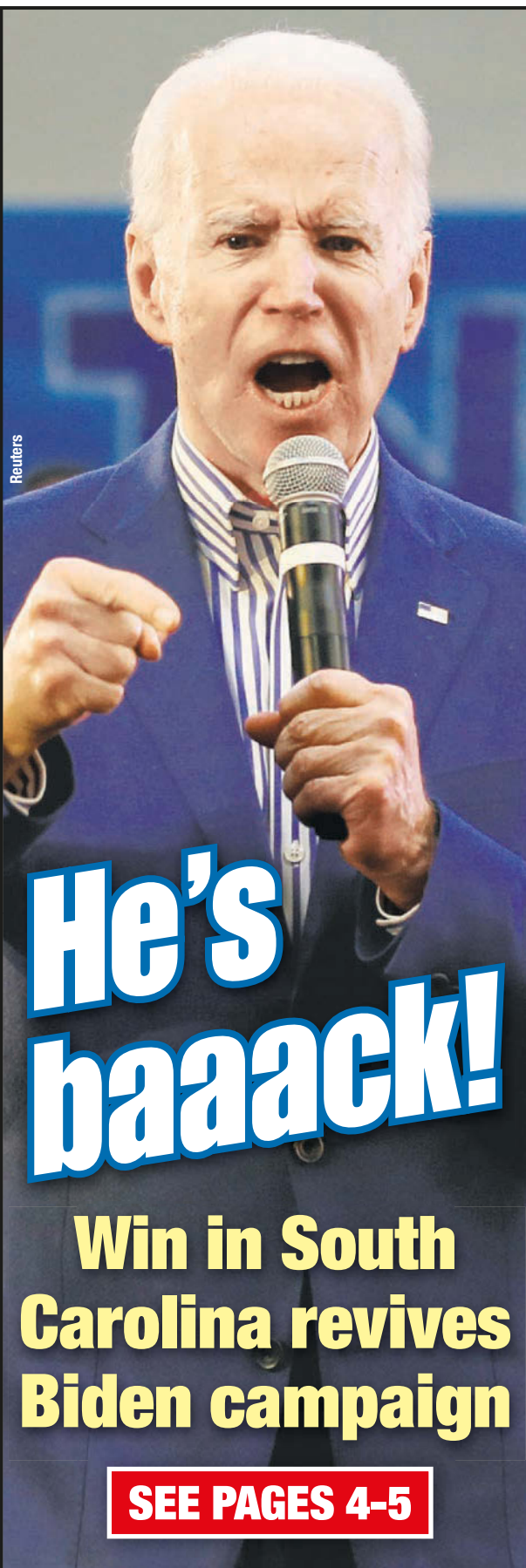




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**He's
baaack!**

**Win in South
Carolina revives
Biden campaign**

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FIRST U.S. DEATH

The coronavirus claimed its first life on American soil, as the number of confirmed cases in the country increased to 68. Meanwhile, tests on the lone New York City patient being monitored came back negative, officials announced Saturday, and President Trump widened travel restrictions to include Italy, South Korea and Iran.

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BoJo gal pal pregs

The patter of tiny feet is coming to Downing Street.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson revealed Saturday that he and his girlfriend, Carrie Symonds, are engaged to be married and expecting a baby in the early summer.

A wedding date wasn't announced.

Johnson, 55, and Symonds, 31, made history as the first unmarried couple to openly live together at the British prime minister's official London residence when they moved in last year.

Symonds, a conservationist and former communications chief for the Conservative Party, which Johnson now leads, was romantically linked to Johnson when Theresa May still served as prime minister.

Symonds said in an Instagram post she felt "incredibly blessed."

She said she and Johnson got engaged at the end of last year "and we've got a baby hatching early summer."

Johnson has four children with his second wife, Marina Wheeler, a lawyer he married in 1993.

They announced their separation in September 2018 and said they planned to divorce. Johnson has fathered at least one other child. AP

Crabs' kinky sex 'talk'

Ooh, pinch me harder.

Humans aren't the only creatures who talk during sex. Coconut crabs do, too.

The huge, land-dwelling crustaceans, which can grow to be up to 3 feet long, chat each other up with vibrating clicks, a study in the journal *Zoology* reveals.

Researchers had known the critters made "tapping-like sounds," but they didn't know why. They do now.

Using X-rays and digital audio, the Japanese scientists figured out the invertebrates "talk" to each other at every stage of mating — foreplay, orgasm and even the crabby equivalent of cuddling afterward. Melanie Gray

TWO GIANT LEAPS



Brooklyn duo's 2nd 'leap' birth



ODDS COUPLE: Proud parents Lindsay and Dane Demchak celebrate the leap-day birth Saturday of little Scout — four years after the leap-day birth of first child, Omri, pictured cooing over his new sister.

By DEAN BALSAMINI
and KHRISTINA NARIZHNAYA

This Sunset Park family is growing by leaps and bounds!

Lindsay and Dane Demchak were all set to throw a birthday party Saturday for their son Omri, who was born Feb. 29, 2016, the last leap year.

But that soiree was put on hold when the 31-year-old stay-at-home mom unexpectedly gave birth Saturday morning, four days early, to a 7-pound, 2-ounce baby girl at Coney Island Hospital.

"We're the double leap year family!" a beaming Lindsay Demchak boasted from her hospital bed as she cradled a swaddled Scout on her right arm.

Omri's due date was Feb. 29,

2016. The couple, knowing it was leap day, joked at the time that there was "no way" he would be born on Feb. 29. Omri was indeed born that day at 1 p.m. at Maimonides Hospital in Borough Park.

"We joked about it. What if it happens again? And then it did!" said Dane, 31, a coffee roaster and community activist.

After returning home from a chicken-parm dinner Friday night, the couple put their son to sleep, put up decorations for Omri's party and readied for bed.

However, Scout would have none of that. Lindsay started experiencing contractions shortly after midnight.

After 7 hours in labor, Lindsay gave birth at 7:42 a.m. to Scout, who measured 19 inches long.

As for Omri? He couldn't be happier to have a baby sister and was already doting on his sibling at the hospital Saturday afternoon.

"His day got taken from him. But he's very easygoing. He's very excited about the baby," Dane said.

In addition to Scout, Coney Island Hospital reported three other leap year babies: Eva Ponce, 39, gave birth to twin boys, not yet named, at 8:17 a.m. and 8:20 a.m. The babies weigh 5 pounds, 11 ounces and 5 pounds, 9 ounces.

Also, at 8:14 a.m., Socorro Edith Tiempos, 28, of Coney Island, gave birth to Kimberly Sanchez, who weighed in at 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

The odds of being born on leap day are 1 in 1,461, according to pregnantchicken.com.

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RACE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE

O, how Bam could boost Biden big!



**JOHN
PODHORETZ**

TWO days after the South Carolina primary in 2008, Ted and Caroline Kennedy endorsed Barack Obama after he beat Hillary Clinton there by 30 points. Onetime Obama spokesman Robert Gibbs said on Saturday that those Kennedy endorsements were extraordinarily important to the future president's campaign.

Think how much more crucial it would be right now if Obama finally followed suit and endorsed Joe Biden after his vice president's smashing victory in the Palmetto State. In 2008, there was a 10-day gap between Obama's South Carolina win and the multistate primary on Super Tuesday.

This year, Super Tuesday is ... this Tuesday. Biden could really use a massive news event to make the point to voters in those 14 states that he is a winner and a better choice against Donald Trump than Bernie Sanders — and Obama's ego might be tickled by the prospect at being a decisive player in the race.

Former Missouri Democratic Sen. Claire McCaskill said she thought Obama would respect the process because he wouldn't have liked it if someone had put a finger on the scale in 2008 while he was hunting for delegates. Really? Yeah, I'm sure he really hated the Kennedy endorsements.

The thing is, after Trump's romp to the 2016 GOP nomination against the party establishment, the chattering classes have claimed endorsements no longer have any impact. That conventional wisdom was just proved wrong: Nearly a quarter of South Carolina

primary voters said they were influenced in Biden's direction by the endorsement Wednesday of Rep. Jim Clyburn, South Carolina's most senior Democrat.

Multiply Clyburn by a thousand and you could really see how Obama's nod to Biden could represent a massive momentum shift.

The story of 2020 has been Bernie Sanders' emergence as the seeming front-runner — and this past week's serious scrutiny of his long-held views shows he has no inclination to moderate opinions that make the left-liberal Obama seem like a neoconservative.

Is Obama going to stand by as his party takes the extremely risky step of nominating an open socialist when polls say nearly 60 percent of Americans have an unfavorable view of socialism and fewer than 30 percent say they view socialism favorably?

If Obama is concerned about it, the only real opportunity he has to stop the Sanders march comes Sunday or Monday. It's fair to assume the former president has real concerns about his former vice president's viability, but any possibility of another candidate emerging to challenge Sanders has all but evaporated.

Unchallenged, Mike Bloomberg's money is just going to help Sanders by taking chunks of the non-Sanders vote. And what other effective challenge could there be to Scrooge McDuck and his swimming-pool full of dollars than the most popular Democrat in the country anointing his preferred choice?

Unless, that is, Obama's preferred choice is a brokered convention from which a surprise nominee emerges ... named Michelle Obama.

JOE SEWS

By MARY KAY LINGE

Joe Biden has triumphed in South Carolina — the former vice president's first-ever Democratic primary or caucus win in his three runs for the White House over 32 years.

It was a calculated payoff for Biden, who had focused much of his attention and \$890,000 worth of ads on the state, where African-American voters — who tend to be socially moderate or conservative — make up about 60 percent of the Democratic Party.

With 99 percent of precincts reporting, Biden had piled up a commanding lead with 48.5 percent of the vote, to Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders' 19.9 percent.

Biden now holds the most pledged delegates in the Democratic field, 32 to Sanders' 11; none of the two front-runners' competitors has managed to win a single delegate.

"Thanks to you, the heart of the Democratic Party, we've won and we've won big — and we are very much alive!" he told jubilant supporters in Columbia, SC.

"This campaign has taken off," he enthused.

He also took a few well-landed swipes at Sanders, without mentioning him by name.

"We have the option of winning big or losing big, that's the choice," Biden said.

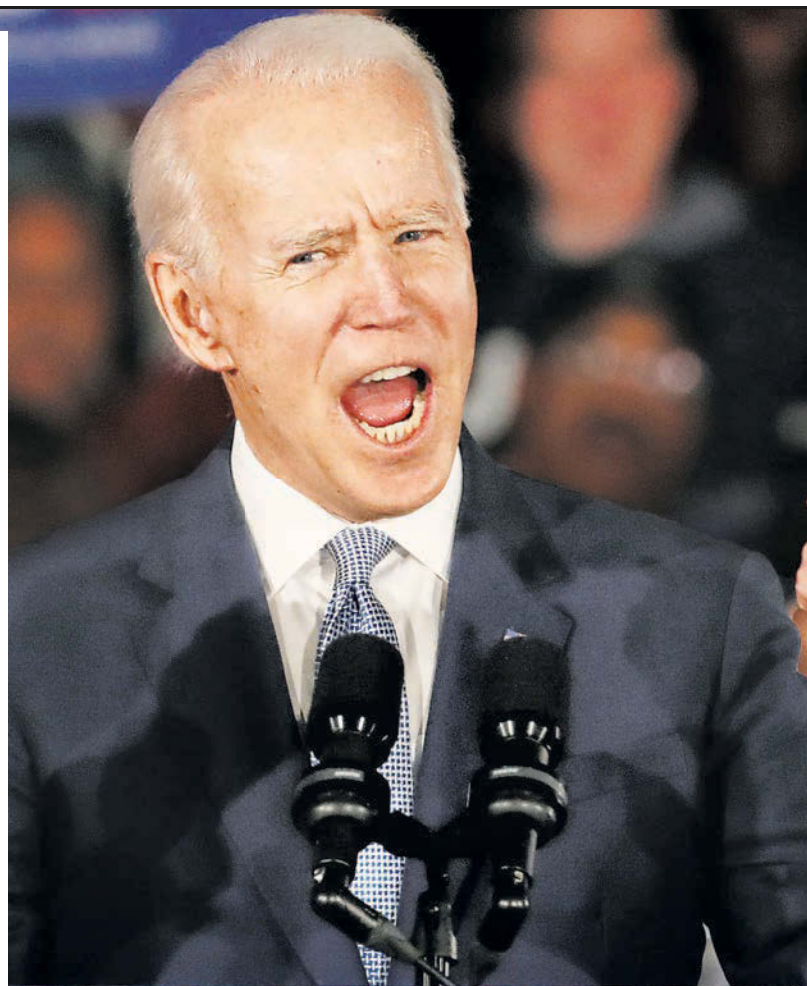
"Most Americans don't want the promise of a revolution," he added. "Talk about revolution isn't changing anybody's life."

