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Luigi Mangione (above and inset) was arrested at a McDonald's in Altoona, Pa., on Monday after a worker there ID'd him as wanted suspect in the slaying of UnitedHealthcare CEO Brian Thompson.

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# ARREST IN SLAY

## Worker at a McDonald's in Pa. recognizes photo

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A suspect identified as 26-year-old Luigi Mangione was arrested in Altoona, Pa., Monday in connection to the Midtown Manhattan murder of UnitedHealthcare CEO Brian Thompson outside the Hilton Hotel following a five-day manhunt.

Mangione, who was held without bail at a Pennsylvania court appearance and hit with charges including carrying an illegal weapon and forgery, was the subject of an intense search since the Wednesday shooting, as NYPD investigators scoured camera footage and used drones, dogs, scuba divers and the NYPD's high-tech "domain awareness system" to track his movements via bicycle, cab and bus and gather evidence.

The big break in the case came when he pulled down his mask to flirt with an Upper West Side hostel worker, exposing his face to a camera.

Then on Monday a McDonald's worker more than 200 miles from the scene recognized him and called in the tip.

A pair of officers from the Altoona police department who responded to the fast-food restaurant found Mangione sitting at a table toward the back, looking at a silver laptop, according to court documents.

He was wearing a blue surgical mask.

At a press conference, Altoona Officer Tyler Frye, who has only six months on the job, said he and his partner "didn't even think twice" when Mangione complied with an order to pull down his mask.

Frye said Mangione handed over a fake New Jersey driver's license and became quiet and started to shake when asked if he'd been to New York recently.

After cops failed to verify his ID, he told them his actual name and was arrested for forgery. Asked why he lied, he said, "I clearly shouldn't have," according to charging documents.

Cops found a black 3D-printed pistol and silencer in his

Police investigate last week outside a Hilton hotel in Midtown where United Healthcare executive Brian Thompson, 50 (near right below), was slain. A person of interest identified as Luigi Mangione, 26 (far right below), was arrested Monday in Altoona, Pa., and hit with gun charges.



backpack after an inspection. It appeared to match the murder weapon seen in security video of the shooting, police sources told The News.

The pistol had one loaded Glock magazine with six 9-mm. full metal jacket rounds and one loose hollow point round.

At the press conference in Pennsylvania Monday evening, Lt. Col. George Bivens from the state police said Mangione tried to keep his devices undetectable and was generally "very careful with trying to stay low profile, avoid cameras — not all that successfully in some cases."

According to Pennsylvania prosecutors, Mangione had about \$10,000 in cash on him.

The NYPD said Monday that his fake ID matched the ID used to check into the hostel and was

one of several he had, including a U.S. passport.

Mangione is accused in Pennsylvania of forgery, carrying an illegal weapon, tampering with records and giving a fake ID to law enforcement.

The Maryland man will be initially processed in Pennsylvania and will have an opportunity to contest or waive his extradition when charging documents are brought in New York.

Pennsylvania law enforcement officials said they would make him available to the NYPD and Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg's office when the time comes.

Mangione was also carrying a three-page, handwritten manifesto when cops found him, Police Commissioner Jessica Tisch said Monday at a separate City Hall

press conference.

"It does seem he has some ill will toward corporate America," NYPD Chief of Detectives Joseph Kenny told reporters Monday of the manifesto.

His screed included complaints about how insurers treated a sick relative and communicated that he was sorry for any hurt he caused but that his actions were necessary, police sources told the Daily News.

One of the sources said Mangione labeled those in the health care industry as "parasites" more concerned with money than helping people.

Mangione was not on investigators' radar before the tip, and police didn't have his name before Monday, officials said.

"The combination of old-school detective work and



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## of wanted man and calls in tip following a five-day manhunt



new-age technology is what led to this result," Tisch said.

Added Kenny, "I really couldn't put it on one thing, but if I had to, I'd put it on the release of that photograph from the media" showing the shooting suspect's face.

Mangione graduated valedictorian of the private all-boys Gilman School in 2016, according to the Baltimore school's website. He went on to major in computer science at the University of Pennsylvania, where he also earned a master's degree in engineering in 2020.

Included in an online list of books Mangione read this year, according to a website, is Unabomber Theodore Kaczynski's "Industrial Society and its Future," which he rated four out of five stars.

Police sources said Mangione's manifesto used language similar to his online writings about Kaczynski.

Mangione's last known address is Honolulu, police said. He has connections to San Francisco and no arrest history in New York City.

A cousin of his is Nino Mangione, a GOP lawmaker who represents a suburban Baltimore district in the state's House of Delegates, the lawmaker's office confirmed Monday.

There is no indication that Nino Mangione had any ties to the shocking assassination in New York City.

Police were offering a \$10,000 reward for any information leading to the gunman's capture as the manhunt for the masked shooter continued. The FBI's award was

\$50,000 for information, resulting in an arrest and conviction of the suspect.

Chilling surveillance footage shows a gunman in a hoodie, mask, and sporting a large knapsack creeping up and shooting Thompson in the back on W. 54th St. near Sixth Ave. at about 6:45 a.m. Wednesday.

Officials said the 50-year-old CEO of the Minnesota-based company was walking toward the Hilton to help prepare for an investor day conference sponsored by UnitedHealthcare.

After shooting Thompson in the back, the gunman fled the scene on a bicycle and disappeared in Central Park, but cops picked up his trail late Wednesday night on the Upper West Side.

Cops found the words "Deny," "Delay" and "Depose" written

on the bullets — a supposed insurance industry mantra for delaying claims and maximizing profits — leading police to believe that the killer was motivated by a beef with the insurance industry.

NYPD detectives, with the help of Port Authority police, managed to track the gunman's movements from when he first arrived in the city. Police sources said the suspect arrived in Manhattan on a Greyhound bus that originated in Atlanta on the evening of Nov. 24, more than a week before unraveling his murder plot.

He found his way to the HI New York City Hostel on Amsterdam Ave. near W. 104th St., where cops recovered images of the suspect without a mask and smiling at someone behind the reception desk.

At Monday night's press conference, the officer who apprehended Mangione was asked about arresting the most sought-after suspect in the country so soon into his new gig.

"I can't say I was expecting it," Frye said.

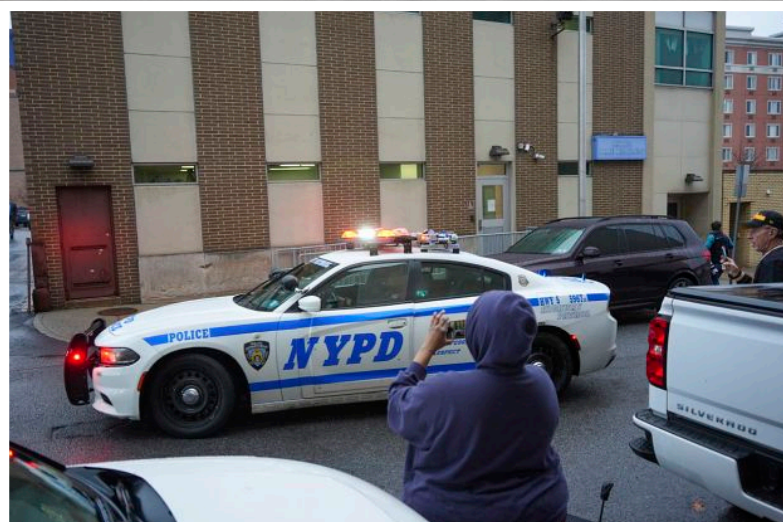
"It feels good to get a guy like that off the street, especially starting my career this way."

Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro expressed his condolences to Thompson's family and said Mangione isn't the folk hero people "in some dark corners" had built him up to be.

"Hear me on this, he is no hero," Shapiro said. "The real hero in this story is the person who called 911 at McDonald's this morning."

**With Chris Sommerfeldt and David Goldiner**





**Luigi Mangione (right) was arrested at a McDonald's (left) in Altoona, Pa., as a suspect in the murder of health insurance CEO Brian Thompson last Wednesday in Midtown. He's been charged with forgery, possession of firearms without a license and other crimes. Below left, NYPD cops arrive at the police station in Altoona.**

# SUSPECT A VALEDICTORIAN

## Mangione, hunted in city exec killing, is also fan of Unabomber, whom

**BY ELLEN MOYNIHAN,  
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NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

Luigi Mangione, the suspect arrested in connection with the shooting slay of UnitedHealthcare CEO Brian Thompson, is a Maryland native who graduated at the top of his high school class and went on to major in computer science at the University of Pennsylvania.

Included in an online list of books 26-year-old Mangione read

this year is Unabomber Theodore Kaczynski's "Industrial Society and Its Future," which Mangione rated four out of five stars.

"It's -easy to quickly and thoughtlessly write this off as a manifesto of a lunatic, in order to avoid facing some of the uncomfortable problems it identifies," read part of a review of the book on Mangione's page.

"He was a violent individual — rightfully imprisoned — who maimed innocent people. While these actions tend to be characterized as those of a crazy luddite, however, they are more accurately

seen as those of an extreme political revolutionary," the review continued.

"When all other forms of communication fail, violence is necessary to survive," the post went on to say. "It's not terrorism, it's war and revolution."

Mangione graduated as valedictorian of the private all-boys Gilman School in 2016, according to the Baltimore school's website.

A Gilman classmate, Freddie Leatherbury, told The Baltimore Sun he "almost had a heart attack" from the shock of seeing Mangione was suspected in the shooting.

"He would be the last one I would think would do something like this," Leatherbury said to the newspaper. "He was a nice kid. He was the valedictorian."

Leatherbury said Mangione had joined the private prep school in sixth grade. "He was a brainy kid," he said. "He was a big math guy" and belonged to a number of academic clubs.

In a profile of area high school valedictorians written in the Baltimore Fishbowl in 2016, Mangione said his instructors emphasized learning outside of school and "an excitement to explore academic

topics outside of the classroom."

"The teachers at Gilman influenced me especially," Mangione said before he graduated.

In a recap of the Gilman graduation ceremony posted on the school's site, Mangione is quoted as commending his classmates for their "inventive, pioneering mentality that accompanies a strong commitment to Gilman tradition."

During high school, Mangione learned how to code and when he got to the University of Pennsylvania, where he eventually earned a master's, he co-founded a group to develop video games, according to



# Funeral held for slain insurance chief Thompson

BY BRIAN NIEMIETZ  
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

A private funeral service for healthcare CEO Brian Thompson was scheduled to take place Monday, according to a report by NBC Monday morning.

No further information was provided to NBC News about where or when the funeral for the executive shot outside a Hilton hotel in Midtown on Wednesday was to take place. The 50-year-old father of two (photo below) resided in Maple Grove, Minn. He was killed before the start of an investors meeting for UnitedHealthcare.

His shooting began a massive manhunt that has led to the police arrest of Luigi Mangione in Altoona, Pa., on Monday.

Police were tipped off by a McDonald's worker who thought the 26-year-old suspect resembled the photos splashed across television, newspapers and the internet.

It's suspected the shooter was motivated by hatred for insurance industry practices. Evidence from the crime scene included bullets with the terms "deny," "defend" and "depose" etched onto their casings, according to officials.

Thompson was named chief executive officer at UnitedHealthcare in 2021 after 17 years with the insurance juggernaut. A statement announcing the promotion credited his "experience, relationships and values" for his success with the insurance provider.

Thompson was known to keep a low profile despite a 2023 salary of more than \$10 million. His shooting was condemned by Minnesota U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar who called it "horrifying and shocking."

Gov. Tim Walz called his death a setback for the community.

"This is horrifying news and a terrible loss for the business and health care community in Minnesota," he posted online.

Both politicians offered condolences to his family, including Thompson's wife, Paulette, from whom he lived separately, according to The Wall Street Journal.

UnitedHealthcare said it was "deeply saddened and shocked" to learn of its leader's death in a statement calling Thompson "a friend" to his colleagues.



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## WITH AN IVY MASTER'S he lauded online as an 'extreme political revolutionary'

Penn Today, a publication of the college.

University of Pennsylvania Game Research and Development Environment (UPGRADE), then in its second year, was profiled in Penn Today in 2018, and quoted Mangione as saying he was a computer science major.

Before starting his freshman year of college, he posted in the Class of 2020's Facebook group asking if classmates wanted to start UPGRADE, he told the publication.

"I just really wanted to make games," said Mangione.

According to a Facebook account, Mangione was a UI Programming intern at Maryland-based Firaxis Games in 2016 and 2017, which makes the popular XCOM strategy game series. Take2 Games, which owns Firaxis, declined to speak to the Daily News about Mangione.

"As a practice, we do not comment on former employees," said spokesman Alan Lewis.

According to a LinkedIn profile, after his internship Mangione was a teaching assistant at University of Pennsylvania in data structures and algorithms, and

also worked as a teaching assistant at Stanford University for a summer program in AI.

Since graduation, Mangione was working as a data engineer for TrueCar, a California-based online car marketplace, according to the LinkedIn profile.

"We can confirm that Luigi Mangione has not been an employee of our company since 2023," a spokesman from TrueCar told the News Monday.

In January Mangione pleaded no contest to trespassing at Nu'uuanu Pali Lookout, a public park in Kaneohe, Hawaii, and

paid a \$100 fine.

A cousin of Mangione's, Nino Mangione, is a GOP lawmaker who represents a suburban Baltimore district in the state's House of Delegates, the lawmaker's office confirmed Monday.

In January, Mangione shared a post on X that asked for reactions to a quote from philosopher J. Krishnamurti: "It is no measure of good health to be well-adjusted to a profoundly sick society."

With Rebecca White,  
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BY MOLLY CRANE-NEWMAN  
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NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

Daniel Penny was found not guilty of criminally negligent homicide Monday, clearing him of criminal culpability in the chokehold killing of Jordan Neely on a Manhattan F train — and bringing closure in the polarizing case that provoked heated debates about vigilantism, mental illness and subway safety.

The verdict, which was announced in Manhattan Supreme Court just before 11:30 a.m., came on the fifth day of deliberations and after Justice Maxwell Wiley on Friday dismissed the top charge of manslaughter at prosecutors' request after jurors twice said they couldn't unanimously agree on it. That allowed the panel to consider the lesser charge, carrying a maximum of four years in prison instead of 15.

After the verdict, court officials escorted Penny's legal team and the jury away from the facility as protesters calling for Penny's conviction were heard shouting, "No justice! No peace!" and labeling Penny a "subway strangler."

In a phone call with the Daily News, Penny's lawyer Thomas Kenniff, a former Republican candidate for Manhattan district attorney, said his client was celebrating with his team.

"Danny has gotten the acquittal that he knew was coming the last 18 months," Kenniff said, adding that Penny was "elated" to "finally not to be living under the weight of false accusations and having his honor diminished by this misguided indictment."

Penny's supporters in the courtroom began applauding when the verdict was read. Neely's father, Andre Zachery, became upset by their celebration, prompting officers to eject him and supporters of Neely, who were in tears.

Outside, Zachery addressed the media surrounded by family members; leaders of the New York chapter of the Black Lives Matter movement, who held demonstrations throughout the trial, and Gwen Carr, the mother of slain Staten Island man Eric Garner, who was killed in a department-banned police chokehold in 2014.

"I just want to say I miss my son," Zachery said in some of his only comments during the trial, calling the system "rigged."

"It hurts. It really, really hurts. What are we gonna do, people? What's gonna happen to us now?"

The jury of seven women and five men got the case last Tuesday after hearing from more than 40 witnesses. They asked to review testimony from the city medical examiner who ruled Neely's death a homicide, footage of the encounter and its aftermath, and various legal definitions.

In their case against Penny, the prosecution portrayed him as

someone who may have initially acted with good intent when Neely got on the F train he was riding, acting menacingly toward those onboard. But they argued that Penny crossed the line by holding on to Neely for far too long after passengers fled to safety until he had choked the life out of him.

Penny's defense characterized him as a good Samaritan who was being punished for trying to help his fellow New Yorkers in a frightening moment. They sought to convince jurors that the chokehold didn't kill Neely, proposing his poor mental and physical health and synthetic cannabis in his system could have been the cause.

To find Penny guilty of manslaughter, the panel had to find Penny unjustifiably created a grave risk to Neely's life that he consciously disregarded when he subdued him on the train. To find him guilty of criminally negligent

homicide, they were required to find he created an unjustifiable grave risk that he failed to perceive.

In a statement, Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg said that he respected the verdict and that the time the jury took to deliberate the divisive case underscored why it had to go on trial.

"Their lengthy deliberation — and the totality of the facts and the evidence — underscored why this case was put in front of a jury of Mr. Penny's peers," Bragg said.

The DA lamented that career prosecutors and their relatives had been aggressively targeted and "besieged with hate and threats — on social media, by phone and over email."

"Simply put, this is unacceptable, and everyone, no matter your opinion on this case, should condemn it," Bragg said.

Mayor Adams blamed the city's mental health services, saying,

"Jordan should not have had to die."

"I strongly believe, as I've been stating, probably from day one, we have a mental health system that is broken," Adams said. "When you have someone repeatedly going through that system, that's a signature of failure."

The case garnered national attention after footage of the chokehold incident went viral.

In the early days of the presidential primary campaign season, Penny became a right-wing cause célèbre, pulling in millions of dollars toward his legal defense and words of support from GOP candidates including Donald Trump, Vivek Ramaswamy and Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis. They hailed him as a hero.

By contrast, the two-week delay between Neely's death and Penny's arrest saw civil rights protesters take to the city's streets and subway tracks to protest the

unaccounted-for killing of a poor and vulnerable Black man in crisis, who was unarmed.

The case drew instant comparisons to the 1984 subway shooting by Bernhard Goetz, a white engineer who gunned down four Black teens on the train — paralyzing one — who he said he believed planned to rob him.

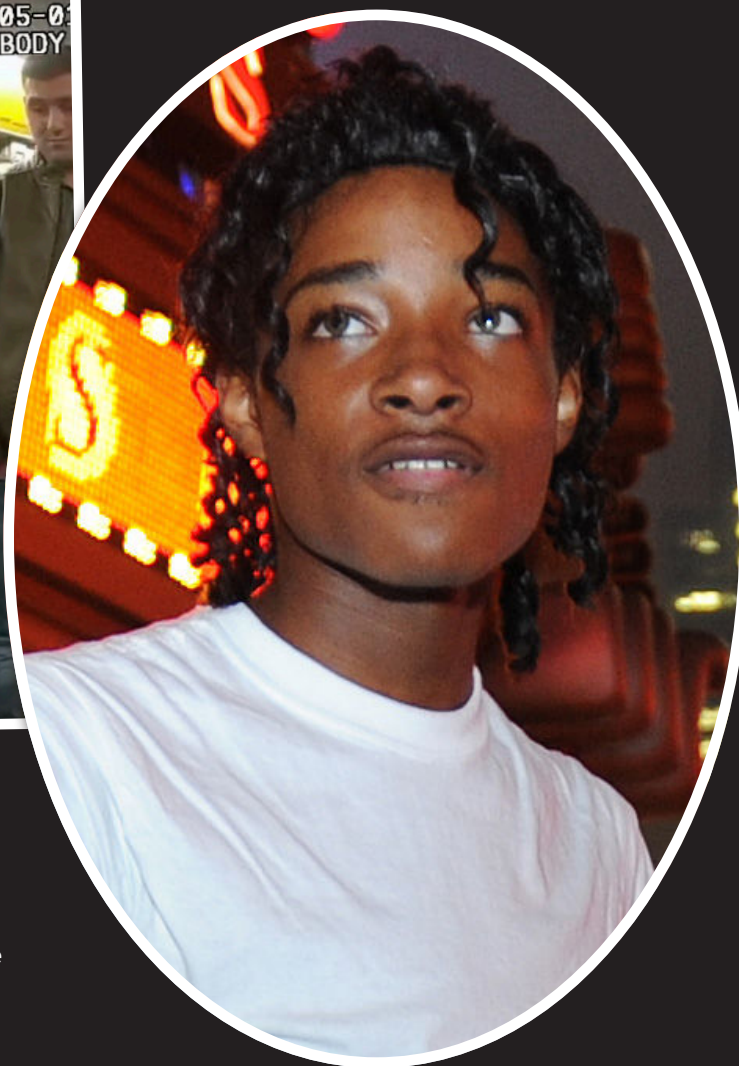
The Rev. Al Sharpton, who delivered the eulogy at Neely's funeral and heads the National Action Network, condemned the verdict.

"Jordan Neely's life was brutally taken away because of unnecessary vigilantism," he said in a statement. "This kind of behavior was inexcusable 40 years ago when Bernhard Goetz opened fire in a subway car, and it remained the case more than a year ago when Daniel Penny took Jordan's life. Jordan was in the middle of a mental health crisis, but instead of being offered a helping hand, he got an arm around his neck."

# PENNY NOT GUILTY

## Jury acquits former Marine of criminally negligent





**Daniel Penny (left) was acquitted in the killing of homeless man Jordan Neely (right), who was taken down by Penny and put in a chokehold after menacing riders on an F train in Manhattan on May 1, 2023. Above, Penny stands by as police try to resuscitate Neely after train pulled into Broadway-Lafayette St. station downtown.**

# IN SUBWAY CHOKE DEATH

## homicide in killing of Jordan Neely, who was raging on F train

Zachery filed a civil suit against Penny during deliberations. His attorney Donte Mills said they would continue to seek accountability in civil court.

Neely, 30, who was homeless and experiencing untreated schizophrenia, depression and drug addiction, grew up in New York and New Jersey. He suffered a profound tragedy when he was 14 when his mother was brutally murdered, which his family has said sent him into a deep funk and saw him become estranged from his relatives. When he was stable, he found joy in dancing to Michael Jackson's music for New Yorkers.

Penny, 26, of Suffolk County, L.I., served for four years in the Marines and was studying architecture and working as a barback in Brooklyn at the time of the incident.

The lives of the two men, both 6-feet-1, collided around 2:25 p.m. on the afternoon of

Monday, May 1, 2023.

Penny boarded the train in Brooklyn and was going to the gym. Neely got on at the Second Ave. station, threw down his jacket, and began screaming after the doors closed, witnesses testified. Eight passengers said Neely yelled statements to the effect of being hungry, thirsty and ready to die and go back to jail, terrifying them. Three said he used the words "kill" or "die," in reference to himself or others.

No one testified that Neely touched anyone or directed his threats at someone specific.

Penny quickly intervened, wrapping his arm around Neely's neck and taking him down to the floor from behind, according to witness testimony. Within around 30 seconds, the train reached the next stop, Broadway-Lafayette St., where the two men remained in a struggle on the floor.

Prosecutors argued Penny's

actions became criminal when he continued to subdue Neely in a chokehold on the stalled train for almost six minutes until Neely passed out, never to regain consciousness.

Two men aided Penny — Eric Gonzalez, 39, a room manager at a casino, who had been waiting on the platform when the train pulled into the station, and a man from Germany, who was on the train and refused to cooperate with either side in the case or return to the U.S. to testify.

In a nearly five-minute video replayed throughout the trial that independent journalist Juan Alberto Vasquez shot, Penny is seen with his arm gripped around Neely's neck and his legs wrapped around his body.

Gonzalez, who received immunity to testify, and the German tourist are seen restraining Neely's arms after Neely appears to motion for help. In his

testimony, Penny's former martial arts trainer in the Marines, Joseph Caballer, said he had appeared to apply the chokehold technique he'd been taught incorrectly.

About three minutes into the video, Neely stops moving. A handful of witnesses who testified are heard telling the men to let up, saying they could kill Neely.

Police and medics soon arrived, failed to revive Neely, and brought him to the Lenox Hill Greenwich Village emergency medical care facility, where he was pronounced dead. On police-worn camera footage, Penny is seen telling officers at the scene that he "just put him out." Later, he willingly sat for questioning with detectives at the 5th Precinct stationhouse.

"I was on my phone, like, listening to music. I wasn't paying attention. He was just a crackhead; you know what I mean?" Penny told the cops about Neely getting on the train, saying he felt

the need to deescalate the situation to protect women and children. The jury was asked to draw starkly different conclusions.

"Jordan was on a collision course with himself. The consequences of Danny failing to act may very well have been the trial of Jordan Neely for hurting or killing someone on that train," Penny's lawyer Steven Raiser said in his closing argument last week, arguing the case was about "a broken system that does not help our mentally ill or our unhoused."

The prosecution countered that passengers' fear of Neely was valid, but that Penny did not need to kill him to protect them.

"[The] law is very proscribed. It is very narrow, very precise to make sure that people only use deadly physical force against each other when it is absolutely necessary, and for as long as it is absolutely necessary," Assistant District Attorney Dafna Yoran said.



# Painful split over verdict

## Jury reached consensus, but public divided on Penny acquittal

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Reactions to Daniel Penny's acquittal Monday in the chokehold death of Jordan Neely aboard an F train last year were sharply divided, with some calling the former Marine a hero who intervened to save fearful straphangers and others saying he was a vigilante who killed a vulnerable Black man in the throes of a mental health crisis.

During the trial, prosecutors said Penny perhaps initially acted with good intent, but that he crossed the line by holding Neely in a chokehold for far too long. Penny's lawyers, on the other hand, portrayed him as a good Samaritan being unfairly punished for trying to help fellow passengers through a frightening moment when the homeless man entered the train in what several said was a threatening manner.

"There's a desire of New Yorkers to always respond when they believe it's necessary, and I don't believe that's going to change in any way," Mayor Adams said at his weekly press briefing Monday. "This is not the first time, and I'm sure it's not going to be the last time that individuals take action that people are going to question."

"We should have been standing up for those passengers," the mayor said. "That's what we should have done for the city, and standing up for those passengers means addressing the mental health crisis we have in the city, and not just waiting until incidents like this happen."

Adams also reiterated the need for help from city and state lawmakers to fix the "broken" mental health system.

"We need help in Albany and in the City Council, we can't sit back and mourn the loss of someone that is caught up in the system, and we're not taking the action every day," Adams said. "But a jury of his peers heard the case, all the facts and all the evidence and made a decision, and I join DA [Alvin] Bragg in stating that I respect the process."

A Manhattan jury found Penny not guilty of criminally negligent homicide in the death of Neely on Monday morning after days of deliberations, following the dismissal of a manslaughter charge on Friday after jurors said they couldn't come to an agreement.

Moments after the jury's verdict was read, protesters gathered outside Manhattan Supreme Court.

Hawk Newsome, co-founder of Black Lives Matter of Greater New York, said outside the courthouse that America "has failed" Neely and his supporters.

"This system protects every other group except for the very group that built this country," Newsome said.

"Every group that comes here gets benefits, gets privileges except for the

People gather outside Manhattan Supreme Court to protest verdict to acquit Daniel Penny. Bottom right, Andre Zachery, father of choking victim Jordan Neely, reacts to the verdict. BARRY WILLIAMS FOR NYDN



very people whose fingerprints are on the bricks that built this country.

"There is no love for Black people. There's no love in the system. How can you make a moral appeal to a people that have no moral code? How can you preach love to racists?"

For Eric Garner's mother, Gwen Carr, the verdict was a reminder of past injustices against Black victims.

"It's two justice systems, and we have to stop this, and the only way we can stop is to stand together, those of us who are against what happened, we have to speak up," said Carr, whose son died after being placed in an illegal chokehold by a Staten Island cop in 2014.

House Speaker Mike Johnson, a Louisiana Republican, took to social media following Monday's verdict. "Great news for Daniel and America," he wrote.

"He's a hero who saved lives. That trial should've NEVER HAPPENED in the first place."

City Public Advocate Jumaane Williams called the not guilty verdict a "stain to a city and to people who look like Jordan."

"You cannot be allowed to choke people to death, and you shouldn't be allowed to do that with absolutely no consequences, and that's what occurred here, and everybody should be worried about that," Williams told the Daily News at City Hall.

Williams laid some blame for the verdict on politicians who have defended Penny — and took particular aim at the mayor over remarks last week that Penny was "doing what we should have done as a city."

"Based on those comments, I'm sure



[Adams] is excited for this devaluing of someone's life that had a lot of value and who literally said he was hungry," Williams said, calling that comment "disgusting."

City Council Deputy Speaker Diana Ayala (D-Manhattan, Bronx), chairwoman of the committee that oversees the city's homeless shelter system, slammed the not guilty verdict as a "miscarriage of justice" and criticized the mayor and other politicians for standing up for Penny.

"They tainted that conversation," Ayala said of other politicians. "It was never a fair trial."

"We have a mental health crisis in the city, and it's not a nice feeling to be on the receiving end of those encounters," Ayala

said. "Sometimes they can be really scary and I get that and I think that he was heroic in attempting to be helpful, but what he did was involuntary manslaughter and he should have been held accountable for that."

Assemblyman and mayoral challenger Zohran Mamdani, in a statement, also called out the city's mental health system.

"Today's verdict is not justice — nor was his killer a hero."

"This tragedy lays bare decades of policy failure that can no longer be tolerated," Mamdani (D-Queens) said, calling for more crisis intervention programs, community-based mental health services and housing.





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# MAYOR SUED OVER EDICT ON SOLITARY

City Council, public advocate say he overreached with order to block law banning isolating jail confinement

Mayor Adams issued an emergency executive order on July 27 that blocked a law the City Council passed to ban solitary confinement in city jails. Adams had vetoed the bill, but the Council overrode his veto. Now the Council and public advocate are suing him, saying his order was illegal.

BY GRAHAM RAYMAN  
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

The City Council and Public Advocate Jumaane Williams filed suit against Mayor Adams early Monday over his emergency order to suspend the central elements of a law passed in December barring solitary confinement at Rikers Island and other city jails.

The mayor signed the emergency executive order on July 27 that suspended elements of Local Law 42, arguing safety in the city's jails was at stake. He had vetoed the bill in January, but the Council overrode his veto by a vote of 42 to 9.

The Council's lawsuit argues the mayor violated New York State Executive Law 24, which states the mayor of a municipality can declare an emergency only in the event of an extreme situation — specifically,

“disaster, rioting, catastrophe or similar public emergency,” or “apprehension” of those things.

The lawsuit alleges that no mayor in the city's history has used emergency powers “as an end run around a local law,” adding that Adams never “identified an imminent emergency that required a swift unilateral response.”

City Council Speaker Adrienne Adams (D-Queens) called the order an “unprecedented abuse of power.”

“Mayor Adams’ decision to exceed his legal authority, simply because he was overruled, undermines the foundation of our democracy, and it must be invalidated,” she said.

In a statement, Amaris Cockfield, a spokeswoman for the mayor, said, “To be clear, solitary confinement was eliminated

in city jails in 2019. To continue to protect public health and safety in Department of Correction jails, the mayor issued a narrowly tailored executive order focused on reducing violence in our jails. We will review the suit if and when it is filed.”

The Council lawsuit makes good on a resolution the Council passed July 17, 10 days before the mayor's order, giving the legislative body the authority to “engage in legal action to defend” the law.

The Council expected the city administration to bring its opposition to the law before Manhattan Federal Judge Laura Taylor Swain, who is presiding over the Nunez class action lawsuit that led to the creation of the federal monitor tracking jail violence and staff use of force, the lawsuit states.

“Mayor Adams and [the Correction Department] never filed their promised motion

with Chief Judge Swain,” the lawsuit states. “Instead, the mayor took matters into his own hands.”

