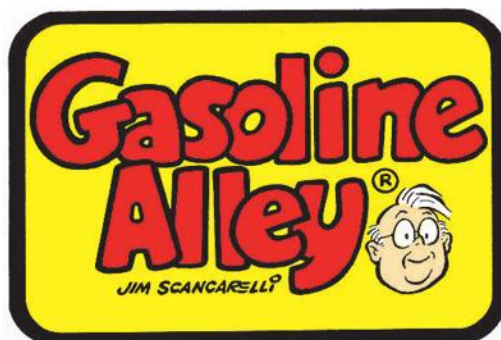
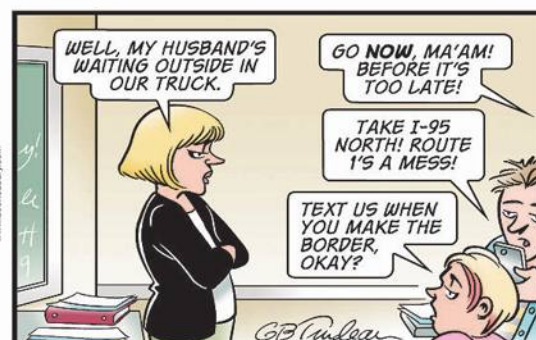
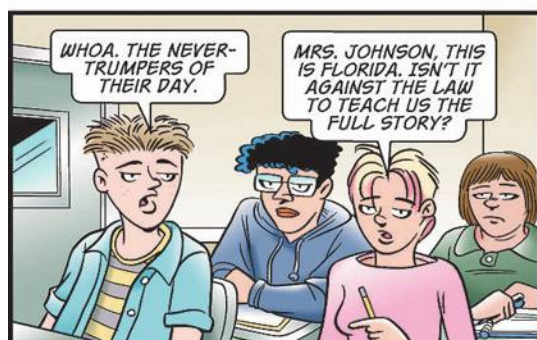
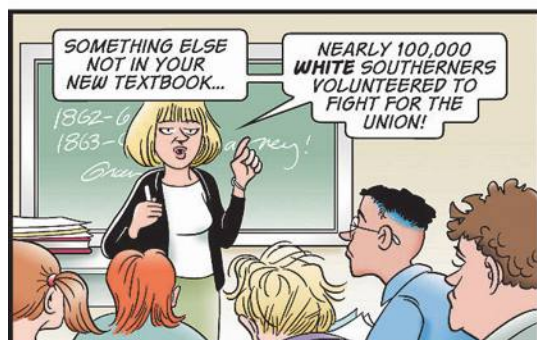
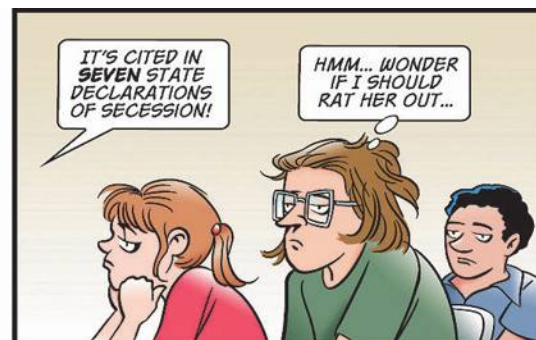
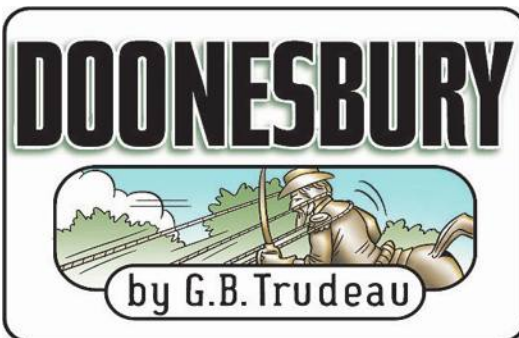
THE LEADER OF THE SNAKE PEOPLE CONTINUES HIS TRAGIC TALE: "THE MAD SAXON SLAUGHTERED MANY OF MY PEOPLE TO CAPTURE OUR SACRED BLACK STONE, WHICH HOLDS THE POWER TO PROCLAIM A NEW KING.