Sanders, meanwhile, was more conciliatory, congratulating Biden for his victory and warning his supporters that there will be more losses ahead.

"You cannot win 'em all," he told supporters in Boston, where he's gearing up for Super Tuesday. "This will not be the only defeat. Nobody wins them all."

Biden for months had held a strong edge with black Democrats and had showed strength in recent public-opinion polls, two of which gave him 20-point leads over Sanders.

It was a position-flip for the democratic socialist, who had come in first against a second-placing Biden in Nevada one week ago.



With 54 delegates up for grabs in South Carolina, a sizable victory for Biden could give him the lead over Sanders in terms of the delegate count.

And the bigger his win, the better, Republican consultant Susan Del Percio said.

She noted that only candidates who rack up more than 15 percent of the vote, either statewide or within one of the state's seven congressional districts, can lay claim to any delegates.

"A big win prevents anyone else from getting to 15 percent," Del Percio explained.

"That leaves more of a chance for the winner to collect a large number of delegates."

A higher delegate number will add legitimacy to Biden's presidential bid as Super Tuesday

looms this week.

Sanders had earlier turned his full attention to those races, with rallies in Massachusetts and Virginia to energize his supporters ahead of their Tuesday primaries, when they and Democrats in 12 other states will head to the polls.

Despite his convincing South Carolina win, "Biden has a long way to go," Dem strategist Brad Bannon said — noting that Biden's anemic fundraising, despite a last-minute boost this past week, left him with little to spend in the 14 states that vote Tuesday.

"He has to win in South Carolina to stay alive," Bannon had said. "But even if he stays alive, he's still in big trouble."

South Carolina was a fierce battleground for all Democratic contenders, with the exception of

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HOW THEY FINISHED

Resurgent Joe Biden garnered almost as many votes as all his opponents combined in the South Carolina primary.

Candidate	Votes	Pct.
Joe Biden	255,666	48.5%
Bernie Sanders	105,031	19.9%
Tom Steyer	59,814	11.3%
Pete Buttigieg	43,398	8.2%
Elizabeth Warren	37,250	7.1%
Amy Klobuchar	16,588	3.1%

Results with 99% of precincts reporting

SMOKIN' JOE: Easily lapping his also-ran elderly competitors on Saturday, 77-year-old Joe Biden flashes signs of life in front of supporters during a raucous victory speech on Saturday, in Columbia, SC.

former New York Mayor Mike Bloomberg, who was not on the ballot.

The remaining candidates held at least 600 events and dropped more than \$36 million on ads.

The effect of President Trump's attempt to butt into the Democrats' big day with his own South Carolina rally Friday remained unclear.

In the state's open-primary system, any registered voter can participate in either party's race. But local Republicans canceled their primary this year to close ranks behind Trump — leaving GOP stalwarts free to cast mischief-making ballots in the Democratic race.

Trump conducted a mock poll of the crowd at his Friday-

night rally, asking which Democrat would be the easiest to defeat in November.

"I think maybe Crazy Bernie has it," Trump said, as he urged them to participate in the Democrats' primary and vote for Sanders.

Past attempts at such inter-party meddling have fallen flat, experts said.

"Conservative Republicans ... don't vote tactically to play political games," Bannon told The Post. "I have a hard time believing you'll have an army of conservatives willing to go out and pull a lever for Bernie Sanders for any reason."

Democratic officials said Saturday they had seen no mass influx of Republicans at the polls, but there was some anecdotal evidence otherwise.

Nan Gaughf crossed party lines to cast a ballot for Sanders, she told the Greenville News.

"I'm hoping he'll be the worst Democratic candidate and will lose," she said — adding that she wished for "a knockdown, drag-out between capitalism and socialism" in the general election in November.

Trump took the South Carolina results as a fresh opportunity to dump on Bloomberg.

"Sleepy Joe Biden's victory in the South Carolina Democrat Primary should be the end of Mini Mike Bloomberg's Joke of a campaign," Trump tweeted. "Mini Mike now has Biden split up his very few voters, taking many away!"

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Steyer retires from Dem race

Billionaire investor Tom Steyer dropped out of the Democratic presidential race in the wake of a disappointing finish in South Carolina's primary Saturday, with "zero regrets," he said.

Steyer racked up just over 11 percent of the vote despite spending \$23.6 million in the state.

He vowed to supporters in Columbia to keep pushing government programs to address climate change. *Mary Kay Linge*

Exuberant president fires up CPAC pack

The best is yet to come, President Trump told the raucous Conservative Political Action Conference outside Washington, DC, on Saturday as he laced into his Democratic rivals and ticked off his accomplishments during a 90-minute rah-rah session.

He began with an early crowd-pleaser, his decisions to take out Iranian Gen. Qassem Soleimani and ISIS boss Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi.

"Soleimani was the father of the roadside bomb," Trump said as CPAC activists booed the name of the slain Islamic Revolutionary Guard chief who was killed in a US airstrike in Iraq on Jan. 3. "We took that son of a bitch out, didn't we?"

The president warned against endless war, saying the US could not be the "policeman" of the world. And he took a victory lap over the news hours earlier that the US and Taliban had reached a peace accord.

"We can begin the immediate process of trying to bring our troops back home," Trump said. "After years of rebuilding foreign nations, we are finally rebuilding our nation and taking care of our own American citizens. It's time ... The longest war in American history by far will be over."

On the domestic front, Trump assured that the coronavirus outbreak was under control, and took a heavy dose of the credit.

"In the early stages of the foreign outbreak, I ordered sweeping travel restrictions ... I did it very early and that decision has now been given very good grades, like an A-plus-plus-plus."

Trump also offered a brutal assessment of the Democratic candidates, with particular vitriol saved for "Mini Mike" Bloomberg.

"That was probably the worst debate performance in the history of debate performances, but he's going to keep spending money," he said of his fellow billionaire's much-maligned appearance in his first Democratic presidential debate last week.

The 6-foot-3 Trump even went into a crouch behind the podium with just his eyes visible to mock the 5-foot-7 former mayor. *Jon Levine, Wires*

Getty Images; Reuters (inset)



Ron Sachs/CNP

Defendants like odds at Bx. trials

By DEAN BALSAMINI

If you commit a crime and want to increase your odds of beating the rap, pray your trial is in The Bronx. If you like wearing orange jumpsuits, behave badly on Staten Island.

In the last three years, Bronx juries convicted in just 175 of 328 cases, a 57 percent rate. And in 25 bench trials — where a judge alone renders a verdict — justice was even kinder, with convictions in seven out of 25 cases, or just 28 percent, according to state Office of Court Administration data.

During the same three-year period, Staten Island juries returned guilty verdicts in 39 of 44 cases — or 88 percent of the time. And jurists in the law-and-order borough were equally harsh, banging the gavel on guilty verdicts in five of six bench trials, or 83 percent.

“The easiest job in the city is to be a prosecutor on Staten Island,” snarked veteran defense attorney Mark Fonte, himself a former prosecutor there. “All you have to do is show up.”

Fonte, who has been trying cases for 35 years, said there’s a stark difference in the mindset of

BOROUGH	JURY CONVICTIONS	JUDGE CONVICTIONS
Bronx	57%	28%
Brooklyn	72%	82%
Manhattan	76%	72%
Queens	74%	68%
Staten Is.	88%	83%

Source: Office of Court Administration

“more conservative, pro-law enforcement” Staten Island jurors and those in the other four boroughs, where a police officer’s testimony “is not taken as gospel.”

In Brooklyn, defendants were convicted by juries 72 percent of the time and judges whacked them at an 82 percent rate.

In Manhattan, juries had a 76 percent conviction rate, with judges an almost identical 72 percent.

In Queens, juries were harsher than judges, 74 percent to 68 percent, the data showed.

“If I were a defendant, I’d sleep like a baby knowing that I’d be sitting in front of a Bronx jury and

I’d be sleepless in Staten Island,” quipped Joseph Giacalone, a retired NYPD sergeant and adjunct professor at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in Manhattan.

“From an academic point of view, clearly The Bronx is overly civil libertarian and Staten Island is overly crime-control oriented,” he said. “What both boroughs lack is a center. Not everyone deserves jail and not everyone deserves multiple chances.”

Defense lawyer Gary DeFilippo believes a Hispanic client convicted in a domestic violence-related matter in December on Staten Island would have had a better shot if the “case was



presented in The Bronx or even Brooklyn, where you have a more diverse pool of jurors,” adding, “On Staten Island, you have predominantly white jurors. You have an inordinate amount of cops and firefighters. ... You can’t throw a rock on Staten Island without hitting a civil servant.”

Said renowned civil-rights attorney Ron Kuby: “Juries represent the makeup and conscience of the community and the collective experience of the community. In The Bronx, people are less inclined to trust the word of the police. In Staten Island, the juries are the police.”



Shoppers plasticked off at ban

The state’s crackdown on single-use plastic bags kicked off Sunday, but some Big Apple shoppers were still mad about the new law the day before.

“It sucks!” raged Maritza Thristino, 54, Saturday as she walked out of Associated Market in Crown Heights. “Not good for old people, for disabled people. Where do you put your groceries if they’re not in a bag?”

Others see it as impractical. “I reuse plastic bags, but the sustainability of something like that seems very hard in a city of 10 million people,” said Brian Burns, 42, as he loaded his plastic-bagged groceries into his car in East Flatbush. “I think it’s going to be hard to enforce.”

State officials agreed last week to hold off penalizing stores until April after grocers filed an 11th-hour lawsuit to block the law, which advocates tout as a win for the environment.

To assuage the wary, the Department of Sanitation is offering free reusable bags, distributing 700,000 of the bright orange sacks so far, a spokesperson told The Post.

The law lets stores charge a 5-cent fee for paper bags.

Olivia Bensimon, Sam Raskin and Ruth Weissmann

Schumer takes stand on ‘News’

Chuck Schumer has hedge (fund) trimmers in hand.

The Senate minority leader is insisting hedge fund Alden Global Capital come clean about its clients after the fund upped its stake in Tribune Publishing from roughly 25 percent to 32 percent. Tribune owns dozens of newspapers nationwide, including the Daily News. New York’s senior senator, in a let-

ter to Alden boss Heath Freeman, pointed out that most of the fund’s assets come from foreign investors.

Government filings show 80 percent of Alden’s clients are “non-US persons” and about \$832 million of its assets under management “are attributable to non-United States persons,” Schumer wrote in his letter, obtained by The Post. “Would you commit to sharing more information on the identity or back-

ground of these clients?”

Schumer told Freeman he was concerned about Alden’s history of decimating local outlets — The Denver Post, The Delaware County Daily Times in Pennsylvania and The San Jose Mercury News, for example — and demanded to know what the hedge fund planned to do if it gains a controlling stake in Tribune, especially concerning newsroom layoffs.

Jon Levine

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AF-GONE-ISTAN

NO MORE: Navy personnel carry a wounded comrade from the field in 2010. Now, all US troops could be out of Afghanistan by May 2021.

US peace deal paves way for exit

By EILEEN AJ CONNELLY

America's longest war finally has an end in sight.

The US and the Taliban signed a peace deal Saturday that could see all American troops withdrawn from Afghanistan by May 2021, ending the conflict that began less than a month after the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

President George W. Bush launched the invasion in pursuit of 9/11 mastermind Osama bin Laden and al Qaeda, who was sheltered in Afghanistan's mountains by the Taliban, a militant Islamist group.