On July 27, one day before the provisions of the law were to take effect, Mayor Adams signed the 11-page “Emergency Executive Order 625.”

The order said that to protect the safety of jail staff and detainees, provisions of Local Law 42 would be suspended, including restrictions on emergency lock-ins, use of restraints and confining detainees in their cells for extended periods.

The order noted that the Correction Department told the Council that elements of the law conflict with court orders in the Nunez case, which the department is required to follow. The law would “remove key tools” needed to reduce violence and protect staff and detainees and would





“likely result in an increase in violence” in the jails.

Mayor Adams based the order in part on a July 17 letter from the federal monitor tracking violence and use of force in the jails, which argued the law could “exacerbate already dangerous conditions” and required study of how the changes would affect jail operations.

Speaking to the press July 30, the mayor defended the move.

“We don’t have solitary confinement in New York City,” he said. “That was a bait and switch where people took an emotional terminology and they put it out there, and all of us started buying on it.”

His then-legal counsel Lisa Zornberg insisted solitary confinement has not existed in the jails since 2019. Zornberg resigned reportedly because the mayor would not

heed her advice to fire top aides embroiled in the City Hall corruption scandal.

Public Advocate Williams said Sunday that the mayor was “desperately trying to maintain a status quo on Rikers that is dangerous to people on both sides of the bars.”

The order was one of more than 200 jail-related emergency orders the mayor has signed in his nearly three-year tenure. The bulk of those suspended the so-called Minimum Standards, a set of detailed rules governing jail conditions.

Mayor Bill de Blasio, amid a massive uniformed staffing shortage, signed the first of those in Sept. 15, 2021. The orders had to be renewed every five days. After he took office in January 2022, Mayor Adams continued the practice, renewing it with his signature every five days.

The Council lawsuit more broadly could

be seen as a challenge to the mayor’s use of emergency executive orders.

“The mayor’s illegal suspension of Local Law 42 sets a dangerous precedent for future mayors to abuse their emergency powers when they are dissatisfied with the outcome of lawful democratic processes and have lost a policy debate,” the lawsuit states.

In three years, Adams has signed 702 executive orders, many of the “emergency” variety — a higher rate than any other mayor. The bulk of those emergency orders involved Rikers and migrants.

De Blasio used the tool 334 times in two terms, including many emergency orders for COVID-19, Hurricane Ida and those for the jails, records show.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg issued 465 executive orders in three terms, including

345 emergency orders chiefly related to an enduring strike at some bus lines and Hurricane Sandy, records show

Before that the tool was used more sparingly and rarely for emergencies, archival records show. Mayor Rudy Giuliani issued just 53 executive orders in two terms, including one emergency order for a transit strike. Just one executive order referenced the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

Mayor David Dinkins issued 63 in one term with no emergency orders, while Mayor Ed Koch signed 125 in three terms including just three emergency orders — twice for needed housing repairs and once for the 1980 transit strike.

Mayor Abe Beame, who served one term from 1974 to 1977, issued 97 executive orders, but just one emergency order — for housing repair.





Sgt. Rayna Madho  
was arrested  
Saturday in  
Nassau County.

# \$200K sgt. busted in shoplift

## NYPD high earner allegedly stole cough medicine on L.I.

BY GRAHAM RAYMAN AND  
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NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

An NYPD sergeant who made more than \$200,000 last year, including nearly \$55,000 in overtime assigned to a headquarters unit, was arrested Saturday for allegedly shoplifting cough medicine, according to officials, records and police sources.

Sgt. Rayna Madho, listed as a detective squad commander, was suspended without pay about 10 p.m. on Saturday after her arrest in Nassau County, NYPD records show.

A Nassau County police spokesman said Madho, 41, of Queens, was charged with two counts of petty larceny for two separate incidents on Saturday and Nov. 24 at the Target store on Sunrise Highway in Valley Stream, L.I. She was issued a desk appearance ticket and ordered to return to court Dec. 27, Nassau police said.

Madho was accused in the Saturday incident of stealing Zarbee's Cough Syrup, which retails for \$9.99 at Target, and Ricola Cough Drops, selling for \$4.99 at the store, a law enforcement source said.

Madho is assigned to the SIU

photographic squad, where her job includes arranging photo arrays for detectives who are investigating cases and handling photos for official identification cards at Police Headquarters. She joined the unit in March 25, 2022.

In total, Madho made \$201,625 in fiscal 2024, the most recently available figure, including \$126,211 in base pay, \$54,939 for 555 hours of overtime and \$20,475 in other pay, city payroll records show. She is vice president of the influential Desi Society, an umbrella NYPD fraternal group representing cops of South Asian heritage.

Reached by phone, Madho

initially said, "No," when asked by a reporter with the Daily News if she was arrested and then ended the call. An NYPD spokesman declined to comment except to confirm she was suspended without pay.

She previously was assigned to the photo unit, detective squads in the 7th and 13th precincts and two commands in Brooklyn, according to 50-a.org.

She has been a defendant in five civil lawsuits that settled for a total of \$161,000. In one of those suits, filed in 2019, video allegedly showed Madho dropping a pill bottle in a car while her police partner arrested motorist Abdul

Pullium back in 2015, Gothamist reported. Pullium's lawyer alleged the video showed officers planting the bottle, Gothamist reported. The suit settled for \$7,500, a relative drop in the bucket when compared with other police settlements.

Madho joined the force in January 2006. She was promoted to detective and sergeant in 2013 and to detective squad commander in 2021.

In a March social media post for Women's History Month, the Sergeants Benevolent Association said Madho was born in Trinidad, moved to the U.S. at age 12 and graduated from York College.



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BY SUZAN FRASER  
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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ANKARA, Turkey — Syrian refugees across Turkey jubilantly welcomed the downfall of Bashar Assad's government Sunday, with many embracing the chance to return to their homeland.

Large crowds waving Syrian and Turkish flags gathered in the main square of Kilis, a border city in southern Turkey.

In Hatay Province, which also lies on the Syrian frontier, many said it was time to go home after years of living in Turkey, which hosts about 3 million Syrians.

"We are free now, everyone should return to their homeland," Mahmud Esma told the DHA news agency at the Cilvegozu border gate.

Turkey, which shares a 566-mile frontier with Syria, has been a main backer of opposition groups aiming to topple Assad since the civil war's start in 2011.

While Turkish officials have strongly rejected claims of any involvement, observers believe that the offensive, which appears to be aligned with Turkey's longtime goals, could not have gone ahead without Ankara's consent.

It has allowed Turkey, through its Syrian proxy the Syrian National Army, to push back against Kurdish forces in Syria allied to its sworn enemy, the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK. The U.S. has about 900 troops in Syria, including forces working with Kurdish allies in the opposition-held northeast to prevent any resurgence of the Islamic State group.

The jihadi group that spearheaded the 10-day march on Damascus, Hayat Tahrir al-Sham, or HTS, is listed as a terrorist organization by Ankara. But Turkey has operated alongside it for years in northern Syria and is believed to exert influence over the group. Here's a look at Turkey's position.

#### Ties with Syria

Turkey has stated its support for Syria's territorial integrity: the last thing it wants is a Kurdish-controlled autonomous region on its border or a fresh exodus of refugees created by instability.

Ankara has conducted several incursions into Syria since 2016 with the aim of pushing back the Islamic State group or Kurdish militants and creating a buffer zone along its border, and now controls a stretch of territory in northern Syria.

Turkey was previously involved in diplomatic efforts to resolve the conflict between the regime and insurgents, including holding talks with Assad's main supporters, Russia and Iran. Recently, Ankara sought a reconciliation with Assad to mitigate the threat to Turkey from Kurdish militias and ensure the safe return of refugees. Assad rebuffed Turkey's overtures.

#### Where Turkey stands

Turkish officials have strongly

# Syrians can go home again

## Refugees in Turkey cheer as host country eyes future



Joy fills the streets of Istanbul over the weekend, as the Syrian community and supporters celebrate the fall of dictator Bashar Assad.

rejected claims of involvement in the anti-government offensive, stating opposition to developments that increase instability in the region.

"All statements that claim Turkey provoked or that Turkey supported this are untrue. They are all lies," Omer Celik, spokesman for Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's ruling party, said this week.

Analysts say, however, that the rebel offensive would have been impossible without a green light from Turkey.

Turkish officials say Ankara stalled the offensive for months. Opposition forces finally went ahead with the assault after the Syrian government attacked opposition-held areas, violating deals between Russia, Iran and Turkey to deescalate the conflict.

The offensive was meant to be limited, the officials said, but expanded after Syrian forces retreated from their positions.

Speaking in Qatar on Sunday, Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan said Turkey "attaches great importance to the national

unity, stability, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Syria and the well-being of the Syrian people."

"Thereby millions of Syrians who were forced to leave their homes can return to their land."

#### Risks ahead

The Syrian government's fall could pose risks to Turkey, like sending more refugees to the border if chaos ensues.

Sinan Ulgen, director of the Istanbul-based Center for Economics and Foreign Policy Studies, said Turkey, first and foremost, wants a stable Syria.

"The first risk that Turkey would want to avoid at all cost is the territorial disintegration of Syria, with different power structures vying to obtain autonomy on their territory," he said, highlighting the PKK-linked Syrian Kurdish People's Protection Units, the YPG, in northeast Syria.

A stable period of transition would allow Turkey to channel economic aid to Syria to create the conditions for the return of refugees, Ulgen added.

Some analysts have suggested that the rebel offensive could

stoke tensions with Syria's backers, Iran and Russia. Turkey, a NATO member, has sought to balance close relations with Ukraine and Russia in the face of Moscow's full-scale invasion of its neighbor.

Ulgen noted that Russia has not accused Turkey of stoking the insurgents' advance. He said this was due in part to not wanting Turkey to "switch to become more anti-Russia" on the war in Ukraine.

"I don't think that this creates a breaking point in Turkey-Russian relations," he said.

#### Alignment of goals

The developments have raised hopes that Turkey may achieve its strategic objectives in Syria, including securing its southern borders and safely returning Syrian refugees.

Since 2022, Turkey has sought to normalize relations with Syria. But Assad insisted on the withdrawal of Turkish troops from northern Syria; Turkey maintains that it can't withdraw as long as threats from Kurdish militias persist.

Whether a change of rule in Syria will allow Turkey to push the YPG away from its borders remains to be seen. HTS has reportedly developed good ties with the YPG, which heads the Syrian Democratic Forces.

Turkey views the YPG as a terrorist group despite its alliance with the United States against the Islamic State.

Ozgur Unluhisarcikli, director of the German Marshall Fund in Ankara, noted that Turkey would expect to have a significant say in the new-look Syria.

"There will be negotiations that will decide the future of Syria," he said. "Turkey will be influential, but so will the United States and so will the Middle Eastern countries that will finance the rebuilding of Syria."

Gonul Tol, director of the U.S.-based Middle East Institutes' Turkish Program, said Turkey may not be able to control the HTS as it pursues its interests. "HTS are a wild card. Does Turkey really want a jihadist organization to be running a neighboring country?" she said.



Renderings of proposed Fifth Ave. redesign show wider sidewalks, fewer traffic lanes and plenty of trees. OFFICE OF MAYOR



# 5TH AVE. DUE FOR REDO

## Adams has \$150M to make 'crown jewel' more pedestrian friendly

BY JOSEPHINE STRATMAN  
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

Mayor Adams' initial investment of over \$150 million toward a plan to pedestrianize around a dozen blocks of Fifth Ave. from Bryant Park to Central Park would expand sidewalks by almost half, scale back traffic lanes from five to three and add trees, planters and lighting, according to City Hall.

The project was first announced December 2022 in a plan by the mayor and Gov. Hochul to revive New York City's postpandemic economy. The street redesign is projected to boost the area's property and sales tax revenue in a key corridor for the city, according to a release.

"Fifth Ave. has and will always be the economic engine of our city for the past 200 years,"



Adams said at a press conference announcing the funds on Sunday, the 200th anniversary of Fifth Ave. "And today, we're putting high-octane fuel in that

engine to take us the next 200 years."

The \$152.7 million will cover the design and construction, including sewer improvements, for

the project, Adams said, adding that the project is expected to "pay for itself" in five years with the increased tax revenue.

The project, a partnership

between city agencies and business improvement districts, seeks to give more space to shoppers, commuters and passers-by.

"By increasing sidewalk space and beautifying this incredibly important economic engine, Fifth Ave. will return to its place as the No. 1 shopping street in the world and the crown jewel of New York City," Madelyn Wils of the Fifth Avenue Association said at the press conference.

The plan builds on a popular program to shut down Fifth Ave. to car traffic for several Sundays during the busy holiday season. This year, the city cut that program down to just one weekend.

The redesign would double the width of the sidewalks to 33.5 feet and reduce crossing length by about a third, as well as add 230 trees and 20,000 square feet of planters and seating, according to City Hall.



# N.J.: What's with the drones?

## Gov. Murphy says they're no threat, but lawmakers freaked out

BY THERESA BRAINE  
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy on Monday reiterated that mysterious drone sighted over the state don't pose a public threat, after 21 mayors and other elected officials called for more action.

"This is something we're taking deadly seriously," he said at an unrelated bill-signing event in Princeton. "I don't blame people for being frustrated."

His comment came after lawmakers and mayors in New Jersey demanded a more "proactive" response from Murphy and federal officials as drones continued to clutter the Garden State's skies.

"Either higher-level officials know what's going on and are not concerned, or they are negligent for not apprehending and identifying one of these drones," the nearly two dozen Morris County mayors told Murphy in a letter sent this weekend, obtained by the Bergen Record. "We strongly request a proactive approach be

taken on the half of the residents of New Jersey and Morris County. These drones have to land at some point somewhere, and these offices need to follow them and identify where they are going and who owns them and is operating them."

Republican state Sen. Doug Steinhardt on Friday called for a bipartisan panel to look into the issue.

"The recurring issue of unidentified drones in areas of critical military and infrastructure security, over private homes, under the cloak of darkness and at all hours of the night have raised concerns among many including residents in the 23rd legislative district," he said in a statement. "The incomplete answers and evasive assurances given by the governor and others in authority positions have raised more questions than they have answered."

Assembly members John DiMaio and Erik Peterson echoed the sentiments in their own letter to Murphy.

The drones were first spotted



New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy said it's something "we're taking very seriously," but information about the mysterious clusters of drones hovering at night over parts of the state has been nonexistent. AP

in mid-November hovering over mid- and northern New Jersey, sometimes in clusters as large as

eight. Most of them are bigger than those normally used by hobbyists. They have been causing

consternation for their proximity to a military base and President-elect Trump's Bedminster golf course. They may be the same drones that blocked a medevac helicopter from rescuing someone injured in a car accident just before Thanksgiving. The FBI and other agencies are investigating.

Murphy had said Friday that his office was "actively monitoring the situation" in conjunction with federal and law enforcement officials.

But that didn't cut it for creeped-out constituents.

"While the benefits of drone technology are widely recognized when used responsibly and transparently, the lack of information and clarity regarding these operations has caused fear and frustration among our constituents," the mayors wrote in their letter.

"Despite inquiries made to relevant authorities, we have yet to receive satisfactory answers about the purpose, operators, or safety protocols governing these flights."

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# MAYBE I COULD BE A SENATOR

## Don's daughter-in-law looks to future as she steps down from GOP post

Replacing Marco Rubio as Florida U.S. senator apparently is on radar of Lara Trump (pictured).

AP

BY JULIET LINDERMAN  
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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lara Trump will step down as co-chairwoman of the Republican National Committee as she considers a number of potential options with her father-in-law set to return to the White House.

Among those possibilities is replacing Sen. Marco Rubio, whom President-elect Donald Trump tapped to be the next secretary of state.

If Rubio is confirmed, his replacement — who would be chosen by Florida Gov.

Ron DeSantis — would serve for two years until the next regularly scheduled election in 2026, at which point the seat would be up for election again.

"It is something I would seriously consider," Lara Trump told The Associated Press in an interview. "If I'm being completely transparent, I don't know exactly what that would look like. And I certainly want to get all of the information possible if that is something that's real for me. But yeah, I would 100% consider it."

Elected as RNC co-chairwoman in March, Trump was a key player in the Republicans retaking the White House and control of the Senate while maintaining a narrow House majority. What she does

next could shape Republican politics, given her elevated political profile and her ties to the incoming president.

The RNC, led by Trump and Chairman Michael Whatley, invested heavily in recruiting about 230,000 volunteers and an army of lawyers for what it called its "election integrity" effort, four years after Donald Trump lost his reelection bid to Democrat Joe Biden, citing false or unproven theories about voter fraud.

Outside groups, such as Turning Point Action and SpaceX and X CEO Elon Musk's America PAC, took a greater responsibility for advertising and get-out-the-vote efforts.

While Whatley will remain RNC

chairman, Trump said she felt she had accomplished her goals in the co-chair role. "With that big win, I kind of feel like my time is up," she said. "What I intended to do has been done."

Trump also says she expects the GOP to be more unified than it has ever been.

When she became co-chairwoman in May, the Trump campaign and the RNC merged, with staffers fired and positions restructured. She said the result could spell trouble for GOP lawmakers who do not agree with the president-elect's agenda.

"I think people are feeling a little more bold in coming out with their political views," she said.

## Fortnite refunds \$72 million in unwanted purchases after FTC fine

BY DAVID MATTHEWS  
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

The U.S. Federal Trade Commission has begun sending payments to players of Fortnite who were deceived into making unwanted in-game purchases.

The payments will total \$72 million and come after the FTC and Epic Games, Fortnite's studio,

settled for \$245 million over a "counterintuitive" design issue causing players to click the wrong button and inadvertently make a purchase.

The FTC has recently targeted companies, including powerhouse Amazon, over these sorts of deceptive practices — known as dark patterns.

The agency determined Fortnite

would make purchases while a player was previewing an item or when the game was still loading. This caused some players — many of whom are children — to "rack up unauthorized charges without any parental involvement," the FTC said.

More than 629,000 customers will receive an average payment of \$114 in this round of payments,

with future disbursements coming at a later date.

"As our complaints note, Epic used privacy-invasive default settings and deceptive interfaces that tricked Fortnite users, including teenagers and children," FTC Chairwoman Lina Khan said when the settlement was first announced in December 2022.

"Protecting the public, and

especially children, from online privacy invasions and dark patterns is a top priority for the Commission, and these enforcement actions make clear to businesses that the FTC is cracking down on these unlawful practices."

Epic Games was fined an additional \$275 million for violating the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act in the case.



# DAILY NEWS EDITORIAL

## The Penny case & mental health law

**D**aniel Penny has been acquitted of the subway killing of Jordan Neely, but the New York City criminal justice and mental-health-care establishment is guilty of creating the conditions whereby a deeply disturbed man known to be in the throes of psychological crisis wound up melting down on a subway car, hurling threats at passengers.

Should Penny, a Marine trained in hand-to-hand combat, really have absolved of any penalties after placing Neely in an asphyxiating chokehold, and keeping him in it even after he was debilitated? From where we sit, it feels wrong to endorse his actions and its consequences.

Yes, as even the prosecution acknowledged, Penny was indeed disturbing and scaring passengers; some intervention was warranted. But life-ending intervention was extreme, which is why we backed the charges Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg brought when he brought them.

That having been said, we didn't sit on the jury and didn't hear all the evidence, so we're loath to replace our judgment with that of 12 of Penny's peers who were doing their essential duty. This was a difficult judgment call; Penny did the right thing up to a point, and reasonable minds can disagree about when that point arrived. The jury struggled mightily for days over the manslaughter charge last week, then Monday unanimously decided against the criminally negligent homicide count.

There is no debate, however, that New York is a place where far too many people who need and deserve extensive mental-health treatment — even assertive treatment they never asked for — are rarely if ever going to get it, and that's a tragedy. Over the years, Neely had cycled in and out of hospitals, where practitioners including

psychiatrists had noted his mental distress. He was on the city's "top 50" list of homeless individuals who are in and out of the throes of mental-health crisis.

It is not only the case that "the system failed him," as some critics are claiming, if by that they mean to simplistically suggest that it never made a good-faith attempt to address his psychosis.

What the system failed to do is prescribe sufficiently strong policy medicine. In November 2021, Neely punched a 67-year-old woman in the face, injuring her severely. He was charged with assault and spent 15 months in jail while awaiting resolution of the case. In February 2023, he pleaded guilty — and, in lieu of prison or other punishment, sent to live at a treatment facility in the Bronx.

He was supposed to stay there for more than a year; he was supposed to take medication; he wasn't supposed to leave without permission. He walked out less than two weeks later.

"The system" cared. The system tried. The system engaged with Neely and went out of its way to match him to help rather than locking him up and throwing away the key. The core problem is that the same system had no way of ensuring that Neely would actually follow through on the commitment he gave the court. Put differently, there should've been locks on that facility's doors.

On this, Mayor Adams and his top mental health advisor, Brian Stettin, have the right approach. In rare cases when people are at risk to themselves and others, when they don't recognize their own psychosis, Adams and Stettin want the state and health-care practitioners to step in. In this case, caring for someone meant exercising tougher love.

## Regular regulation

**T**his week, the Environmental Protection Agency moved to largely ban the use of trichloroethylene and tetrachloroethylene, known as TCE and Perc, respectively, in most consumer and commercial uses. You may not have heard of these substances, but they're all around you, with the chemicals being used frequently in dry cleaning, though their prevalence belies their potential danger.

The EPA has linked them to cancers, nervous and immune system disorders and various other serious health effects. Meanwhile, the Food and Drug Administration is moving to tamp down on the use of an even more common chemical: red dye No. 3, a food coloring and additive that is already banned in the European Union and has been linked to some attention disorders in children and cancers in animals.

Most Americans probably spend little time thinking about the EPA (created under Republican Richard Nixon) and the FDA (created under Republican Teddy Roosevelt) which largely do their work behind the scenes.

But you can bet people will quickly notice if and when the agencies are neutered and responsive to ideological interests of the sort that some around Donald Trump seem interested in pursuing — anti-regulatory, anti-administrative state, except on matters of international trade and immigration.

These agencies are not infallible, but someone has to make the call about what will be allowed in our food, in our air, in our water, as pharmaceutical therapeutics and so on. All things being equal, we'd much prefer these people are the people with the Ph.D.s, who reach their conclusions after litanies of

in-depth research, lab testing, peer review and data crunching that would mystify any political appointee or federal judge.

Can regulation be overbearing, go too far? Sure, it happens. Agency experts can get too enthusiastic about what constitutes a hazard, or be fed over-broad instructions from legislators themselves. But the U.S. regulatory apparatus over the last few decades, while far from perfect — just look at the lethargy in dealing with tobacco and opioids, among other things — has been something of a victim of its own success.

Most people take for granted that the food we buy in grocery stores and chemicals used in consumer and industrial applications like dry cleaners won't kill or injure us, or if that there was such cause for concern, the government would step in and do something about it.

This is not an automatic process; regulators have to be well-resourced and well-supported enough to study the subjects of their mandates and to act on this research, even when it proves unpopular with powerful industry actors. They've already been hamstrung by this year's Supreme Court decision overturning the longtime Chevron precedent, which has put legislators and federal judges firmly in the driver's seat of making granular, technical determinations about things like the risks of trichloroethylene.

Perhaps the industry-skeptical streak exemplified by cabinet picks like RFK Jr. can help sway some of the incoming Trump team to the idea that regulation as a general principle is necessary and proper, even if his own personal ideas are fringe and often wholly unsupported. The public might not be clamoring for it, but they'll miss it when it's gone.

## NYCHA has its own scaffold problems

BE OUR GUEST

BY JAMIE RUBIN

**N**ew Yorkers hate sidewalk scaffolding, the omnipresent structures that seemingly spring up overnight and obstruct pedestrian traffic for years at a time. New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) residents feel the scourge of these sidewalk sheds even more acutely than most, with more than 400 separate sheds comprising more than 130,000 linear feet — a staggering 25 miles — across NYCHA-managed properties.

A combination of time and weather will cause any building in the city to fall into disrepair. When cracks and other signs of age show up on exterior walls, a city law, Local Law 11, requires scaffolding to be installed until repairs can be made.

As the city's largest landlord, NYCHA is committed to full compliance and to the safety of our developments. But scaffolds and fencing are costly and difficult to maintain; they make residents feel less safe, increase debris, reduce visibility and create additional risks for crime.

So, our focus is to keep up the scaffolding we need, and get rid of what we don't.

We are making real progress: \$323 million in state capital funds is enabling NYCHA to complete much-needed façade renovation work at 124 buildings across 29 developments where more than 46,000 residents live, and take down more than 39,500 linear feet of sidewalk sheds — four times the length of the National Mall — over the next two years.

It will save us \$7 million per year in scaffolding, funding that can and must be spent elsewhere in our portfolio.

But now it's time to build on this momentum, reforming parts of the city's broader shedding regulations that are a poor fit for NYCHA and a nuisance citywide.

Under current rules, NYCHA's sidewalk shedding can extend into our campus the equivalent of half the height of our buildings, depending on how high up the façade issue is. Scaffolding on our taller buildings can extend more than 40 feet, covering walkways and fencing off playgrounds and seating areas — essentially robbing NYCHA residents of needed outdoor space without additional safety benefits.

As the head of NYCHA's board, I support the bold package of bills recently introduced by City Council Members Keith Powers and Erik Bottcher which initiate long-overdue reforms, like elongating inspection times between cycles to help reduce how frequently sheds go up, increasing the visual diversity of the scaffolding and much else besides.

First, they include measures for thoughtful, practical design requirements, enabling new colors and designs to bring a little more humanity and care to this necessary safety infrastructure.

The Council has already done great work in this area. It passed Intro 956 earlier this year, which makes the "City Canvas" program, as it's called, easier to implement, allowing artwork to be painted directly on a sidewalk shed or construction fence — if not doing away with the sea of forest green, at least bringing the creativity of our residents and city to bear to make the sheds more appealing and dynamic.

We can attest to the program's impacts: In 2023, we partnered with ArtBridge and the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs' City Artist Corps to display works by local artists — including public housing residents — on construction scaffolding at 16 NYCHA developments across the five boroughs.

Resident associations, resident leaders and property managers collaborated to temporarily transform these structures into canvases that were reflections of the communities themselves, and a great source of pride for all involved.

Now, this new legislation will go even further, bringing new designs and colors of the sheds themselves into the mix, positively changing the daily experiences of the New Yorkers who visit, work and live at our campuses.

One thing I'd like to see included in any legislation that makes it to the finish line is shrinking the maximum number of feet that a scaffold can extend past the façade. This wouldn't just bring more sunlight and safety to our campuses — but being able to do away with unnecessary shedding would also bring real savings, potentially to the tune of millions of dollars, which, as we've proven out with the state investment, we could invest elsewhere at our developments.

As these bills make their way through the City Council, they represent a real opportunity to simultaneously remove unnecessary shedding at NYCHA developments and repurpose the funding to further address quality of life concerns for public housing residents.

The Council has a once-in-a-generation opportunity to change Gotham's landscape and improve the quality of life for public housing residents. By passing this legislation, they are heading in the right direction.

Rubin is the NYCHA Board chair.



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# With Assad out, what we must do help save Syria

This was a long day coming, and frankly one I never thought I'd see. Thirteen years ago, Syria's Bashar Assad unleashed a reign of unmitigated terror on his own people, in response to protests of his inhumane Ba'athist government.

Over the course of the civil war, he unabashedly committed the worst atrocities imaginable – barrel bombing schools and hospitals, torturing children and the elderly, releasing sarin gas on toddlers and infants. His war on his own people is estimated to have killed 500,000 Syrians, 50,000 of them children. Upwards of 35,000 have been “disappeared” or imprisoned. Millions more have been displaced.

For 13 years, a small cohort of journalists, war reporters, aid groups, and lawmakers tried everything we could to not let these atrocities go unnoticed or forgotten. But it often felt like screaming into a void of indifference.

That indifference is the world's burden to share, and will always be a tragedy on top of a tragedy – inexplicable, indefensible, unforgivable.

But now that Assad the Butcher is finally gone, we owe it to the Syrian people to correct our moral failures.

The unexpected fall of Assad has brought Syrians hope for the first time



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in more than 50 years, but it also opens the door to some potentially dangerous unknowns that must be addressed by world leaders. There are two immediate concerns: Assad's chemical weapons and the state's Captagon production.

Assad used chemical weapons, including sarin and chlorine barrel bombs, against his own people on multiple occasions. The Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) has spent more than 10 years trying to determine exactly which ones the regime still possesses, with no luck. Now is the time to find them and hold Assad accountable for their use, and more importantly, dispose of them properly so they don't end up in the hands of terrorist factions circling Syria.

Similarly, Captagon is a dangerous synthetic stimulant that's been mass-produced and trafficked in Syria by the Assad regime since the war began and Syria's economy imploded. The drug brought in billions for Assad. But Syria cannot

rebuild as a narco-state, and containing Captagon is a national security and public safety must.

Then, Syria will need, well, everything – the rebuilding of schools, roads, and hospitals; a functioning government; the means by which to welcome back millions of refugees; protection from vulture groups looking to exploit the new vacuum.

We not only have a role to play in all of this; it's in our own economic and national security interests to ensure Syria's rebirth as a democratic partner in the region. And we have the leverage to do it.

In April 2011, the U.S. issued its first sanctions against Syria and many more followed. Eventually, the U.S. would prohibit any new investment in Syria, embargo its oil, impose travel bans, freeze the assets of a number of Syrian entities and persons, and prohibit the export of any U.S. goods and services. The European Union, Australia, the Arab League, Turkey, as well as multiple non-EU countries would follow suit, plunging Syria into economic darkness.

Along with our allies, we should engage in talks to lift these sanctions, and in fact pour resources back into Syria under a checklist of conditions. Syria must draft a new constitution. It must conduct democratic elections. It must release all

prisoners of war. It must allow refugees to return home. It must allow outside agents to dispose of its chemical weapons and Captagon.

There is so much more that a new Syria will have to do to regain its stability and economic footholds, to rebuild its infrastructure, to heal its people. It has a long road ahead, after suffering down a long road of Assad's terror.

We don't need to send troops, nor do we need to envision our role as nation builders. This isn't a heavy lift for the U.S., nor will it put incoming President Trump in a politically compromising or “interventionist” position. We have a golden opportunity to help give the Syrian people what they've long been demanding and deserve – a free and fair democracy. That's good for Syria, and good for America and our allies.

We can't go back and intervene when perhaps we should have. We can't bring half a million innocent people back to life. We can't undo the torture and horrors Bashar Assad brazenly unleashed on his people for years. And we can't wash the stain of indifference off of our hands.

But we can help Syria rebuild. And after years of inaction and apathy, it's quite simply the least we can do.

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## Justice done by a jury of the defendant's peers

**S**tamford, Conn.: Daniel Penny's acquittal in the subway death of Jordan Neely is an example of the wisdom of our jury trial system. Penny, who was originally questioned by police on the date of Neely's death, was released without being arrested. It was only after 10 days of outrage when Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg succumbed to public pressure and filed felony charges against Penny.