"...HE ROUNDED THEM UP AND TOOK THEM AWAY FROM THE LAND, AND HAD THEM ALL DROWNED BEFORE SAILING NORTH. WITH OUR BLACK STONE TAKEN FAR FROM US, WE CALLED TO OUR GODS...

"...AND THEY SENT A WIND THAT DELIVERED YOU AND YOUR CHARMED SWORD TO US! RETURN THE STONE TO US, O PRINCE, AND WE SHALL RETURN FLAMBERGE TO YOU.

"...IF YOU FAIL US, FLAMBERGE SHALL BE GIFTED TO THE MOUNTAIN DWARVES WHO FORGED HER. NOW, GO TO THE PLACE CALLED DYFFLIN, AND FIND THE MAD CHIEFTAIN NAMED WITGAR!" VAL GASPS—HE KNOWS THAT NAME!

NEXT:
Night Fears



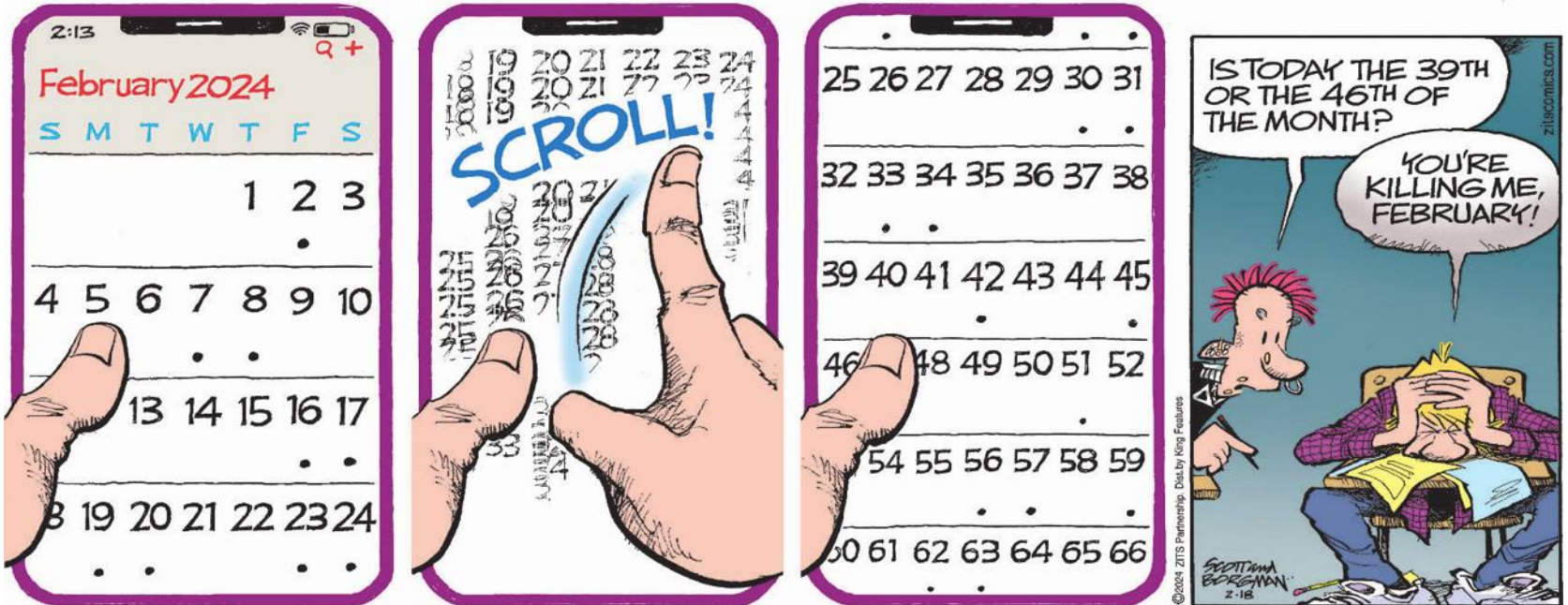
WUMO

By MIKAEL WULFF & ANDERS MORGENTHALE



ZITS

By JERRY SCOTT & JIM BORGMAN



GRAND AVENUE

By MIKE THOMPSON



THE ARGYLE SWEATER

By SCOTT HILBURN



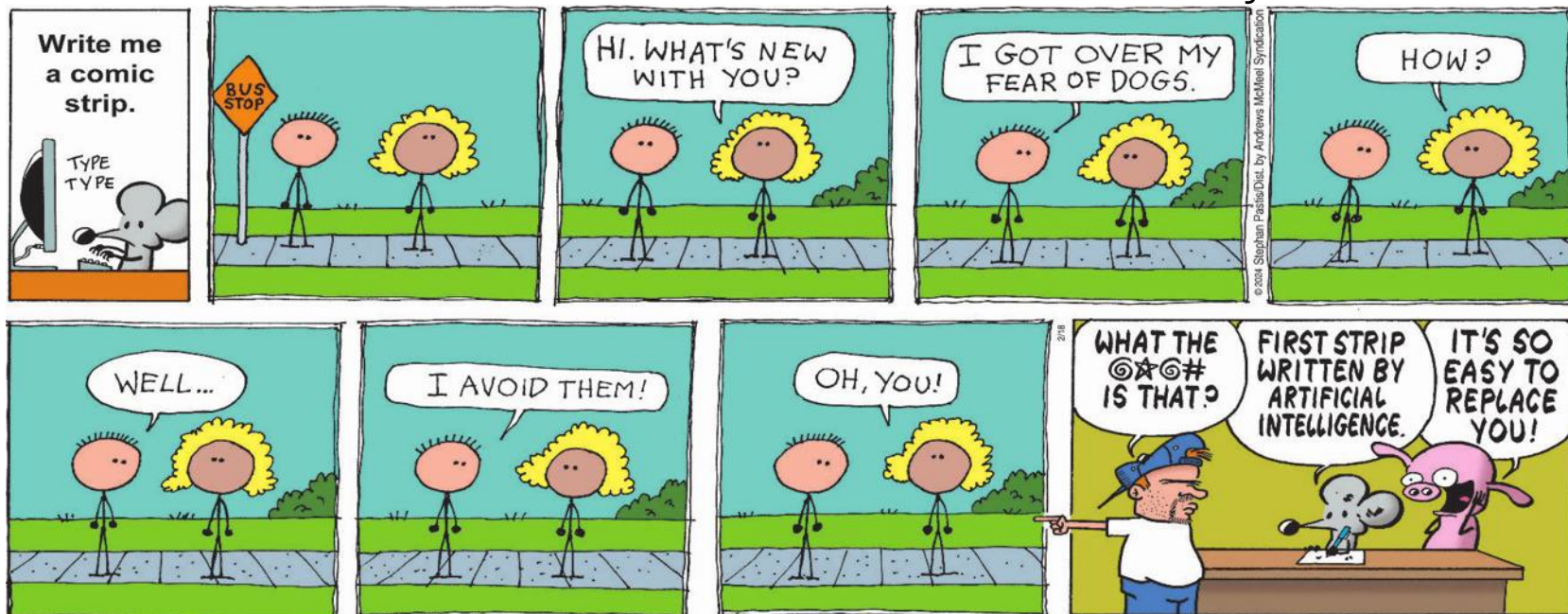
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