Over the years, as the US helped to train Afghanistan's military and build up the civilian government, the fighting left 2,309 US troops dead and 20,660 injured — and

cost more than \$2 trillion.

"We've had tremendous success in Afghanistan in the killing of terrorists, but it's time after all these years to bring our people back home," President Trump said at a news conference Saturday in Washington.

At a ceremony in Doha, Qatar, US Special Representative Zalmay Khalilzad and Taliban leader Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar signed the agreement, hashed out over months of negotiations.

"I call on all Afghans to honestly work for peace and gather around the table for peace negotiations," Baradar said.

Key points of the deal:

- The US will draw down its forces to 8,600 troops from about 12,000, and close five bases, all by

mid-July. Remaining troops will be withdrawn by May 2021.

- The Taliban will prevent militant groups from using Afghan soil to threaten the US and its allies.

- The Afghan government will release up to 5,000 Taliban prisoners in exchange for 1,000 Afghan security forces held by the Taliban.

- The US will work to remove Taliban members from sanctions.

- The Taliban and the Afghan government will start negotiating a comprehensive cease-fire in March.

"I could not be more supportive of this agreement," said Rep. Max Rose (D-Statens Island), who served in Afghanistan from 2012-13. "I don't want to see us send another generation of soldiers into a conflict that we should be winding down."

By the numbers

2,309

US troops killed

72,000

Taliban members killed

38,480

Afghan civilians killed

20,660

US troops wounded

65,596

Afghan national security forces killed

\$2 trillion

US taxpayer dollars spent

Sources: US Department of Defense; icasualties.org; Brown University; Centre for Conflict and Peace Studies Afghanistan; United Nations; Congressional Budget Office



Veteran's take: Finally, a diplomatic solution

James Fitzgerald, 34, was a sergeant in the Army's 101st Airborne Division in Afghanistan from May to November 2010, when he was wounded in a firefight with terrorists in Kunar Province. The Brooklynite (left), now deputy director of NYC Veterans Alliance, spoke to *The Post's* Eileen AJ Connelly on the US-Taliban deal.

MY military journey began in 2005. It was a time at which the country was calling, and I signed up at the age of 19. I wanted to deploy.

I deployed to Iraq in 2007, and saw combat there over 15 months. It was one of those experiences that opened my eyes to foreign affairs and the US role in the world.

I transferred to the 101st Airborne in 2009, and deployed to Afghanistan in May 2010, on mission in the Kunar Province.

Now we're finally signing a peace arrangement with the Taliban.

This is a step in the right direction, and will help to close a chapter that has long needed to be written. I

say that as a veteran and someone who has been in consultation with the military community.

A military solution is not what is needed there now. This is more of a diplomatic situation. This peace agreement is in the best interests of the Taliban, the Afghan government and the US government. It's in ev-

everyone's interest to uphold the stipulations of this deal.

I am in support of the Afghan people and I'm in support of the men and women that wear the uniform in defense of our country. That is what the peace deal is for, and that's where the focus should be. I think it's going to be a welcome and positive maneuver.

Amazon cuts off mask profiteers

Amazon yanked more than 1 million fake and overpriced coronavirus products from its online marketplace in an effort to stop sellers from profiting off fear. Overpriced surgical masks and quickie “cures” are some of the “tens of thousands” of listings weeded out in recent weeks, Amazon announced this week. The move came after the World Health Organization raised alarms in early February about falsehoods spreading “faster than the virus.” Facebook also announced this week that it would comb its site for misleading coronavirus information.

Pope takes third straight sick day

Pope Francis has canceled a third day of scheduled events to recuperate from an undisclosed illness. The 83-year-old pontiff skipped two official audiences at the Apostolic Palace on Saturday. One would have been with a team of bioethicists and another with the Catholic “Legion of Christ.” Francis is working from the Vatican’s Santa Marta hotel during his recovery, papal officials said, noting that he continues to attend Mass each morning. The Vatican has not provided any details about his illness, calling it only a “slight indisposition.” The pope has not been seen in public since he was caught on camera coughing and blowing his nose during an Ash Wednesday Mass. His absence — the longest sick leave of his papacy — comes as the coronavirus sweeps Italy.



Bug’s 9-day out-of-body life-span

The current coronavirus could survive up to nine days outside the human body if it proves as resilient as previous strains, according to researchers studying past outbreaks. Cold, low-humidity environments are ideal for the disease, an analysis of 22 former coronavirus surveys by the Journal of Hospital Infection found. Some surfaces are better for the virus than others. “On copper and steel it’s . . . pretty much about two hours,” Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Director Robert Redfield said Thursday. “But I will say on other surfaces — cardboard or plastic — it’s longer.” Transmission can occur when a person touches a contaminated object or surface, then touches their mouth, nose or eyes, though one scientist suggested this type of transmission is rare. Even less likely, is contamination from packages coming from overseas. “Out in the community, these viruses are probably not surviving for a long time on surfaces,” said Timothy Brewer, an epidemiologist in California.

Corona couture at Fashion Week

The new fashion trend this spring is . . . masks? Designer Marine Serre turned heads Friday at Paris Fashion Week with an unintentionally coronavirus-themed spring line (right) featuring designs with matching face masks — created well before the illness rocked the world. It was not Serre’s first time using masks. At her September show, she used veils to cover models’ faces. The French fashionista described the face coverings as “anti-pollution masks.” Numerous critics have praised her and the practicality of her designs.



SAFETY CHIC: Masked and hazmat-suit-clad workers sew more of the protective garments at the Zhejiang Ugly Duck Industry clothing factory in Wenzhou, China, on Friday. The factory switched from winter coats to meet the demand for the suits.



AFP via Getty Images

Brides-to-be feeling ill, too

The wedding-dress industry is in turmoil over the coronavirus outbreak because 90 percent of gowns are either made in China or include materials that are, experts say.

“I’ve been in business 20 years, and I’ve never seen anything like this. It’s really bad,” said Liz Sellassie, the owner of Designer Loft NYC in the Garment District. “Designers are writing to me every day saying ‘this order is de-

layed, that order is delayed.”

Some Chinese factories are shut down and others are operating at a snail’s pace amid the global crisis that has killed roughly 3,000. Boats are leaving Chinese ports at less than 10 percent capacity, and dozens of shipments have been canceled, The Wall Street Journal reported.

While the Chinese bunker down and tend to their ill, in New York

brides are waiting with bated breath for severely delayed orders to arrive before their big days.

One fiancée on Saturday came all the way from Florida to shop at Manhattan’s famed Kleinfeld Bridal but worried she’d have to settle for an off-the-rack gown.

“It’s nerve wracking,” said Catherine Love. “It’s already a stressful day. You don’t need another thing to stress about!” *Sara Dorn*

VIRUS CLAIMS FIRST FATALITY IN U.S.

New limits on travel from 3 more countries

Reuters



CENTER OF PROBE:

A health worker and a patient at the Life Care Center nursing home in the Seattle suburb of Kirkland, Wash., have tested positive for the coronavirus. As many as 50 other people connected to the facility may have the virus.

By LAURA ITALIANO

The coronavirus has now claimed a life on US soil: a man in his 50s who died in a Seattle-area hospital, officials said Saturday.

The grim news of a first fatality — and further dire revelations out of the Pacific Northwest, including a Washington State nursing home where as many as 50 patients and workers could be infected — shows the West Coast is now bearing the brunt of the nation's growing COVID-19 crisis.

On the East Coast, hundreds of cases are being monitored, but by Saturday night, the only diagnosed virus patient, in Boston, has recovered, according to federal officials.

City health officials also had good news Saturday: The only patient who was being monitored for coronavirus has tested negative.

That person had fallen ill following a trip to Italy, where 1,128 people have been infected, including 29 who have died. Worldwide, 87,000 people have fallen ill with the virus, and nearly 3,000 have died, mostly in Hubei province in central China.

Chinese scientists knew about the coronavirus in December, but were repeatedly ordered by Beijing to suppress the evidence, the Sunday Times of London reported.

President Trump responded to the US fatality and the growing global crisis by announcing new travel restrictions involving three hot-spot countries: Iran, Italy and South Korea.

Foreigners who have traveled in those countries — as well as in China, where there is already a ban — must wait 14 days before entering the US.

Few details were released about the man who died, other than that he had

other underlying conditions and succumbed to the virus only hours after county health officials became aware that he was infected.

But he is one of at least four patients in California, Oregon and Washington who have now caught the virus despite not having traveled outside the US.

That means the four caught the coronavirus from local infected people yet to be identified, a scenario of grave concern to health-care experts.

Another of the so-called “community-spread” patients is a teen boy from Snohomish County, Wash., whose high school will be closed for deep cleaning Monday, officials said.

Meanwhile, the Life Care Center, a nursing home in Kirkland, Wash., was shaping up as the country's first cruise-ship-style incubator of the virus. At least one health-care worker there and a female patient in her 70s had tested positive for the virus.

Test results are still pending on as many as 50 other people connected to the home, including several residents with pneumonia.

“We’re in the beginning stages of our investigation” into a potential outbreak centered on the home, said Dr. Jeff Duchin, Seattle and King County public health officer.

But in New York, there was only good news and continuing caution.

“Our latest information is no patients are now being monitored,” a city Department of Health spokesman told The Post on Saturday afternoon.

Starting this week, samples from suspected patients will be tested in Albany, rather than sent to CDC headquarters in Atlanta.

The city will begin local testing, using CDC-provided kits Tuesday, the spokesman said.

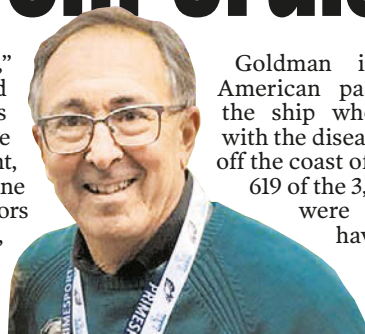
My odyssey from cruise ship to quarantine

Even as he sits inside a specially sealed room in Nebraska to protect doctors from his coronavirus, Carl Goldman says his biggest fear is dehydration.

The California radio-station owner, 66, has been holed up in a Omaha hospital since Feb. 17, after contracting the virus on the Diamond Princess cruise liner.

“I have a window I’m looking out

here on the left,” Goldman (right) told ABC News from his hospital bed. “I have windows on the right, but it’s all double-pane thick glass. The doors are specially sealed, so I kind of feel like I’m a fish inside a fishbowl.”



Goldman is among 88 American passengers from the ship who came down with the disease while sailing off the coast of Japan. At least

619 of the 3,700 passengers were infected; six have died.

The bug hit him “hard and fast,” he said.

An infected person “can go for days feeling fine” before symptoms emerge, he said. “We could have been exposing so many people to the virus not knowing we had it.”

After several weeks of quarantine on board, Goldman and his wife, Jeri, both of Santa Clarita, were evacuated and tested for the COVID-19 virus.

Jeri was cleared, but Carl’s re-

sults came back positive.

The next morning, he was flown across the Pacific to Omaha on a 747 cargo plane.

“I think the biggest fear, particularly with this virus, is getting dehydrated,” he said of his recovery.

Fortunately, in addition to his “24/7” quarantine room service, “I’ve got Gatorade in every single flavor,” he said. Kathianne Boniello

Rough \$tart for DOE’s school-rescue squad

By SUSAN EDELMAN

A secretive new program by Schools Chancellor Richard Carranza to boost underperforming schools stumbled badly out of the gate and squandered millions of dollars, educators say.

In September, the city Department of Education quietly launched the Academic Response Team, a group of 69 six-figure staffers with a \$10 million budget, The Post has learned.

It is one of several programs to follow Mayor de Blasio’s three-year, \$773 million Renewal Program for struggling schools, which was deemed a failure.

The ART is led by its senior director, Clarence Williams Jr., who makes \$161,364 a year, the DOE said.

Williams has two deputies called “leads” — and a third to be hired — working under him at DOE headquarters.

One of them is Ben Sherman, a former principal of Forest Hills HS who left the Queens school in June 2019 after his faculty complained the building reeked of pot and voted “no confidence” in him. He now makes \$173,693 a year.