Now, after a full and fair criminal trial, a jury of Penny's peers has delivered a verdict of not guilty. Ordinarily, the circumstances of a criminal case become sterilized when they are evaluated in a courtroom. The event itself is left behind and the case gets tried under a set of rules and standards that strips away the real-world reality of what occurred. Fortunately, the jurors, all Manhattan residents by law, saw through the prosecutors' attempt to sanitize the grit.

A subway car can be an ominous place. Passengers are sealed in with no place to retreat. Threatening behavior is magnified a thousand-fold. What might be a harmless rant on the streets becomes a terrorizing experience in the subways. New Yorkers understand this and were able to properly visualize Neely's conduct as it actually occurred, notwithstanding Bragg's effort to trivialize it as harmless.

No one on that train knew how dangerous Neely's behavior would become. Penny acted with courage to subdue a threat that terrorized a car full of straphangers. Yes, Neely's death was unfortunate, but as the saying goes, it's better to be judged by 12 than to be carried by six.

*Peter Janoff*



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### Lethal signal

**Keamy, N.J.:** Wow, so you can literally choke the life out of a man who hadn't really done much more than panhandle, get off scot-free and go on with your life without any consequences at all. What a dangerous message to send in this stressed-out, angry and divided nation.

*John Woodmaska*

### Vigilante threat

**Far Rockaway:** Dear Mayor Adams, due to the not-guilty verdict of Penny, I implore you to place more police officers on the subway trains more often than you do. I know for a fact that kids who take the subways can be loud and a bit boisterous (I'm a subway rider). How long will it be before someone's child becomes a victim of a do-gooder who wants to save people from children who behave in a manner that displeases? Please, protect our children.

*Ora Reed*

### Times haven't changed

**Manhattan:** Penny's trial reminded me of the Bernie Goetz affair, when, in 1984, Goetz shot and wounded four Black youths on a subway train who had asked Goetz for money. He shot two in the back, and one subsequently sued Goetz and won a \$43 million judgement against him. At the time of the shooting, Goetz was proclaimed a hero by the tabloids and lovingly compared to the vigilante subway gunman portrayed by Charles Bronson in the hit movie "Death Wish," who

nonchalantly massacres young Black men. Goetz stood trial for attempted murder, assault, reckless endangerment and firearms offenses. The jury found him guilty on just one count of carrying an unlicensed firearm, for which he served eight months in prison. I expect that Penny's beating the rap reflects the fear of the judiciary in crossing Donald Trump's virulent MAGA base, which will celebrate the death of a hapless youth who the country long ago left for dead. *Ron Spurga*

### Crossed a sacred line

**Fresh Meadows:** I am so blessed to be a white person with a job in the New York area, and poor Jordan Neely was not! I am stunned and ashamed of the jury, mostly women, who acquitted Daniel Penny. Granted, he was able to subdue Neely, but he really should have left it at that and not killed Neely without conscience of wrongdoing whatsoever.

*Lesley Lewis Paulos*

### Brace for backlash

**Bronx:** With the not guilty verdict for Penny and the possible protests, this will test how the new police commissioner handles herself in these upcoming days. If there are not-so-peaceful protests, time will tell. *Jimmy Durda*

### Ideal vs. real

**Staten Island:** Taking issue with the Leonard Greene piece regarding the Penny/Neely tragedy ("He may skate on slay," column, Dec. 8). No one's opinion besides those

actually on the subway carry much weight. The could-have, would-have, should-have piece is meaningless. Where was the Neely family all the years he was living on the streets, using drugs, committing 40-plus crimes and punching an innocent woman just standing on the subway platform? They wasted no time filing their civil suit! How are the rights of law-abiding citizens served when the media repeatedly publishes 15-year-old photos of Neely as a Michael Jackson street performer rather than the spiraling-out-of-control mentally ill person he became? Just how much the general public is expected to reasonably endure on their commute doesn't begin to address the problems we are dealing with. *Ellen Settanni*

### Cases in contrast

**Jacksonville, Fla.:** I find it disturbing that people, including Leonard Greene, manage to convict Penny for not knowing how long to hold someone — in this case, a crazed man — before letting him go. I somehow doubt that he, nor 99% of the people who wanted Penny convicted of something, have ever been in the same situation. In contrast, just weeks later, Jordan Williams stabbed to death a man who was being aggressive and irrational, much like Neely. No charges were prosecuted even though Williams, who is Black, had an illegal weapon and ran from the

scene. There was, as opposed to the Neely case, little doubt as to the outcome when you stick a knife in a man's chest. Where is the outrage for Williams' victim? Greene and other judges of how long someone should be held in a chokehold should try applying their outrage equally.

*T.A. Summerlin*

### You weren't there

**Glendale:** When columnist Leonard Greene passes judgment about an incident at which he was not present, he free-associates with a mentality that warrants scrutiny. A bigger question about his determining that Penny did anything wrong in attempting to stop a deranged man from harassing and threatening others on the train can't possibly be resolved when race is brought into the equation. Would Greene feel as adamant if both people were of the same race? It begs explanation and verification. Sadly, agenda-driven rhetoric serves only to further the divide that our country no longer wants to see and proliferate. Witnesses who were on the train that day are the only people who can attest to how they were feeling. Speculations do not necessarily reflect reality. Sorry, Mr. Greene, mending your personal grievances toward others doesn't mean you can become the judge and jury on anything except your own emotions.

*Jonathan Kiddrane*

### To help or not to help

**Brooklyn:** In his case against Penny in Sunday's Daily News, Leonard Greene compares his recent experience on the train with that of Penny. He also commends himself for not helping a female passenger who was being harassed by someone who was obviously not in their right mind. No doubt, most riders would take Penny over Greene in this situation. Greene also focuses on race and leaves out many pertinent facts in the case in order to vilify Penny. Would he be defending Penny if the two men were their opposite colors?

*Jack Flynn*

### Man of action

**Manhattan:** To Leonard Greene: I read your column three times to understand your thinking and realized that, like you, I am basically a coward at heart. When faced with a threat, you sat by like all others, hoping it would go away or someone else would come to the rescue. You would not have killed him, but you also would not have tried to prevent him from harming others, yet you are ready to pass judgment on a man who rose to a threat that you admit you were not ready to meet — and I am not sure how I would have handled that situation. Personally, I think Penny should get the key to the city for rising to what most of our citizens fear awaits them on a daily basis in New York City. *Carl Maury*



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# NJ Transit CEO Corbett quits to take univ. job

BY JOSEPH WILKINSON  
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

NJ Transit CEO Kevin Corbett announced his resignation Monday, to take effect Jan. 15.

Corbett said he was leaving his post for an unspecified university job, according to NJ.com.

"In addition to giving me a chance to spend more time with my family, I have recently accepted a new opportunity with one of our state's prestigious universities that will allow me to remain deeply connected to the transportation sector," Corbett wrote in his resignation letter, which was obtained by NJ.com.

Gov. Phil Murphy appointed Corbett to run the state-owned transit system in 2018, shortly after he took over as governor. A registered Republican, Corbett was a surprise choice at the time from the

left-leaning Murphy.

Perhaps Corbett's greatest success at NJ Transit was boosting the number of railway engineers. At the time he took over in 2018, the system was short about 100 engineers and trains were routinely canceled due to lack of staff. Three years later, the railway had returned to full staffing.

The railroad has also been plagued by its share of problems, including numerous delays and cancellations this past summer. NJ Transit riders became so upset that Murphy eventually announced a "fare holiday" for a week at the end of the summer.

A protracted labor dispute with the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen also extended across almost all of Corbett's tenure.

The union has been working without a contract since 2019 and voted in 2023 to authorize a strike, which has been delayed by legal processes.



NJ Transit CEO Kevin Corbett announced Monday that he is resigning Jan. 15 to take an unspecified university job. EVAN SIMKO-BEDNARSKI / NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

# Up to 3 inches of rain predicted across drought-plagued N.Y., N.J.

BY JOSEPH WILKINSON  
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

The tristate area will receive 2 to 3 inches of rain across the next two days, a welcome relief for an area mired in several drought emergencies.

The rain began Monday morning across New York and New Jersey, and forecasters predicted about half an inch would fall in some areas throughout the day.

A larger storm is predicted to arrive Tuesday night and continue dumping rain all the way through Wednesday.

"Rain will develop Tuesday night and become widespread and continue for most if not all of Wednesday," National Weather Service forecasters wrote Monday. "As of now, 2 to 3 inches of rain is forecast across the region Tuesday afternoon through early Wednesday night."

While precipitation on Monday was heavier in New York and North Jersey, the Tuesday to Wednesday downpour is expected to affect the entire region.

New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy declared a drought emergency in mid-November, and Mayor Adams



Much-needed rain will continue to drench the area over the next two days, though it is not expected to cause flooding as did deluge last December (above). AP

followed suit with warnings days later.

New York is expecting about 2 inches from this week's storm. Slightly heavier totals were forecast for southern Connecticut and Long Island.

The rain predicted for the tristate area is part of a larger system expected

to dump significant rain across much of the East Coast.

"Because of the long-term drought, the rain should be well handled by most small streams and all of the major rivers," AccuWeather meteorologist Alex Sosnowski said.

# MTA worker faces charges in Brooklyn subway station slashing

An MTA worker is facing charges for slashing a man who had been sleeping on a bench in a Brooklyn subway station early Monday, police sources said.

The victim, 47, was cut near his left eye on the platform for the outbound D train at the Atlantic Ave.-Barclays Center station at about 1:45 a.m. on Monday, cops said.

Medics took the man

to New York-Presbyterian Hospital Brooklyn Methodist in stable condition.

The worker was arrested with charges against him pending.

It was not immediately clear what sparked the slashing. The MTA worker was pouring bleach when an argument erupted with the victim, police sources told PIX11.

Rocco Parascandola



Slashing occurred early Monday in Atlantic Ave./Barclays Center subway station. JEFF BACHNER FOR NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

## DEATH NOTICES

The New York Daily News extends condolences to the families and loved ones of those who have passed.

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## Death Notices

### Pouchie, Dolores

Dolores Pouchie, a cherished mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and friend, passed away on December 8th, 2024, at the age of 93. She leaves a legacy of an incredible family filled with gratitude, love and compassion.

Dolores was the beloved mother of Michael (Lisa), Carol (Michael Graham) Steven (predeceased)(Naomi); Wife of the late Vibert Pouchie; sister of Ronald Rodriguez (Marcy). Treasured Grandmother of Bunnie, Sal, Priscilla, Melany, Christopher, Trevor, Juliana, Andrew, and Jessica; and Great-grandmother to Kaelyn, Michael, Julian, Everett, and Rosie.

Born in New York on April 4, 1931, to parents Ralph and Julia Rodriguez, Dolores dedicated her life to her family and to her community. She had an incredible ability to generously share her sense of humor, wisdom, and compassion. Dolores retired from the NYC Board of Education after a long service career. In her retirement, she pursued many passions ranging from being a Docent at the Museum of Natural History to a preschool educator at the Botanical Gardens in the Bronx. She was also a board member of the Bronx Community Board #10.

Though our hearts ache with her absence, we take comfort in the memories of her laughter, the lessons she imparted, and the countless lives she touched. She will be deeply missed but forever remembered.

It would be appreciated by the family that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Calvary Hospital Foundation in memory of Dolores Pouchie: <https://fund.calvaryhospital.org/>

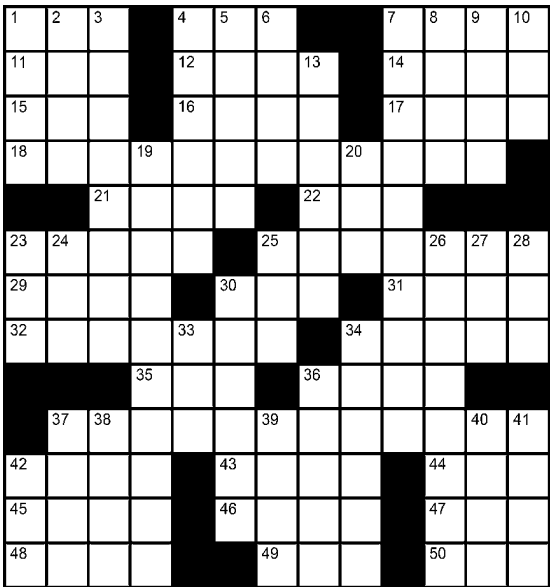


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An extra array of word games, search and other tests to help you pass the time at home

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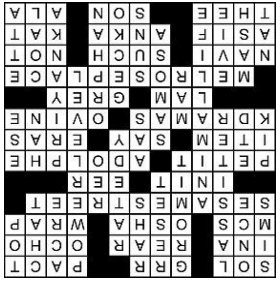
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- 8 The Hundred-\_\_\_\_ Wood
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**Boggle BrainBusters!**

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

**BOGGLE POINT SCALE**

- 3 letters = 1 point
- 4 letters = 2 points
- 5 letters = 3 points
- 6 letters = 4 points
- 7 letters = 6 points
- 8 letters = 10 points
- 9+ letters = 15 points

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- 151+ = Champ
- 101-150 = Expert
- 61-100 = Pro
- 31-60 = Gamer
- 21-30 = Rookie
- 11-20 = Amateur
- 0-10 = Try again

**Boggle BrainBusters Bonus**

We put special brain-busting words into the grid of letters. Can you find them?

Find AT LEAST FOUR WATER-LOVING BIRDS in the grid of letters.

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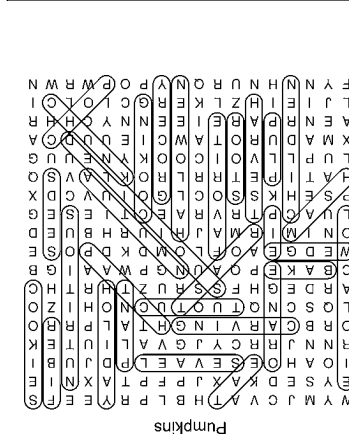
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Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

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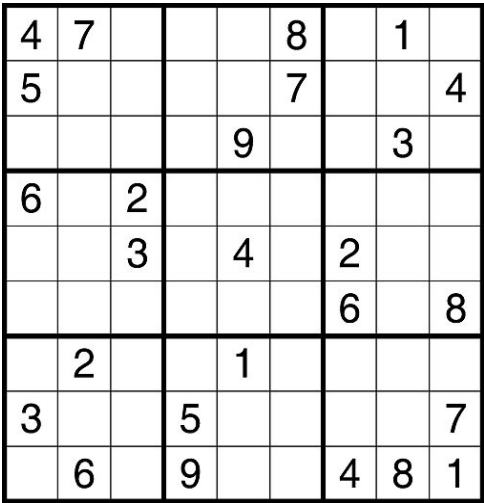
Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.



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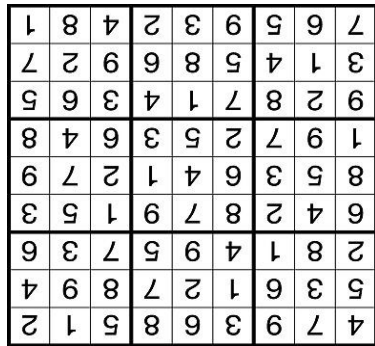
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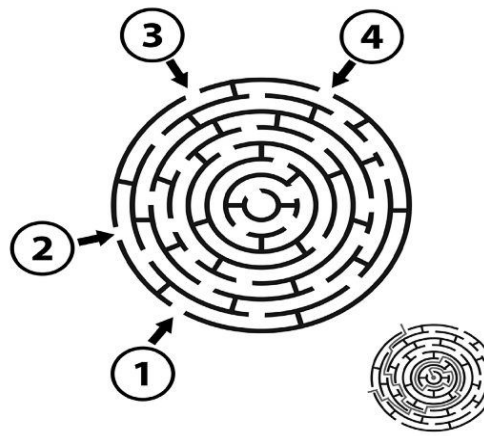
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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit from 1 to 9. For strategies on solving Sudoku, visit [sudoku.org.uk](http://sudoku.org.uk).



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**Find 2 same pictures**



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Mother Goose & Grimm

One Big Happy

Pooch Café

Red & Rover

Sudoku

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How to Play

Each row must contain the numbers 1 to 9; each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9; and each set of 3 by 3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 to 9.

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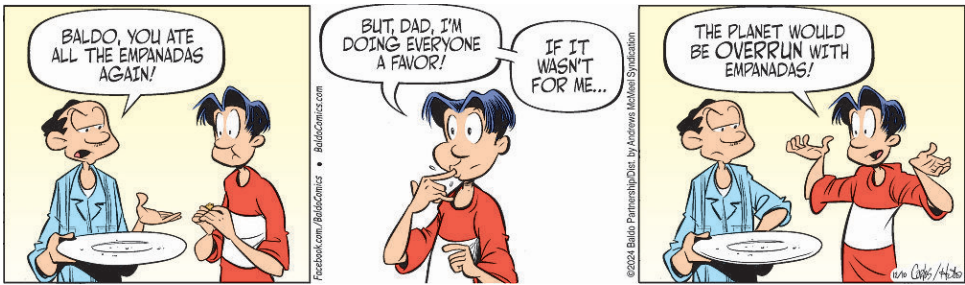
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The Argyle Sweater

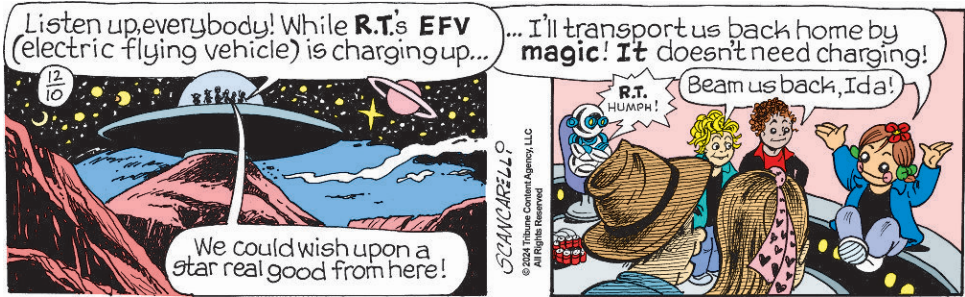
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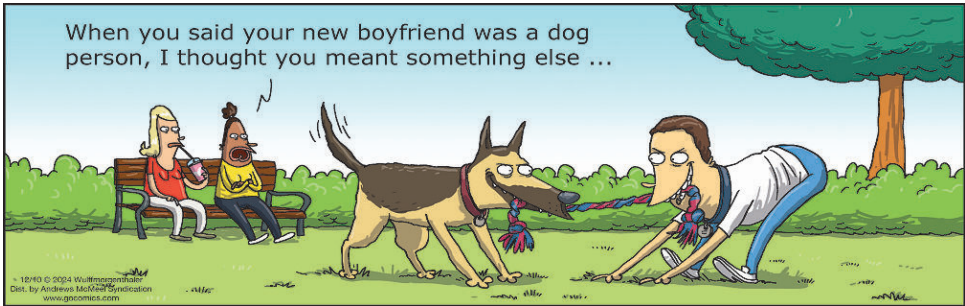
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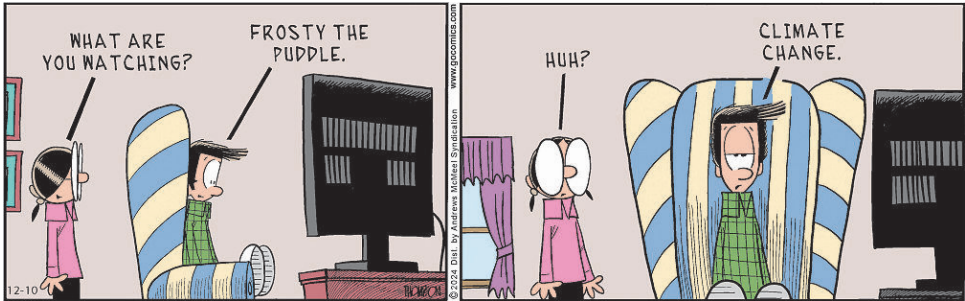
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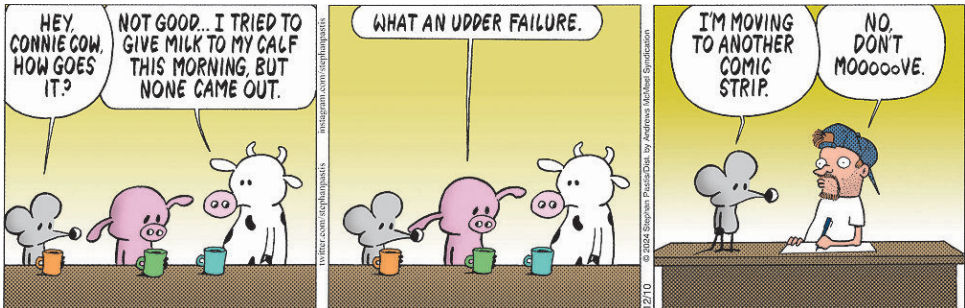
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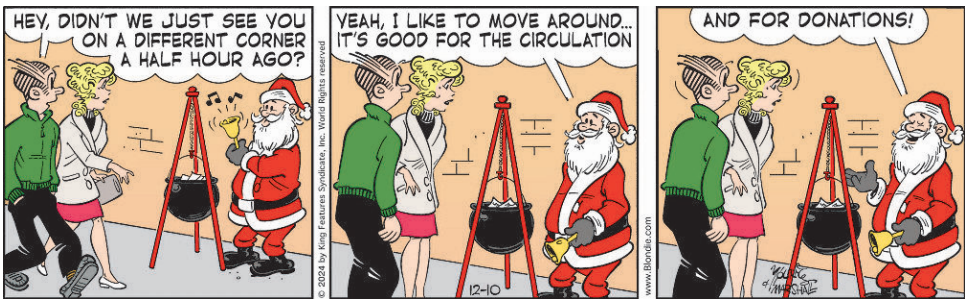
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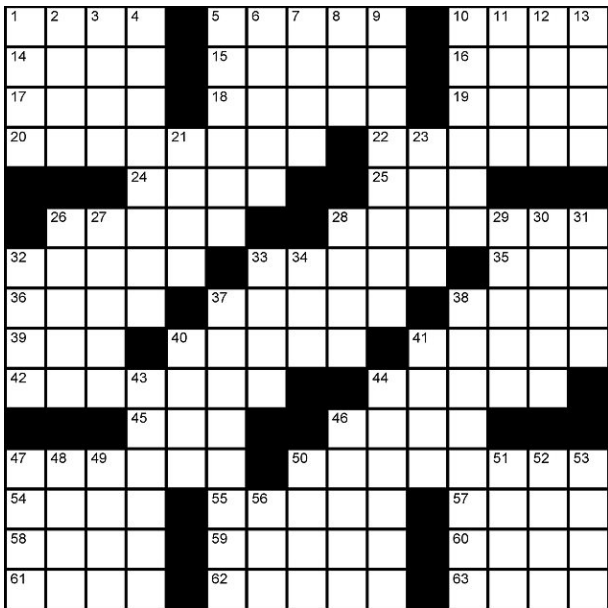
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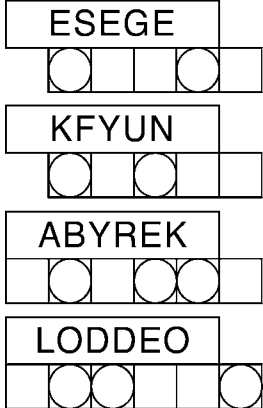
- ACROSS
- 1 "Lara Croft: — Raider"
  - 5 Thin, bony animal
  - 10 Lhasa —
  - 14 Have — — in one's bonnet
  - 15 Still kicking
  - 16 Jam
  - 17 Pink
  - 18 Fabric of flax
  - 19 Popular soft drink
  - 20 Young bird
  - 22 "Ocean's —"
  - 24 Skating facility
  - 25 Talk
  - 26 Lying face-down
  - 28 Design
  - 32 Swindler
  - 33 Blackboard
  - 35 MGM's lion
  - 36 A deadly sin
  - 37 Blue — special
  - 38 Cheerful
  - 39 Number prefix
  - 40 Hibernian
  - 41 Mrs.-to-be
  - 42 Fundraising event
  - 44 Disney duck
  - 45 Family man
  - 46 Rub smooth
  - 47 Say
  - 50 What's discovered
  - 54 Dismounted
  - 55 Got along
  - 57 Function
  - 58 Building location
  - 59 Application
  - 60 Tennis event
  - 61 Attention
  - 62 Stratum
  - 63 "A friend in —"
- DOWN
- 1 Mountain lake
  - 2 Orchestra member
  - 3 Jumble
  - 4 Purple veggie
  - 5 Salty
  - 6 Hoosier
  - 7 Criminal enterprise
  - 8 — Maria
  - 9 Produce
  - 10 Take willingly
  - 11 B.C. or Ont.
  - 12 "For goodness' —!"
  - 13 Augury
  - 21 Concatenate
  - 23 Recently passed
  - 26 Wrinkled fruit
  - 27 Varnish ingredient
  - 28 Way
  - 29 Designer Perry —
  - 30 Prepared
  - 31 Stem joint
  - 32 Links item
  - 33 Cut
  - 34 — Vegas
  - 37 Arrogant
  - 38 Football field
  - 40 "— first you don't succeed ..."
  - 41 Combo
  - 43 Did a publishing job
  - 44 Anger
  - 46 Blockade
  - 47 Far too hasty
  - 48 Writer — Wiesel
  - 49 Mention
  - 50 Make worn by rubbing
  - 51 Yep's opposite
  - 52 Delight
  - 53 Dispatch
  - 56 Clear — — bell

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED



JUMBLE by David L. Hoyt & Jeff Knurek

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



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ANSWER: THE

Yesterday's answers: JUMBLES — DWELL, YACHT, RAISIN, BALLAD  
CARTOON — When another customer complained to the artist about a caricature, it was the — LAST "DRAW"



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer as suggested by the cartoon.



**Today**  
  
A.M. mist; clouds and fog  
High: 52° Low: 50°

**Wednesday**  
  
Heavy rain and a t-storm  
High: 63° Low: 35°

**Thursday**  
  
Windy and much colder  
High: 39° Low: 27°

**Friday**  
  
Sunny  
High: 37° Low: 30°

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

**Goshen** 44/40  
**Newton** 47/44  
**White Plains** 49/46  
**New York City** 52/50  
**New Brunswick** 53/48  
**Sandy Hook** 53/50  
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**Atlantic City** 55/50  
**Cape May** 54/50

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**Almanac Yesterday**  
Statistics for New York City through 7 p.m. yesterday

**Temperature**  
High/Low ..... 51°/44°  
Normal high/low ..... 46°/36°  
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Record low ..... 7° in 1876

**Precipitation**  
24 hrs through 7 p.m. yest. ... 0.18"

**Ski Report**

Resort	Trails Open	Base
Camelback	.....0	.....0-0
Catamount	.....8	.....0-0
Holiday Mtn.	.....0	.....0-0
Hunter Mtn.	.....18	.....0-60

Source: onthesnow.com

**Sun and Moon**

	Rise	Set
Sun	7:09 a.m.	4:28 p.m.
Moon	1:10 p.m.	1:28 a.m.

Full Moon Dec 15  
Last Moon Dec 22  
New Moon Dec 30  
First Moon Jan 6

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**Coney Island:** Wind SE 7-14 mph today. Seas 1-3 feet. Visibility under a mile in fog.

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**Montauk:** Wind E 6-12 mph today. Seas 3-5 feet. Visibility under a mile in fog.

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## For Tuesday, December 10

Healing doesn't always need to be a difficult process. It's a good time for open communication as the Moon trines messenger Mercury. The real rewards will likely arrive when the Sun trines Chiron, strengthening our resolve to drop old baggage which no longer serves any positive purpose. The Moon, meanwhile, will motivate us to wear our hearts on our sleeves as it conjoins Chiron before moving into a final trine with the Sun, where it should wrap up everything quite nicely.

### ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 19  
Take a broad-minded approach to your past. There is an emphasis on active release and rest. A lesson from history or a bit of wisdom from another culture could unlock powerful feelings within you, so be willing to seek answers out in the great wide yonder.



### LIBRA

SEPT. 23-OCT. 22  
Keep an open mind when it comes to other people. Sometimes it can be dangerously easy to dismiss something that someone says or write them off before you even give them the proper time of day. Someone could say or do something that provides you with a major eureka moment, so listen up!



### TAURUS

APRIL 20-MAY 20  
You have the opportunity to let go of old drama today. It may not seem like an easy thing as you navigate this very difficult situation. Instead of avoiding issues, face them head on — they might practically evaporate into nothing under your steely gaze. Certain things need to be confronted. Trust in your abilities.



### SCORPIO

OCT. 23-NOV. 21  
Make sure you aren't working yourself to the bone. You're ready to hit the ground running. It can be easy to ignore your body at times, but if you burn out by sprinting, then you're going to slow yourself down even more in the long run. It's okay to take things easy.



### GEMINI

MAY 21-JUNE 20  
Your relationships require proper breathing space. This is a terrific day to give your connections the benefit of the doubt. This can apply to all kinds of people, whether they're a friend, lover, or business partner, so don't confine yourself to fixing only one situation when you can handle so many.



### SAGITTARIUS

NOV. 22-DEC. 21  
Let it all out! There has rarely been a better time to let the world see what you have to offer. Whether you're officially submitting your artwork to a gallery or just belting it out at karaoke, put your talents into the world and see what happens. The world is waiting for you!



### CANCER

JUNE 21-JULY 22  
Small steps can have major results. This is just the day to tend to the details, knowing your time will be well spent. This will create new pathways for you to remove old issues that have plagued you. All you need to do to make it happen is tend to the work at hand!



### CAPRICORN

DEC. 22-JAN. 19  
At present, you can experience the most growth as a wallflower. It's fine to blossom when no one is looking. Don't focus on being extremely productive, because the stars are encouraging the exact opposite. Wonderful things can happen when you let go.



### LEO

JULY 23-AUG. 22  
The way you experience pleasure is changing. On its own, that's neither positive nor negative. This is a great reminder of life's natural shifts. Try indulging in a few fresh experiences that appeal to you. Immersing yourself in novelty is half the fun right now!



### AQUARIUS

JAN. 20-FEB. 18  
People can bring a lot of meaning to your life if you let them. Whether you're joining forces to organize a food drive or putting together care packages for the less fortunate, you can close this day out feeling great about yourself if you dedicate it to others.



### VIRGO

AUG. 23-SEPT. 22  
An important opportunity for catharsis is on offer. You are in a rather emotional phase. This may open you up, even if you normally keep your feelings locked in like a clam shell. Be honest with yourself about things that have been bothering you, rather than continuing to ignore them. The process could be easier than you'd expect.



### PISCES

FEB. 19-MARCH 20  
Your goals may become a bit more attainable today. This revitalizes you to clarify what you must do to feel like your most successful self. It may not happen overnight, but once you begin to plan the stepping stones to a place of better comfort, you'll reach it sooner than you'd expect. Stop waiting around and start making your dreams reality!