By DIK BROWNE



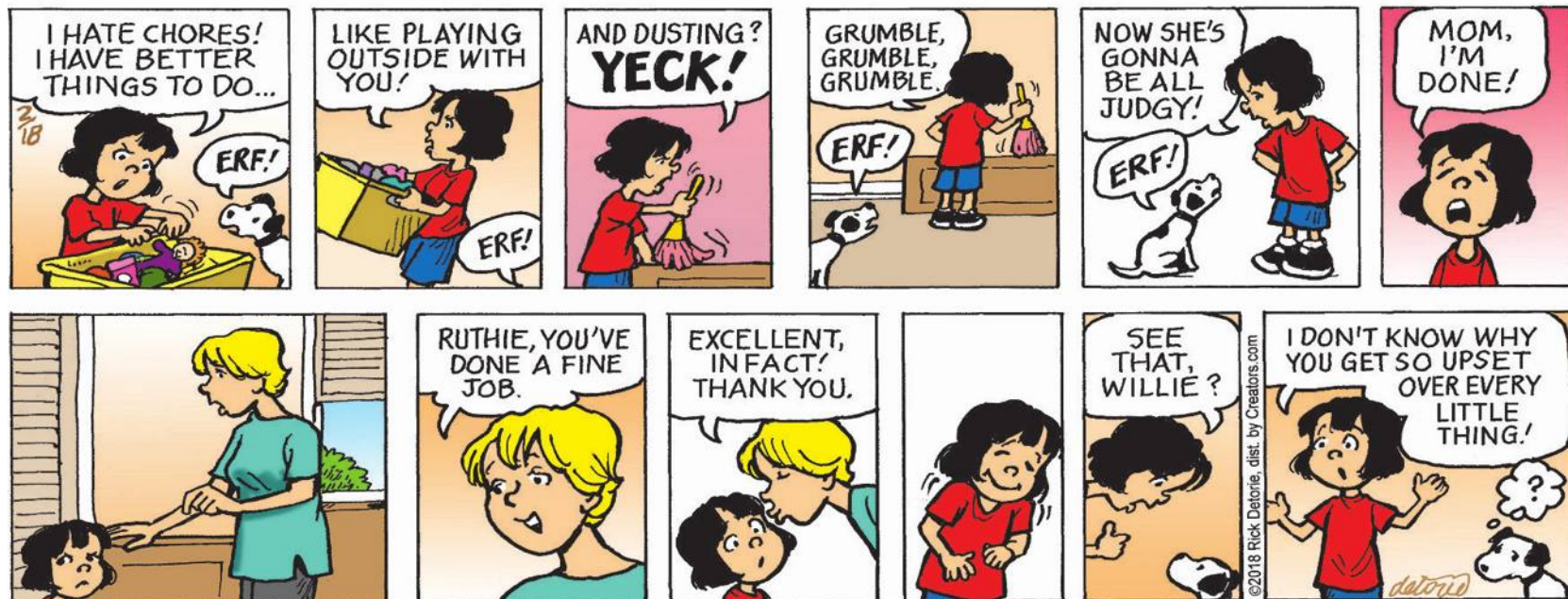
PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