Those officials oversee nine directors of borough or citywide offices.

The directors dispatch 56 “specialists” to schools to coach teachers in subjects where test scores are lagging or have dropped.

The program stalled for nearly the first three months of the school year after the principals union complained it was dumped on them without warning, insiders said.

The specialists sat in offices with nothing to do while the DOE worked out a deal with the principals union.

One principal called the program a waste of money that should be spent directly on classrooms and kids.

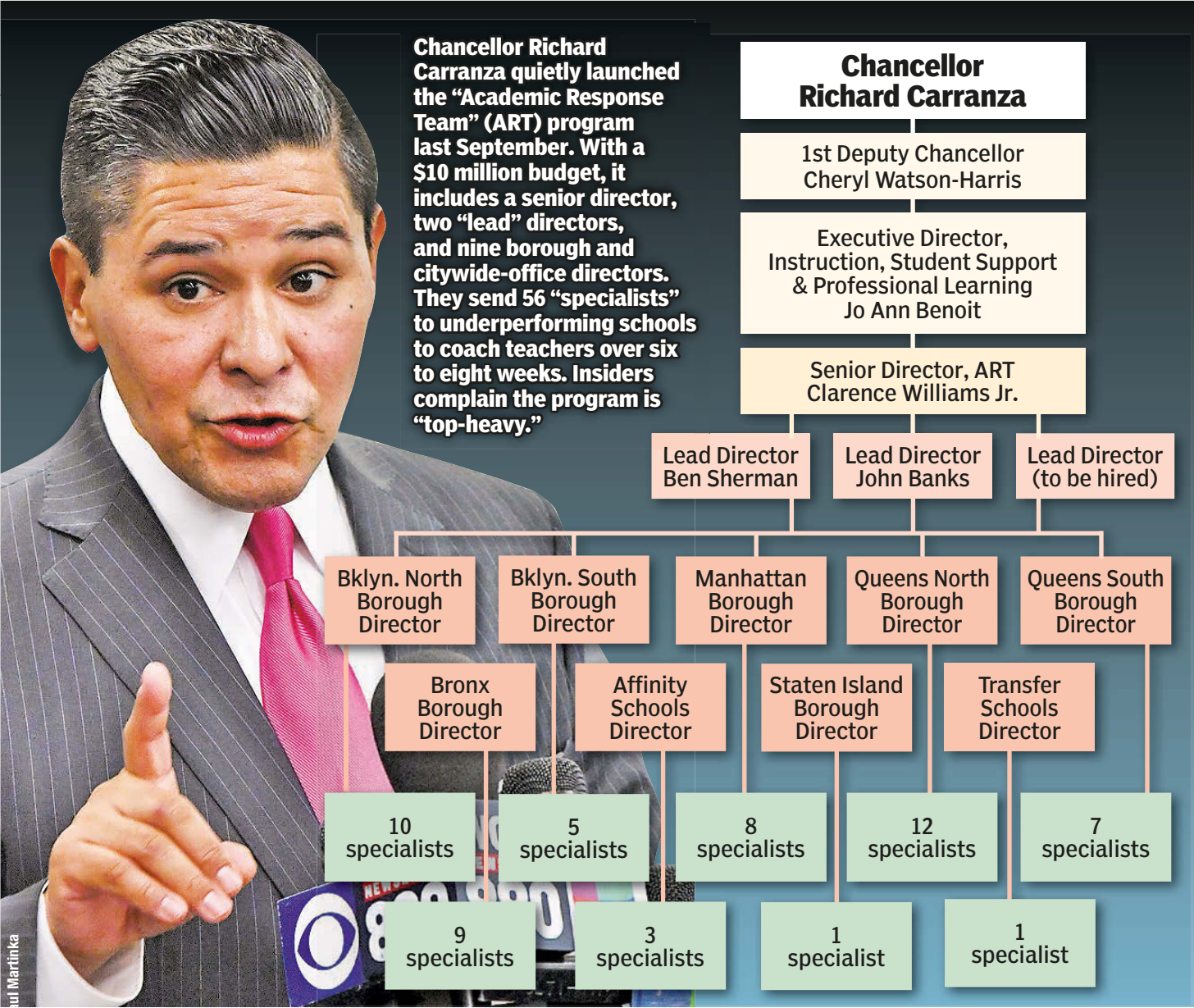
“I have five children that require a one-on-one paraprofessional. They have not given me the funding for those paras,” the principal said.

Principals also blasted the lack of coordination and cooperation. “They couldn’t just show up like a SWAT team,” a union source said.

A Brooklyn principal said, “I’m not going to have somebody come into my building, put me under a microscope and tell me what to do.”

One colleague told a specialist who couldn’t explain the purpose of the visit to leave, the principal said.

Even now, with the program finally off the ground, Carranza’s vision remains fuzzy, staffers say. “They hired all these people



Meet Carranza’s new ‘Eh?’ Team

and they haven’t been able to map out a school-improvement strategy,” a specialist told The Post. “There are no directives.”

The specialists visit each school two to three days a week for six to eight weeks and come up with an assistance plan with the principal.

“Some schools are in such disarray. What can we do in six weeks?” the specialist said. “It’s not what we signed up for.”

Linda Chen, Carranza’s chief academic officer, came from Boston Public Schools, where an Academic Response Team sends veteran educators into low-per-

forming schools for two months to coach teachers.

When Renewal ended a year ago, Carranza announced a new approach called Comprehensive School Support, Chalkbeat reported. A DOE spokeswoman did not explain what happened to that concept.

The DOE denied the ART program was top-heavy or wasteful.

“When schools need to improve their instruction, we send support. This is a common-sense strategy that schools and districts use across the country,” said department spokeswoman Danielle Filson.

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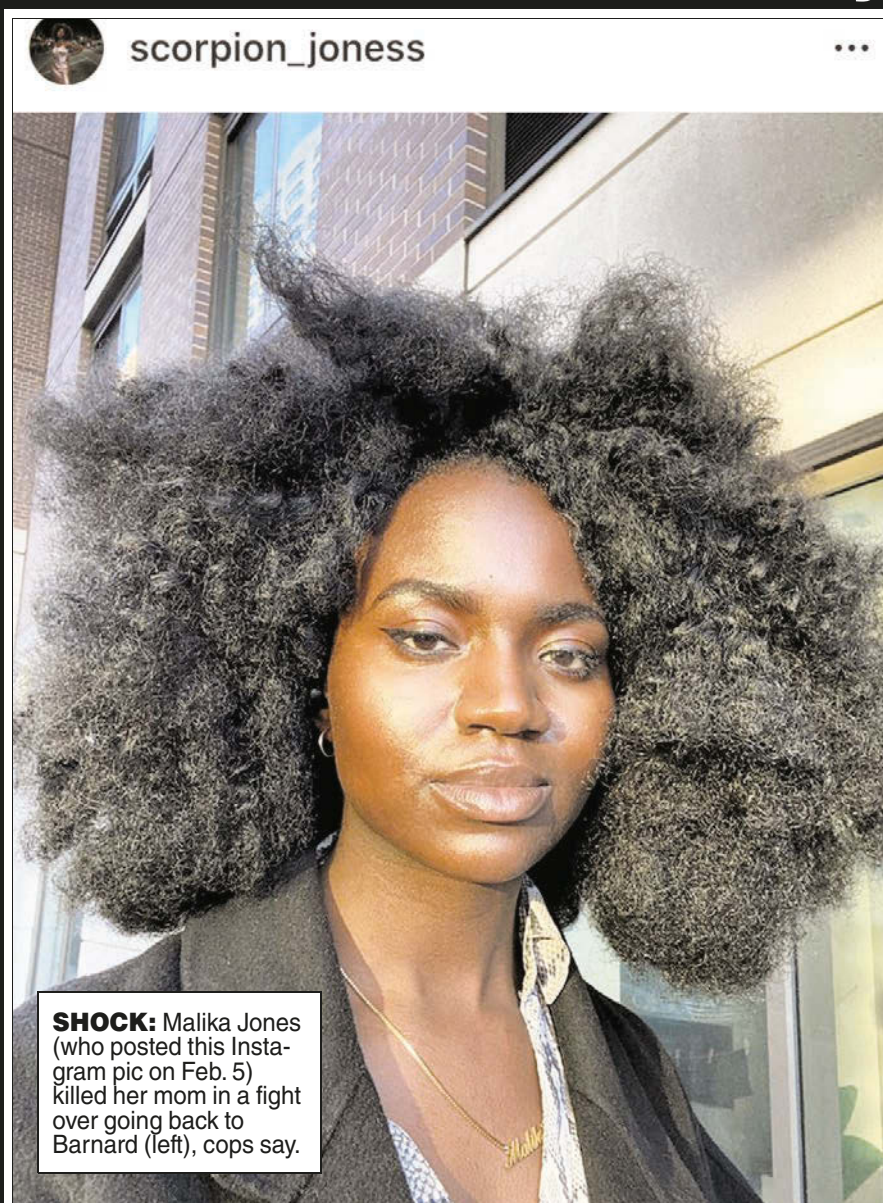


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Barnard student busted in ma's slay

Deadly

'back to school' dispute



SHOCK: Malika Jones (who posted this Instagram pic on Feb. 5) killed her mom in a fight over going back to Barnard (left), cops say.

Instagram

By MELISSA KLEIN

A Barnard College student stabbed her mother to death as the two argued about the younger woman returning to classes, authorities said.

Malika Jones, 22, was arrested on Feb. 16 and charged with first-degree murder after she knifed her mom, Inell Jones, 57, in the chest in the kitchen of their Rahway, NJ, home that day, police said.

The two had a dispute over Malika's "living situation" and going back to school, authorities said.

She had been on academic leave from Barnard since the spring and was taking classes at the Borough of Manhattan Community College before an expected return to the Morningside Heights women's college, her lawyer told The Post.

Her arrest was the latest shock for Barnard following the stabbing death of freshman Tessa Majors, 18, in nearby Morningside Park in December.

While on leave, Malika was living in the small Rahway home where she was raised, mostly by her hairstylist mother after her parents divorced.

George Mars, a tenant in the home, told police that he heard the mother and daughter fighting starting at 7 a.m. that day, a prosecutor's affidavit says.

That afternoon, Mars, 72, told authorities, Inell yelled that Malika "cut herself" and needed to go to the hospital, but the mother then spent about 20 minutes filling bags with canned goods for donations, according to the affidavit.

Mars told police that he then heard what sounded like dishes breaking in the kitchen and that 20 minutes later, Malika came to him yelling, "She tried to hurt me."

Malika called police shortly after 3 p.m. Inell was pronounced dead at 3:28 p.m. Malika had a superficial cut on her wrist, and "a large common kitchen knife" was found near the body, the affidavit says.

Malika was being held in Union County Jail in Elizabeth, NJ.

"We believe that this is a case of self-defense," said her lawyer, Dennis Hickerson-Breedon, who added that his client "loved her mother very much."

"For a young woman that has been a model student, model citizen with no criminal history whatsoever, to just all of the sudden be charged with a first-degree offense without any sort of justification — it's just not practicable," he said.

Hickerson-Breedon would not address why Malika was on leave.

She attended the private Gill St. Bernard's school in Gladstone, NJ, where she competed on a robotics team and made the honor roll. She won an early decision acceptance to Barnard.

Social-media posts show Malika posing with Barnard's dean of admissions during a 2017 visit to the dean's home and dressed up and on the town with friends. She is beaming in a slip dress during her

birthday celebration in November.

News of the stabbing shocked those who knew her.

An Upper West Side mother said in a Facebook post that Malika was her Monday nanny and "go-to babysitter." The woman said she "would only have wonderful things to say about her" but declined to comment further.

Malika's friends posted tributes on Instagram with the hashtag #justice4malika.

"Malika is a beautiful, gentle, creative, hilarious, smart, thoughtful and kind person," wrote one friend, Phanesia Pharel.

"She is working to be a doctor. She is an amazing actress. She is one of the only people I met in college who have always been genuine and kind."