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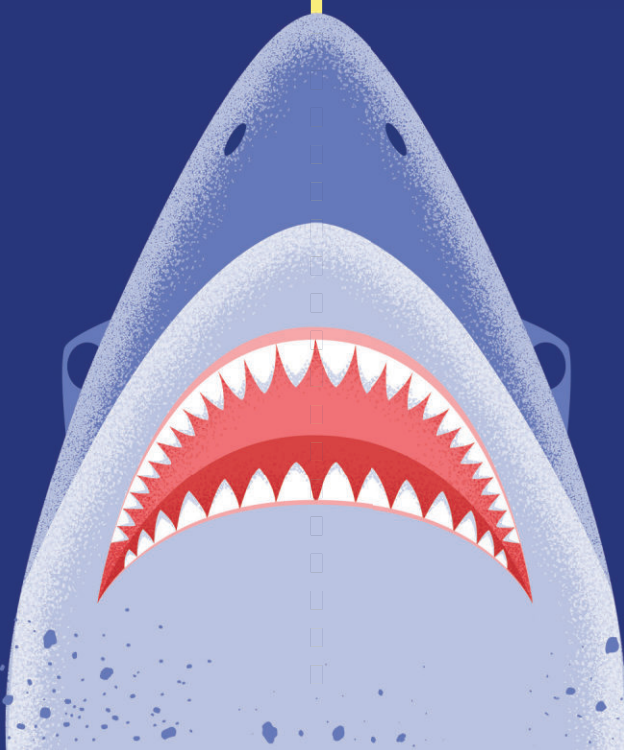


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2066 HYLAN BLVD LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 8/23/24. Office in Richmond Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 1976 Hylan Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10306. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business loc: 2066 Hylan Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10306.

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2320 JACKSON AVENUE LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/25/2024. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Whitestar Advisors, LLC, 902 Clint Moore Road, Ste 104, Boca Raton, FL 33487. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

4912 CESI LLC Art. of Org. filed with NY Secretary of State (NS) on 10/28/2024. Office in Queens Co. NS designated as agent upon whom process may be served & shall mail process to THE LLC, 4-74 48TH AVE #18L, LIC, NY 11109 Purpose: General

9578 Realty LLC. Filed 9/6/24. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. for process & shall mail 33-21 97th St, Corona, NY 11368. Purp: any lawful.

Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Name: Bluestone/Mega Gowanus A LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York ("SSNY") on December 3, 2024. N.Y. office location: Queens County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to Bluestone/Mega Gowanus A LLC, 90-11 160th Street, Suite 100, Jamaica, New York 11432. Purpose/character of LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity.

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Blvd Medical Supplies LLC. Filed 9/6/24. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. for process & shall mail 7182 Parsons Blvd, Fresh Meadows, NY 11365. Purp: any lawful.

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CATALINA KEW GARDENS LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/18/2024. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Sixto Siasoco, 415 Port Washington Boulevard, Port Washington, NY 11050. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

Deeb Consulting 101 LLC. Filed 5/23/24. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. for process & shall mail 11021 73rd Rd, Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purp: any lawful.

ELEVATEDPILATES LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/15/2024. Office loc: Richmond County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Mohamed Sultan, 217 Main Street, Staten Island, NY 10307. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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Notice of Formation of Graziella Imports LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 3/27/24. Office location: Richmond County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 101 Ellis Street, Staten Island, NY 10309. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Heritage Property Partners LLC. Filed 10/2/24. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. for process & shall mail 20723 Melissa Ct, Bayside, NY 11360. Purp: any lawful.

Hong Kong Gourmet LLC filed 11/4/24. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. for process & shall mail to: 5727 228th St., Flushing, NY 11364. Purp: any lawful.

Kaisheng Realty Thirteen LLC. Filed 8/15/24. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. for process & shall mail 198-08 33rd Ave, Flushing, NY 11358. Purp: any lawful.

BOOTH WOODWARD PROPERTIES LLC, App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 10/25/24. Originally filed with the Secretary of State of Nevada on 10/21/24. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1980 Festival Plaza Drive, Suite 770, Las Vegas, NV 89135. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of D'GALA LLC. Articles of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/15/2024. Office located in Queens County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC to: 9634 CORONA AVENUE,, CORONA, NY, 11368, USA. Purpose: Any lawful activity or purpose.

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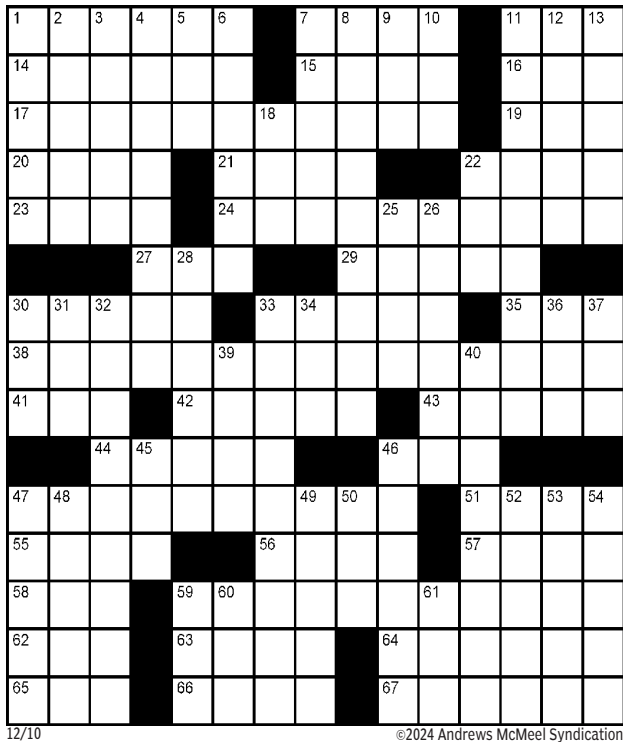
Notice of formation of STUDIO IN FACTORY, LLC. Articles of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/19/2024. Office located in Queens County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC to: 312 MANHATTAN AVE, #6G NEW YORK, NY, 10026, USA. Purpose: Any lawful activity or purpose.

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Notice of formation of G.V.O.S. VENTURES LLC. Articles of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 9/22/2024. Office located in Queens County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC to: 10849 63RD AVE APT 3F, FOREST HILLS, NY, 11375, USA. Purpose: Any lawful activity or purpose.

M.A. FRANCIONI & DAUGHTERS, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 6/28/24. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to The LLC 2615 Shore Rd Little Neck NY 11363. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

CROSSWORD II



ACROSS

- 1 African tree whose fruit is monkey bread
- 7 At the earliest chance, briefly
- 11 Speedometer stat
- 14 Chameleonlike creature
- 15 To be, to Curie
- 16 "Hey, \_\_\_!"
- 17 \*Run
- 19 Opal, for one
- 20 Some lighters
- 21 Big name in perfumes

- 22 Speeding deterrent
- 23 Top draft status
- 24 \*Under
- 27 Badminton barrier
- 29 Continental coins
- 30 Christine of "Running on Empty"
- 33 Mother, in Monterrey
- 35 Take in slowly
- 38 \*Broad
- 41 Be really into
- 42 Wore
- 43 You barely have to study for it
- 44 "SNL" alum Cheri
- 46 Social justice movement inits. since 2013
- 47 \*High
- 51 Leave fur on the sofa, perhaps
- 55 Classic Shiba Inu meme
- 56 Jewish wedding dance

- 57 Title for Mozart or Beethoven
- 58 Period of time
- 59 "Impossible!" ... and what's going on with each starred clue
- 62 24-hr. cash dispenser
- 63 Anything but loquacious
- 64 WNBA great
- 65 Pronoun that's "lei" in Italian
- 66 \_\_\_ Verde National Park
- 67 Like finished wood
- 6 Robber
- 7 Fable writer who observed "After all is said and done, more is said than done"
- 8 Added while baking
- 9 Gallery contents
- 10 Padlock opener?
- 11 "Here's what I think went down ..."
- 12 Keats feats
- 13 Camel characteristics
- 18 Liquor in a fallen angel or white lady
- 22 Frat \_\_\_
- 25 For all of us
- 26 Hansel's sister
- 28 Flexible reply to "Which one?"
- 30 Old Ford found in "salt domes"
- 31 Tuna in many poke bowls
- 32 1998 Spike Lee sports drama
- 33 Dagwood Bumstead's boss

DOWN

- 1 "The Hobbit" hero
- 2 "Didn't this happen last time?"
- 3 Shot glass measure
- 4 2003 film about a Christmas Eve con
- 5 Singer DiFranco

Monday's Puzzle Solved





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PG ADLAI LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/10/24. Office in Richmond Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 705 Ramona Ave., Staten Island, NY, 10309, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

QUEENS LUBE LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/29/24. Office in Queens Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 93-25 Rockaway Blvd., Ozone Park, NY 11416, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of MADISON GLOBAL FUND MANAGER LLC. Articles of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/08/2024. Office located in Queens County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC to: 13525 NORTHERN BLVD, 2FL, FLUSHING, NY, 11354. Purpose: Any lawful activity or purpose.

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Notice of formation of SGAVS Productions LLC. Articles of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on August 22, 2024. Office located in Queens County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC to: 129 Beach 118th Street #2D Rockaway Park, NY 11694. Purpose: Any lawful activity or purpose.

Notice of formation of MOVE. MAKE. BLOOM. LLC. Articles of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/13/2021. Office located in Queens County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC to: 215-20 73rd Avenue Oakland Gardens, NY 11364. Purpose: Any lawful activity or purpose.

Notice of formation of JIANG & CHEN 1119 LLC. Articles of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/20/2024. Office located in Richmond County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC to: 95 REGIS DR STATEN ISLAND, NY 10314. Purpose: Any lawful activity or purpose.

Notice of formation of SJ BHATIA CONSULTING LLC. Articles of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/16/2024. Office located in Queens County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC to: 4220 24TH ST APT 27H, LONG ISLAND CITY, NY, UNITED STATES, 11101. Purpose: Any lawful activity or purpose.

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ST. PETER APARTMENTS LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 9/19/24. Office in Richmond Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Comerford & Dougherty, LLP, 1122 Franklin Ave., Ste. 406, Garden City, NY 11530. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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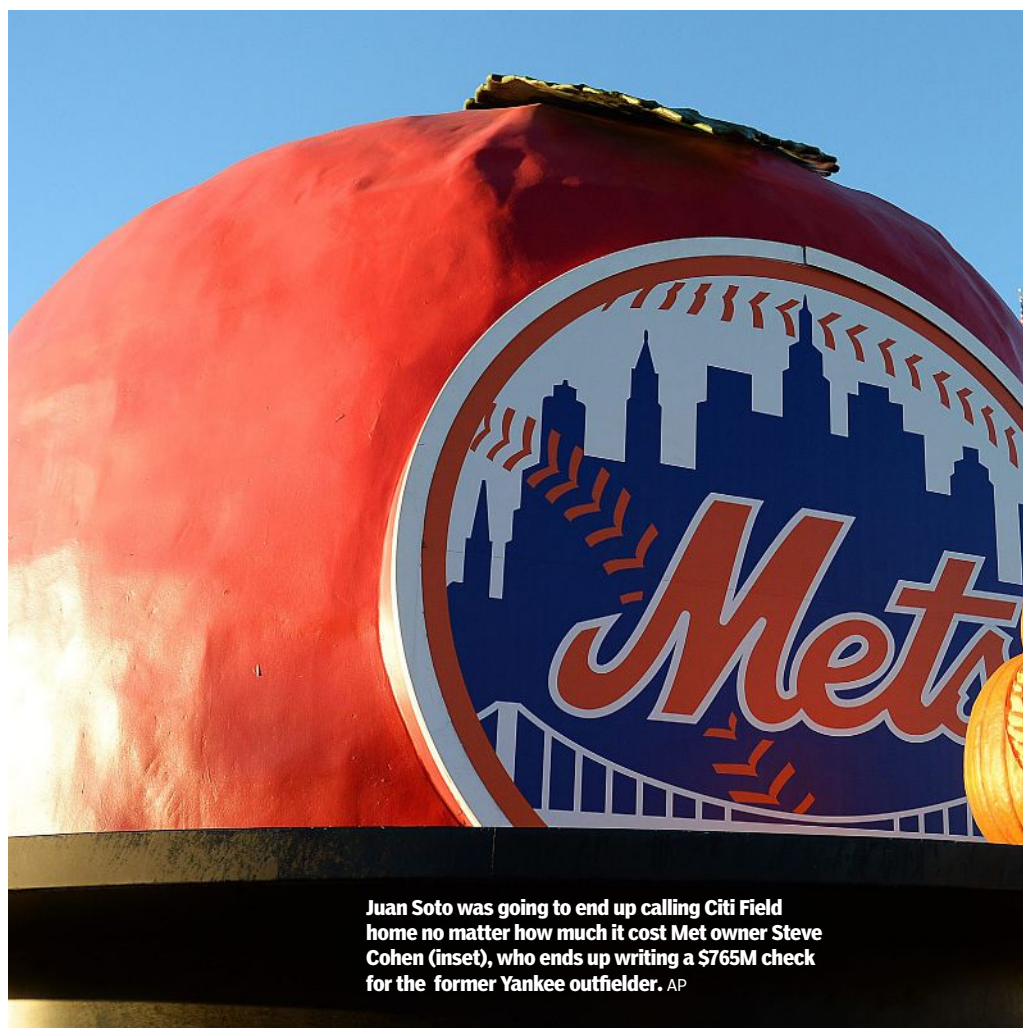
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# HE'S THE APPLE



Juan Soto was going to end up calling Citi Field home no matter how much it cost Met owner Steve Cohen (inset), who ends up writing a \$765M check for the former Yankee outfielder. AP

## You did it, bro! Superstar's

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Francisco Lindor didn't need to say a word. The emojis said enough.

Shortly after news of the Mets' historic contract with Juan Soto broke, Lindor re-shared a post from MLB's official Instagram account that showed the two All-Stars standing next to each other.

Along with his repost, Lindor included three sets of eyeball emojis — a not-so-subtle acknowledgement that Soto was leaving the Yankees to become his teammate with the Mets.

Lindor was one of many in the baseball world and beyond to react to Soto's eye-popping pact, which is set to pay the generational slugger \$765 million over the next 15 years.

Soto himself appeared to celebrate the deal Sunday night in a hot tub, where his little brother, Elian Soto, poured what seemed to be a beer over his head, according to an Instagram video shared

by the younger Soto.

"METS BABYYYYY" Elian's caption reads.

The contract is the biggest in MLB history in terms of years, total value and present-day average annual salary.

"It is certainly the biggest and most important transaction the Mets have ever made," Gary Cohen, a play-by-play voice of the Mets for more than three decades, said Sunday night on SNY.

Mets owner Steve Cohen paid Soto, who finished third in the American League MVP race in his lone season with the Yankees, to form a star-powered pairing with Lindor, who finished second in NL MVP voting.

A four-time All-Star, Soto hit a career-high 41 home runs last season, boasts 201 homers through seven MLB seasons and is still only 26 years old.

Soto, who just helped lead the Yankees to a World Series berth, joins a Mets team that advanced to the NLCS last season.

His contract includes a \$75 million signing



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**STILL THE PILOT**

Brian Daboll remains coach of Giants despite 2-11 record, plea from plane above MetLife

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# OF STEVE'S EYE

Nothing could have stood between Mets owner and Soto



Nobody can be surprised or should be surprised at how the big game — for now the biggest game, really — with Juan Soto came out in the end, or that Steve Cohen won it. Or with Cohen staking his claim to officially being the baddest owner on the planet. Cohen is the Mets fan who is trying to turn around all of the bad parts of Mets history, and willing to money-whip the rest of the baseball world to do it. The wisdom on this comes from Damon Runyon, who once wrote that the race isn't always to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, but that's the way to bet.

Strong in this case meant the guy at the table with the most money. Not the Yankee brand, whatever that even means anymore. Not the Yankees always having been the big brother to the Mets little one, with only two exceptions — 1969, 1986 — since the Mets came into existence.

Cohen has more money than any other owner in American sports, even more than the people who own the Dodgers. And he was willing to spend whatever it took to get the guy he wanted. Once in baseball they said there was money, and then Yankee money.

Now it's Cohen money. This is the way it was when Steve Ballmer, who was bidding with some other big, bad rich guys to get the Los Angeles Clippers. Ballmer wanted the team. He finally threw down two billion dollars and said that everybody else could call off the contest line. It was his money. Now it's Cohen's. He might be a pirate. But he's the Mets' pirate. He wins here. The Yankees lose. You start and end there, because where else would you? We've known for a long time that the Yankees can no longer bully the rest of baseball, not the way they used to when they were the ones out-spending the world. But what became official on Sunday night is that their brand no longer wins the day, certainly not at these prices.

And by the way? Hal Steinbrenner left it all on the field here, he did, no matter how much hang-wringing there is from fans of his team today. He was willing to offer Soto twice — TWICE — what he just paid Aaron Judge, the greatest Yankee home run hitter since Babe Ruth; twice the \$360 million that Steinbrenner paid the guy who has become the face of the Yankees the way Derek Jeter was before him. I don't think that Hal thought when this all began that he would end up offering more than \$700 million, which is where I was always sure this thing was going to land. He did. Cohen was swinging the biggest wallet here, and the biggest wallet won, something he showed by essentially going past \$800 million every-body stopped counting.

Scott Boras, Soto's agent, wanted to break a record, and did, same as he did when Alex

Rodriguez got \$252 million to sign with the Texas Rangers. He got Soto more than Shohei Ohtani got in total value from the Dodgers, more than any athlete in the history of team sports has ever gotten. The difference in the final bids wasn't going to affect a single day of the rest of Soto's life, obviously. But that's not the way Boras keeps score, and never has been. When John Henry and Tom Werner and the late Larry Lucchino got the Red Sox over 20 years ago it was Lucchino, a truly great baseball man and visionary, who understood that you can't win the past from the Yankees, because nobody can. But Lucchino's mission statement was simple and basic enough: We're going

to start a new fight with the Yankees, one that starts now, let's go. And since the Red Sox did start that fight, they have won four World Series and the Yankees have won one. Yankees won the

last baseball century? Just in terms of the Series, the Red Sox are winning this one.

Steve Cohen wants that. He wants to win the battle for Baseball New York, of course, he's made that clear from the start. More than that, he wants what the Red Sox have had over the first quarter of this century. And if you really are surprised that he is running the Mets in the same hardball fashion he's run his hedge funds, than you haven't been paying close enough attention. This isn't about how this would have played out when George Steinbrenner were still at the top of his voice — are we really still trope-ing our way there? — and his own wallet-swinging game. Even he wouldn't have been able to out-spend Steve Cohen if it came down to that. It's why this really is more about the guy who won Soto than the guy who lost him. Steve Cohen got what he wanted, and who he wanted. Now we see how Hal Steinbrenner — and Brian Cashman — respond.

The Yankees didn't go after Bryce Harper when they had a shot at Harper, when Harper would have been a perfect fit for the Yankees and for Yankee Stadium; when he was a free agent about the same age as Soto is now. It was a monumentally bad business decision, whatever the financial considerations were at the time. Now, with Soto on the other side of town — and turning the Yankees into the Other Team in town in this case — it is up to Steinbrenner and Brian Cashman to respond. In Cashman's case, and in the words of the great George Young, it's time for the guy Hal clearly thinks is some kind of guru to start guru-ing. This isn't about what the Soto contract will look like down the road. This is about how much it's worth to Cohen now, to his own brand, his own ego, and his own ambition. This past season, the Mets' record against the Yankees was 4-0. Make that 5-0.

## family & Lindor thrilled

bonus and an opt-out clause after five years, according to reports. The Yankees reportedly offered \$760 million over 16 years.

"I don't care what they paid," former Mets catcher Paul Lo Duca wrote on X. "To take him away from the Yankees is a giant statement going forward and he's the best all around hitter in baseball!"

Mets outfielder Starling Marte welcomed his new teammate in an Instagram post showing Soto in a Dominican Republic jersey during the 2023 World Baseball Classic.

Mets starting pitcher Christian Scott, meanwhile, posted a video of "The Office" characters Jim and Darryl sharing a fist bump, along with the caption "LGM" — an acronym for "Let's Go Mets."

Cleveland Cavaliers star Donovan Mitchell, a noted Mets fan, shared a

screenshot of a Facetime call with Soto, along with the caption "LFFFGGM-MMMMM." It is not difficult to decipher what the "F" stands for.

And Knicks guard Josh Hart, a Yankees fan, simply wrote on X, "Damn..."

The Yankees traded a five-player package last December to acquire Soto from the San Diego Padres, most notably parting with right-handed starter Michael King, who went 13-9 with a 2.95 ERA and 201 strikeouts in 173.2 innings in 2024.

The Mets and Yankees were two of several deep-pocketed bidders for Soto, a list that also included the Boston Red Sox, Toronto Blue Jays and Los Angeles Dodgers.

Asked about Soto's signing Monday during a Winter Meetings press conference, Red Sox manager Alex Cora said, "It's good for baseball."



# Now it's Pete's time to step up to the plate

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DALLAS — With Juan Soto's decision made, the Mets can now shift their attention to Pete Alonso.

The homegrown slugging first baseman and fan favorite is testing the free-agency waters for the first time this year. Alonso has continually said he wants to return to the Mets, and the feeling is mutual from the team that drafted and developed him.

"We'd love to bring Pete back and Pete has been a great Met," president of baseball operations David Stearns said Monday at the winter meetings. "He had some enormous hits for us, and we'll see where that goes."

However, it's difficult to gauge the likelihood of a return for the Polar Bear. The two parties are repeating the same sentiments they've repeated for a year now. It doesn't appear any progress has been made when it comes to Alonso, but now that Soto is off the board and headed to the Mets on a 15-year, \$765 million contract, the market should open up for Alonso.

Like Soto, Alonso is also represented by super agent Scott Boras. So is left-hander Sean Manaea, another former Met the club would like to bring back. Boras is expected to speak this week in Dallas, as he always does at the winter meetings, but teams aren't exactly dealing in specifics this time of year. Boras will have some pithy one-liners and cringey jokes, but he isn't about to show his hand.

Neither is Stearns.

"I'm not going to characterize discussions about any particular free agent or negotiations with any particular free agent," Stearns said.

There is one telling clue that feels somewhat significant: the Mets do not currently have plans to move Mark Vientos across the diamond from third base to first.

"Mark did a tremendous job for us at third and we're very comfortable with him there," Stearns said. "Certainly, as of now, we see him as our third baseman."

Of course, the phrase "as of now" does leave the door open for the Mets to change their mind about Vientos and move him to first base. Vientos, who will be 25 on Wednesday, had a breakout season at the plate in 2024, hitting 27 home runs, posting an .837 OPS and a 135 OPS+ (100 is considered league average), which overshadowed the strides he made defensively.

Minus-6 Outs Above Average didn't exactly earn him a gold glove, but he looked like more of a capable defender than he did during his rookie season in 2023. The Mets credit his work with shortstop Francisco Lindor, veteran infielder Jose Iglesias and infield coach Mike Sarbaugh, but they also credit in-game reps and experience.

"Every time he got to a baseball, the play was made," said manager Carlos Mendoza. "Good arm, really good hands, and just his internal clock got better as the year went on. (We're) pretty confident that he (can) play third base."

Again, this all could change if Alonso lands elsewhere, or if the Mets see a trade they like for a third baseman this winter. Two years ago, the Mets nearly signed shortstop Carlos Correa to use him at third base. It's a good thing they didn't because they may not have played as deep into October as they did without Vientos and his .998 postseason OPS, but it illustrates how things can change when a coveted player drops into a team's lap.

Because Steve Cohen wasn't going to allow Juan Soto to get away, Mets land a top player, and the title of Big Apple's team. AP



## Mendoza, Stearns forced to stay mum

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DALLAS — If you were hoping to hear how Carlos Mendoza and David Stearns felt about Juan Soto less than 24 hours after the two parties agreed to the largest contract in professional sports history, you'll

have to wait a little longer for insight.

It's one of the more annoying parts about offseason transactions. Until a physical is passed, the contract isn't exactly official. And until it's official, team personnel can't talk about it. Technically, they could if they wanted to, but that didn't work out very well for the Mets

after owner Steve Cohen broke the news on his own two years ago that the club had signed Carlos Correa.

As you might remember, Correa's contract with the Giants fell apart because of a physical, and the Mets saw the same thing the Giants did and a standoff ensued. Talking about a contract or a player



# OUT OF YANKS' HUGE SHADOW

## After six decades, Mets bask in glory of becoming Bombers' big brother

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DALLAS — This is the moment Mets fans have been waiting for.

No offense to the Collin Cowgills and Shaun Marcums of the world, or any of the other relatively forgettable offseason acquisitions of years past. David Wright signing his \$138 million extension or Yoenis Cespedes signed his own \$110 million contract cannot begin to compare. Juan Soto choosing the Mets over the Yankees legitimizes the team in an entirely different way.

The momentous acquisitions of the Wilpon years pale in comparison to Soto agreeing with the Mets on a 15-year, \$765 million contract. Make no mistake, the Mets are now the big brother and the Yankees are the little ones. The 27 banners might fly up in the Bronx, but over in Queens, the prevailing thought is that if they get even one with Soto, the money will be worth it.

But Steve Cohen wants more than one.

The Yankees came close, reportedly offering an extra year but only \$5 million less. However, it's unclear exactly how that contract was structured. This contract has no deferred money, an opportunity for him to opt out at age 31, and a \$75 million signing bonus.

It's a double-edged sword, as all long-term pacts are, because you pay for the prime and accept the decline. But all things considered, it's a good deal for both parties. If Soto wants to try free agency again after five seasons, the Mets can override his opt out by adding an additional \$4 million per season to the final 10 years of his contract.

News broke Sunday night, one night before the

winter meetings at the Hilton Anatole in Dallas. As baseball staffers, agents and media members alike started to congregate around the hotel's central bar, the conversation, predictably, was dominated by Soto. A narrative soon took hold: Cohen was holding up a proverbial middle finger to the Yankees.

Maybe there is some truth to it and maybe there isn't, but no one can question the fact that Cohen wants to turn the Mets into a juggernaut. The hedge fund billionaire and lifelong Mets fan wants to win championships and has already shown that he isn't afraid to make bold moves in pursuit of that goal.

The Wilpon family tried for years to take the spotlight off the Yankees, and yet the headlines they generated were due mostly to their own mismanagement. Even once Cohen bought the team following the 2020 season, the Mets stayed the Mets, with off-field bumbles and on-field foibles, and sometimes a mix of both. They were behind in areas like player development and technology. They weren't a marquee destination for marquee free agents, but rather a place to revive your career.

But then came Francisco Lindor and his 10-year deal, and the ground began to shift.

Hal Steinbrenner had to feel it; his fanbase certainly did.

The Mets bulked out their analytics department, made some updates to the facilities and started listening to what players wanted. The upgraded family room has proven popular and players regularly talk about how great the Mets treat them and their families.

But for a team to get to a point where it can attract elite talent, it has to win. The Mets believe

they have found a winning combination with president of baseball operations David Stearns and manager Carlos Mendoza. They have Francisco Lindor contending for MVP awards and Mark Vientos emerging as a slugging star.

However, there is still work to do. The team has to figure out what it's going to do at first base and third base and those are likely long-term moves to get Soto some lineup protection. The Mets have fielded calls about third baseman Brett Baty, but it's not clear as to whether they would consider trading him for pitching. Vientos could stay at third, where he is a capable defender, and the Mets could bring back Pete Alonso at first base.

Starling Marte might have to move to DH to accommodate his fellow Dominican next season, likely his last in a Mets uniform. Soto may end up as a DH eventually as well, but if a player making that type of money wants to play in right field, he gets to play in right field.

Stearns doesn't seem to have an appetite for long-term pitching contracts, but Kodai Senga and David Peterson are pretty good foundational pieces. The rotation has some projects this year, with the long-term future of the pitching staff unknown. But these are things the Mets can start to plan for now that the Mets have Soto for at least five years.

Every time a generational player emerged, it seemed like it was a foregone conclusion that he would end up in pinstripes. That was the Yankee way, throwing money at every big-name free agent and being unafraid to build the best team money could buy.

It's no longer the Yankee way, but it might soon be the Mets' way.

## on team's biggest deal until everything becomes official

on record before it becomes official could open the door to renegotiations and negatively affect the outcome in the end.

So Stearns and Mendoza stayed mum on their new right fielder, with Stearns shutting down any line of questioning and Mendoza humorously trying to talk around him.

What did Stearns do Sunday?

"I flew here."

Hypothetically, if the Mets were to acquire another right fielder, what would it mean for Starling Marte?

"I think if we were to acquire a right fielder, we'll talk about that when we acquire a right fielder," Stearns said.

Mendoza was a little more candid about

Marte, the veteran right fielder who has one more year left on his four-year contract.

"He's a big part of this team, especially when he's healthy," Mendoza said. "We saw it in the playoffs, even though he wasn't 100 percent, this is a dynamic player. He can impact the game in a lot of different ways."

### BATY'S ROLE

Brett Baty could end up playing a utility role for the Mets after getting reps at second base and in the outfield with Triple-A Syracuse last season. The Mets like his positional flexibility and left-handed bat, while Baty said in October that he would play any position that gets him on a big-league field.



# VINTAGE SOTO

## Mets hoping Juan, and his huge deal, age like fine wine

BY PETER SBLENDORIO  
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By practically every meaningful measure, Juan Soto's mega-contract with the Mets is unprecedented.

The \$765 million the Mets agreed to give the slugger set a record for total value, blowing past the \$700 million the Dodgers committed to Shohei Ohtani last winter in a 10-year deal that deferred \$680 million into the next decade.

Soto's annual average salary of \$51 million also set a record, as the present-day value of Ohtani's deal is worth approximately \$46 million per year.

And Soto's 15-year contract exceeds the 14-year extension Fernando Tatis Jr. signed with the Padres, which was the longest ever.

There is, therefore, no precedent to project how Soto's contract will age.

Soto is entering his age-26 season, making him two, three or even four years younger than the typical first-time free agent.

He is on a Hall-of-Fame trajectory and coming off of his most-productive MLB season — 41 home runs and a .989 OPS with the Yankees — which suggests his best years may still be in front of him, even if Aaron Judge is no longer batting behind him.

Soto posted a career-best 8.1 wins above replacement (WAR) last season, according to FanGraphs metrics. FanGraphs valued one win in 2024 to be worth about \$8 million, meaning Soto's production was worth a \$65.1 million salary.

FanGraphs previously valued Soto's numbers at \$54.3 million in 2021 and \$48.2 million in 2023.

The real risk for the Mets, though, is the back end of Soto's deal.

If he does not trigger the opt-out clause in his contract after five years, Soto would be

41 in the final year of his deal in 2039.

FanGraphs' ZiPS Projection envisions Soto posting a 6.2 WAR in each of his first three seasons with the Mets. A 6.2 WAR would have been worth \$49.8 million in 2024.

But FanGraphs projects Soto's WAR to gradually decline to 6.0 in 2028, 5.5 in 2029 and 5.2 in 2030. By 2039, Soto's projected WAR is 1.2, which — at 2024's rate — would be worth about a \$9.6 million salary.

In terms of traditional statistics, the website projects Soto to hit .242 with 14 home runs and a .783 OPS in 2039.

Overall, FanGraphs evaluated a 15-year, \$719 million contract for Soto, which is not far from what he actually received. The bulk

of Soto's projected production comes in the first 10 or 11 years of the contract.

Of course, \$51 million in 2039 will be worth much less than it is now.