By STEPHAN PASTIS



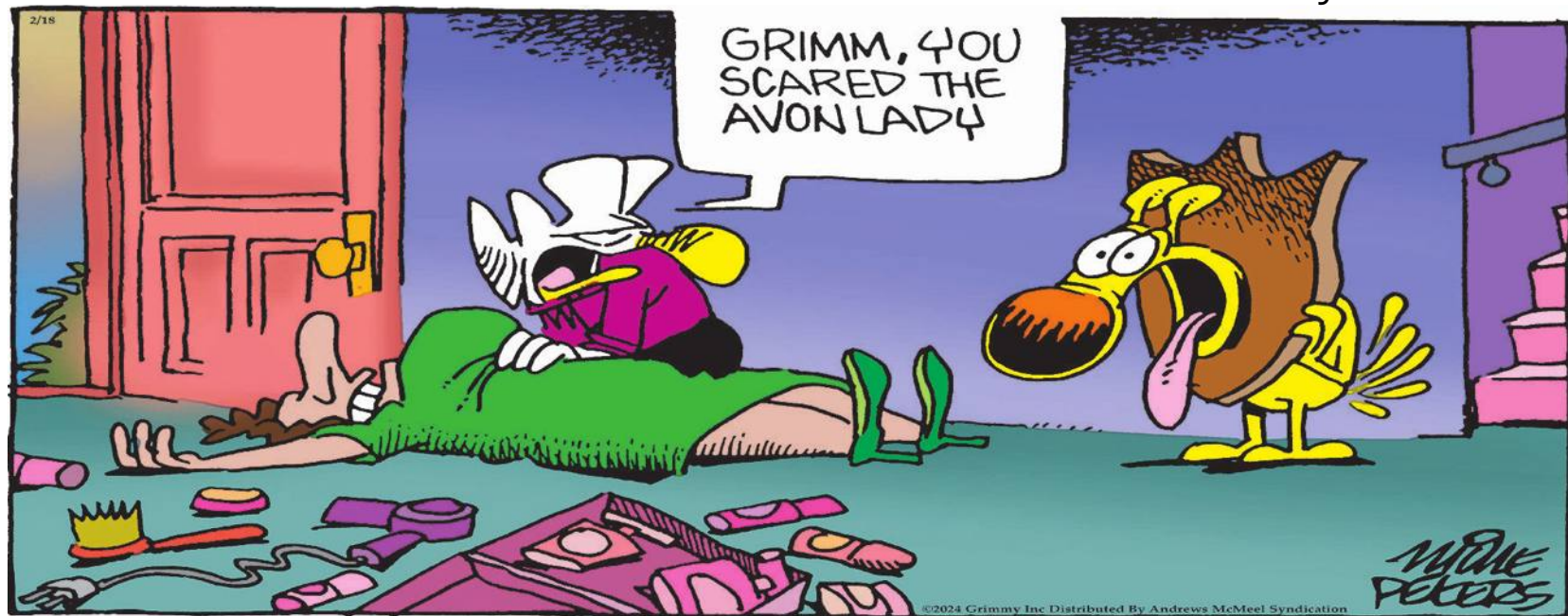
ONE BIG HAPPY

By RICK DETORIE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM

By MIKE PETERS

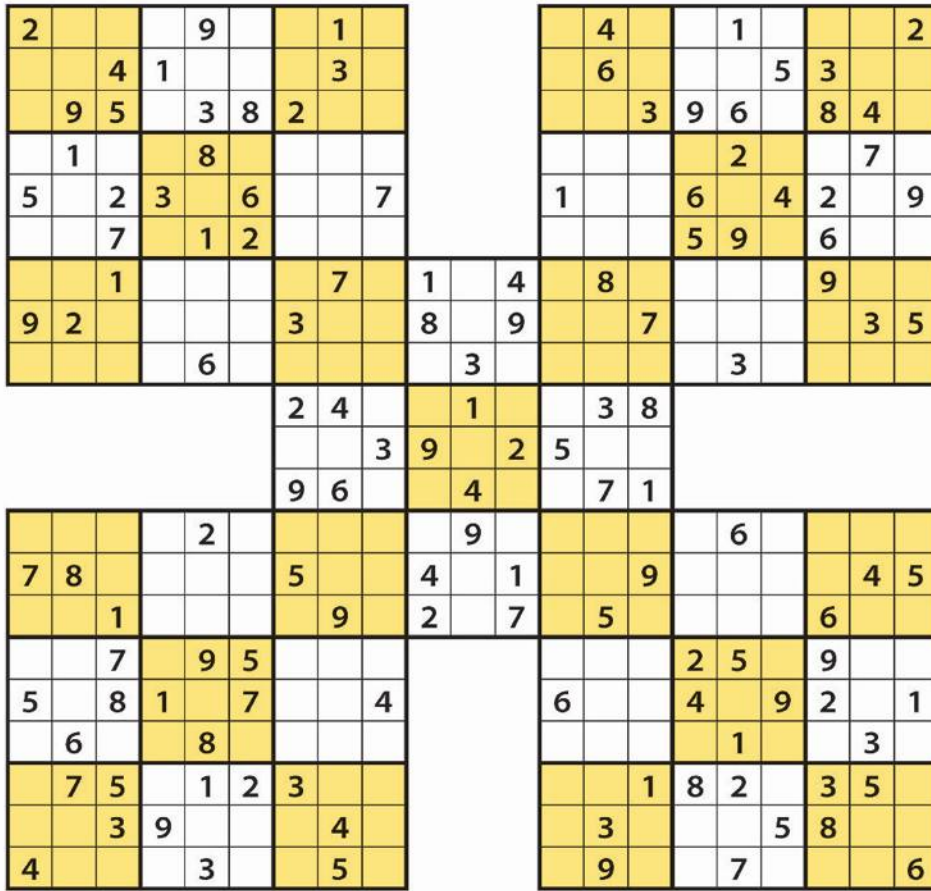


MUTTS

By PATRICK McDONNELL



SUDOKU High Fives



PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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