Another friend wrote: "She has so many people who love her including myself ... My heart is shattered by this tragedy and I miss having her by my side."

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SEAL: 'Lesson learned'

Navy SEAL Eddie Gallagher said he's "learned his lesson" after being convicted of posing for gruesome photos with the corpse of a terrorist he killed in Iraq, but insisted his behavior was standard operating procedure.

"It's wrong. I'll say it's wrong now. And I've definitely learned ... my lesson," Gallagher told David Martin of "60 Minutes" in an interview airing Sunday. "It's distasteful."

But he brushed off the photo as "dark humor" that he intended to remain private — and pushed back on Martin's description of the pic as a war crime.

"I'm pretty sure I'm the first person ever to go to a general court-martial for it, for taking a picture," Gallagher said. "It's been done on previous deployments."

Gallagher was a chief petty officer in 2017 when he was deployed to Iraq to combat ISIS.

He was acquitted of murdering the ISIS fighter, despite the testimony of some in his platoon, but was convicted on the lesser charge.

President Trump intervened in the case in November, pardoning Gallagher and sacking Navy Secretary Richard Spencer for his handling of the case.

Mary Kay Linge

'Lost' Fla. graves found

Archaeologists say they have discovered what appear to be about 44 graves from a long-forgotten African American cemetery under a Florida parking lot.

A private company, Cardno, used ground-penetrating radar to find the suspected graves, the Tampa Bay Times reported. The firm was hired by the city of Clearwater and the Pinellas County School Board to conduct the search.

The discovery is the third such site found recently in the Tampa Bay region. In the latest find, officials say the original cemetery was moved in 1954 but that some graves were left behind. AP



Michael Goodwin

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MICHAEL Bloomberg's presidential campaign isn't going as planned. He was a piñata in his first two debates and his decision to skip the four early states looks dicey as polls show him trailing in crucial Super Tuesday contests.

Some of these headwinds were predictable, which is why Bloomberg hesitated to join the race. Until the moment he started running, he was telling friends there was no place for him in the Democratic Party.

He may have been right, but Bloomberg was dead wrong in the way he tried to improve his odds. His abrupt decision to apologize for New York's stop-and-frisk policing undercuts core rationales for his candidacy without curbing his rivals' appetite for criticism of the policy. He grovels and begs for forgiveness and still they tar him as a racist.

The issue remains potent because of the left's obsession with identity politics and because Bloomberg vigorously defended stop-and-frisk until he decided to run for president.

Infamously, he said in 2015 that he had "put all the cops in minority neighborhoods" because "that's where all the crime is."

He continued: "And the way you should get the guns out of the kids' hands is throw them against the wall and frisk them."

There is no record of him ever again using the inflammatory phrase "throw them against the wall," but otherwise there was nothing exceptional about that speech. He praised the policy scores of times and was wedded to it throughout all 12 years of his mayoralty.

The obvious conclusion, that he is flip-flopping now in a cheap pander for leftist votes, is true as far as it goes. But a far larger issue is that, in saying that stop-and-frisk was racially biased, Bloomberg betrays the very NYPD that made him successful. Every man and woman who wore the uniform during his tenure, black, white, Asian and Latino, now stands implicitly accused of carrying out a prejudicial policy.

And what of the officers who died in the line of duty? Were they racists?

Bloomberg's cravenness puts him on the side of his successor, Mayor de Blasio. Recall that de Blasio largely won the mayoralty in 2013 by railing against the NYPD and pointedly warning his biracial son about the police.

It sounds as if Bloomberg now agrees with de Blasio.

To be clear, this is exactly the op-



Dan Binzack

SIGNS OF DECLINE

Reader Roger Murray doesn't like what he sees in the city. He writes: "I had the 'pleasure' of visiting for dinner and a show and was amazed at the number of homeless at Penn Station and on the streets. There was open smoking of weed and vendors selling knockoffs were spreading their wares across the sidewalks as NY's Finest stood by. We were vilified with racial comments for showing no interest in purchasing CDs by those hawking them in Times Square."

Gipper's a write-thinker

This being an election year, the many losing politicians can console themselves with an astute observation by Ronald Reagan.

"Politics is not a bad profession," the late president said. "If you succeed there are many rewards. If you disgrace yourself, you can always write a book."

posite position Bloomberg took during his 12 years at City Hall and in the first six years after he left office.

For all that time, he repeatedly and correctly credited stop-and-frisk as being fundamental to the large crime reductions on his watch, which helped spur a terrific economic recovery. Worried that his successor would undermine those gains by dismantling the NYPD's anti-crime strategies, Bloomberg began issuing weekly press releases with crime updates.

In bullish presentations, he called police officers "first preventers" and noted that falling crime led to a decline in the prison population.

Bloomberg boasts about those achievements as he seeks the White House, saying the leadership skills he showed in Gotham would benefit the entire nation if he were elected president.

Yet he renounces a key ingredient of his success and tacitly surrenders to the anti-police, sanctuary-city agenda destroying New

York and other blue states.

His stop-and-frisk decision also casts doubt on whether Bloomberg could be a worthy commander in chief. Would he abandon the soldiers he sent into battle to appease the anti-American wing of the Democratic Party? Would he be willing to use the military if it could hurt him politically?

Bloomberg's recent conduct is especially odd given that New Yorkers of all races were united in supporting the police during his tenure. Early in 2013, Bloomberg's final year in office when stop-and-frisk was coming under court challenge, a Quinnipiac survey showed then-Police Commissioner Ray Kelly (above left) enjoying an astronomical 75 percent positive rating with just 18 percent negative.

Even black voters supported Kelly by 63 to 27 percent. Overall, the NYPD enjoyed a 70-23 approval, second only to its score in the aftermath of 9/11.

Bloomberg then had good approval numbers too, 56-37, though notably lower than Kelly's and the

cops themselves. But when he decided to renounce the department's achievements, his apology reportedly came without warning or discussion with anyone in the Police Department.

It was as if his campaign team showed him a poll that said stop-and-frisk could hurt him, so he threw his record and everybody involved under the bus.

In contrast, the Mike Bloomberg who was an overall good mayor was not afraid of criticism over supposedly third-rail issues. He challenged municipal-union rules on seniority and pensions, seeded and nurtured the nation's largest charter-school movement and fought to raise the quality of public-school teachers by denying tenure to those who failed their students.

These were politically perilous positions because of the unions' large voting blocs, but Bloomberg explained that he had a distinct advantage. His wealth, he often said, gave him the freedom to act in ways that other politicians couldn't because they had to curry

favor with donors.

"I'm in a unique situation," he told me in a 2011 interview. "I'm not going to run for higher office, which everybody keeps joking about but obviously that's not going to happen. So I've got the ability to look at some of these challenging issues that nobody is willing normally to go after."

Later, he added, "I don't owe anybody anything, so I've really got nothing to lose."

What happened to that Mike Bloomberg? Where did the independence go? He's even richer now than he was then, but his 2020 campaign reeks like those bended-knee politicians he used to scorn.

Because he already has spent an estimated \$500 million on ads and staff to gain an outsized presence on TV and digital screens, his rivals and others accuse him of trying to buy the presidency.

They are right of course. But his worst affront is not what he's trying to buy — it's that he sold out the gallant NYPD.

Throuple pol's Playboy honey

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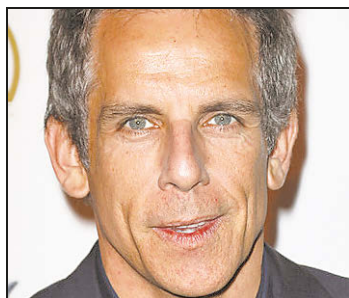
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Back to school

FORMER Viacom big **Wade Davis** snapped up a majority stake in Univision this week — but admits he can't speak Spanish. Davis' investment firm, Forge-Light, bought 64 percent of Univision, with backing from Searchlight Capital Partners. The ex-Viacom CFO said his first task is learning Spanish, and he hopes to learn the language before the deal closes. He said Spanish-language programming has a huge market in the US. "Language is incredibly relevant . . . from an identity standpoint, from a cultural standpoint," he said. "And I do think in totality, this audience prefers watching content in Spanish."



Ben catches drift

IN what would be a fascinating casting decision, Page Six is told that **Ben Stiller** will have a role in the latest installment of the "Fast and Furious" franchise. Even though the "Zoolander" star (above) isn't exactly known for his high-octane petrol-head performances, we're told that Stiller is due to begin shooting scenes for "F9" soon. It seems likely that it'll be a small part. It stars regulars **Vin Diesel**, **Michelle Rodriguez** and newcomer **John Cena**. Reps didn't get back to us.

YOU'D think **Katie Hill** might want to stay off the dating scene for a hot second.

Beltway babble has been rumbling for some time that Hill — the California congresswoman who resigned in October when her "throuple" relationship with a younger female campaign staffer and her now-estranged husband spectacularly exploded — is dating . . . who else . . . a Playboy writer.

And Page Six is told that the rumors seemed to be confirmed when Hill, 32, surprised the political journo set by showing up to a Manhattan book party this week with the alleged Bunny beau, **Alex Thomas**, Playboy's political correspondent out of DC.

"They arrived together, they were together all night, and they left together," said a spy at the Upper East Side party for **Lachlan Markay** and **Asawin Suebsaeng's** book, "Sinking the Swamp." Said another of Hill and Thomas, "They kept going outside to smoke together."

But reached for comment, Thomas insisted that he and Hill are just pals and, in fact, they'd attended the bash with two other friends. Hill didn't respond to our requests for comment.

Also at the party were CNN's **Brian Stelter**, **Oliver Darcy** and **Vicky Ward**, and New York Times Styles reporter **Taylor Lorenz**.

When the Hill scandal first broke, and it was revealed that she, then-husband **Kenny Heslep**

and 20-something aide **Morgan Desjardins** had been in a polyamorous threesome for a year, nude photos were leaked online, including one of a naked Hill brushing Desjardins' hair.

Thomas defended Hill — who is now divorcing Heslep — online at the time, and even wrote that the National Republican Congressional Committee was "shopping around" the nude shots. The NRCC strongly denied this.

Hill, who called the photo leaks "revenge porn" and demanded that Capitol police investigate, then resigned amid a House investigation into her relationship with another, male staffer, her legislative director, **Graham Kelly**. She has denied this affair.

Super-star actress **Elizabeth Hurley** channels Jackie O's style and grace as *Tatler* magazine's April headliner for its "First Lady" issue.



Morell Brothers

Second act for 'Sopranos' siblings'

"THE Sopranos" star **Robert Iler** is having his second act with the podcast "Pajama Pants" after battling addiction issues and dropping out of showbiz to be a pro poker player in Las Vegas. Iler and **Jamie-Lynn Sigler** — who played siblings AJ and Meadow Soprano on the HBO classic — have reunited for a weekly podcast they created when they were hanging out after the show's 20th anniversary celebration a year ago. "Seeing all those people, all we would do is laugh," Iler told us. "It was me and Jamie sitting around in the hotel for the anniversary in pajamas. We've been best friends for 20 years." Iler's resulting project with Sigler (and comic co-host **Kassem G**) marks his return to the spotlight after leaving showbiz. "There was nothing else for me to do creatively in Vegas . . . I just kind of felt trapped." The podcast launch also followed his journey to sobriety, having been open about his past addiction to alcohol and drugs. Iler, 34, recalled of his last drug binge, "When I

was 28 — for my 28th birthday — I went out and I took like 35 mollys [MDMA] . . . I was f--king out of my mind." He went to a concert at MSG and thought everyone was there for his birthday and welcomed them. Four days later, he couldn't get out of bed or hold down food. He went to see a doctor — and wound up getting clean. He moved to LA in September to record the podcast, and guests have included co-star **Drea de Matteo** and **Dr. Drew**.

Sightings

NATIONAL Hockey League Hall of Famer **Wayne Gretzky** having lunch at Nello Friday with a group of friends . . . **CINDY Crawford** and **Rande Gerber** at Miami Surf Club, as a beautiful blonde approached Crawford to whisper in her ear. Crawford smiled, the lady turned around, and the super-model unzipped the back of the woman's jumpsuit. The woman then headed to the bathroom.