Fifteen years ago, Alex Rodriguez was MLB's highest-paid player at \$33 million. When accounting for inflation, A-Rod's salary that year would have been worth about \$49 million in 2024.

Rodriguez, who was 33 at the time, posted 33 home runs and 100 RBI in 124 games for the Yankees in 2009, which was good for a 4.1 WAR and worth a \$26.1 million salary — or \$38.4 million in today's value — according to FanGraphs.

Using the same inflation rate, a \$51 million salary today would be the equivalent of

\$75 million in 2039.

And plenty can change over the course of 15 years.

In 2009, Bernie Madoff pleaded guilty in connection with a Ponzi scheme that tanked the Mets' payroll for years. Steve Cohen, whose \$21.3 billion net worth makes him baseball's richest owner, became the Mets' majority owner in 2020.

Injuries can strike. Mike Trout posted a WAR of 6.8 or better in each of his first eight MLB seasons from ages 20-27, but has eclipsed 3.0 only once in the last four years.

And Soto, who posted a negative defensive rating last year despite being a Gold Glove finalist in right field, could become primarily a designated hitter at some point



If all goes well, Mets fans will be cheering on Juan Soto until 2039. AP



# Cashman: Hal 'went above and beyond'

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DALLAS — Brian Cashman didn't know what Scott Boras had to say when the agent called the Yankees general manager on Sunday night.

Cashman said he had already heard that "things were blowing the Mets' way," but he didn't know Soto's decision until he answered the phone. At that point — before any reports surfaced — Boras told Cashman that Soto had picked the Mets, who agreed to a 15-year, \$765 million deal with the 26-year-old slugger, the largest contract ever in professional sports. The pact can reach \$805 million if Soto opts out after the fifth season *and* the Mets void that decision by increasing the superstar's average annual value from \$51 million to \$55 million.

Cashman then called Hal Steinbrenner and Randy Levine to tell them that the Yankees' offer for Soto, \$760 million over 16 years, fell short.

"Certainly disappointed the process took us where it went, but I've been doing this a long time," Cashman said Monday at the Winter Meetings in Dallas. "At times, things go your way. Other times they don't."

With the Red Sox, Blue Jays and Dodgers also in the Soto sweepstakes, Cashman said Boras asked for teams' best final offers on Sunday. Around 9:30 a.m., the Yankees improved on their previous proposal, which was 15 years and \$712.5 million, according to The Athletic. However, Cashman said there was no back and forth after that. With Steven Cohen submitting the highest bid, Soto picked Queens.

"It was final, official. That's what they wanted," Cashman said. "Where are you at? Just give it to us and we'll make a decision."

The GM said the Yankees tried to discuss an extension with Soto during the season, but he wanted to test free agency. While the end result left a sour taste in the Yankees' mouths, the GM reiterated that he always knew Soto could leave after one season. With that possibility on the table, Cashman said he did not regret trading five players — Michael King, Kyle Higashioka, Drew Thorpe, Jhony Brito and Randy Vásquez — to the Padres for Soto last December. Nor did he regret how the Yankees went about trying to retain the right fielder.

"We entered the process in free agency and that took us to heights that I never would have expected," Cashman said. "Hal Steinbrenner really stepped up to find a way to retain Juan Soto, and so I'm certainly proud of his efforts."

Asked if Steinbrenner went beyond Cashman's financial recommendations, the GM simply said, "I would just say Hal went above and beyond to try to find a way to keep Juan Soto in pinstripes."

Cashman added that "it's hard to believe" such a lump sum wasn't enough to retain Soto.

"He's a great player with great performance and obviously on a yearly basis bet on himself," Cashman said, referring to Soto's decision to reject an extension with the Nationals in 2022. "The bets paid off and it paid off with high-end multiple offers. How many? That will be revealed over time. We were basically right near (the Mets), but we didn't know where they were and we didn't know how close it was. You get some hints that you're short and we kept trying to close the gap, but we didn't know who we were closing against"



during the deal.

These types of long-term contracts typically become cumbersome by the end.

Rodriguez's production after signing a 10-year, \$275 million contract with the Yankees before the 2008 season ended up being worth a total value of \$149 million, according to FanGraphs.

That included a 2014 season in which Rodriguez served a yearlong PED-related suspension, a 2016 season in which A-Rod posted a negative WAR before being released, and a 2017 season — the last on his deal — in which he did not play.

Rodriguez's contract was a resounding success compared to the 10-year, \$254 million contract Albert Pujols signed with the

Angels before the 2012 season.

Pujols never posted a WAR above 3.3 during that deal, and he finished four of those seasons with a negative WAR. His production was worth just \$46.1 million over those 10 years, per FanGraphs. He, too, was released before the contract ended.

In the opposite vein, the 13-year, \$330 million contract Bryce Harper signed with the Phillies at age 26 appears to be a bargain. He has totaled a 23.8 WAR over the first six seasons — including the COVID-shortened 2020 campaign — for a value of \$190.3 million, according to FanGraphs. He won the National League MVP in 2021 and finished sixth in the voting last year at age 31.

Rodriguez and Pujols were both 32 when

they began their new deals. Again, Soto is 26, meaning his contract will cover many more of his prime years than Rodriguez's or Pujols' pacts did.

However, if he doesn't opt out, Soto will finish his contract at around the same age Rodriguez and Pujols finished theirs.

But Mets fans aren't worried about 2039 right now, or even 2029, for that matter.

Soto makes the Mets much better in 2025 and beyond. Keep in mind that Judge, in his age-32 season, just led MLB hitters with 58 home runs, 144 RBI, a .458 on-base percentage, a .701 slugging percentage, a 1.159 OPS, 133 walks and an 11.2 WAR.

Soto won't be 32 for six more years.



# CITI WILL NEVER BE THE SAME

## Soto's decision upends longstanding dynamic between Yankees and Mets

BY GARY PHILLIPS  
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

DALLAS – Hal Steinbrenner said he heard fans. He ventured beyond his comfort zone. He channeled his late father's desire to pursue the best of the best, costs be damned.

In the end, it wasn't enough. Not for Juan Soto.

The Yankees lost the generational hitter to their not-so-little-anymore brothers on Sunday night, as Soto kicked off the Winter Meetings by agreeing to a 15-year, \$765 million deal with the Mets. Already the largest contract in professional sports history, the pact can reach \$805 million if Soto opts out after the fifth season and the Mets void that decision by increasing the superstar's average annual value from \$51 million to \$55 million.

The gargantuan contract, which comes with a \$75 million signing bonus, doesn't include any deferrals, either. As if Steve Cohen, the Mets' hedge fund managing owner, needed any to get this deal done.

From the moment the Yankees acquired Soto from the Padres a year ago, many pegged the Mets as favorites for the generational hitter in free agency thanks to baseball's richest owner. Cohen's ability and willingness to blow away any rival offer loomed large over the slugger's sweepstakes, which also included the Red Sox, Blue Jays and Dodgers after Soto enjoyed the best year of his career in the Bronx.

The Yankees reportedly ended up at 16 years and \$760 million, a seismic offer in its own right after Steinbrenner declared, "I've got ears. I know what's expected of me," last month.

While the full structure of the Yankees' final bid isn't known, The Athletic reported that they upped their offer from 15 years, \$712.5 million on Sunday evening after Soto's agent, Scott Boras, informed them they were behind the competition. Per New York Post's Joel Sherman, the Yankees offered a \$60 million signing bonus. SNY's

Andy Martino added that their proposal didn't include deferrals.

Cohen, worth an estimated \$21.3 billion, ultimately won the first true bidding war between the crosstown rivals since he took over the Mets in 2020. The owner's wealth has steadily improved his club's standing over the years, but landing Soto sent shockwaves through a city that has traditionally come to know the Yankees as The Evil Empire and the Mets as dysfunctional.

For Steinbrenner, often viewed as less urgent, aggressive and invested in the Yankees than his dad, it was a valiant effort. And yet, he must now reckon with the fact that Cohen is the heir apparent to George Steinbrenner's legacy of sparing no expense and getting what he wants.

Steinbrenner shouldn't feel bad about his efforts for Soto specifically, but one has to wonder how he feels about being at the helm as the dynamics of New York City baseball change around him. For most of the Mets' existence, they've been a sideshow, but that's no longer the case. Meanwhile, the Yankees' imperialistic reputation has taken a hit under The Boss' son over the years, even as Steinbrenner has routinely financed some of baseball's highest payrolls.

Perhaps some shame or embarrassment comes with the changing perceptions of both clubs on a personal level, but Steinbrenner isn't his dad, who used to think spring training games against the Mets were must-win affairs and would surely be seething right now. There's a better chance the younger Steinbrenner just sees this as business that didn't get done, and it's on to the next potential deal with plenty of holes to fill on the Yankees' roster.

Regardless of how Steinbrenner internalizes the altered landscape, Cohen has made it clear that the Mets are no longer the city's second-class citizens. Gone are the days of the Wilpons' frugality.

There are two giants in town now, and the Mets are standing taller after prying Soto from the Yankees.

### ANALYSIS

Francisco Lindor and Juan Soto give the Mets one of baseball's best one-two punches, kind of like the Yankees had last season in Soto and Aaron Judge. GETTY

## The Juan that got away:

BY GARY PHILLIPS  
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DALLAS – Shortly after Juan Soto essentially sent the Yankees to the World Series with a go-ahead, three-run homer in the 10th inning of Game 5 of the ALCS, Jazz Chisholm Jr. put an astronomical price tag on the impending free agent.

"I think we should re-sign Soto!" the third baseman emphatically said as the Yankees popped champagne in their clubhouse. "\$700 million! That's my number. Final offer."

It turned out that the joking Chisholm's best offer was off by \$65 million. Meanwhile, Hal Steinbrenner's final bid came in \$5 million short after Soto agreed to a 15-year, \$765 million deal with the Mets on Sunday night.

The Yankees and Steinbrenner, who knew fans expected him to retain Soto, ended up at 16 years

and \$760 million, per the New York Post's Jon Heyman. The end result: a Juan-year stand in the Bronx.

With Steve Cohen and their crosstown rivals winning the first major bidding war between the two owners, Steinbrenner now has a lot of money to play with. He and Brian Cashman also have a lot of holes to fill.

With Soto vacating right field, Jasson Domínguez not guaranteed anything and Aaron Judge capable of playing right and center, the Yankees have questions at all three outfield spots. The same goes for second or third; Jazz Chisholm Jr. can play both and center. First base is wide open, and Steinbrenner has also expressed interest in pitching upgrades.

So, who could fill some of those positions? Here's a look at some remaining free agents the Yankees can spend on as of Sunday night, though activity at the Winter

Meetings is expected to pick up quickly now that Soto's sweepstakes are over.

### CORBIN BURNES AND MAX FRIED

The Yankees have reportedly Zoomed with both pitchers, the top starters on the market. Burnes and Fried are expected to fetch deals over \$200 million and would give the Yankees a legitimate No. 2 behind Gerrit Cole. The left-handed Fried went 11-10 with a 3.25 ERA and 166 strikeouts over 29 starts and 174.1 innings for Atlanta while making his second All-Star team last season. The right-handed Burnes, who won a Cy Young with the Brewers, went 15-9 with a 2.92 ERA and 181 strikeouts over 32 starts and 194.1 innings in his first season with the Orioles.

Other starters still available include Jack Flaherty, Sean Manaea, Nathan Eovaldi and Walker





# Where Yanks can turn now

Buehler. The Yankees are also expected to pursue Japanese ace Roki Sasaki, who is expected to be posted this week.

## CHRISTIAN WALKER

While Pete Alonso is the biggest bat among free agent first basemen, Christian Walker provides consistent power and elite defense. The 34-year-old is only a year younger than Anthony Rizzo, but the right-handed swinger totaled 95 homers, 281 RBI, a .250/.332/.481 slash line, a 123 OPS+ and three Gold Gloves over the last three years. While some of Walker's surface numbers declined last season, his metrics improved from 2023.

Other free agent first base options include Carlos Santana and Paul Goldschmidt.

## ALEX BREGMAN

Could the Yankees turn to a member of the Astros' 2017

cheating championship team? Maybe, if they're dying to move Chisholm off of third base. With Willy Adames off the market, Bregman is the best available option at the hot corner. He hit .260/.315/.453 with 26 homers and 75 RBI last year.

The free agent market for third basemen is thin, with other possibilities including Yoán Moncada and Gio Urshela.

## ANTHONY SANTANDER AND TEOSCAR HERNÁNDEZ

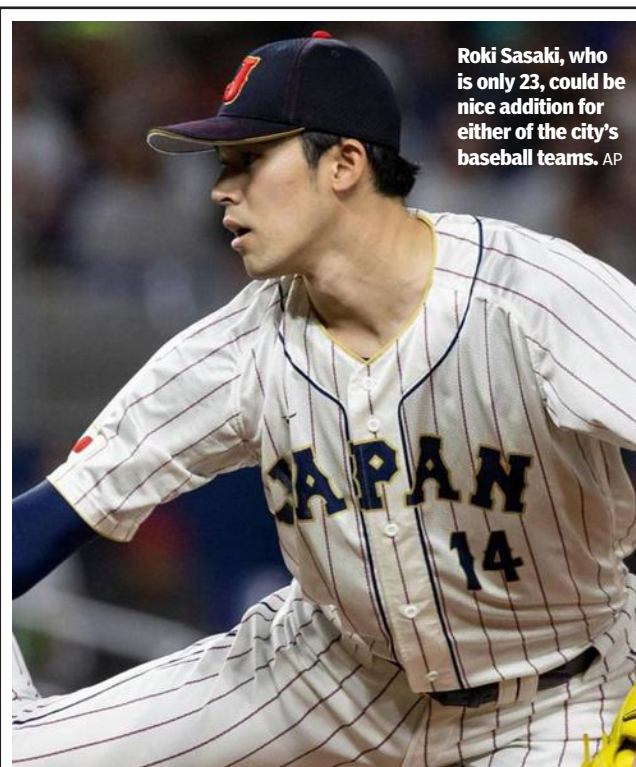
With Soto off the board, Santander and Hernández are the best remaining outfielders on the market. Neither are great defenders — neither is Soto — but they pack a punch at the plate. While not as good of an all-around hitter as Soto, Santander hit 44 homers last season. Hernández crushed 33. Both had a wRC+ of 129 or better.

Other free agent outfielders include Tommy Pham, Jurickson Profar, Harrison Bader and Alex Verdugo, though the last two have already had disappointing stints with the Yankees.

## TANNER SCOTT

The Yankees have avoided spending big money on relievers, as they've been able to find diamonds in the rough. However, they have a lot of earmarked money to play with now, and Scott would be an excellent set-up man/fallback closer for Luke Weaver, who took over ninth inning duties at the end of 2024. The left-handed Scott was exceptional for the Marlins and Padres last year, recording a 1.75 ERA and 22 saves.

The Yankees, who have multiple holes in their bullpen, could also look at top relievers Jeff Hoffman and Carlos Estévez. They've also expressed interest in re-signing Tim Hill and Tommy Kahnle.



Roki Sasaki, who is only 23, could be nice addition for either of the city's baseball teams. AP

# Sasaki, Japanese ace linked to local teams, is officially available

BY PETER SBLENDORIO  
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

Another premier pitcher has officially entered MLB's free-agent frenzy.

Roki Sasaki, the flame-throwing phenom from Japan, was posted by the Chiba Lotte Marines and is eligible to sign with an MLB team as soon as Tuesday.

The 45-day bidding period will remain open until Jan. 23.

Sasaki, 23, arrives with sky-high hype after pitching to a 2.10 ERA and 505 strikeouts in 394.2 innings over four seasons in the Nippon Professional Baseball league.

Armed with a 100-mph fastball and nasty splitter, the right-handed Sasaki stood out as a starter for Team Japan during its run to the World Baseball Classic championship in 2023.

Should he even come close to meeting expectations, Sasaki would begin his career as one of baseball's great bargains.

He is eligible only for a minor-league contract since he is under 25 and has played fewer than six professional seasons, thus classifying him as an international amateur. Shohei Ohtani signed with the Los Angeles Angels in 2017 under the same classification and made less than \$1 million in each of his first three MLB seasons.

Teams bidding on Sasaki will

pull from their international signing bonus pools, which range from \$5.1 million to \$7.6 million.

The Yankees and Mets are both able to bid up to about \$6.3 million.

"This is a really, really special talent," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said last month of Sasaki.

Sasaki provides a much cheaper potential frontline option in a pitching market headlined by aces Corbin Burnes and Max Fried, who are both expected to command long-term, big-money contracts.

"Since I joined the team, the team has been listening to my thoughts about my future MLB challenge, and I am very grateful to the team for officially allowing me to post," Sasaki said in a statement last month.

"I will do my best to work my way up from my minor contract to become the best player in the world, so that I will have no regrets in my one and only baseball career and live up to the expectations of everyone who has supported me."

The Los Angeles Dodgers are considered the favorite to sign Sasaki. The Dodgers signed Ohtani and Yoshinobu Yamamoto, both of whom played with Sasaki for Team Japan, to historic contracts last offseason before winning the World Series with them against the Yankees this year.

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# IT COULD GET WORSE

## Giants have good shot at losing all home games

BY PAT LEONARD  
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

John Mara and the Tisch family didn't take the pilot's advice.

Not yet anyway.

Brian Daboll was still the Giants' coach on Monday morning, despite a plane carrying Sunday's message "MR MARA ENOUGH - PLZ FIX THIS DUMPSTER FIRE" over MetLife Stadium and numerous fans wearing paper bags over their heads.

Mara and the Tisches are sitting by and watching as Joe Schoen's Giants (2-11) limp toward what promises to be a ninth straight loss on Sunday against the Ravens in New Jersey.

Lamar Jackson's Ravens (8-5) opened as 14-point favorites in the Vegas sportsbooks, and the line already has moved to 14.5. Baltimore incredibly is -1400 on the MoneyLine, which means a \$10 bet on the Ravens to win would earn just 71 cents.

That would have been almost enough to buy a secondary-market ticket to Sunday's Giants game.

The upcoming defeat will drop the Giants to 0-8 at home this season. Then they'll have a chance to become the first NFL team to finish 0-9 at home in a season when they host the Colts in Week 17.

"We've got to do a better job ultimately on gameday," Daboll said during his Zoom press conference early Monday afternoon.

No kidding.

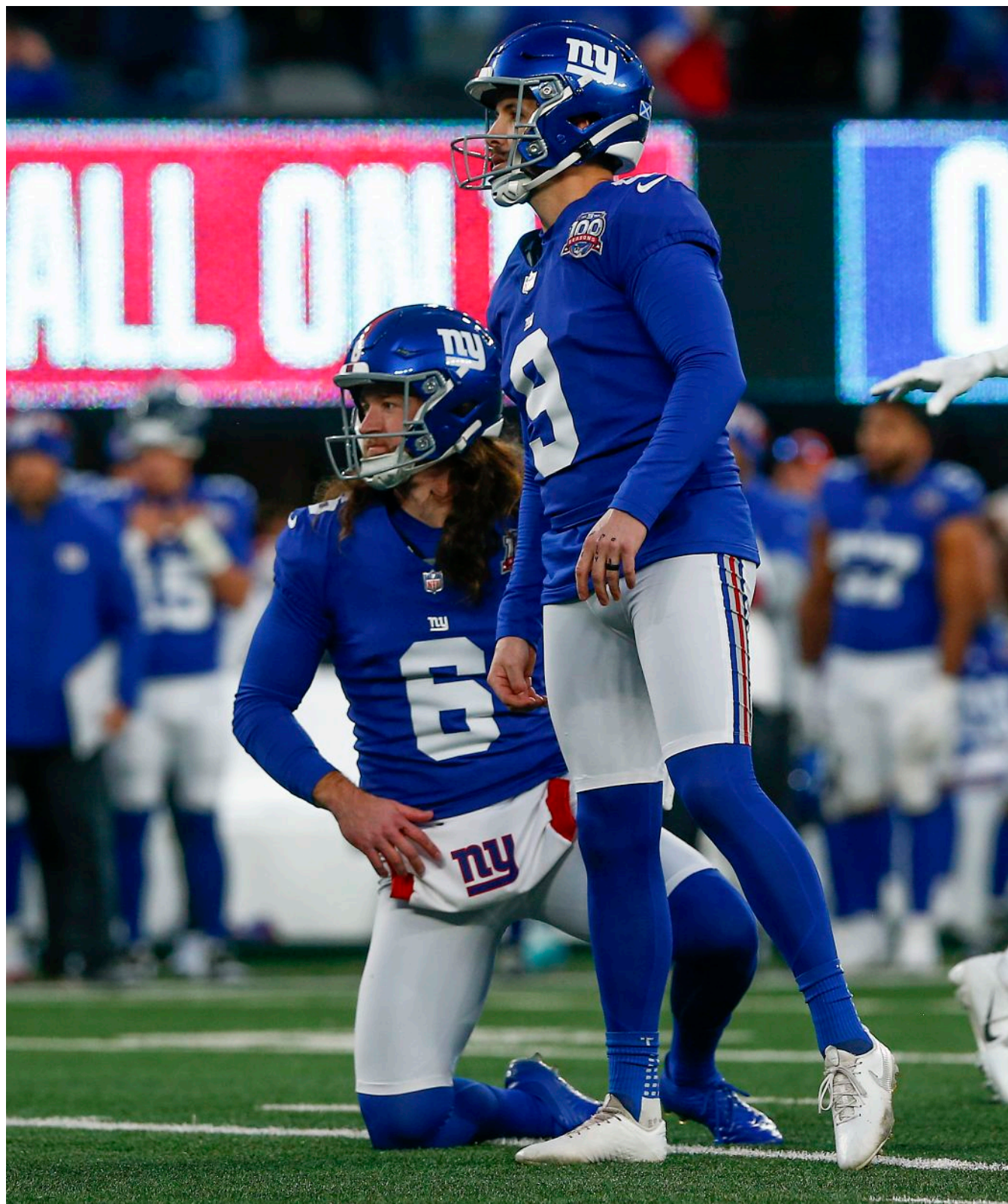
Drew Lock "will be our quarterback this week unless he can't because of injury," Daboll said.

Lock was undergoing MRIs Monday for "a couple things" after throwing 49 passes and taking a beating in Sunday's 14-11 loss to the Saints.

But it really doesn't matter at this point.

Daboll's offense ranks dead last in scoring at 14.9 points per game. No other NFL team is scoring fewer than 17 points per game.

On Sunday, Lock became the first NFL quarterback since Cam Newton in 2017 to see his first eight passes fall incomplete. Two were drops.



Graham Gano (9) watches as his blocked kick in final seconds drifts away, leaving Giants with another home loss Sunday against Saints. AP

His third pass of the game was complete to Wan'Dale Robinson, but was negated due to an illegal formation penalty on left tackle Josh Ezeudu.

Daboll's Giants have committed 25 accepted penalties the last two weeks.

It takes work to be this bad.

Daboll's offense has failed to score a touchdown in the first half in eight of its 13 games this

season, an absurd statistic for a coach who was hired for his offensive acumen.

The Giants also failed to score a touchdown in the first three quarters of six games, another ridiculous reality.

The defense just set an NFL record streak of 11 games without an interception before Tre Hawkins snapped it with a pick of Derek Carr on Sunday.

Injuries also continue to mount for a team that is already down a slew of key players and starters.

Left guard Jon Runyan Jr. (right ankle) is "sore" and "week to week, maybe more than week to week," Daboll said. Center John Michael Schmitz's (neck) MRI "looks OK, but 'he's sore.'" And safety Tyler Nubin has an ankle injury and an

undetermined status.

That's in addition to left tackle Andrew Thomas (foot), defensive tackle Dexter Lawrence (elbow), tight end Theo Johnson (foot) and defensive tackle D.J. Davidson (shoulder) being out for the season. Linebacker Bobby Okereke (back) is week to week.

And former starting quarterback Daniel Jones, of course, is on the Vikings.



# Despite missing playoffs for 14th straight season, Jets have plenty of reasons to keep trying

Interim coach Jeff Ulbrich knows how important the final games of the season are even though the Jets won't be going to the playoffs. AP

## 'BEST FOOT FORWARD'

BY ANTWAN STALEY  
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

The Jets playoff hopes officially ended on Sunday after their overtime loss to the Dolphins.

Despite a disappointing 3-10 season, Jets interim coach Jeff Ulbrich believes the team will remain motivated and focused in their final four games of the year.

"I know I said this and I say it again, there is no context to tape," Ulbrich said on Monday. "There is none, so the tape that you put on is you, it's every player in this organization, it's every coach in this organization, so that in itself keeps you motivated."

"You are demonstrating who you are every day when that tape goes on and you got to put your best foot forward because ultimately, no one cares what your record was, nobody cares what the score of the game was. When we get evaluated as players and coaches, the tape is all that matters so we got to keep it going."

Entering the 2024 season, the Jets were the betting favorites to win the AFC East

crown after Aaron Rodgers' return from a season-ending Achilles tear. But after losing nine of their last 10 games, Gang Green is in the midst of one of its worst stretches in years.

In games decided by six points or less this season, the Jets are 0-7. Gang Green had an eight-point lead against Miami during the fourth quarter only to squander it late after Jason Sanders converted a 52-yard field goal with seven seconds remaining to force overtime.

In overtime, Gang Green's defense, which has been ranked in the top 10 all season, allowed the Dolphins to win, 32-26, after Tua Tagovailoa completed a nine-yard pass to tight end Jonnu Smith in the end zone.

Now, the Jets have officially extended their playoff drought to 14 consecutive seasons. That is the longest in North American sports, barely edging out the NHL's Buffalo Sabres by one season. Although this year has been challenging for Jets players, they remain motivated during the season's final month.

"Obviously, losing hurts in general," Jets right guard Alijah Vera-Tucker said. "When you stack up those L's, that's not where anyone in this building wants to be and that's not anyone's standard at all."

"We got this Monday off to reflect on things that we need to fix and just get away from it a little bit and come in on Wednesday ready to work. At the end of the day, we are eliminated from the playoffs, but we still gotta play for each other."

"We have a great locker room and guys are going to do that."

When Jets owner Woody Johnson fired Robert Saleh on Oct. 8, Ulbrich was given 12 games to help turn the team around following a 2-3 start. But since Saleh was fired, the Jets have a 1-7 record, with that lone win coming against the Texans on Halloween.

While there's a month left in the season, Johnson has already begun to turn the page towards 2025. He hired The 33rd Team to help him find a new coach and general manager after Johnson fired Joe Douglas on Nov. 19.

That means Ulbrich — and likely the entire Jets staff — will be out of work following the team's season finale against the Dolphins on Jan. 5. Although the Jets have struggled since he took over, Ulbrich said he has learned a lot during his time as interim coach.

"I think it helps, interim, head coach, assistant coach, it doesn't really matter," he said. "Just these are all amazing learning moments for everybody concerned, so I'll take a lot from this. I will, learned a lot about coaching, but learned a lot about myself as well. Got a lot to learn with the remaining four games that we have."

"It's actually some stuff I'd rather keep to myself, but there's some things about my approach with the players and with the staff that I can improve for sure. I got lots of kryptonites, don't get me wrong, but one of my superpowers is having honesty with myself and reflecting on what I've done well and more importantly, what I haven't done well, so I'll definitely reflect on all of that and grow from it, for sure."



# Rangers lose 8th game in last 10

## THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Taylor Hall notched a goal and an assist, Arvid Soderblom stopped 29 shots and the Blackhawks beat the Rangers, 2-1, on Monday night at the Garden.

Tyler Bertuzzi also scored for the Blackhawks, who were 0-5-1 in their previous six road games.

Will Cuyllé scored a shorthanded goal and Igor Shesterkin finished with 30 saves as the Rangers lost for the eighth time in 10 games.

Bertuzzi opened the scoring at 8:10 of the first, whipping the puck past Shesterkin for his sixth goal of the season.

Cuyllé tied it with 43 seconds remaining in the opening period with his 10th goal of the season, tying him with Chris Kreider for second on the team.

Hall, who set up Bertuzzi's goal, put Chicago ahead again with his sixth at 6:16 of the second, scoring on a 2-on-1 break with Connor Bedard.

The Rangers finished 2-3-0 on a five-game home stand to fall to 7-7-1 at the Garden this season.

Soderblom won for only the

second time in nine decisions this season. The 25-year-old Swedish backup goalie is 2-6-1.

Soderblom stopped Filip Chytil point-blank with just under three minutes left in the first period. He also denied defenseman K'Andre Miller with 5:28 left in the third.

Bedard recorded had an assist on Hall's goal, giving him a team-high 21 points (five goals, 16 assists) in 28 games.

The Blackhawks visit the Islanders on Thursday, and Rangers visit Buffalo on

Wednesday.

## AVALANCHE-SHARKS DEAL

The Avalanche swapped goaltenders with San Jose, sending a struggling Alexandar Georgiev to the Sharks for Mackenzie Blackwood.

As part of the deal announced Monday — on Blackwood's 28th birthday — the Avalanche also acquired forward Givani Smith, along with San Jose's fifth-round pick in 2027.

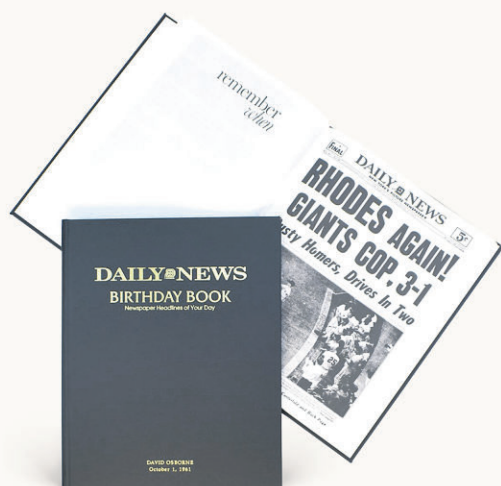
The Sharks received forward Nikolai Kovalenko and two draft picks — a fifth-round selection in 2025 and a second-round pick in 2026.



Mika Zibanejad sees Rangers' woes continue against lowly Blackhawks Monday night at Garden. GETTY

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## Sabrina hand surgery a success

Liberty guard **Sabrina Ionescu** underwent a procedure last Friday on her right thumb to stabilize the ulnar collateral ligament, according to a person familiar with the situation.

The procedure was conducted by Dr. **Steven S. Shin** and considered a success. Ionescu has begun rehab and is estimated to return to on-court activities in about four weeks.

Ionescu turned 27 on Friday and posted a picture on social media on Sunday sitting near flowers with a cast on her right shooting hand.

"Getting my thumb fixed was quite the bday present," part of the caption read.

## TENNESSEE WOMEN BACK

The Lady Vols returned to The Associated Press Top 25 at No. 19, ending the school's longest drought in the 48-year history of the women's basketball poll.

UCLA, UConn and South Carolina remained the top three teams in the poll released Monday. The Bruins received 24 first-place votes from the 32-member national media panel.

UCLA beat Washington by 11 in its lone game last week. The Huskies garnered the other eight top votes after routing Louisville, 85-52, in the Women's Champions Classic.

## ... AND VOL MEN ARE NO. 1

Tennessee grabbed the top spot in men's college basketball after a massive shake-up in the AP Top 25.