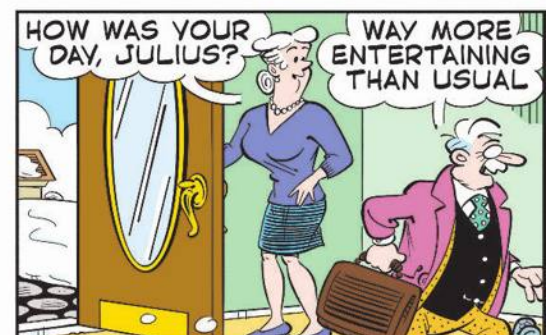
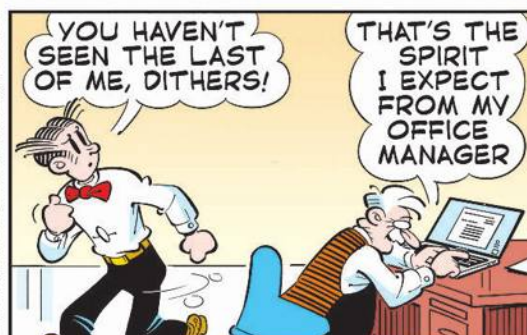
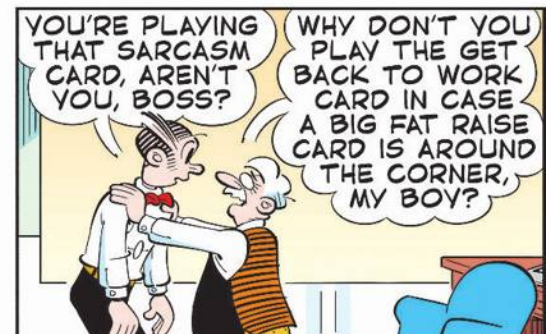
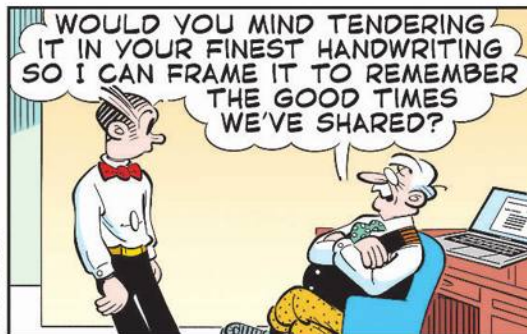
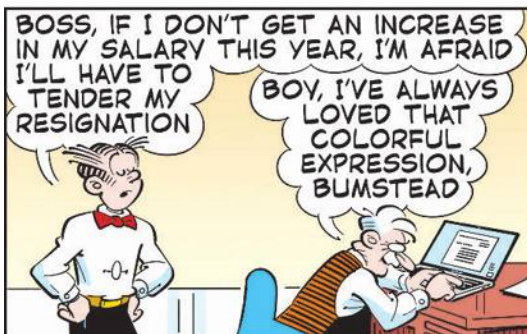
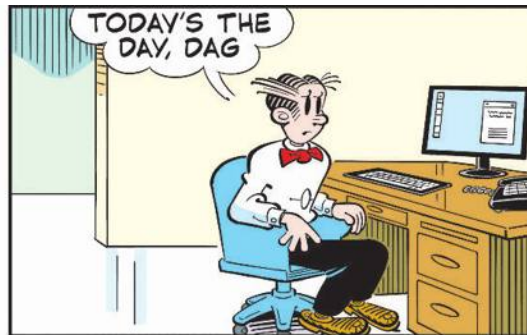
5	7	4	2	6	9	1	8	3
9	1	6	8	3	5	2	7	4
2	3	8	1	7	4	5	9	6
4	6	7	5	1	2	8	3	9
3	5	9	4	8	7	6	2	1
1	8	2	6	9	3	4	5	7
7	2	5	9	4	1	3	6	8
6	4	3	7	2	8	9	1	5
8	9	1	3	5	6	7	4	2

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

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

HOW TO PLAY: Sudoku High Fives consists of five regular Sudoku grids sharing one set of 3-by-3 boxes. Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition. The numbers in any shared set of 3-by-3 boxes apply to each of the individual Sudokus.