Diddy made 'Band' star feel 'miserable'

WANITA "D. Woods" Woodgett says she was "miserable" after appearing on 2000s reality show "Making the Band," because host **Diddy's** mockery of her weight meant she had to discuss her figure with strangers for years. "It was a hard part of my life," she told Page Six. "It was not pleasant." Woods — who was part of girl band Danity Kane — says that before she signed up for the show, she'd interned with **Spike Lee's** production company and Power 105.1, and toured as a dancer with **Snoop Dogg**. But she said the contract she signed to join the show was stifling. "[I] knew so much about the industry, but really can't apply any of it," she said, adding, "I had no leverage." Meanwhile, she told us that a scene with Diddy haunted her for years. In one episode, the rap mogul says to Woods — who's now on TV's "Stuck With You" on UMC — "What your stomach looking like? For real, are you feeling a little thick?" "Do you know how long people would stop me on the street and say, 'You must have lost a lot of weight,'" she said. A Diddy rep declined to comment.

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CARDI CAN'T

Rapper's old gang affiliations continue to haunt her success

By KEITH MURPHY

IN MARCH 2019, Yonette “Star Brim” Respass was released from a federal prison after serving more than six months for wire fraud. As the Brooklyn girl stepped off a Greyhound bus in Manhattan, she was greeted by a throng of emotional friends and family.

Respass’ most vocal supporter, hip-hop superstar Cardi B, wasn’t in attendance. But the 27-year-old rapper quickly took to Instagram to celebrate her best pal’s freedom.

“My girl is HOME @star_brim5 !!!!” an ecstatic Cardi posted. “Sooo happy!!”

With her famous friend calling major attention to her, Respass, 28, immediately reinvented herself as a social-media personality — with more than 949,000 followers on Instagram — and as a host of the popular Keepin’ It Bute podcast.

It seemed like the ultimate success story for the best friends: Two women who came from a rough-and-tumble gang life in the Bloods to achieve mainstream success.

“It looked like Star was changing her life,” an affiliate of Respass’ camp told The Post. “She started dealing less with that gang-banging stuff and using her experiences to teach people how not to get caught up.”

But the feel-good tale imploded two weeks ago when New York prosecutors alleged that Respass — who is nine months pregnant — was the “God-mother” behind a 2018 assault on two Queens bartenders: sisters Rachel and Sarah Wattlely, a.k.a Baddie and Jade Gi.

Respass is accused of ordering three gang subordinates, known as “drops,” to carry out an attack on the women while she was still in prison in Connecticut. According to court documents, Respass — said to be highest-ranking female member of the 5-9 Brims, a sect of the nationwide Bloods gang — allegedly commanded younger 5-9 Brims to “pop that bottle” on the bartenders for showing

disrespect to another member of the gang. She reportedly ordered: “I want hands put on them. I don’t even want no talking.”

Also charged is 35-year-old Jeffrey Bush, who allegedly filmed the beating on his cellphone. (He is currently in federal jail for selling crack to undercover cops.)

In all, 11 defendants associated with the 5-9 Brims were indicted in connection with the incident.

Purportedly unhappy that the first attack wasn’t extreme enough, Respass is charged with discussing a follow-up with associates. Two weeks after the initial assault, Cardi B — who accused Jade Gi of sleeping with her husband, Migos emcee Offset — was allegedly involved in a bottle-throwing brawl with the sisters at Angels strip club in Queens. Bush is claimed to have been the rapper’s “muscle” during that encounter.

Last June, Cardi pleaded not guilty to felony assault charges stemming from the club fight. The case is still pending.

Respass was also charged with orchestrating an August 2018 slashing of a woman at Angels and participating in a racketeering conspiracy. She now faces up to 50 years in federal prison; feds have reportedly said she must turn herself in within a month of giving birth.

“Star and her gang are always itching for a fight,” said an insider. “She’s an OG. She’s really too old to be out here. There’s no excuse for you to be getting indicted for stuff like this.”

And getting mixed up with all this doesn’t look good for Cardi.

“Cardi no longer does gang s--t,” the insider said. “But even if she’s not active as a member, these people are still her friends.”

‘WHEN I was 16 years old, I used to hang out with a lot of Bloods,” Cardi B, who grew up in the Highbridge neighborhood of The Bronx, told GQ in 2018. “I used to pop off with my homies. And they’d say . . . ‘You should turn Blood.’ And I did.”

Respass has said on her podcast that she “turned



RAP SHEET: Cardi B (above in court) has pleaded not guilty to felony assault charges related to a Queens strip-club brawl. The case is pending.

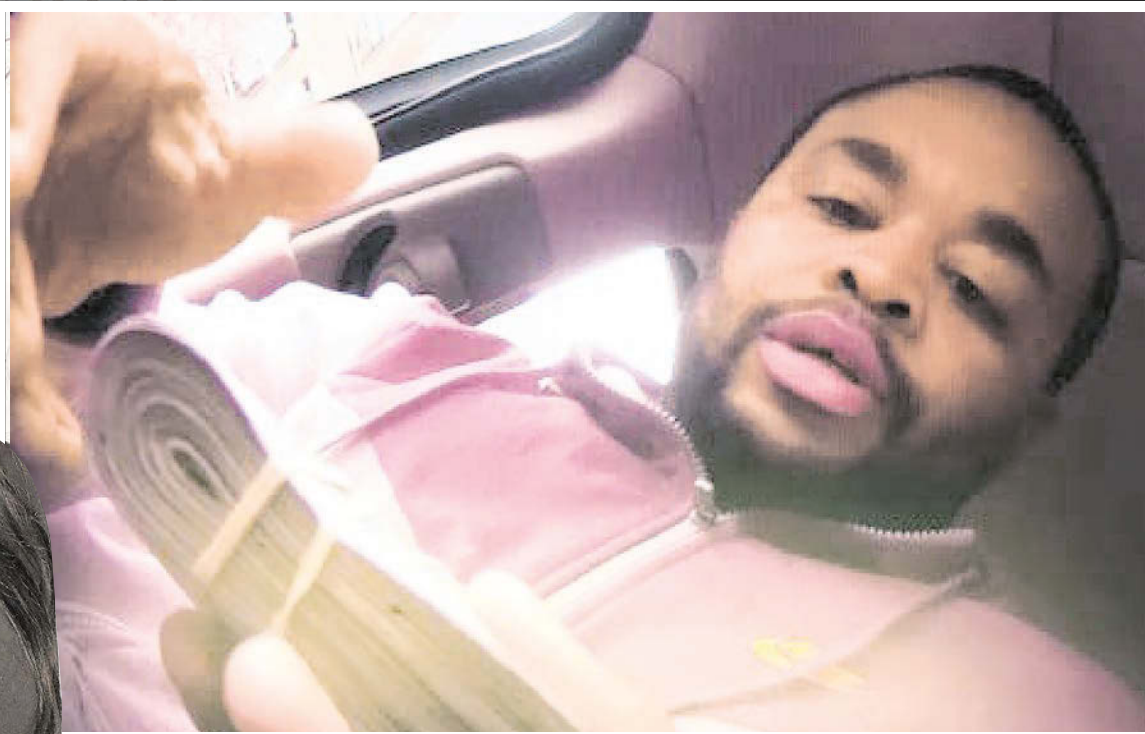
LIKE THAT:

Cardi B, who has said she was a member of the Bloods as a teenager, allegedly still runs with gang members.

SHAKE HER PAST

FRIENDLY

FIRE: On Feb. 18, Cardi B's best friend Yonette "Star Brim" Respess was named in an indictment, along with alleged Bloods member Jeffrey Bush, of ordering an attack on two women who Cardi B is also accused of assaulting.



Cardi no longer does gang s--t. But even if she's not active as a member [of the Bloods], these people are still her friends.

— Cardi B insider

Blood at age 12. "I was going through a lot at home . . . I had a mom that was very alcoholic at the time and abusive. I just was always in the streets."

The 5-9 Brims are associated with the Mac Baller Brims — which, a law-enforcement source told The Post in 2014, were the "top dogs in the city" with operations that include gunrunning, robbery and kidnapping.

Most recently, several 5-9 Brim defendants have been accused of being involved with killing two men in The Bronx and the brazen daytime murder of a rival gang member in Brooklyn.

As reported in 2014, initiation rites range from being "jumped in" — enduring a group beating — to committing murder. According to a 2005 Post story, women joining the Bloods are sometimes required to "Bang-in," or have sex with another member.

"If you come up in the Brims you are always fighting," an insider whose sister came up in the Bloods with Cardi told

The Post. "You come back home with black eyes."

Cardi B has said she got out of the gang life after high school, when she realized it was a lifelong commitment.

"It's almost like a fraternity, a sorority," the rapper told GQ. "I [still] rep it, because I been repping it for such a long time."

And, as the insider told The Post, "She still has friends like Star who are in her life."

Respess can be seen backing up Cardi in an early video for her 2017 song "Red Barz." Both are conspicuously dressed in the Bloods' signature red hue. In January, the rapper was front and center at Respess' baby shower, along with other famous guests including actress La La Anthony and rapper Remy Ma.

"I feel like because [Cardi] comes from a different lifestyle — a lot of people don't understand her, and they don't see her pain," Respess said of her relationship with the rapper on a 2019 episode of the Brilliant Idiots podcast. "I was there when she was crying . . . I was there when she

didn't have nothing."

But the fact that Cardi now has a lot is exactly why she downplays her gang past.

"I wouldn't want a young person, a young girl, to think it's OK to join [a gang]," the rapper told GQ. But, she added, her reasoning is "not about violence" but rather about making it on your own: "It doesn't make your money."

"When I do interviews, I don't talk about it, because I will lose my endorsements."

RESPASS' ardent supporters on social media have claimed that she has been unfairly targeted by authorities ever since she was released from prison. They point to the NYPD allegedly shutting down a back-to-school drive she organized in Brooklyn last August. (Cardi, who has 59 million Instagram followers, posted that police "scared off the principal.")

But Prentice James, founder of CrownedTVNews.com, which covers federal-court cases connected with the streets, says Respess has no one else to

blame but herself for drawing attention to herself.

"She did an interview on the Brilliant Idiots podcast where she talked about kidnapping the 5-year-old [brother] of a rival gang member years ago just to jump him," James told The Post. "Star even proudly admitted that she was a boss in the Bloods gang. This indictment mirrors some of the things she has said in public."

Meanwhile, although Cardi may not often discuss her gang past, she seemingly has no qualms still embracing at least some of her old lifestyle.

"She has to get to the point of letting some things fly," a source told The Post in 2018. "She can't fight everybody."

But on Tuesday the rapper shared an eight-second snippet of a new song with the caption "Respect" on social media:

"Don't get offended by rumors 'cause I done heard quite a few / You might have heard I love red, but I slap a bitch out the blue / Hell yeah."

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First Harv pix as Bellevue jailbird

By SARA DORN

Harvey Weinstein was seen Saturday for the first time since his landmark #MeToo convictions, lounging in Bellevue Hospital in a pair of images reportedly taken from its prison ward.

The images, snapped Friday morning and broadcast by WPIX/Channel 11, were shot from behind the disgraced movie producer.

In one, Weinstein, 67, gazes at a wall-mounted TV as he sits in a leather chair, a wheelchair by his side. In the other, he rubs his balding head.

The fallen producer was rushed to Bellevue with heart palpitations and high blood pressure following his convictions Monday on single counts of rape and criminal sex act.

A source told PIX-11 he is being treated “like any other person” behind bars. “He is free to roam and is not handcuffed,” the person said.

“He is walking with the aid of a wheelchair,” the source told the station.



HEAD SCRATCHER: Harvey Weinstein ponders his fate in the prison ward of Bellevue Hospital.

“He is holding on to its handles to go to the TV room, using it as a walker, where he spent about an hour this morning and then walked himself back.”

Weinstein used a walker throughout his criminal trial following a reported back surgery last year.

The source told the station that Weinstein was forced to part with the walker when he was taken into custody.