The Vols received 58 first-place votes from a 62-person media panel Monday to reach No. 1 for the first time since the 2018-19 season.

Tennessee climbed two spots from last week after Kansas lost twice and Auburn fell to No. 4 Duke. The Tigers remained No. 2 and received three first-place votes.

## EX-ORIOLE RETTENMUND DIES AT 81

**Merv Rettenmund**, an outfielder whose 13-year major-league playing career included World Series titles with the Orioles and Reds, has died. He was 81.

The Padres announced Rettenmund's death Sunday. No cause of death was given.

Rettenmund played his first six seasons for the Orioles before spending two each with the Reds and Padres and three with the Angels.

He set career highs with a .322 batting average and 18 home runs for Baltimore in 1970, when the Orioles won their second of three straight pennants — and beat Cincinnati in the World Series. Rettenmund homered in Game 5 as Baltimore wrapped up the championship with a 9-3 victory.

In 1971, Rettenmund finished third in the American League in batting (.318) and second in on-base percentage (.422).

Rettenmund won the 1975 World Series with the Reds. After the end of his playing career, Rettenmund became a big-league hitting coach, spending much of the 1990s with San Diego.

**SPORTSwire**



Karl-Anthony Towns and Knicks get roughed up by Raptors on Monday night in Toronto but come away with victory. AP

# BORDERING ON DISASTER

## Knicks survive multiple injury scares in narrow victory over Raptors

BY KRISTIAN WINFIELD  
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

First Scottie Barnes. Then Karl-Anthony Towns. Finally, Jalen Brunson. Something is in the Toronto waters. Or maybe there's something new in the air.

Barnes had already missed three weeks of action earlier in the season before he severely sprained his ankle in a third-quarter, Monday-night collision with Towns. He hopped on one foot from the court through the Scotiabank Arena corridors to the home locker room, never to return, likely to miss some time.

Towns, too, would need some assistance shortly after, turning his ankle on a drive to the rim.

And Brunson?

All hearts in New York City skipped a beat when the Knicks' captain and floor general tripped over a fan sitting court side and gingerly walked directly to the locker room. He returned to the bench at the top of the fourth quarter and subbed back into the game with 6:35 left in regulation.

Crisis averted. The Knicks returned from their trip up North in one piece.

And after a rocky start, they returned with another tally in the win column, notching a 113-108 victory over the Raptors on Monday. After Saturday's loss to the Detroit Pistons, the Knicks are back on their regularly-scheduled programming. They have won five of their last six and 10 of their last 13 games.

And they began to draw some separation late in the fourth quarter, after Brunson emerged from the locker room, stepped foot back on the floor, and drew a foul on Toronto's Davion Mitchell for a four-point play before leaving his left shooting arm hanging in the air for at least 10 seconds. He would go on to finish with 20 points and 11 assists on the night.

Towns returned to the rotation after missing the Pistons game with what the team called patellar tendinopathy in his left knee and finished with 24 points, 15 rebounds, six assists, two blocks and two steals.

He scored the game-sealing baskets, first out of a timeout, where he set a screen on Brunson then rolled hard to the rim, where he was briefly left unguarded as two Raptors' defenders attempted to trap the Knicks' All-Star guard. And on the following possession, with less than 10 seconds in regulation, he made a three to put the Knicks up five.

His baskets lifted his career record in Toronto to 1-8.

"We've gotta get a win for this city no matter what," Towns said, pointing to the 'New York' on his jersey, in the walk-off

interview after the victory. "I was gonna do whatever it takes to get the W. Happy I could play and then hit the shot to give us a win."

"We them boys. I point to that jersey cause we put the work in. We do everything possible to win. I'm happy to win here. I haven't won here in a long ass time."

For the Raptors, all eyes were on RJ Barrett, even more so after Barnes went down due to injury. It was an emotional game for both teams: OG Anunoby made his return to Scotiabank Arena for the first time since his Dec. 30 trade to the Knicks, and Barrett hosted the team that drafted him No. 3 overall in the 2019 NBA Draft, only to trade him for Anunoby last season.

Barrett finished with a game-high 30 points, adding onto to a career year in Toronto, but Anunoby rejected his attempt at a game-tying layup before Towns hit the three to put New York up five.

"I think we did a great job of staying connected," Towns said. "Our discipline executing on offense and defense and the emotional intelligence to keep our emotions intact and do what it takes to get a win."

The Knicks closed the game on a 12-1 run and are now 8-1 this season in games that follow a loss. They now prepare to host the Atlanta Hawks in an NBA Cup knockout round game on Wednesday, with the winner traveling to Las Vegas for a shot at the championship.

KNICKS	113
RAPTORS	108



# NFL STANDINGS

## AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
y-Buffalo	10	3	0	.769	397	268	6-0-0	4-3-0	7-2-0	3-1-0	3-0-0
Miami	6	7	0	.462	264	292	4-3-0	2-4-0	5-4-0	1-3-0	3-2-0
e-N.Y. Jets	3	10	0	.231	251	300	2-4-0	1-6-0	3-6-0	0-4-0	1-3-0
e-New England	3	10	0	.231	221	307	1-5-0	2-5-0	2-7-0	1-3-0	1-3-0
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
Houston	8	5	0	.615	308	288	4-2-0	4-3-0	6-2-0	2-3-0	4-1-0
Indianapolis	6	7	0	.462	267	298	3-3-0	3-4-0	5-4-0	1-3-0	1-3-0
e-Jacksonville	3	10	0	.231	238	345	2-4-0	1-6-0	3-5-0	0-5-0	2-2-0
e-Tennessee	3	10	0	.231	227	342	1-5-0	2-5-0	3-5-0	0-5-0	1-2-0
NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
Pittsburgh	10	3	0	.769	323	238	5-1-0	5-2-0	7-2-0	3-1-0	3-1-0
Baltimore	8	5	0	.615	383	318	4-2-0	4-3-0	5-4-0	3-1-0	2-2-0
Cincinnati	5	8	0	.385	362	360	1-5-0	4-3-0	2-6-0	3-2-0	1-3-0
e-Cleveland	3	10	0	.231	232	335	2-4-0	1-6-0	3-5-0	0-5-0	2-2-0
WEST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
y-Kansas City	12	1	0	.923	308	252	7-0-0	5-1-0	7-1-0	5-0-0	5-0-0
Denver	8	5	0	.615	305	234	4-2-0	4-3-0	4-4-0	4-1-0	2-2-0
L.A. Chargers	8	5	0	.615	277	207	4-2-0	4-3-0	5-4-0	3-1-0	2-2-0
e-Las Vegas	2	11	0	.154	236	361	1-4-0	1-7-0	2-8-0	0-3-0	0-5-0

## NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
x-Philadelphia	11	2	0	.846	342	234	5-1-0	6-1-0	4-0-0	7-2-0	3-0-0
Washington	8	5	0	.615	376	296	5-2-0	3-3-0	3-2-0	5-3-0	2-2-0
Dallas	5	8	0	.385	268	366	1-6-0	4-2-0	2-3-0	3-5-0	3-1-0
e-N.Y. Giants	2	11	0	.154	194	293	0-7-0	2-4-0	1-2-0	1-9-0	0-5-0
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
Tampa Bay	7	6	0	.538	363	309	3-4-0	4-2-0	1-3-0	6-3-0	2-2-0
Atlanta	6	7	0	.462	278	333	3-4-0	3-3-0	0-4-0	6-3-0	4-1-0
New Orleans	5	8	0	.385	290	292	3-4-0	2-4-0	1-3-0	4-5-0	2-3-0
Carolina	3	10	0	.231	233	388	2-5-0	1-5-0	1-4-0	2-6-0	1-3-0
NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
x-Detroit	12	1	0	.923	417	234	6-1-0	6-0-0	4-0-0	8-1-0	4-0-0
Minnesota	11	2	0	.846	339	240	6-1-0	5-1-0	5-0-0	6-2-0	2-1-0
Green Bay	9	4	0	.692	349	274	5-2-0	4-2-0	5-0-0	4-4-0	1-3-0
Chicago	4	9	0	.308	254	278	4-3-0	0-6-0	2-3-0	2-6-0	0-3-0
WEST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
Seattle	8	5	0	.615	302	283	3-4-0	5-1-0	4-1-0	4-4-0	3-2-0
L.A. Rams	7	6	0	.538	298	332	4-3-0	3-3-0	3-1-0	4-5-0	2-1-0
Arizona	6	7	0	.462	284	289	4-3-0	2-4-0	3-1-0	3-6-0	2-2-0
San Francisco	6	7	0	.462	308	308	4-3-0	2-4-0	2-2-0	4-5-0	1-3-0

### WEEK 14

**MONDAY'S RESULT**  
Cincinnati 27, Dallas 20

**SUNDAY'S RESULTS**  
Miami 32, N.Y. Jets 26 (OT)  
New Orleans 14, N.Y. Giants 11  
Jacksonville 10, Tennessee 6  
Minnesota 42, Atlanta 21  
Philadelphia 22, Carolina 16  
Pittsburgh 27, Cleveland 14  
Tampa Bay 28, Las Vegas 13  
Seattle 30, Arizona 18  
L.A. Rams 44, Buffalo 42  
San Francisco 38, Chicago 13  
Kansas City 19, L.A. Chargers 17

**Open:** Baltimore, Denver, Houston, Indianapolis, New England, Washington

**THURSDAY'S RESULT**  
Detroit 34, Green Bay 31

### Cincinnati 27, Dallas 20

**MONDAY'S RESULT**  
Cincinnati 7 10 0 10 - 27  
Dallas 7 3 7 3 - 20

**First Quarter**  
Dal: Lamb 11 pass from Rush (Aubrey kick), 8:55.  
Cin: Chase 5 pass from Burrow (York kick), 2:45.

**Second Quarter, Dal:** FG Aubrey 35, 6:23.  
Cin: C.Brown 19 pass from Burrow (York kick), 3:30.  
Cin: FG York 37, 3:30.

**Third Quarter, Dal:** Cooks 3 pass from Rush (Aubrey kick), 10:32.

**Fourth Quarter, Dal:** FG Aubrey 47, 14:55.  
Cin: FG York 29, 10:24.  
Cin: Chase 40 pass from Burrow (York kick), 1:01.

**TEAM STATS**

	CIN	DAL
First downs	23	17
Total Net Yards	433	322
Rushes-yards	19-74	25-156
Passing	359	166
Punt Returns	4-25	2-20
Kickoff Returns	2-67	0-0
Interceptions Ret.	1-0	1-1
Comp-Att-Int	33-44-1	16-31-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-10	3-17
Punts	3-40.3	4-49.5
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	10-77	4-36
Time of Possession	33:11	26:49

**RUSHING:** CIN, C.Brown 14-58, Chase 1-14, Herbert 2-4, Burrow 2-(minus 2), DAL, Dowdle 18-131, Turpin 2-15, Rush 2-5, Elliott 2-4, Lamb 1-1.

**PASSING:** CIN, Burrow 33-44-1-369, DAL, Rush 16-31-1-183.

**RECEIVING:** CIN, Chase 14-177, C.Brown 6-65, losi-vas 4-41, Gesicki 3-24, Higgins 2-23, D.Sample 2-13, Hudson 1-19, Herbert 1-7, DAL, Lamb 6-93, Ferguson 3-32, Schoonmaker 2-22, Turpin 1-16, Dowdle 1-10, Luepke 1-5, Cooks 1-3, Elliott 1-2.

### WEEK 15

**THURSDAY'S GAME**  
L.A. Rams at San Francisco, 8:15 p.m. (PRIME)

**SUNDAY'S GAMES**  
Baltimore at N.Y. Giants, 1p.m. (Ch. 2)  
N.Y. Jets at Jacksonville, 1p.m. (Ch. 5)  
Cincinnati at Tennessee, 1p.m.  
Dallas at Carolina, 1p.m.  
Kansas City at Cleveland, 1p.m.  
Miami at Houston, 1p.m.  
Washington at New Orleans, 1p.m.  
Buffalo at Detroit, 4:25p.m. (Ch. 2)  
Indianapolis at Denver, 4:25p.m.  
New England at Arizona, 4:25p.m.  
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 4:25 p.m. (Ch. 5)  
Tampa Bay at L.A. Chargers, 4:25p.m.  
Green Bay at Seattle, 8:20p.m. (Ch. 4)

**MONDAY'S GAMES**  
Chicago at Minnesota, 8p.m. (Ch. 7)

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

**SUNDAY'S RESULT**  
L.A. Chargers 0 0 14 3 - 17  
Kansas City 3 10 0 6 - 19

**First Quarter, KC:** FG Wright 47, 10:05.  
**Second Quarter, KC:** FG Wright 33, 7:47.  
KC: Hopkins 9pass from Mahomes (Wright kick), :47.

**Third Quarter, LAC:** Edwards 3run (Dicker kick), 7:12.  
LAC: Johnston 4pass from Herbert (Dicker kick), 3:30.

**Fourth Quarter, KC:** FG Wright 50, 13:04.  
LAC: FG Dicker 37, 4:35.  
KC: FG Wright 31, :00.

**TEAM STATS**

	LAC	KC
First downs	20	20
Total Net Yards	288	298
Rushes-yards	24-94	25-96
Passing	194	202
Punt Returns	1-0	3-34
Kickoff Returns	4-106	3-85
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	21-30-0	24-37-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-19	3-8
Punts	5-42.6	4-51.8
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-50	8-98
Time of Possession	30:53	29:07

**RUSHING:** LAC, Edwards 10-36, Vidal 8-34, Heinicke 1-12, Herbert 4-12, Davis 1-0. KC, Pacheco 14-55, Mahomes 4-17, Hunt 5-16, Worthy 1-5, Perine 1-3.

**PASSING:** LAC, Herbert 21-30-0-213. KC, Mahomes 24-37-0-210.

**RECEIVING:** LAC, Palmer 6-78, Johnston 5-48, Smartt 3-54, Dissly 2-19, Davis 2-1, Chark 1-9, Reagar 1-4, Fisk 1-0. KC, Kelce 5-45, Worthy 5-41, Hopkins 4-32, Gray 4-26, Smith-Schuster 2-31, Pacheco 2-6, Perine 1-16, Hunt 1-13.

## Miami 32, N.Y. Jets 26 (OT)

N.Y. Jets 3 10 10 3 0-26  
Miami 6 9 0 11 6-32

**First Quarter**  
Mia: Achane 2 run (kick failed), 10:24.

**NYJ:** FG Carlson 28, 5:19.

**Second Quarter**  
Mia: FG Sanders 39, 14:53.

**NYJ:** I.Davis 17 run (Carlson kick), 11:56.

**Mia:** FG Sanders 24, 4:56.

**NYJ:** FG Carlson 30, :49.

**Mia:** FG Sanders 57, :02.

**Third Quarter**  
NYJ: D.Adams 3 pass from Rodgers (Carlson kick), 11:20.

**NYJ:** FG Carlson 40, 1:02.

**Fourth Quarter**  
Mia: T.Hill 4 pass from Tagovailoa (Waddle pass from Tagovailoa), 9:04.

**NYJ:** FG Carlson 42, :52.

**Mia:** FG Sanders 52, :07.

**Overtime**  
Mia: J.Smith 10 pass from Tagovailoa, 6:05.

**TEAM STATS**

	NYJ	MIA
First downs	23	28
Total Net Yards	402	375
Rushes-yards	21-83	19-44
Passing	319	331
Punt Returns	2-0	1-10
Kickoff Returns	1-29	4-123
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	27-39-0	33-47-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-20	0-0
Punts	2-48.0	3-49.3
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	10-83	8-49
Time of Possession	31:02	32:53

**RUSHING:** NYJ, Allen 11-43, I.Davis 10-40, MIA, Achane 14-24, Wright 2-7, T.Hill 1-6, Wilson 1-4, Tagovailoa 1-3.

**PASSING:** NYJ, Rodgers 27-39-0-339. MIA, Tagovailoa 33-47-0-331.

**RECEIVING:** NYJ, D.Adams 9-109, Wilson 7-114, Allen 4-38, Conklin 3-33, I.Davis 3-27, Lazard 1-18. MIA, T.Hill 10-115, Waddle 9-99, Achane 6-45, J.Smith 3-44, Wright 2-6, I.Hill 1-14, Wilson 1-7, Beckham 1-1.

**PUNT RETURNS:** NYJ, Gipson 2-0. Mia, M.Washington 1-10.

**KICKOFF RETURNS:** NYJ, Gipson 1-29. Mia, M.Washington 3-95, Eskridge 1-28.

**TACKLES-ASSISTS-SACKS:** NYJ, Sherwood 13-5-0, Echols 9-1-0, Reed 5-1-0, Clark 4-3-0, Carter 2-0-0, Reddick 2-0-0, Mills 1-3-0, Thomas 1-2-0, A.Davis 1-1-0, Quinc.Williams 1-1-0, Kinlaw 1-0-0, Oliver 1-0-0, Quinn. Williams 1-0-0, T.Adams 0-1-0. MIA, Fuller 6-2-0, Brooks 4-5-1, Poyer 4-3-0, Walker 4-3-0, Ramsey 4-0-0, B.Jones 3-1-0, Hand 3-0-0, Sieler 2-2-2, C.Campbell 1-2-0, Holland 1-2-0, Kohou 1-1-0, Robinson 1-0-0, Bell 0-2-0, Dodson 0-2-0, Ogbah 0-1-0.

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

New Orleans 7 0 7 0 - 14  
N.Y. Giants 0 3 0 8 - 11

**First Quarter**  
NO: K.Miller 8 run (Grupe kick), 1:19.

**Second Quarter**  
NYG: FG Gano 43, 11:20.

**Third Quarter**  
NO: J.Johnson 11 pass from Carr (Grupe kick), 3:40.

**Fourth Quarter**  
NYG: Tracy 1 run (Nabers pass from Lock), 4:11.

**TEAM STATS**

	NO	NYG
First downs	18	16
Total Net Yards	292	325
Rushes-yards	33-92	23-112
Passing	200	213
Punt Returns	0-0	5-46
Kickoff Returns	2-47	2-49
Interceptions Ret.	1-0	1-0
Comp-Att-Int	20-31-1	21-49-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-19	2-14
Punts	7-41.7	8-37.4
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-40	12-112
Time of Possession	31:49	28:11

**RUSHING:** NO, Kamara 17-44, Miller 10-32, Carr 2-12, Williams 3-5, Haener 1-(minus 1). NYG, Lock 5-59, Tracy 16-45, Singletary 2-8.

**PASSING:** NO, Carr 20-31-1-219. NYG, Lock 21-49-1-227.

**RECEIVING:** NO, Kamara 5-35, Valdes-Scantling 4-51, Johnson 4-50, Moreau 2-40, Williams 2-10, Wilson 1-18, Holker 1-10, Austin 1-5. NYG, Nabers 5-79, Bellinger 5-45, Tracy 5-38, Robinson 4-38, Slayton 2-27.

**PUNT RETURNS:** NO, None. NYG, Smith-Marsette 5-46.

**KICKOFF RETURNS:** NO, Miller 1-31, Williams 1-16. NYG, Smith-Marsette 2-49.

**TACKLES-ASSISTS-SACKS:** NO, Amadi 6-2-0, Davis 5-3-0, Harris 5-1-0, Werner 5-1-0, Saunders 4-1-1, McKinstry 4-0-0, Granderson 3-1-0, Taylor 2-1-0, Shepherd 1-1-0, Breesee 1-0-1, Howden 1-0-0, Turner 1-0-0, Foskey 0-1-0, Jordan 0-1-0, Mathieu 0-1-0, Ridgeway 0-1-0, C.Young 0-1-0. NYG, McFadden 8-3-0, Muasau 7-1-0, Hawkins 4-2-0, Nubin 4-1-0, Pinnock 2-4-0, Burns 2-2-1, Thibodeaux 2-1-1, Durden 2-1-0, A.Jackson 2-1-0, Simmons 2-1-0, Stroman 2-0-0, Belton 1-4-0, Garcia 1-4-0, Chatman 1-2-0, J.Riley 1-0-0, Green 0-1-0, P.Johnson 0-1-0.

**MISSSED FGs:** NO, Grupe 60, 53. NYG, Gano 35.

## GIANTS STATISTICS

AFTER 13 GAMES										
PASSING	ATT.	COM	PCT	YDS	GAIN	TD				
Jones	341	216	63.3	2070	6,07	8				
Lock	90	46	51.1	414	4,6	0				
DeVito	31	21	67.7	189	6,1	0				
Nabers	1	0	0.0	0	0,0	0				
TEAM	463	283	61.1	2411	5,77	8				
OPPONENTS	372	257	69.1	2531	7,47	14				
TD INT										
PASSING	PCT	INT	PCT	LG	RTE					
Jones	2.3	7	2.1	43	79.4					
Lock	0.0	2	2.2	23	54.6					
DeVito	0.0	0	0.0	23	83.9					
Nabers	0.0	0	0.0	0	39.6					
TEAM	1.7	9	1.9	43	74.7					
OPPONENTS	3.8	2	0.5	55t	101.1					
RUSHING										
ATT.	YDS	AVG	LG	TD						
Tracy	141	664	4.7	45t	5					
Singletary	89	357	4.0	43	3					
Jones	67	265	4.0	24	2					
Lock	10	129	12.9	28	1					
DeVito	7	32	4.6	17	0					
Gray	13	25	1.9	6	0					
Robinson	3	18	6.0	14	0					
Slayton	1	11	11.0	11	0					
Nabers	5	2	0.4	4	0					
TEAM	336	1503	4.5	45t	11					
OPPONENTS	376	1843	4.9	56	14					
RECEIVING										
NO.	YDS	AVG	LG	TD						
Nabers	80	819	10.2	39	3					
Robinson	67	485	7.2	23	2					
Slayton	36	504	14.0	43	1					
T.Johnson	29	331	11.4	35t	1					
Tracy	29	216	7.4	19	0					
Singletary	16	99	6.2	23	0					
Bellinger	8	76	9.5	17	0					
Gray	8	76	9.5	19	0					
Hyatt	7	53	7.6	19	0					
Hodgins	2	12	6.0	7	0					
Manhertz	1	2	2.0	2t	1					
TEAM	283	2673	9.4	43	8					
OPPONENTS	257	2778	10.8	55t	14					
INTERCEPTIONS										
NO.	YDS	AVG	LG	TD						
Muasaw	1	1	1.0	1	0					
Hawkins	1	0	0.0	0	0					
TEAM	2	1	0.5	1	0					
OPPONENTS	9	66	7.3	24	2					
SACKS							NO.			
Lawrence							9.0			
Burns							7.0			
Ojulari							6.0			
Pinnock							3.0			
Thibodeaux							3.0			
Davidson							2.0			
McFadden							2.0			
Okereke							2.0			
Chatman							1.0			
Fox							1.0			
Nunez-Roches							1.0			
D.Phillips							1.0			
TEAM							38.0			
OPPONENTS							42.0			
GROSS NET IN										
PUNTING	NO.	YDS	AVG	AVG	20	LG	BLK			
Haack	21	988	47.0	39.0	9	66	0			
Gillan	42	1854	44.1	40.7	22	67	0			
TEAM	63	2842	45.1	40.1	31	67	0			
OPPONENTS	57	2714	47.6	41.9	28	67	0			
PUNT RETURNS										
NO.	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD					
Smith-Marsette	26	0	197	7.6	22	0				
Slayton	1	0	0	0.0	0	0				
TEAM	27	0	197	7.3	22	0				
OPPONENTS	23	0	239	10.4	73t	1				
KICKOFF RETURNS										
NO.	YDS	AVG	LG	TD						
Smith-Marsette	8	227	28.4	47	0					
Gray	20	517	25.9	36	0					
Tracy	3	61	20.3	28	0					
TEAM	31	805	26.0	47	0					
OPPONENTS	11	290	26.4	35	0					
OFF.DEF.										
FUMBLES/RECOVERIES	FUM	REC	REC.							
Adams	0	1	0							
Belton	0	1	0							
Chatman	0	0	1							
Davidson	0	0	2							
Gray	3	0	0							
Jones	4	1	0							
Lock	3	1	0							
Manhertz	0	1	0							
McFadden	0	0	1							
Nabers	1	0	0							
Nubin	0	0	1							
Ojulari	0	0	1							
Okereke	0	0	2							
Singletary	2	0	0							
Slayton	1	0	0							
Smith-Marsette	1	0	0							
Thomas	0	1	0							
Tracy	4	0	0							
Van Roten	19	7	8							
TEAM	18	7	9							
OPPONENTS	18	7	9							
SCORE BY QTRS										
1	2	3	4	OT	TD					
TEAM	29	58	33	74	0	194				
OPPONENTS	75	83	81	51	3	293				
TOUCHDOWNS										
TD	RN	REC	RT	XPA	FGA	LG	PT			
Joseph	0	0	0	0/6	13/16	52	45			
Tracy	5	5	0	0/0	0/0	0	30			
Gano	0	0	0	5/5	6/8	50	23			
Nabers	3	0	3	0/0	0/0	0	20			
Singletary	3	3	0	0/0	0/0	0	18			
Ford-Wheldon	2	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	12			
Jones	2	2	0	0/0	0/0	0	12			
Lock	1	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	12			
Robinson	2	0	2	0/0	0/0	0	8			
T.Johnson	1	1	0	0/0	0/0	0	6			
Manhertz	1	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	6			
Slayton	1	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	6			
McAttamney	0	0	0	1/1	1/1	31	4			
TEAM	21	11	8	0/12	13/25	52	186			
OPPONENTS	32	14	14	2/30	31/25	62	161			
FIELD GOALS										
1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+						
McAttamney	0/0	0/0	1/1	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0			
Gano	0/0	1/1	0/1	5/6	1/1					
Joseph	0/0	3/3	5/5	4/7	1/1					
TEAM	0/0	4/4	6/7	9/13	2/2					
OPPONENTS	0/0	10/10	4/7	4/5	2/2					



NBA				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Boston	19	5	.792	—
New York	15	9	.625	4
Brooklyn	10	14	.417	9
Philadelphia	7	15	.318	11
Toronto	7	18	.280	12½
SOUTHEAST				
W	L	PCT	GB	
Orlando	17	9	.654	—
Miami	12	10	.545	3
Atlanta	13	12	.520	3½
Charlotte	7	17	.292	9
Washington	3	19	.136	12
CENTRAL				
W	L	PCT	GB	
Cleveland	21	4	.840	—
Milwaukee	12	11	.522	8
Indiana	10	15	.400	11
Chicago	10	15	.400	11
Detroit	10	15	.400	11
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Memphis	17	8	.680	—
Houston	16	8	.667	½
Dallas	16	8	.667	½
San Antonio	12	12	.500	4½
New Orleans	5	20	.200	12
NORTHWEST				
W	L	PCT	GB	
Oklahoma City	18	5	.783	—
Denver	12	10	.545	5½
Minnesota	12	11	.522	6
Portland	8	16	.333	10½
Utah	5	18	.217	13
PACIFIC				
W	L	PCT	GB	
Golden State	14	9	.609	—
L.A. Clippers	14	11	.560	1
L.A. Lakers	13	11	.542	1½
Phoenix	12	11	.522	2
Sacramento	12	13	.480	3

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

MONDAY'S RESULT

New York 113, Toronto 108

TUESDAY'S GAMES

NBA CUP QUARTERFINALS

Game 1: Orlando at Milwaukee, 7 p.m

Game 2: Dallas at Oklahoma City, 9:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

NBA CUP QUARTERFINALS

Game 3: Atlanta at New York, 7 p.m.

Game 4: Golden State at Houston, 9:30 p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Detroit at Boston, 7:30p.m.

Toronto at Miami, 7:30p.m.

Sacramento at New Orleans, 8p.m.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Philadelphia 108, Chicago 100

Milwaukee 118, Brooklyn 113

Charlotte 113, Indiana 109

Denver 141, Atlanta 111

Orlando 115, Phoenix 110

Memphis 140, Washington 112

Miami 122, Cleveland 113

San Antonio 121, New Orleans 116

Golden State 114, Minnesota 106

Sacramento 141, Utah 97

Houston 117, L.A. Clippers 106

L.A. Lakers 107, Portland 98

KEY DATES

Dec. 19-22: NBA G League Winter Showcase

Dec. 25: Christmas Day

12 p.m.: Spurs at Knicks, ESPN

2:30 p.m.: T'wolves at Mavs, Ch. 7/ESPN

5 p.m.: Sixers at Celtics, Ch. 7/ESPN

8 p.m.: Lakers at Warriors, Ch. 7/ESPN

10:30 p.m.: Nuggets at Suns, ESPN

Dec. 27: NBA G League 34-game regular season begins

Jan. 5: 10-day contracts may now be signed

Jan. 10: All NBA contracts are guaranteed for the remainder of the season

Jan. 20: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

12 p.m.: Mavericks at Hornets, NBA TV

2:30 p.m.: Timberwolves at Grizzlies, TNT

5 p.m.: Celtics at Warriors, TNT

Jan. 21-25: NBA Rivals Week

Jan. 23 & Jan. 25: NBA Paris Games 2025

2 p.m., Jan. 23: Spurs vs. Pacers, ESPN

12 p.m. Jan. 25: Spurs vs. Pacers, ESPN

Feb. 6: NBA Trade Deadline (3 p.m.)

Feb. 14-16: NBA All-Star 2025 (San Francisco, CA)

Feb. 14-19: NBA All-Star break

March 1: Playoff Eligibility Waiver Deadline

April 1: NBA G League Playoffs begins

April 11: All 30 teams to play

April 13: NBA Regular Season ends. All 30 teams to play. Seven Eastern Conference games to tip-off at 1 p.m. ET. The one cross-conference and seven Western Conference games to tip-off at 3:30 p.m. ET.