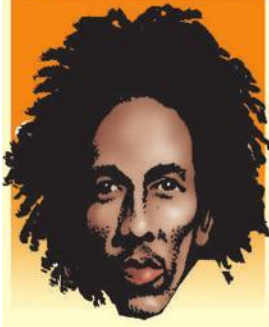
2-18-24



BIOGRAPHIC

By STEVE MCGARRY

BOB MARLEY

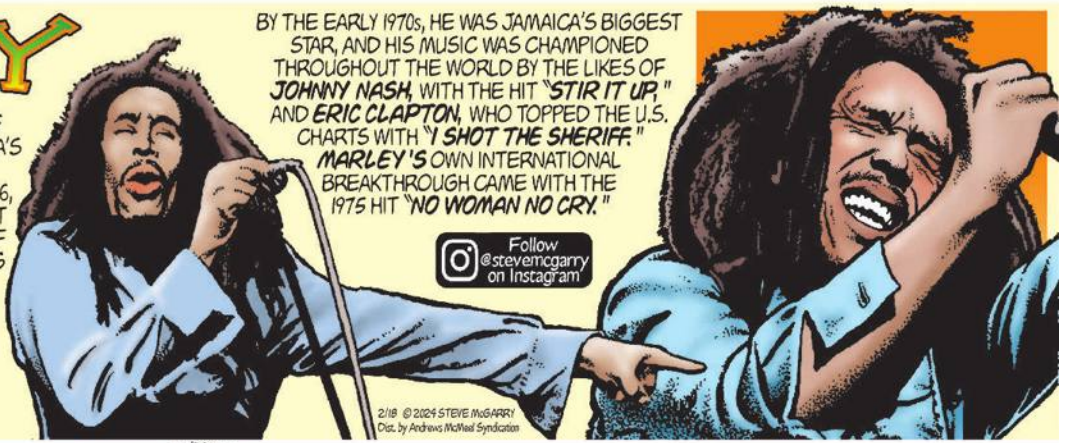


THE NEW MOVIE "BOB MARLEY: ONE LOVE" TELLS THE STORY OF JAMAICA'S MOST FAMOUS SON. BORN IN SAINT ANN PARISH, JAMAICA, ON FEBRUARY 6, 1945, ROBERT NESTA MARLEY FIRST TASTED SUCCESS AS THE LEADER OF THE WAILERS, A BAND THAT, DURING THE MID-1960s, WAS ONE OF THE HOTTEST GROUPS IN JAMAICA. MARLEY JOINED THE RASTAFARIAN RELIGIOUS MOVEMENT AND BEGAN WEARING HIS HAIR IN THE DREADLOCKED STYLE THAT BECAME HIS SIGNATURE LOOK.

BY THE EARLY 1970s, HE WAS JAMAICA'S BIGGEST STAR, AND HIS MUSIC WAS CHAMPIONED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD BY THE LIKES OF JOHNNY NASH, WITH THE HIT "STIR IT UP," AND ERIC CLAPTON, WHO TOPPED THE U.S. CHARTS WITH "I SHOT THE SHERIFF." MARLEY'S OWN INTERNATIONAL BREAKTHROUGH CAME WITH THE 1975 HIT "NO WOMAN NO CRY."

Follow @stevemcgarry on Instagram

2/18 © 2024 STEVE MCGARRY
Dist. by Andrews McMeel Syndication



A GLOBAL REGGAE PIONEER, HE WAS ALSO AN OUTSPOKEN POLITICAL ACTIVIST, REACHING PROPHETLIKE STATUS AS SPOKESMAN FOR THE MASSES AND EARNING THE PEACE MEDAL OF THE THIRD WORLD FROM THE UNITED NATIONS. IN JAMAICA, HIS PROFILE WAS SUCH THAT AN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT WAS MADE ON HIS LIFE JUST PRIOR TO HIS APPEARANCE AT A POLITICAL RALLY.

WHEN MARLEY WAS DIAGNOSED WITH MELANOMA OF HIS TOE IN 1977, HIS RASTAFARIAN BELIEFS (AND FEARS FOR HIS DANCING AND SOCCER-PLAYING ABILITIES) LED HIM TO DECLINE TO HAVE THE TOE AMPUTATED. IT PROVED TO BE A FATAL DECISION.