Department of Correction Emergency Service Unit staff escorts him

wherever he goes throughout the Manhattan hospital, the station reported.

Weinstein attorney Arthur Aidala wouldn’t comment about the photos.

He told The Post on Saturday he’s visited his client “a couple of times this week,” but they have “not spoken” about when and if the mogul would be transferred to Rikers Island.

“It’s 100 percent up to the doctors. We have no control. Harvey has no control,” Aidala said.

Towed scofflaws whine over fines

Drivers whose cars were towed in a Vision Zero crackdown last week on unpaid vehicle fines told The Post Saturday they were blindsided by the sudden sweep.

“I’ve never seen anything like it in my life,” griped Alexander Rock, 43, whose Ford Explorer got wheeled away in the Friday sweep in Brooklyn. “That’s \$140 [towing fee] on top of my fine. De Blasio decided he’s short on money and decided to cash in on us.”

In all, 160 drivers — owing millions in parking and moving violations — had their cars hauled to a pound during the crackdown, according to deputies from the city Sheriff’s Office.

The targeted tow-fest focused on vehicles that had at least \$2,500 in fines — though many had much larger debts, officials said.

Rock, whose car was booted and towed while he was at work Friday, said he owed about \$1,000 in unpaid parking tickets.

“I just want to get my car and get the hell out of here,” he grumbled as he sprung his car from the pound.

Flatbush resident Richard Dobson, 50, said he owed about \$700 — and can’t get his car until Monday.

“I had two jobs to do this weekend, painting a basement and a moving job, but I had to cancel those,” he griped. *Khristina Narizhnaya*

Farebeater ‘gun’ bust

Officers on the lookout for fare evaders have nabbed a serial transit crook who had threatened to shoot a cop in the face, the MTA said Saturday.

Officers from the Bridge and Tunnel Authority and the NYPD’s Eagle Team caught Richard Fraser, 35, with a pistol after he tried to skip the fare on the B44-SBS bus in Midwood on Wednesday, officials said.

Fraser, who has dozens of fare-evasion summonses, was busted trying to flee the bus. A week earlier, the Brooklyn man had threatened an officer at a bus stop, telling her he was armed, officials said. He was charged with weapon possession and menacing.

Ruth Weissmann

Migrants in Turkey on move

Hundreds of refugees and migrants in Turkey have begun heading for the country's land and sea borders with Greece, buoyed by Turkish officials' statements indicating they will not be hindered from crossing the frontier to make their way into Europe.

The move comes after a deadly Syrian airstrike Thursday that killed more than 30 Turkish troops in Idlib, Syria, where Turkey has been engaged since 2016. Turkey currently hosts about 3.6 million Syrian refugees.

In 2016, it reached an agreement with the European Union to step up efforts to halt the flow of hundreds of thousands of refugees who headed from its shores into Greece in 2015, in return for funds to support the refugees.

Apart from the Syrian refugees registered in Turkey, the country also has been a staging ground and transit point for many people from the Middle East, North Africa and central Asia hoping to head to Europe.

Its coastline's proximity to Greek islands, and the country's land border with EU member Greece, have made it one of the preferred routes into the EU for those fleeing war and poverty at home.

AP

Oprah floors them in LA

While discussing wellness and living a balanced life as part of her 2020 Vision speaking tour, Oprah Winfrey lost her balance and took a tumble onstage in Los Angeles on Saturday.

The television icon took a few steps to her right before stumbling to the floor in front of a shocked audience at the Forum arena.

After gathering herself on the floor, she called out "wrong shoes!" into the microphone, letting fans know exactly what caused the unexpected crash.

Winfrey then walked barefoot until more sensible footwear was provided.

Jessica Bennett

Bi beauty queen to reveal her true colors at St. Pat's march



MISS WILL STEP 'OUT'

By DOREE LEWAK

On Sunday, Miss Staten Island is taking a walk — and a stand.

Madison L'Insalata — who revealed to The Post that she is bisexual — plans to deck herself out in rainbow gear when she marches in the Staten Island St. Patrick's Parade.

Organizers have again barred the Pride Center of Staten Island from marching, and L'Insalata wants to show her support for the LGBTQ community.

"There's no rule against me wearing a rainbow," said L'Insalata, 23, who has never before publicly discussed her sexual orientation. "I want people to see the colors and ask questions."

She is part of a beauty-queen rebellion against the parade.

Miss Staten Island's Outstanding Teen, Angelica Mroczek, and Miss Richmond County, Gabrielle Ryan, are boycotting the parade outright over the gay ban.

"Accepting this title means standing up for what is right and challenging what is wrong and not just using it as an opportunity to take photos in a pretty crown," said Ryan, a 17-year-old

junior at Port Richmond HS whose mother, Larissa Ryan, is gay and of Irish descent.

The Staten Island march is the only St. Patrick's parade in the city to still bar LGBTQ groups from marching under their own banners.

Larry Cummings, a representative for the parade's organizing committee, did not respond to The Post's requests for comment.

Recently asked by the Staten Island Advance about the Pride Center's exclusion, he said: "It's a nonsexual identification parade

and that's that. No, they are not marching. Don't try to keep asking a million friggin' questions, OK?"

The teen queens are defying pageant requirements, which obligate titleholders to march.

"You can't force the girls to do it. There's a lot of support in our community for their decision," said Jim Smith, executive director of the Miss Staten Island Scholarship pageants.

"I was looking forward to seeing friends and family and feeling the love," said Mroczek, 16, a junior at Curtis HS. "But the message is more important than the parade."

The teens join a list of local fig-

ures skipping the parade, including Borough President James Oddo, Mayor de Blasio and Rep. Max Rose.

Carol Bullock, executive director of the Pride Center of Staten Island, praised the queens' conviction. "The whole thing with exclusion is the message it sends to our youth — that it's OK to discriminate," she said. "Now our teens are saying it's not OK."

Nicole Doz, Miss Staten Island 2018, praised the titleholders' courage.

"I'm not only proud but in awe of [their] decisions to step away from the parade," she said. "It's a huge honor and exciting experience for a first-time pageant winner to ride in a parade, so for them to make this decision really shows passion for what's right."

Mroczek says she's no hero.

"I don't see my [decision] as courageous at all because the issue to me is ridiculous," she said. "It's painfully clear the exclusion is wrong. It doesn't take courage to side with the obvious."



WALKING THE WALK: Miss Staten Island Madison L'Insalata, who is bisexual, plans to display rainbow colors, as well as green, at the St. Patrick's Parade in the borough on Sunday in support of LGBTQ groups barred from marching. Miss Staten Island's Outstanding Teen, Angelica Mroczek (inset), is boycotting the event outright.

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FRANCE

The iconic Champs-Élysées needs to “re-enchanted” native Parisians.

Just 5 percent of the avenue’s 100,000 daily visitors are actually from Paris, prompting officials to launch a bid to draw them back by reducing car lanes and planting 1,000 trees.

Parisians shun the stretch because it has become a “noisy traffic jam,” one study found.

ENGLAND

Tea and toast just isn’t as much of a thing in England anymore.

Brits are drinking less brew and eating more junk food, stats show.

They’re sipping an average of just eight cups of tea a week, down from 23 in 1974.

The National Food Survey found citizens are hooked on pizza and chips, as well as myriad variations of microwavable meals.

RUSSIA

Thousands took to the streets of Moscow Saturday to mark the five-year anniversary of the murder of opposition leader Boris Nemtsov.

The former deputy prime minister, a prominent critic of the Kremlin, was shot dead in 2015.

Organizers also protested controversial plans by President Vladimir Putin to change the constitution in his effort to retain power after his term ends in 2024.

BELGIUM

Belgian authorities last year took in reports of 718 cases of “friendship fraud” from lonely people scammed by folks they met online.

That’s about 10 percent higher than the figure reported in 2018.

Dating sites and social media were the source of 60 percent of the problems. In some instances, vulnerable victims were coaxed to fork over travel money so the new “friend” could “visit.”

JAPAN

Global trade in Japan’s limited-edition sneakers is kick-starting new interest in the shoes.

Yusuke Takei, 43, who lives in Matsudo, Chiba Prefecture, owns 800 pairs, 600 of which are Nike Air Force One models, according to the Japan Times.

The demand for sneakers is so rabid, it created a niche for Fake Busters, a Japanese sneaker-authentication company. The biz, which launched in April 2019, is off and running with 40,000 clients. *Dean Balsamini, Wires*

Court ruling spurs brief border rush



NO ENTRY: After earlier hearing that a court ruling might let him in, a migrant (left) at the El Paso, Texas, border Friday hugs a girl — and joins other people (above) whose brief hopes were dashed by a subsequent ruling.

OPEN AND SHUT

By MARY KAY LINGE

A judicial flip-flop is causing chaos at the southern border.

US authorities shut down a bridge in El Paso, Texas, late Friday after a federal appeals court dealt a sharp blow to President Trump’s border-enforcement strategy — then suspended its order hours later.

A three-judge panel of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals struck down a program that requires Central American migrants to wait outside the US while their asylum cases are pending.

More than 100 migrants stormed the Ciudad Juarez-El

Paso border bridge as word of the ruling spread in the Mexican camps where at least 25,000 asylum-seekers are waiting, authorities said.

The Department of Justice credits the policy, known as “Remain in Mexico,” with a steep drop in border arrests, which have plunged 80 percent from their peak last May — but the American Civil Liberties Union has sued to end it, calling it “unspeakably cruel.”

The court put its ruling on hold in response to an emergency motion from the Trump administration, which said an end to the program “could prompt a rush on

the southern border,” as happened briefly in El Paso.

DOJ officials have until Monday to file a response, and probably will appeal the case to the Supreme Court, which has ruled in the administration’s favor on other immigration cases.

The “Remain in Mexico” policy, also called Migrant Protection Protocols, aims to end so-called catch-and-release policies that allowed hundreds of thousands of illegal immigrants to live in the US while their asylum claims wended their way through the courts.

Critics have long contended that those rules encouraged eco-

nomics migrants to claim asylum even when they have no hope of it being granted to them.

Under international law, asylum is meant for those facing deadly religious or political persecution in their home countries.

And Trump has frequently asserted that large numbers of those who apply for asylum never appear for their court dates in order to dodge deportation.

His policy of keeping migrants in Mexico instead has sent about 60,000 asylum-seekers south of the US border since it was instituted in January 2019, a DOJ official said. *With Wires*

Utah set to ease anti-polygamy law

Polygamy wouldn’t be a felony crime in Utah for the first time in 85 years under a bill that passed the Legislature on Friday and appears to be supported by the governor.

Lawmakers voted overwhelmingly for the proposal that supporters said will allow the 30,000 or so people living in the state’s polygamous communities

to come out of the shadows and report abuses such as underage marriage by other polygamists without fear of prosecution.

“It seems so surreal; you’re so used to it not being this way,” said Joe Darger, a Utah polygamist who has three wives.

Republican Gov. Gary Herbert has indicated he will probably sign the pro-

posal that makes polygamy between consenting adults an infraction, like a traffic offense, that carries no possible jail time.

Some former members of polygamous groups, however, have said that essentially decriminalizing the practice could embolden abusers.

The legislature “is jumping off a ledge without

looking at the landing,” said Ryan Fisher, a spokesman for the anti-polygamy group Sound Choices Coalition. The bill got approval from the full Legislature after a final procedural vote in the Senate Friday.

The belief that plural marriage brings exaltation in heaven is a legacy of the early Church of Jesus

Christ of Latter-day Saints. The mainstream faith abandoned the practice in 1890 under pressure from the US government.

The Utah attorney general has publicly declined to prosecute otherwise law-abiding polygamists for years.

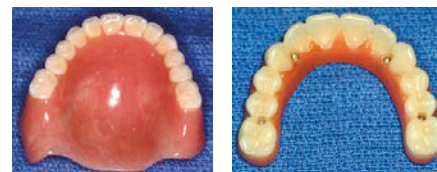
The bill includes harsher punishments for crimes linked to polygamy. *AP*

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Epstein an FBI blabber?

A California Democrat gave credence to a wild Jeffrey Epstein theory on Capitol Hill last week, asking a top Department of Justice official whether the serial predator was an undercover FBI informant, a report said.