N.Y. Knicks 113, Toronto 108

MONDAY'S RESULT

	FG	FT	REB			
NEW YORK	Min	M-A	M-A	O-T	A	PF PTS
Anunoby	41:05	6-14	0-1	0-4	3	2 14
Hart	31:51	4-9	1-2	1-4	3	1 10
Towns	35:48	7-13	8-10	2-15	6	3 24
Bridges	41:15	9-14	0-0	0-3	1	23
Brunson	34:31	7-13	2-5	0-4	11	1 20
McBride	26:18	3-6	0-0	1-3	5	1 8
Achiuwa	16:13	3-7	1-1	2-6	0	1 7
Payne	12:57	3-6	0-0	0-1	1	3 7
Totals	240:0042-8212-19	6-40	32	13	113	

Percentages: FG .512, FT .632

3-Point Goals: 17-40, .425 (Bridges 5-8, Brunson 4-8, McBride 2-4, Towns 2-5, Anunoby 2-9, Hart 1-2, Payne 1-4)

Team Rebounds: 5

Team Turnovers: None

Blocked Shots: 7 (Anunoby 3, Achiuwa 2, Towns 2)

Turnovers: 10 (Brunson 3, Towns 3, Anunoby 2, Bridges, McBride)

Steals: 7 (Anunoby 2, Towns 2, Bridges, Hart, McBride)

Technical Fouls: None

	FG	FT	REB			
TORONTO	Min	M-A	M-A	O-T	A	PF PTS
Agbaji	31:30	3-9	0-0	2-5	4	1 7
Barrett	37:06	13-24	1-2	2-8	4	3 30
Poeltl	33:24	4-8	2-2	6-12	4	2 10
Barnes	22:50	5-11	2-2	0-5	3	2 15
Dick	31:28	3-11	0-0	1-6	0	7
Mitchell	23:54	3-4	0-0	0-3	3	8
Mogbo	23:25	3-9	0-0	3-7	2	6
Walter	21:45	6-12	4-5	0-1	2	19
Olynyk	14:35	3-8	0-0	3-4	1	2 6
Totals	240:0043-96	9-1117-51	23	16	108	

Percentages: FG .448, FT .818

3-Point Goals: 13-35, .371 (Barrett 3-7, Walter 3-7, Barnes 3-8, Mitchell 2-2, Agbaji 1-4, Dick 1-5, Mogbo 0-1, Olynyk 0-1)

Team Rebounds: 6

Team Turnovers: 1

Blocked Shots: 4 (Poeltl 2, Mitchell, Olynyk)

Turnovers: 12 (Barrett 3, Barnes 2, Olynyk 2, Walter 2, Agbaji, Mitchell, Poeltl)

Steals: 4 (Agbaji, Barrett, Olynyk, Poeltl)

Technical Fouls: None

New York	34	26	23	30	—	113
Toronto	27	34	25	22	—	108

A: 18,284 (19,800)

Milwaukee 118, Brooklyn 113

SUNDAY'S RESULT

	FG	FT	REB			
MILW.	Min	M-A	M-A	O-T	A	PF PTS
Anttknmpo	38:01	14-22	6-10	2-11	4	2 34
Prince	17:41	0-2	0-0	0-3	2	3 0
Lopez	26:29	1-4	1-2	1-3	4	3 4
Jackson Jr.	21:22	2-3	0-0	0-2	4	6
Lillard	38:49	2-7	9-11	0-6	11	0 15
Portis	31:26	9-10	0-0	0-5	1	0 23
Trent Jr.	24:30	6-10	5-5	0-0	1	20
Green	21:39	2-2	0-0	0-1	0	2 6
Middleton	20:03	3-8	4-4	0-2	6	2 11
Totals	240:0039-6825-32	3-31	26	18	118	

Percentages: FG .574, FT .781

3-Point Goals: 15-31, .484 (Portis 5-5, Trent Jr. 3-7, Green 2-2, Jackson Jr. 2-3, Lillard 2-7, Middleton 1-3, Lopez 0-2, Prince 0-2)

Team Rebounds: 12

Blocked Shots: 7 (Antetokounmpo 3, Portis 3, Jackson Jr.)

Turnovers: 16 (Lillard 7, Antetokounmpo 3, Lopez 2, Portis 2, Prince, Trent Jr.)

Steals: 6 (Jackson Jr. 2, Antetokounmpo, Lillard, Portis, Trent Jr.)

	FG	FT	REB			
BROOKLYN	Min	M-A	M-A	O-T	A	PF PTS
Fnnny-Smith	30:33	3-7	0-0	0-4	1	4 9
C.Johnson	37:44	9-16	4-4	2-3	2	26
Claxton	32:38	9-14	3-3	3-10	4	3 21
K.Johnson	21:16	2-8	0-0	0-0	3	6
Schroder	33:33	13-19	4-5	0-3	11	3 34
Wilson	26:08	1-8	0-0	1-2	3	3
Simmons	17:36	0-0	0-0	0-3	1	2 0
Milton	15:59	2-4	0-0	0-1	0	2 6
Watford	13:29	1-2	2-2	0-3	2	2 4
Sharpe	11:04	1-3	2-2	1-1	0	1 4
Totals	240:0041-8115-16	7-30	24	25	113	

Percentages: FG .506, FT .938

3-Point Goals: 16-35, .457 (Schroder 4-7, C.Johnson 4-8, Finney-Smith 3-5, Milton 2-4, K.Johnson 2-5, Wilson 1-5, Claxton 0-1)

Team Rebounds: 4; Team Turnovers: 4

Blocked Shots: 3 (Claxton 2, C.Johnson)

Turnovers: 9 (C.Johnson 3, K.Johnson 2, Milton 2, Simmons 2)

Steals: 9 (Claxton 3, K.Johnson 2, Sharpe 2, C.Johnson, Finney-Smith)

Technical Fouls: Johnson, 10:21 first; Finney-Smith, 11:16 third

Milwaukee	27	24	35	32	—	118
Brooklyn	25	27	34	27	—	113

A: 17,926(17,732). Time: 2:19

Denver 141, Atlanta 111

SUNDAY'S RESULT

	FG	FT	REB			
DENVER	Min	M-A	M-A	O-T	A	PF PTS
Gordon	22:53	1-6	4-5	0-2	6	1 6
Porter Jr.	35:45	12-17	1-1	2-7	3	2 26
Jokic	35:03	17-29	11-13	3-14	8	2 48
Braun	32:12	7-11	1-2	2-8	4	3 17
Westbrook	30:42	4-6	0-1	0-1	11	3 9
Strawther	21:40	5-6	0-0	0-2	3	13
Watson	18:02	1-2	0-1	0-1	0	3 2
Pickett	17:18	2-2	0-0	0-2	5	4 5
Jordan	10:07	2-2	0-0	0-4	2	0 4
Tyson	7:48	2-2	0-0	0-1	1	1 5
Alexander	2:50	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	2
Hall	2:50	1-2	0-0	0-1	0	0 2
Nnaji	2:50	1-2	0-1	0-0	0	2
Totals	240:0056-8917-24	7-43	43	22	141	

Percentages: FG .629, FT .708

3-Point Goals: 12-27, .444 (Strawther 3-4, Jokic 3-6, Braun 2-2, Pickett 1-1, Tyson 1-1, Westbrook 1-3, Porter Jr. 1-5, Watson 0-1, Gordon 0-4)

Team Rebounds: 11; Team Turnovers: 2

Blocked Shots: 5 (Watson 2, Braun, Gordon, Westbrook)

Turnovers: 18 (Westbrook 4, Gordon 3, Jokic 3, Strawther 3, Pickett 2, Braun, Jordan, Porter Jr.)

Steals: 9 (Jokic 3, Braun 2, Westbrook 2, Pickett, Watson)

	FG	FT	REB			
ATLANTA	Min	M-A	M-A	O-T	A	PF PTS
Nance Jr.	24:24	6-11	2-2	0-4	3	2 16
Risacher	29:28	3-11	4-6	2-4	0	2 10
Capela	19:01	4-7	1-2	6-10	1	5 9
Daniels	33:31	7-15	2-4	1-4	6	3 18
Young	35:08	6-13	1-2	1-4	10	1 15
Okongwu	24:52	5-10	4-4	7-9	1	2 14
Hunter	24:27	7-20	3-3	1-3	1	2 20
Mathews	20:50	0-4	2-2	0-2	1	4 2
Krejci	20:05	1-6	1-2	1-2	3	0 3
Bufkin	4:07	2-3	0-0	0-2	0	1 4
Roddy	4:07	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	0 0
Totals	240:0041-10120-2719-4526	22	111			

Percentages: FG .406, FT .741

3-Point Goals: 9-40, .225 (Hunter 3-9, Daniels 2-5, Nance Jr. 2-7, Young 2-7, Bufkin 0-1, Roddy 0-1, Risacher 0-2, Krejci 0-4, Mathews 0-4)

Team Rebounds: 8

Blocked Shots: 2 (Daniels, Roddy)

Turnovers: 12 (Young 4, Daniels 3, Krejci 2, Bufkin, Okongwu, Risacher)

Steals: 12 (Daniels 5, Young 3, Nance Jr. 2, Okongwu, Risacher)

Denver	38	33	35	35	—	141
Atlanta	23	25	36	27	—	111

A: 16,137(18,118). Time: 2:14

Orlando 115, Phoenix 110

SUNDAY'S RESULT

		FG	FT	REB			
PHOENIX	Min	M-A	M-A	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Beal	34:48	8-12	1-2	0-4	2	6	18
O'Neal	30:48	6-10	0-0	0-7	1	3	16
Plumlee	25:42	2-5	3-4	1-6	0	2	7
Booker	38:16	8-21	8-9	1-4	7	5	25
Jones	34:16	7-16	2-2	0-1	6	0	21
Allien	22:24	3-3	5-5	1-4	2	2	13
Ighodaro	22:18	2-5	0-0	4-5	4	3	4
Morris	14:17	2-8	0-0	1-1	2	1	4
Okogie	11:56	0-1	0-0	1-5	0	2	0
Bol	5:15	1-2	0-0	0-2	0	0	2
Totals	240:00	83-119	22	9-39	24	24	110



NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Florida	28	17	9	2	36	106	91
Toronto	27	16	9	2	34	80	71
Boston	29	15	11	3	33	75	87
Tampa Bay	25	14	9	2	30	98	76
Ottawa	27	12	13	2	26	82	86
Detroit	28	11	13	4	26	73	88
Buffalo	28	11	13	4	26	85	92
Montreal	28	11	14	3	25	78	100

METRO.

Washington	27	19	6	2	40	109	74
New Jersey	30	18	10	2	38	102	82
Carolina	27	17	9	1	35	101	81
N.Y. Rangers	27	14	12	1	29	86	81
N.Y. Islanders	29	11	11	7	29	77	87
Philadelphia	28	12	12	4	28	83	98
Pittsburgh	29	12	13	4	28	84	110
Columbus	27	12	12	3	27	93	96

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Minnesota	27	18	5	4	40	86	65
Winnipeg	29	20	9	0	40	103	75
Dallas	27	17	10	0	34	92	69
Colorado	29	16	13	0	32	95	103
Utah	27	12	11	4	28	79	79
St. Louis	28	13	13	2	28	73	87
Nashville	28	7	15	6	20	61	88
Chicago	28	9	17	2	20	68	87

PACIFIC

Vegas	28	18	7	3	39	99	82
Los Angeles	27	16	8	3	35	83	71
Vancouver	26	14	8	4	32	85	83
Edmonton	27	15	10	2	32	82	79
Calgary	28	13	10	5	31	74	84
Seattle	29	14	14	1	29	89	88
San Jose	30	10	15	5	25	82	108
Anaheim	26	10	12	4	24	64	79

**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

MONDAY'S RESULTS

Chicago 2, N.Y. Rangers 1  
Detroit 6, Buffalo 5 (SO)  
Montreal 3, Anaheim 2 (SO)

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Colorado at Pittsburgh, 7p.m.  
Philadelphia at Columbus, 7p.m.  
San Jose at Carolina, 7p.m.  
Toronto at New Jersey, 7p.m.  
Los Angeles at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30p.m.  
Boston at Winnipeg, 8p.m.  
Calgary at Nashville, 8p.m.  
Tampa Bay at Edmonton, 9p.m.  
Minnesota at Utah, 9:30p.m.  
Florida at Seattle, 10p.m.  
St. Louis at Vancouver, 10p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

N.Y. Rangers at Buffalo, 7p.m.  
Anaheim at Ottawa, 7:30p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Anaheim at Toronto, 7p.m.  
Detroit at Philadelphia, 7p.m.  
Los Angeles at New Jersey, 7p.m.  
Pittsburgh at Montreal, 7p.m.  
Washington at Columbus, 7p.m.  
Chicago at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30p.m.  
Nashville at Dallas, 8p.m.  
San Jose at St. Louis, 8p.m.  
Vegas at Winnipeg, 8p.m.  
Edmonton at Minnesota, 8:30p.m.  
Tampa Bay at Calgary, 9p.m.  
Utah at Colorado, 9p.m.  
Boston at Seattle, 10p.m.  
Florida at Vancouver, 10p.m.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

N.Y. Islanders 4, Ottawa 2  
Seattle 7, N.Y. Rangers 5  
Colorado 4, New Jersey 0  
Tampa Bay 4, Vancouver 2  
Columbus 4, Winnipeg 1  
Utah 4, Philadelphia 2  
Dallas 6, Calgary 2

PWHL

Team	GP	W	L	OW	OL	PT	GF	GA
Minnesota	3	2	0	0	1	7	11	8
New York	3	1	1	1	0	5	10	7
Montreal	3	1	1	1	0	5	2	8
Ottawa	3	1	1	0	1	4	1	8
Boston	3	1	2	0	0	3	6	7
Toronto	3	1	2	0	0	3	8	10

MONDAY'S RESULT

No games scheduled

TUESDAY'S GAME

Ottawa at Boston, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S GAME

Toronto at New York, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY'S RESULT

Boston 4, New York 2

Chicago 2, N.Y. Rangers 1

MONDAY'S RESULT

Chicago	1	1	0	—	2
N.Y. Rangers	1	0	0	—	1

**First Period:** 1, Chicago, Bertuzzi 6 (Hall), 8:10; 2, N.Y. Rangers, Cuyille 10 (Carrick), 19:17 (sh)

**Penalties:** Bedard, CHI (Holding), 12:56; Kreider, NYR (Holding), 18:01

**Second Period:** 3, Chicago, Hall 6 (Dickinson, Bedard), 6:16

**Penalties:** Bertuzzi, CHI (Slashing), 3:22  
**Third Period:** None

**Penalties:** Fox, NYR (High Sticking), 3:50  
**Shots on Goal:** Chicago 9-13-10—32; N.Y. Rangers 14-9-7—30

**Power-play opportunities:** Chicago 0 of 2; N.Y. Rangers 0 of 2

**Goalies:** Chicago, Soderblom 2-6-1 (30 shots-29 saves); N.Y. Rangers, Shesterkin 9-10-1 (32-30)

**A:** 18,006(18,006); **T:** 2:14

**Referees:** Mitch Dunning, Kelly Sutherland  
**Linesmen:** Matt MacPherson, Derek Nansen

Detroit 6, Buffalo 5 (SO)

MONDAY'S RESULT

Detroit	2	1	2	1	—	6
Buffalo	3	2	0	0	—	5

Detroit won shootout 2-1

**First Period:** 1, Buffalo, Benson 4 (Krebs, Cozens), 1:38; 2, Detroit, DeBrincat 12 (Larkin), 4:05; 3, Detroit, Copp 6 (Seider, Compher), 4:46; 4, Buffalo, Thompson 15 (Zucker), 10:25; 5, Buffalo, Zucker 6 (Krebs, McLeod), 15:26

**Penalties:** Jokiharju, BUF (Roughing), 7:59; DeBrincat, DET (Unsportsmanlike Conduct), 15:37; Aube-Kubel, BUF (Unsportsmanlike Conduct), 15:37

**Second Period:** 6, Detroit, Raymond 11 (Larkin, Gustafsson), 1:05; 7, Buffalo, Aube-Kubel 1 (Power, Malenstyn), 2:26; 8, Buffalo, Zucker 7 (McLeod), 9:46

**Penalties:** Kasper, DET (Hooking), 12:25; Benson, BUF (Tripping), 15:31

**Third Period:** 9, Detroit, Copp 7 (Compher, Chiarot), 10:27; 10, Detroit, Seider 3 (Raymond, Edvinsson), 15:42

**Penalties:** Clifton, BUF (Interference), 5:50; Copp, DET (Tripping), 5:50; Byram, BUF (Tripping), 6:51; Seider, DET (Tripping), 17:41

**Overtime:** None  
**Penalties:** None

**Shootout:** Detroit 2 (Raymond G, Kane NG, Larkin G), Buffalo 1 (Thompson NG, Peterka NG, Tuch G);

**Shots on Goal:** Detroit 9-10-12-0—31; Buffalo 7-10-4-0—21

**Power-play opportunities:** Detroit 0 of 3; Buffalo 0 of 2

**Goalies:** Detroit, Husso 0-4-2 (7 shots-4 saves), Detroit, Cossa 1-0-0 (14-12); Buffalo, Reimer 1-3-1 (31-26)

**A:** 14,559(19,070); **T:** 2:43

**Refs:** Francis Charron, Francois St. Laurent  
**Linesmen:** Ben O'Quinn, Bryan Panchich

Montreal 3, Anaheim 2 (SO)

Anaheim	1	1	0	0	—	2
Montreal	1	1	0	1	—	3

Montreal won shootout 2-0

**First Period:** 1, Montreal, Laine 3 (Suzuki, Hutson), 2:36 (pp); 2, Anaheim, Terry 7 (Harkins, Fowler), 10:49

**Penalties:** Harkins, ANA (Slashing), 2:24; Fowler, ANA (Hooking), 5:37

**Second Period:** 3, Anaheim, Terry 8 (Killorn, Vatrano), 4:25 (pp); 4, Montreal, Dach 2 (Slafkovsky, Laine), 4:36

**Penalties:** Newhook, MTL (Holding), 1:28; Xhekaj, MTL (Holding), 3:28; Guhle, MTL (Fighting), 18:09; Strome, ANA (Fighting), 18:09

**Third Period:** None

**Penalties:** Dach, MTL (Hooking), 9:10  
**Overtime:** None

**Penalties:** None

**Shootout:** Montreal 2 (Laine G, Caulfield G), Anaheim 0 (McTavish NG, Terry NG);

**Shots on Goal:** Anaheim 11-10-4-4—29; Montreal 5-10-6-0—21

**Power-play opportunities:** Anaheim 1 of 3; Montreal 1 of 2

**Goalies:** Anaheim, Dostal 6-7-3 (21 shots-19 saves); Montreal, Montembeault 9-11-2 (29-27)

**A:** 21,105(21,288); **T:** 2:39

**Referees:** Kyle Rehman, Corey Syvret  
**Linesmen:** Tommy Hughes, Mark Shewchuk

NHL SCORING LEADERS

Through Sunday	PLAYER, TEAM	GP	G	A	PTS
	Martin Necas, CAR	27	14	28	42
	Kirill Kaprizov, MIN	26	17	25	42
	Nathan MacKinnon, COL	29	9	32	41
	Jack Eichel, LV	28	9	30	39
	Mitch Marner, TOR	27	10	28	38
	Sam Reinhart, FLA	28	19	19	38
	Connor McDavid, EDM	24	13	24	37
	Nikita Kucherov, TB	23	13	24	37
	Jesper Bratt, NJ	30	13	24	37
	Mikko Rantanen, COL	29	15	22	37

Colorado 4, New Jersey 0

SUNDAY'S RESULT

Colorado	2	1	1	—	4
New Jersey	0	0	0	—	0

**First Period:** 1, Colorado, Colton 9 (Mittelstadt, Nichushkin), 4:07; 2, Colorado, O'Connor 4 (Kiviranta, de Haan), 14:52

**Penalties:** Malinski, COL (Interference), 17:35

**Second Period:** 3, Colorado, Lehtonen 7 (Mittelstadt), 14:36

**Penalties:** Noesen, NJ (Hooking), 15:19

**Third Period:** 4, Colorado, Kelly 2 (de Haan, Rantanen), 16:05 (en)

**Penalties:** Girard, COL (Holding), 0:38; Palat, NJ (Tripping), 9:00; Colorado bench, served by Ivan (Too Many Men on the Ice), 10:35

**Shots on Goal:** Colorado 8-10-5—23; New Jersey 10-2-14—26

**Power-play opportunities:** Colorado 0 of 2; New Jersey 0 of 3

**Goalies:** Colorado, Wedgewood 3-3-1 (26 shots-26 saves); New Jersey, Allen 5-4-1 (22-19)

**A:** 15,044 (16,514); **T:** 2:24

**Referees:** Chris Rooney, Brandon Schrader  
**Linesmen:** Devin Berg, Matt MacPherson

Columbus 4, Winnipeg 1

SUNDAY'S RESULT

Columbus	0	1	3	—	4
Winnipeg	0	1	0	—	1

First Period: None

**Penalties:** Barron, WPG (Tripping), 2:51; Columbus bench, served by Labanc (Tripping), 4:41; Pionk, WPG (Roughing), 4:41; van Riemsdyk, CBJ (Roughing), 4:41; Fabbro, CBJ (Hooking), 11:31

**Second Period:** 1, Winnipeg, Connor 15 (Scheifele, Morrissey), 11:51 (pp); 2, Columbus, Voronkov 7 (Werenski, Marchenko), 13:53 (pp)

**Penalties:** Severson, CBJ (High Sticking), 1:30; Danforth, CBJ (Boarding), 10:07; Lambert, WPG (High Sticking), 13:02

**Third Period:** 3, Columbus, K.Johnson 7 (van Riemsdyk, Monahan), 7:15; 4, Columbus, K.Johnson 8 (van Riemsdyk, Provorov), 9:42; 5, Columbus, Kuraly 3, 18:38 (en)

**Penalties:** None

**Shots on Goal:** Columbus 12-7-9—28; Winnipeg 6-8-11—25

**Power-play opportunities:** Columbus 1 of 2; Winnipeg 1 of 4

**Goalies:** Columbus, Merzlikins 9-7-2 (25 shots-24 saves); Winnipeg, Comrie 3-4-0 (27-24)

**A:** 13,887 (15,321); **T:** 2:21

**Referees:** Trevor Hanson, Michael Markovic  
**Linesmen:** Travis Gawryletz, Justin Johnson

Utah 4, Philadelphia 2

SUNDAY'S RESULT

Utah	0	3	1	—	4
Philadelphia	0	2	0	—	2

First Period: None

**Penalties:** Bortuzzo, UTA (Interference), 2:13; Sanheim, PHI (Holding), 11:30; Couturier, PHI (Hooking), 15:43

**Second Period:** 1, Utah, Carcone 2 (Bortuzzo), 7:01; 2, Philadelphia, Farabee 4 (Konecny, Seeler), 7:20; 3, Utah, Valimaki 1 (Cooley, Sergachev), 9:42; 4, Philadelphia, Tippet 8 (Michkov, Seeler), 13:34; 5, Utah, Cooley 7 (Keller, Guenther), 15:30 (pp)

**Penalties:** Foerster, PHI (Delay of Game), 14:21

**Third Period:** 6, Utah, Stenlund 3, 15:43 (sh)

**Penalties:** Cole, UTA (High Sticking), 14:01; Hayton, UTA (Roughing), 19:43; Michkov, PHI (Roughing), 19:43; Michkov, PHI (Misconduct), 19:43

**Shots on Goal:** Utah 12-8-4—24; Philadelphia 7-9-7—23

**Power-play opportunities:** Utah 1 of 3; Philadelphia 0 of 2

**Goalies:** Utah, Stauber 2-0-0 (23 shots-21 saves); Philadelphia, Ersson 5-3-2 (24-21)

**A:** 17,462 (19,543); **T:** 2:33

**Refs:** Brandon Blandina, Frederick L'Ecuyer  
**Linesmen:** Scott Cherrey, Brad Kovachik

Dallas 6, Calgary 2

SUNDAY'S RESULT

Calgary	1	1	0	—	2
Dallas	1	1	4	—	6

**First Period:** 1, Calgary, Huberdeau 9 (Kadri), 1:00; 2, Dallas, Johnston 6, 4:26 (sh)

**Penalties:** Coleman, CGY (Hooking), 2:23; Benn, DAL (Tripping), 3:58; Bahl, CGY (Tripping), 13:59; Bahl, CGY (Interference), 17:01

**Second Period:** 3, Dallas, Robertson 6 (Lyubushkin, Back), 7:47; 4, Calgary, Zary 6 (Miromanov, Kuzmenko), 16:08

**Penalties:** Robertson, DAL (Interference), 5:39

**Third Period:** 5, Dallas, Hintz 11 (Robertson, Lindell), 5:13; 6, Dallas, Steel 3 (Benn), 12:01; 7, Dallas, Harley 3 (Back, Lundkvist), 13:02; 8, Dallas, Harley 4 (Marchment, Duchene), 19:02

**Penalties:** Pachal, CGY (High Sticking), 17:29; Stankoven, DAL (Slashing), 18:46

**Shots on Goal:** Calgary 5-14-12—31; Dallas 12-7-9—28

**Power-play opportunities:** Calgary 0 of 3; Dallas 0 of 4

**Goalies:** Calgary, Wolf 8-5-1 (28 shots-22 saves); Dallas, Oettinger 14-6-0 (31-29)

**A:** 18,532 (18,532); **T:** 2:36

**Referees:** Jake Brenk, TJ Luxmore  
**Linesmen:** Kyle Fleming, Julien Fournier

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

2024 HEISMAN FINALISTS

Dillon Gabriel, QB, Oregon  
Ashton Jeanty, RB, Boise State  
Travis Hunter, CB/WR, Colorado  
Cam Ward, QB, Miami

WEEK 16 SCHEDULE

FRIDAY'S GAME









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

SATURDAY'S GAMES

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



SPORTS CALENDAR

	TUE DEC 10	WED DEC 11	THU DEC 12	FRI DEC 13	SAT DEC 14	SUN DEC 15	MON DEC 16
						BAL 1:00 P.M. CH. 2	
						JAX 1:00 P.M. CH. 5	
		ATL 7:00 P.M. MSG					
				MEM 8:00 P.M. YES			CLE 7:30 P.M. YES
		BUF 7:00 P.M. TNT			LA 1:00 P.M. MSG	STL 6:00 P.M. MSG	
	TOR 7:00 P.M. ESPN+		LA 7:00 P.M. MSG		CHI 1:00 P.M. MSGSN		
	LA 7:30 P.M. MSGSN		CHI 7:30 P.M. MSGSN			CHI 3:00 P.M. MSGSN	
		BRY 7:00 P.M. CBSSN					

MEN'S BASKETBALL

**6:30 p.m.:** Jimmy V Classic: Miami vs. Tennessee, New York, ESPN  
**6:30 p.m.:** N. Dakota St. at Butler, FS1  
**7 p.m.:** Incarnate Word at Duke, ACCN  
**7 p.m.:** Morgan St. at Xavier, CBSSN  
**7 p.m.:** Albany at Syracuse, ESPN2  
**7 p.m.:** Penn St. at Rutgers, PEACOCK  
**8:30 p.m.:** Providence at DePaul, FS1  
**9 p.m.:** Jimmy V Classic: Michigan vs. Arkansas, New York, ESPN

WNBA EXPANSION DRAFT

GOLDEN STATE VALKYRIES

- 1. Iliana Rupert, C, Atlanta Dream.
- 2. Maria Conde, F, Chicago Sky.
- 3. Veronica Burton, G, Connecticut Sun.
- 4. Carla Leite, G, Dallas Wings.
- 5. Temi Fagbenle, C, Indiana Fever.
- 6. Kate Martin, G, Las Vegas Aces.

SOCCER

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

MONDAY'S RESULT

West Ham 2, Wolverhampton 1

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Fulham 1, Arsenal 1  
Bournemouth 2, Ipswich 1  
Leicester 2, Brighton 2  
Chelsea 4, Tottenham 3  
**SATURDAY, DEC. 14**  
Arsenal vs. Everton, 10a.m.

GOLF

WORLD GOLF RANKINGS

RK. GOLFER	COUNTRY	AVG
1. Scottie Scheffler	U.S.	16.49
2. Xander Schauffele	U.S.	9.72
3. Rory McIlroy	N. Ireland	8.11
4. Collin Morikawa	U.S.	5.72
5. Ludvig Aberg	Sweden	5.58
6. Wyndham Clark	U.S.	4.97
7. Hideki Matsuyama	Japan	4.96
8. Viktor Hovland	Norway	4.70
9. Tommy Fleetwood	England	4.00
10. Bryson DeChambeau	U.S.	3.94
11. Patrick Cantlay	U.S.	3.78
12. Keegan Bradley	U.S.	3.73
13. Sahithi Theegala	U.S.	3.71

**9 p.m.:** Wisconsin at Illinois, PEACOCK

**11 p.m.:** Eastern Washington at Washington, BTN

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

**9 p.m.:** Fresno St. at Southern Cal, BTN

NBA

**7 p.m.:** In-Season Tournament: Magic at Bucks, Quarterfinal, TNT

**9:30 p.m.:** In-Season Tournament: Mavericks at Thunder, Quarterfinal, TNT

SOCCER

**2:55 p.m.:** UEFA Champions League: Aston Villa at RB Leipzig, CBSSN

- 7. Steph Talbot, F, Los Angeles Sparks.
- 8. Cecilia Zandalasini, F, Minnesota Lynx.
- 9. Kayla Thornton, F, New York Liberty.
- 10. Monique Billings, F, Phoenix Mercury.
- 11. No Selection.
- 12. Julie Vanloo, G, Washington Mystics

Liverpool vs. Fulham, 10a.m.  
Newcastle vs. Leicester, 10a.m.  
Wolverhampton vs. Ipswich, 10a.m.  
Notting. Forest vs. Aston Villa, 12:30p.m.  
**SUNDAY, DEC. 15**  
Brighton vs. Crystal Palace, 9a.m.  
Man City vs. Man United, 11:30a.m.  
Chelsea vs. Brentford, 2p.m.  
Southampton vs. Tottenham, 2p.m.