Written & illustrated by

Steve McGarry

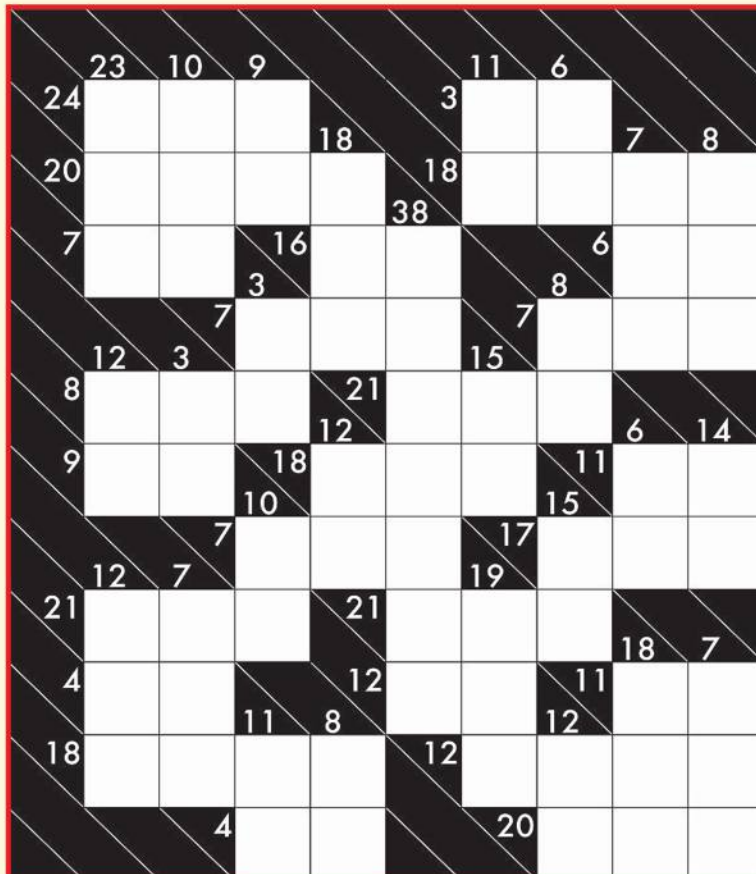
THE CANCER SPREAD, AND BY THE TIME HE SOUGHT MEDICAL HELP AFTER COLLAPSING IN NEW YORK, IT WAS TOO LATE.



MARLEY DIED IN MIAMI ON MAY 11, 1981, AT THE AGE OF 36, AND WAS BURIED IN JAMAICA WITH FULL STATE HONORS, THOUSANDS TURNING OUT TO PAY LAST RESPECTS TO THE ISLAND'S MOST BELOVED FIGURE.

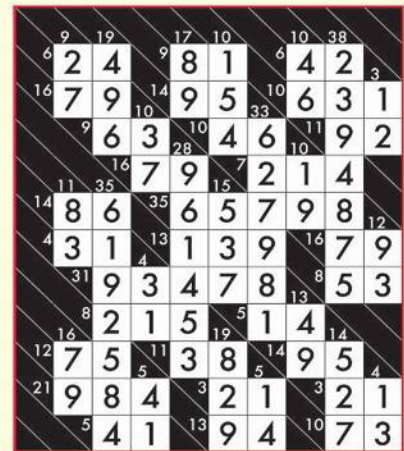
HIS LEGEND AND MUSICAL LEGACY LIVE ON. SALES OF HIS MUSIC EXCEED 75 MILLION COPIES WORLDWIDE. HE WAS INDUCTED INTO THE ROCK & ROLL HALL OF FAME IN 1994 AND AWARDED A POSTHUMOUS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT GRAMMY IN 2001. TIME MAGAZINE DESIGNATED HIS "EXODUS" THE GREATEST ALBUM OF THE 20th CENTURY.

Kakuro



Work space

Previous Solution



HOW TO PLAY: Fill in the squares using any number from 1 to 9, without repeating any numbers in a run line (row or column blocked off by black boxes). The numbers in each horizontal run line must add up to the sum shown in the black box to its left (above the diagonal). The numbers in each vertical run line must add up to the sum shown in the black box at its top (below the diagonal).