14. Robert MacIntyre	Scotland	3.52
15. Tyrrell Hatton	England	3.50
16. Billy Horschel	U.S.	3.45
17. Russell Henley	U.S.	3.43
18. Adam Scott	Australia	3.17
19. Sam Burns	U.S.	3.09
20. Jon Rahm	Spain	3.08
21. Tom Kim	S. Korea	3.05
22. Justin Thomas	U.S.	3.04
23. Aaron Rai	U.S.	2.99
24. Sungjae Im	S. Korea	2.90
25. Byeong Hun An	S. Korea	2.87
26. Tony Finau	U.S.	2.81
27. Brian Harman	U.S.	2.78
28. Shane Lowry	Ireland	2.76
29. Akshay Bhatia	U.S.	2.69

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MEN'S AP TOP 25

RK. SCHOOL	W-L	PTS	LW	CP
1. Tennessee (58)	8-0	1544	3	1
2. Auburn (3)	8-1	1438	2	2
3. Iowa State (1)	7-1	1424	6	3
4. Duke	7-2	1295	9	6
5. Kentucky	8-1	1284	4	5
6. Marquette	9-1	1274	5	4
7. Alabama	7-2	1126	10	8
8. Gonzaga	7-2	1082	7	9
9. Florida	9-0	1030	13	7
10. Kansas	7-2	940	1	10
11. Purdue	8-2	840	8	11
12. Oregon	9-1	784	12	12
13. Oklahoma	9-0	567	21	17
14. Michigan	8-1	522	NR	14
15. Houston	5-3	514	17	13
16. Clemson	9-1	491	NR	16
17. Texas A&M	8-2	415	22	18
18. UConn	7-3	394	25	20
19. Mississippi	8-1	379	23	15
20. Wisconsin	8-2	307	11	22
21. Michigan State	8-2	292	NR	19
22. Cincinnati	7-1	288	14	23
23. San Diego State	6-2	276	24	24
24. UCLA	8-1	229	NR	21
25. Mississippi State	8-1	179	NR	NR
<b>Others:</b> Baylor 150, Arizona St 143, Memphis 123, Missouri 119, Penn St. 90, Arkansas 89, Drake 67, Pittsburgh 62, Utah St. 57, Illinois 47, St. John's 43, Maryland 39, Dayton 38, Creighton 32, Indiana 30, West Virginia 30, North Carolina 24, Georgia 21, Saint Mary's 20, Texas 8, Rhode Island 3, Loyola Chicago 1. (CP-coaches poll; NR-Not Rated; LW-Last week's rating; W-L- overall team record; RK-Ranking)				

HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

**No. 1 Tennessee (8-0) did not play.** Next: vs. Miami, Tuesday.  
**No. 2 Auburn (8-1) did not play.** Next: at Ohio St., Saturday.  
**No. 3 Iowa St. (7-1) did not play.** Next: at Iowa, Thursday.  
**No. 4 Duke (7-2) did not play.** Next: vs. Incarnate Word, Tuesday.  
**No. 5 Kentucky (8-1) did not play.** Next: vs. Colgate, Wednesday.  
**No. 6 Marquette (9-1) did not play.** Next: at Dayton, Saturday.  
**No. 7 Alabama (7-2) did not play.** Next: vs. Creighton, Saturday.  
**No. 8 Gonzaga (7-2) did not play.** Next: at No. 18 UConn, Saturday.  
**No. 9 Florida (9-0) did not play.** Next: at Arizona St., Saturday.  
**No. 10 Kansas (7-2) did not play.** Next: vs. NC State, Saturday.  
**No. 11 Purdue (8-2) did not play.** Next: vs. No. 17 Texas A&M, Saturday.  
**No. 12 Oregon (9-1) did not play.** Next: vs. Stephen F. Austin, Sunday.  
**No. 13 Oklahoma (9-0) did not play.** Next: at Oklahoma St., Saturday.  
**No. 14 Michigan (8-1) did not play.** Next:

ODDS

NBA

**Emirates NBA Cup Quarterfinals**  
**FAVORITE LINE O/U UNDERDOG**  
at Milwaukee 7½ (213½) Orlando  
at Okla. City 4½ (228½) Dallas

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

**FAVORITE LINE UNDERDOG**  
at Tennessee 16½ Miami  
at Butler 12½ N. Dak. St.  
at FAU 11½ Jacksonville  
at Syracuse 13½ Albany (NY)  
at Xavier 28½ Morgan State  
at W. Virginia 24½ NC Central  
at NC State 33½ Coppin State  
at Davidson 8½ Charlotte  
Rhode Island 4½ at Brown  
at Rutgers 1½ Penn State  
at Duke 33½ Incarnate Word  
at St. Joe's (PA) 6½ Charleston (SC)  
at Princeton 14½ Monmouth  
at S. Dakota 1½ Wyoming  
at W. Kentucky 15½ Tennessee St.  
at Houston 25½ Troy  
at DePaul 1½ Providence  
at Tulane 4½ Southern Miss  
Michigan 4½ at Arkansas  
at Illinois 6½ Wisconsin  
at Portland 1½ UMKC  
at San Diego 3½ LBSU  
at California 6½ Cornell  
at Washington 13½ E. Washington

NHL

**FAVORITE LINE UNDERDOG LINE**  
Colorado -170 at Pittsburgh +140  
at Columbus -126 Philadelphia +105  
at New Jersey -138 Toronto +115  
at Carolina -120 San Jose +320  
Los Angeles -428 at Islanders +106  
at Nashville -156 Calgary +130  
at Winnipeg -144 Boston +120  
at Edmonton -154 Tampa Bay +128  
Minnesota -120 at Utah +100  
at Vancouver -188 St. Louis +155  
Florida -182 at Seattle +150

NFL WEEK 15

**FAVORITE NOW O/U UNDERDOG**  
at San Fran. 2½ (48½) LA Rams

vs. Arkansas, Tuesday.  
**No. 15 Houston (5-3) did not play.** Next: vs. Troy, Tuesday.  
**No. 16 Clemson (9-1) did not play.** Next: vs. Memphis, Saturday.  
**No. 17 Texas A&M (8-2) did not play.** Next: at No. 11 Purdue, Saturday.  
**No. 18 UConn (7-3) did not play.** Next: vs. No. 8 Gonzaga, Saturday.  
**No. 19 Mississippi (8-1) did not play.** Next: at Southern Miss., Saturday.  
**No. 20 Wisconsin (8-2) did not play.** Next: at Illinois, Tuesday.  
**No. 22 Michigan St. (8-2) did not play.** Next: vs. Oakland, Tuesday.  
**No. 22 Cincinnati (7-1) did not play.** Next: vs. Xavier, Saturday.  
**No. 23 San Diego St. (6-2) did not play.** Next: vs. Cal Baptist, Wednesday.  
**No. 24 UCLA (8-1) did not play.** Next: vs. Arizona, Saturday.  
**No. 25 Mississippi St. (8-1) did not play.** Next: vs. McNeese, Saturday.

MONDAY'S MEN'S SCORE

**EAST**  
Boston U. 113, Thomas (Maine) 75  
Columbia 92, Sarah Lawrence 46  
**SOUTH**  
Hofstra 80, Norfolk St. 67  
SC State 82, Charleston Southern 63  
VCU 66, Penn 47  
**MIDWEST**  
Indiana 82, Minnesota 67

WOMEN'S AP TOP 25

RK. SCHOL	W-L	PTS	LW
1. UCLA (24)	9-0	791	1
2. UConn (8)	8-0	769	2
3. South Carolina	9-1	742	3
4. LSU	11-0	652	5
5. Southern Cal	8-1	628	6
6. Texas	8-1	621	4
7. Maryland	10-0	608	7
8. Notre Dame	7-2	607	10
9. Duke	9-2	533	8
10. Oklahoma	8-1	517	11
11. Ohio State	8-0	459	12
12. TCU	9-1	447	9
13. Kansas State	10-1	427	13
14. North Carolina	9-1	419	16
15. West Virginia	9-1	376	15
16. Kentucky	7-1	296	14
17. Michigan State	9-0	193	24
18. Iowa State	8-2	190	20
19. Tennessee	7-0	179	19
20. Michigan	8-1	166	23
21. Iowa	8-1	125	17
22. Mississippi	6-3	104	18
22. N.C. State	6-3	104	NR
24. Nebraska	8-1	99	25
25. Georgia Tech	9-0	92	NR
<b>Others:</b> Alabama 73, Illinois 69, California 23, Stanford 18, Vanderbilt 15, Utah 14, Louisville 9, Richmond 8, South Dakota St.			

			SUNDAY
Washington	7½ (43½)	at New Orl.	
at Carolina	1½ (42½)	Dallas	
at Houston	2½ (47½)	Miami	
NY Jets	3½ (40½)	at Jacksonville	
Baltimore	14½ (43½)	at NY Giants	
Kansas City	5½ (45½)	at Cleveland	
Cincinnati	4½ (47½)	at Tennessee	
at Arizona	6½ (46½)	New England	
at Detroit	3½ (53½)	Buffalo	
at Philadelphia	5½ (43½)	Pittsburgh	
at LA Chargers	2½ (46½)	Tampa Bay	
at Denver	4½ (43½)	Indianapolis	
Green Bay	3 (46½)	at Seattle	
<b>MONDAY</b>			
at Minnesota	7 (44½)	Chicago	
Atlanta	4½ (44½)	at Las Vegas	

**COLLEGE FOOTBALL SATURDAY**  
**FAVORITE NOW O/U UNDERDOG**  
at Army 6½ (39½) Navy  
**Salute to Veterans Bowl**  
South Alabama 9½ (59½) W. Michigan  
**Frisco Bowl** Dec. 17  
Memphis 2½ (56½) W. Virginia  
**Boca Raton Bowl** Dec. 18  
James Madison 6½ (53½) W. Kentucky  
**LA Bowl**  
Cal 3½ (51½) UNLV  
**New Orleans Bowl** Dec. 19  
Ga. Southern 4½ (47½) Sam Hou.  
**Cure Bowl** Dec. 20  
Ohio 2½ (54½) J'ville St  
**Gasparilla Bowl**  
Florida 11½ (50½) Tulane  
**CFP First Round**  
Notre Dame 7½ (50½) Indiana  
**CFP First Round** Dec. 21  
Penn State 8½ (53½) SMU  
Texas 11½ (51½) Clemson  
Ohio State 7½ (47½) Tennessee  
**Myrtle Beach Bowl** Dec. 23  
UTSA 6½ (57½) Co. Carolina  
**OTHER BOWL GAMES**  
**Famous Idaho Potato Bowl**  
No. Illinois 2½ (41½) Fresno State  
**Hawai'i Bowl**  
San Jose St. 2½ (62½) S.. Florida  
**GameAbove Sports Bowl** Dec. 26  
Pittsburgh 8½ (51½) Toledo

8, Creighton 5, Oklahoma St. 4, Harvard 3, Florida St. 3, Texas Tech 3, Baylor 1. (first-place votes)

HOW WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

**No. 1 UCLA (9-0) did not play.** Next: at Long Beach St., Saturday.  
**No. 2 UConn (8-0) did not play.** Next: at No. 8 Notre Dame, Thursday.  
**No. 3 South Carolina (9-1) did not play.** Next: vs. South Florida, Sunday.  
**No. 4 LSU (11-0) did not play.** Next: vs. La-Lafayette, Sunday.  
**No. 5 Southern Cal (8-1) did not play.** Next: vs. Fresno St., Tuesday.  
**No. 6 Texas (8-1) did not play.** Next: vs. Southern U., Wednesday.  
**No. 7 Maryland (10-0) did not play.** Next: vs. William & Mary, Thursday, Dec. 19.  
**No. 8 Notre Dame (7-2) did not play.** Next: vs. No. 2 UConn, Thursday.  
**No. 9 Duke (9-2) did not play.** Next: vs. Wofford, Wednesday, Dec. 18.  
**No. 10 Oklahoma (8-1) did not play.** Next: vs. Oral Roberts, Sunday.  
**No. 11 Ohio State (8-0) did not play.** Next: vs. Ball State, Tuesday.  
**No. 12 TCU (9-1) did not play.** Next: vs. Louisiana Tech, Sunday.  
**No. 13 Kansas St. (10-1) vs. Queens.** Next: vs. Middle Tennessee, Saturday.  
**No. 14 North Carolina (9-1) did not play.** Next: vs. NC-Greensboro, Wednesday.  
**No. 15 West Virginia (9-1) did not play.** Next: at Temple, Sunday.  
**No. 16 Kentucky (8-1) beat Queens (NC) 87-45.** Next: at Purdue, Saturday.  
**No. 17 Michigan St. (9-0) did not play.** Next: vs. No. 21 Iowa, Sunday.  
**No. 18 Iowa St. (8-2) did not play.** Next: at No. 21 Iowa, Wednesday.  
**No. 19 Tennessee (7-0) did not play.** Next: vs. N.C. Central, Saturday.  
**No. 20 Michigan (8-1) did not play.** Next: vs. Detroit, Saturday.  
**No. 21 Iowa (8-1) did not play.** Next: vs. No. 18 Iowa St., Wednesday.  
**No. 22 N.C. State (6-3) did not play.** Next: vs. Davidson, Wednesday.  
**No. 23 Mississippi (6-3) did not play.** Next: vs. South Alabama, Sunday.  
**No. 24 Nebraska (8-1) did not play.** Next: vs. Tarleton St., Wednesday.  
**No. 25 Georgia Tech (9-0) did not play.** Next: vs. UL Monroe, Wednesday.

MONDAY'S WOMEN'S SCORES

**EAST**  
George Mason 63, Georgetown 55  
Monmouth (NJ) 63, NJIT 54  
Quinnipiac 76, Yale 50  
Saint Joseph's 74, Maine 48  
Seton Hall 67, Sacred Heart 46  
**SOUTH**  
Kentucky 87, Queens (NC) 45  
VCU 79, Delaware St. 43

<b>Rate Bowl</b>			
Kansas State	8½ (52½)	Rutgers	
<b>68Ventures Bowl</b>			
Bowling Green	7½ (48½)	Ark. St	
<b>Armed Forces Bowl</b>			
Oklahoma	8½ (44½)	Navy	
<b>Birmingham Bowl</b>			
Georgia Tech	2½ (52½)	Vanderbilt	
<b>Liberty Bowl</b>			
Arkansas	2½ (60½)	Texas Tech	
<b>Holiday Bowl</b>			
Syracuse	6½ (61½)	Wash. St.	
<b>Las Vegas Bowl</b>			
Texas A&M	3½ (51½)	USC	
<b>Fenway Bowl</b>			
North Carolina	3½ (53½)	UConn	
<b>Pinstripe Bowl</b>			
Nebraska	3½ (45½)	Boston College	
<b>New Mexico Bowl</b>			
TCU	10½ (59½)	Louisiana	
<b>Pop-Tarts Bowl</b>			
Miami	1½ (57½)	Iowa State	
<b>Arizona Bowl</b>			
Miami (Ohio)	2½ (42½)	Colorado St.	
<b>Military Bowl</b>			
NC State	5½ (58½)	East Carolina	
<b>Alamo Bowl</b>			
Colorado	2½ (53½)	BYU	
<b>Independence Bowl</b>			
Army	9½ (48½)	Marshall	
<b>Music City Bowl</b>			
Missouri	3½ (40½)	Iowa	
<b>ReliaQuest Bowl</b>			
Alabam	12½ (42½)	Michigan	
<b>Sun Bowl</b>			
Louisville	4½ (49½)	Washington	
<b>Citrus Bowl</b>			
South Carolina	10½ (47½)	Illinois	
<b>Texas Bowl</b>			
LSU	2½ (60½)	Baylor	
<b>Gator Bowl</b>			
Ole Miss	11½ (54½)	Duke	
<b>First Responder Bowl</b>			
Texas State	7½ (68½)	North Texas	
<b>Duke's Mayo Bowl</b>			
Minnesota	3½ (42½)	Virginia Tech	
<b>Bahamas Bowl</b>			
Liberty	2½ (51½)	Buffalo	

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**TUESDAY EVENING TV**

**LIVE SPORTS**

## MOVIES

## REALITY

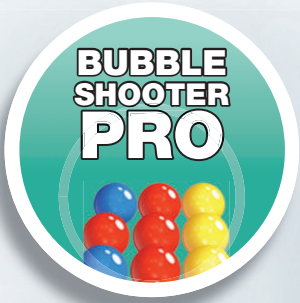
	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM	
2 WCBS	CBS Evening News (N)	Inside Edition (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	FBI - A park ranger is shot dead by a masked assailant. (N)		FBI: International (N)		FBI: Most Wanted (N)		CBS News New York 11pm (N)	(11:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (N) ➦		
3 WJLP	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Bev. Hillbillies	Green Acres	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	Perry Mason ➦		
4 WNBC	NBC Nightly News (N)	News 4 NY at 7 (N)	Access Hollywood (N)	The Voice (N)		The Voice - The winner is revealed; special guests perform, and the top eight perform a Wicked-themed number. (N)				News 4 NY at 11 (N)	(11:35) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (N) ➦		
5 WNYW	(6:00) • The 6 News (N)	Extra (N)	TMZ (N)	LEGO Masters - Celebrity builders Sophia Bush, Holly Robinson Peete, Eric McCormack and Lil Rel Howery compete. (N)					The 10 O'Clock News (N)		Good Night New York (N)	Family Feud ➦ TMZ Live ➦	
7 WABC	ABC World News (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel of Fortune (N)	OLAF'S FROZEN ADVENTURE	Toy Story That Time Forgot	Disney Prep & Landing	Prep & Landing: Naughty vs. Nice	High Potential (N)		Eyewitness News at 11 (N)	(11:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (N) ➦		
9 WWOR	True Crime (N)	Family Feud	Family Feud	The News on MY 9 (N)		Suits		Family Feud	Family Feud	Suits		Law-SVU ➦	
10/55 WLNY	The Conners	Last Man	Last Man	CBS News New York 8pm (N)		48 Hours		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Neighbor	Neighbor	Modern Family	
11 WPXI	PIX11 News (N)	Sports (N)	Big Bang	WWE NXT (N)				PIX11 News at Ten (N)		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Friends	
13 WNET	America	PBS News Hour (N)		Finding Your Roots		Finding Your Roots		Frontline (N)		Amanpour and Company (N)		One on One	
21 WLIW	(6:00) • PBS News	Sister Boniface	(7:45) Murder Myster.	(8:40) Silent Witness		(9:35) Little Bird			Reconnect	BBC News	The Day	Amanpour (N) ➦	
25 WNYE	Great Decisions	Legacy List With Matt Paxton		Wings	Wild Hope	Wow, I Never	America's Past	Blueprint: NYC	Secrets	Running Towards the Fire		Afropop ➦	
31 WPXN	(6:00) • Chi. Fire	Chicago Fire		Chicago Fire		Chicago Fire		Chicago Fire		Chicago Fire		Chicago Fire ➦	
41 WFUT2	(6:00) • Unusual	Unusual Suspects		Obsession: Dark Desires		Forensic Files		Forensic Files		Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Dateline ➦	
47 WNJU	Noticias	Exatión Estados Unidos: All-Stars								La familia	Noticiero 47 (N)	(11:35) Noticias Venganza ➦	
A&E	Road Wars	Road Wars	Road Wars	Road Wars	Road Wars	Road Wars (N)	Road Wars (N)	Extreme Road Ragers (N)		(11:05) RoadWars		(11:35) RoadWars RoadWars ➦	
AMC	(6:00) • FOUR CHRISTMASSES ('08) ★★			ELF ('03) ★★★ James Caan, Bob Newhart, Will Ferrell.					CHRISTMAS WITH THE KRANKS ('04) ★★ Tim Allen.		NATIONAL LA... ➦		
ANPL	(6:00) • LoneStar	Lone Star Law		Wardens of the North		Wardens of the North		Wardens of the North		Wardens of the North		Wardens ➦	
BBCA	(6:00) • Bones	Bones		Bones		Bones		Bones		Bones		Bones ➦	
BET	Martin	Martin	Martin	Neighbor (N)	Neighbor	House Of (N)	As. Living (N)	NEVER ALONE FOR CHRISTMAS ('23) Allen Maldonado, Mignon Von. (P)					
BRV	• Medicine	Real Housewives		Real Housewives (N)		The Real Housewives of New York City (N)			Real Housewives		Housewives/NYC		
CBSN	(6:00) • Football	College Basketball - Morgan State at Xavier (N)				Inside Football - 2024 Awards		Inside College Football		College Football ➦			
CNBC	• MadMoney	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank (N)		Cities of Success (N)		Shark Tank		Shark Tank ➦	
CNN	(6:00) • Situation	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		The Source With (N)		CNN NewsNight (N)		Laura Coates Live (N)		Cooper 360 ➦	
COM	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Daily Show (N)	(11:35) FamilyGuy	Family Guy	
DISN	Bluey	Big City Greens	Big City Greens	Big City Greens	Big City Greens	Big City Greens	Big City Greens	Hamster &	Hamster &	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	ZOMBIES: Re-	
DSC	• Moonshine	Moonshiners		Moonshiners (N)		Game Changers (N)		Moonshiners: Master Distiller		Moonshiners: Master Distiller		Moonshiners ➦	
E!	(6:00) • NCIS: LA	NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		El News (N)	House of Villains		
ESPN	College Basketball - Miami vs. Tennessee (N)				GameDay (N)	College Basketball - Michigan vs. Arkansas (N)			SportsCenter (N)		SportsC. (N) ➦		
ESPN2	(6:00) • ThePoint	College Basketball - Albany (N.Y.) at Syracuse (N)			NFL Live			30 for 30		E60		Baseball (N)	
FAM	DR. SEUSS' THE GRINCH ('18) ★★ Benedict Cumberbatch.				DR. SEUSS' HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS ★★ Jeffrey Tambor, Jim Carrey.			The 700 Club			CHRISTMAS ... ➦		
FBN	(6:00) • Bottom	Kudlow		Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	
FNC	(6:00) • Bret Baier	The Ingraham Angle (N)		Jesse Watters Primetime (N)		Hannity (N)		Gutfeld! (N)		Fox News at Night (N)		The Five ➦	
FOOD	(6:00) • Chopped	Chopped		Chopped		Beat: Holiday (N)		Beat: Holiday		Chopped		Beat: Holiday ➦	
FX	(5:30) • DEADPOOL 2 ('18) ★★★ Ryan Reynolds.	FREE GUY ('21) ★★★ Jodie Comer, Joe Keery, Ryan Reynolds.						BAD BOYS FOR LIFE ('20) ★★ Martin Lawrence, Will Smith.		➦			
HALL	• DEBBIE MACOMBER'S JOYFUL MRS. MIRACLE	THE CHRISTMAS QUEST ('24) Kristoffer Polaha, Lacey Chabert.						THE SWEETEST CHRISTMAS ('17) Lea Coco, Lacey Chabert.			CHECKIN' IT ... ➦		
HBO	(6:20) • Get Millie	(7:10) COP OUT ('10) ★ Tracy Morgan, Adam Brody, Bruce Willis.			Hard Knocks (N)			Nature of the Crime			(11:35) Hard Knocks ➦		
HGTV	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	Windy City Rehab (N)		Christina in the Country (N)		Hunt Intl (N)	Hunters Int'l	Hunters Int'l	Hunters Int'l	Chris-Country ➦	
HIST	(6:00) • Mysteries	The Curse of Oak Island		The Curse of Oak Island		The Curse of Oak Island (N)		(10:05) Tales From Oa (N)		(11:05) The Curse of Oak Island		OakIsland ➦	
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) • See No	See No Evil		Body Cam		Body Cam (N)		Operation Undercover (N)		The Murder Tapes		Body Cam ➦	
IFC	Raymond	Two Half Men	Two Half Men	Two Half Men	Two Half Men	Two Half Men	Two Half Men	Two Half Men	Two Half Men	Two Half Men	Two Half Men	Two Half Men	
LIFE	(6:00) • Rookie	The Rookie		Married at First Sight (N)						(11:05) Married at First Sight		Married ➦	
LIFEMOV	(6:00) • A LIFEGUARD'S OBSESSION ('23)	DEADLY YOGA RETREAT ('22) Danielle C. Ryan, Jonathan Bennett.			GWEN SHAMBLIN: STARVING FOR SALVATION ('23)			➦			DEADLY YOG... ➦		
LOGO	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	
MAX	(5:55) • SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE ('98) ★★★	GARDEN STATE ('04) ★★★ Ian Holm, Zach Braff.			(9:45) PERSON TO PERSON ('17) ★★			(11:10) DON JON ('13) ★★★			➦		
MSG	The Better	MSG Shorts	MSG Shorts	A New York - The 1970's		A New York - The 1980's		A New York - The 1990's			A New York - The 2000's		
MSGSN	Islanders	Pregame (N)	NHL Hockey - Los Angeles Kings at New York Islanders (N)				Postgame (N)			The Bettor		NHL Hockey ➦	
MSNBC	(6:00) • AriMelber	The ReidOut (N)		All In With Chris Hayes (N)		Alex Wagner Tonight (N)		Last Word With Lawrence (N)			11th Hour (N)		Wagner ➦
MTV	• Unfaithful	Caught in the Act: Unfaithful		Caught in the (N)		Caught in the Act: Unfaithful		Caught in the Act: Unfaithful		Caught in the Act: Unfaithful		Catfish ➦	
NGEO	• LifeBelow	Life Below Zero		Life Below Zero		Life Below Zero (N)		Northwoods Survival (N)			Life Below Zero		Life Below... ➦
NICK	SpongeBob	Max and the Mid	SpongeBob	Patrick Star	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
OWN	(6:00) • Deadline	Deadline: Crime With Tamron Hall		Deadline: Crime With Tamron Hall		Deadline: Crime With Tamron Hall		Deadline: Crime With Tamron Hall		Deadline: Crime With Tamron Hall		Deadline ➦	
OXY	(6:00) • Snapped	Snapped		Snapped		Snapped		Snapped		Snapped		Snapped ➦	
PARMT	Two Half Men	Two Half Men	Two Half Men	BAD SANTA ('03) ★★★ Tony Cox, Brett Kelly, Billy Bob Thornton.			(10:05) BAD SANTA 2 ('16) ★★ Kathy Bates, Billy Bob Thornton.			BAD SANTA ➦			
PARSHO	(6:45) MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE -- GHOST PROTOCOL ('11) ★★★ Tom Cruise.	MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE ('96) ★★ Jon Voight, Tom Cruise.						The Agency			ONCE UPON ... ➦		
SMITH	(6:00) • Genghis	Mysteries of the Abandoned		How Did They Fix That?		How Did They Build That?		America's Hidden Stories			How Did They Fix That?		How Did- Build ➦
SNY	Mets Stove (N)	Mets Classics - 2024: New York Mets at Atlanta Braves (N)					Mets Yearbook		Mets Yearbook	Mets Stove	SportsNite (N)	SportsNite (N)	SportsNite (N)
STARZ	• VENOM: LET ...	THE DIVERGENT SERIES: ALLEGIANT ('16) ★ Shailene Woodley.			(9:05) RENFIELD ('23) ★★ Nicholas Hoult.			(10:40) JOY RIDE ('23) ★★★ Ashley Park.			CRAZIES ➦		
STZENC	(5:35) • BUTTER	(7:10) OUT OF SEASON ('04) ★ Gina Gershon, Dennis Hopper.			HOUSE OF 9 ('05) Kelly Brook, Dennis Hopper.			(10:35) ALL THE MONEY IN THE WORLD ('17) ★★★			➦		
SUND	(6:00) • NCIS	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS ➦	
SYFY	(6:00) • EDGE OF TOMORROW ('14) ★★★ Tom Cruise.	AMBULANCE ('22) ★★ Yahya Abdul-Mateen II, Eiza González, Jake Gyllenhaal.						MAD MAX BEYOND THUNDERD... ➦					
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Wipeout		Wipeout ➦	
TCM	(5:45) • LES GIRLS ('57) ★★★ Gene Kelly.	NOWHERE TO GO ('58) ★★ Maggie Smith, George Nader.						THE PRIME OF MISS JEAN BRODIE ('69) ★★★ Maggie Smith.			TRAVELS WIT... ➦		
TLC	(6:00) • 1000-lb	1000-lb Sisters		1000-lb Sisters (N)		1000-lb Sisters (N)		(10:05) Best Friends (N)		(11:10) 90 Day: The Last Resort		1000-lb ➦	
TMC	(6:15) • AFTERSUN ('22) ★★★ Paul Mescal.	THE GIFT ('15) ★★★ Rebecca Hall, Joel Edgerton, Jason Bateman.			EYES WIDE SHUT ('99) ★★★ Nicole Kidman, Sydney Pollack, Tom Cruise.						➦		
TNT	• GODZILLA VS...	NBA Basketball - NBA Cup: Orlando Magic at Milwaukee Bucks - Quarterfinal. (N)					NBA Basketball - NBA Cup: Dallas Mavericks at Oklahoma City Thunder - Quarterfinal. (N)						
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TVLND	(6:25) • Griffith	Raymond	(7:35) Raymond	(8:10) Raymond	(8:45) Raymond	(9:20) Everybody Loves Raymond		(9:55) Raymond	Raymond	(11:05) King	(11:40) King	(12:15) King ➦	
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		Sold on SLC		Scare Tactics	
VH1	(5:00) • THINK LIKE A MAN ('12) ★★	THINK LIKE A MAN TOO ('14) ★★ Michael Ealy, Jerry Ferrara, Adam Brody.			THE WOOD ('99) ★★ Taye Diggs, Richard T. Jones, Omar Epps.								
WE	(6:00) • 9-1-1	9-1-1		9-1-1		9-1-1		9-1-1		9-1-1		9-1-1 ➦	
YES	Homegrown	Press - Pinstripe Bowl		Yankees Hot Stove (N)		Press - Pinstripe Bowl		Yankees Hot Stove		Yankees Hot Stove		Yankees ➦	





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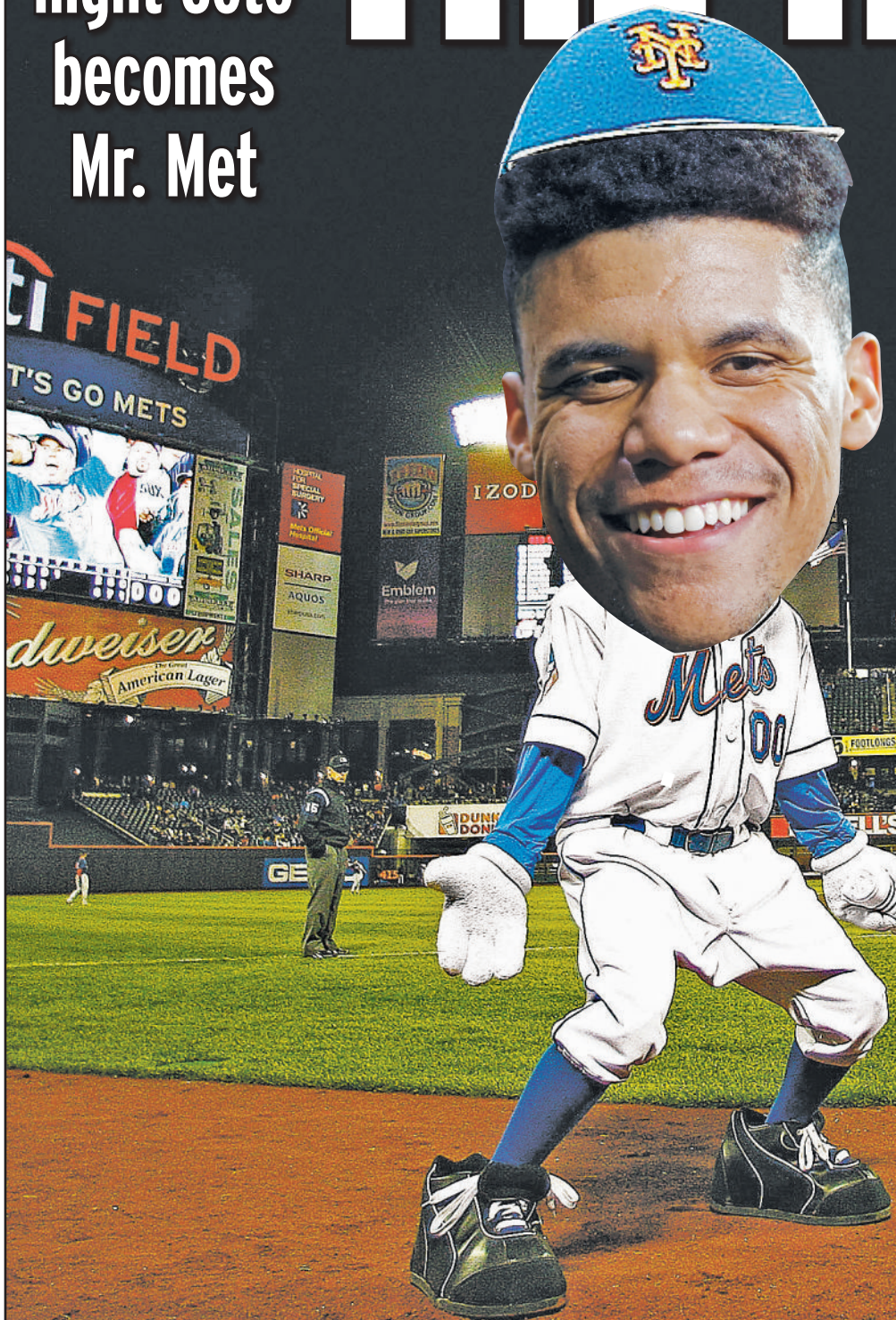
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