Rep. Jackie Speier reportedly asked John Demers, the assistant attorney general of the national security division, the way-off-topic question at a House Intelligence Committee briefing on the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, set to expire in several weeks, the Daily Beast reported.

She introduced her surprising inquiry by noting the obvious — it was not on the agenda, the outlet reported. Demers answered that he had no knowledge of Epstein working for the agency, adding that he works for Justice, not the FBI, according to the report.

The lawmaker's question was reportedly sourced from a theory that law enforcement may have gone easy on Epstein in his 2007 Miami child sex abuse case, because he helped finger his powerful friends.

His 18-month sentence — of which he served only 13 — was seen as lenient.

The DOJ and Speier declined to comment on the inquiry to the Daily Beast.

Sara Dorn

Top prize for Iran director

Iranian director Mohamad Rasoulof's "There Is No Evil" won the Golden Bear prize Saturday for best picture at the Berlin Film Festival. Rasoulof wasn't there to accept the award due to a travel ban imposed on him by Iranian authorities.

"There Is No Evil" tells four stories loosely connected to the use of the death penalty in Iran and dealing with personal freedom under tyranny.

The Berlin festival jury led by actor Jeremy Irons chose the film over 17 others.

Organizers left an empty chair and name sign for Rasoulof at the news conference for his entry. AP

MY 'MOM' BEAT ME

By JANE RIDLEY

Ta'Nika Gibson had a horrific childhood: demeaned, beaten and starved by her adoptive mother.

"She used to hit me with telephone cords, curling-iron cords, pots, pans and switches from trees," the 28-year-old told The Post. "I would be covered in welts and bruises."

That history makes Gibson's success on Broadway — where she plays the role of Diana Ross and other Motown singers in the musical "Ain't Too Proud" — all the more triumphant.

Ta'Nika was born a ward of the state in 1991 in Springfield, Mass., as her schizophrenic biological mom was under the protection of the courts. The girl bounced around foster homes and was eventually taken in by a woman who had five children of her own as well as four other foster kids.

It was hardly one big happy family, however. Ta'Nika still has a scar where a bowl of boiling food "accidentally" landed on her leg when she about 4 years old. She believes her foster mother had taken her her and the others in for one reason: "She received [government] checks for us," said Ta'Nika.

It didn't get any better when, at age 5, she was adopted by the woman. "Mother would put locks on the kitchen cabinets so we couldn't get food," Ta'Nika recalled. "We were starving, panhandling for things to eat outside the local store, even shoplifting."

The woman's five biological children, she said, were well-fed, spoiled and rarely did chores. Meanwhile, the adoptees were forced to sleep in a freezing cold pantry after their mother claimed she had spotted a cockroach because they hadn't swept it properly. "I spent the night in a plastic bag," Ta'Nika recalled.

Eager to change her lot in life, Ta'Nika became a straight-A student. "I didn't belong in that family and I was determined not to be like them," she said. "I did every extracurricular activity possible."

But that sometimes made things worse. When the girl was 8, her mother took the restaurant vouchers Ta'Nika had won in a talent contest. "She said: 'You think you're such a know-all so I'm going to take the whole family out to dinner with your prize and you're going to stay behind,'" Ta'Nika recalled. "I was angry, and she beat me with a cord."

Things began to turn around in eighth grade, when a teacher helped her get a scholarship at a nearby private school. She was



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Anine Bing blazer, \$349, and trousers, \$229, both at Shopbop.com; La Fetiche sweater, \$475 at MatchesFashion.com; "Bianca" clear quartz and 12-k gold-plated brass earrings, \$375 at Demarson.com.

How I survived an abusive home to triumph on B'way.

elected student-body vice-president and played "the lead in every show," even as the chaos continued at home.

Then, in 2008, her adopted mother died of breast cancer. (Her biological mother is also deceased.) Ta'Nika, 17, was to be put into foster care in a different town — meaning she would have to change schools.

"I was crushed," she recalled. "I felt so sad and alone, [with] nobody to advocate for me."

To her astonishment, the school's principal, Kathryn Gibson, and her husband, David, who had two children of their own, offered the teen a home. "For the first time in my

entire life, I slept alone in my own bed," said Ta'Nika.

David, a music professor, helped her dream of becoming a singer by driving her to voice lessons. It paid off when Ta'Nika graduated from New York University in 2013 before studying opera at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester.

The Gibsons formally adopted her when she was 22, celebrating the occasion with a big party.

"They gave me presents as if I'd been with them my whole life," Ta'Nika said. "A baby doll you'd maybe present to a 1- or 2-year-old, then a Barbie doll, a CD player and some skates. They were things that I would never use today but I'll

always have as keepsakes."

Ta'Nika got her big break in 2018, making her stage debut in a New York City Center revival of "Me and My Girl." She landed the parts in "Ain't Too Proud" — about the Temptations — in September.

She's also involved with the charity You Gotta Believe, which helps find adoptive parents for pre-teens and teens before they age out of the foster-care system. Last month, she performed at You Gotta Believe's Voices for the Voiceless event in Manhattan, where she was supported by her parents.

"I had a happy ending," Ta'Nika said. "I want other kids to realize they can come out the other side"

JOY AT LAST: "Ain't Too Proud" actress Ta'Nika (left, and far left, as a baby) was beaten and starved by her adoptive mother before finding a happy home at age 14.

Kid-death bus biz got huge pay boost



Paul Martinika



Rai\$ing safety concerns



By SUSAN EDELMAN

The city-contracted company whose school bus fatally struck a 10-year-old girl in Brooklyn last week was granted a massive pay increase without adequate evaluation of its safety record, city Comptroller Scott Stringer charges.

The Department of Education's "deeply opaque procurement policies" are taking city taxpayers for a ride, and putting kids in possible danger, Stringer said in a blistering letter Friday to schools Chancellor Richard Carranza.

Quality Transportation — or QTC, which operated the bus that killed fourth-grader Patience Albert — was awarded a DOE contract "extension" that calls for a more-than 11-fold increase in payment. It rose from an original \$22.9 million for one year in 2014

to \$270.3 million for nine years though June 2023, adding about \$7 million a year to the price, Stringer found.

The lucrative deal is one of 69 extensions approved last year by the DOE totaling \$9.1 billion for 28 schoolbus companies, Stringer tallied. He rejected them all in December, and sent them back to the DOE to explain the skyrocketing costs and why the contracts were not competitively bid.

He has previously demanded information on how the DOE evaluates a bus company's past performance, including safety. The DOE has yet to respond, he said.

The Post reported last June that the DOE had awarded a series of "emergency" bus-service extensions costing taxpayers millions of dollars. One DOE insider called it the "school-bus gravy train."

Stringer said his concerns took

on urgency after Patience, a student at Achievement First Elementary School, was mowed down by the bus Monday in a crosswalk at Crescent Street and Wortman Avenue in East New York. Her brother, Merzae, 15, walking with her, suffered a leg injury.

Driver Pedro Colon, 61, was turning right onto Wortman Avenue from Crescent Street when he struck Patience, police said. He was charged with failure to yield to a pedestrian and failure to exercise due care. The DOE said Colon, who was suspended, had no disciplinary history.

Whistleblowers say the DOE's Office of Pupil Transportation is cozy with the bus companies, and goes too easy on removing drivers and attendants for misconduct.

QTC operates 234 routes for the DOE, officials said. Between Janu-

ary and June 2019, the company received four safety-related complaints from 52,000 rides. The OPT found misconduct in each case, and slapped the company with warnings.

The "core problem" with the DOE, Stringer wrote, is that, "Unlike every mayoral agency in the city, the DOE does not use standardized performance evaluations with established metrics to assess how well a vendor is meeting its obligations. This is true for all contracts at DOE, not just those pertaining to buses.

"The DOE often uses the same contractors over and over again, such as QTC, without properly evaluating their performance."

DOE officials did not respond to Stringer's letter, saying it was under review.

Spielberg porno kid arrested

The porn-actress daughter of director Steven Spielberg was arrested in Nashville, Tenn., early Saturday on a misdemeanor domestic-violence charge, court records say.

Mikaela Spielberg (inset), 23, who recently launched a skin-flick film career, was admitted to the Hill Detention Center at 6:33 a.m., online inmate records show.

Her \$1,000 bail was posted, and she was to have been released at the conclusion of a 12-hour "hold," which is routine in domestic-violence cases, a Davidson County Sheriff's Office staffer told The Post.

"Someone has already posted her bond; it's a matter of her finishing out her 12 hours," said the official, who asked not to be identified.

The bust comes less than two weeks after she announced that she had been making solo sex videos she posted on Pornhub.com, and that she was working to get a license to become an exotic dancer in Nashville.

Mikaela has said in interviews that she lives in Nashville with her fiancé, Chuck Pankow, 50, a darts player.

Laura Italiano



Harry notter again: Daniel

Daniel Radcliffe finally "revelio" why he's "Sirius" about not "Weasley"ing his way back into his breakout role as Harry Potter.

Radcliffe, who played The Boy Who Lived for the first eight films in J.K. Rowling's world-famous franchise, told Variety he "doesn't like to say no to things" but reprising the role in the "Fantastic Beasts" prequels is not something he's "rushing to do."

"I feel like those films have moved on and they're doing just fine without us. I'm happy to keep it that way," he said. "I like what my life is now."

Adam Schrader

'Sheer' sexiness

Sharp-looking, dagger-packin' Bella Hadid turns heads at Paris Fashion Week Saturday, in a see-through Vivienne Westwood bridal gown.

Bibi: I won't dodge trial

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Saturday he will face corruption accusations against him head on in court and will not seek to pass legislation to derail his upcoming trial if he wins re-election this week.

After he failed to secure parliamentary immunity last month, insiders had speculated that Netanyahu would attempt to pass alternative legislation if he secures a parliamentary majority.

But Netanyahu denied it in a television interview two days before Israel heads to the polls in its third election in less than a year.

Two weeks later, Netanyahu goes on trial for charges of bribery, fraud and breach of trust stemming from accusations he accepted lavish gifts from billionaire friends and promised to promote advantageous legislation for a major newspaper in exchange for favorable coverage.

If Netanyahu's Likud party along with its allies garners more than 61 of parliament's 120 members, he will have far more room to maneuver his way around the charges against him. Alternatively, if he falls short, he may be willing to step aside in return for some form of plea bargain. *AP*

Hawaii pol's meth-sex plea

A Hawaii councilman pleaded not guilty Friday to charges accusing him of leading a drug-trafficking organization, supplying guns, conspiring with a gang leader, requesting sexual favors as payment for drugs and assaulting a law enforcement officer in a case that highlights the hold methamphetamine has on some people in the state.

Arthur Brun led a major drug-trafficking conspiracy involving 11 other defendants since at least June 2019, while serving as an elected member of the Kauai County Council, US Attorney for Hawaii Kenji Price said.

Brun, vice chair of the council's Public Safety and Human Services Committee, pleaded not guilty in US court in Honolulu. *AP*



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SLASHED V-DAY VIC DEPARTS

French tourist: Bye, NYC

By OLIVIA BENSIMON
and RUTH WEISSMANN

The French tourist whose neck was slashed by a stranger in Harlem on Valentine's Day was finally on his way home Saturday, grateful that his attacker remains behind bars — and that he lived to tell the tale.

"American style: The bad guy sleeps in jail, I survived, I have the best sweetheart in the world, the best family, the best friends, I survived and I never felt so loved," Gabriel Bascou wrote on Instagram.

"I can't wait to come back to NY to discover this city that I saw only 100m between the place of my Airbnb and my attack."

Bascou, 28, was ambushed on Day 1 of his dream trip, just as he and his girlfriend Manon Duma walked out of a breakfast date at IHOP on Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Blvd. on Feb. 14.

Police say Khalief Young — known around the neighborhood for surprise stabbings — slashed without warning, sending the Frenchman to his knees, blood gushing on the sidewalk.

Bascou said he was "relieved" to finally leave Harlem Hospital, where he spent the past two weeks intubated and recovering from a tracheotomy.

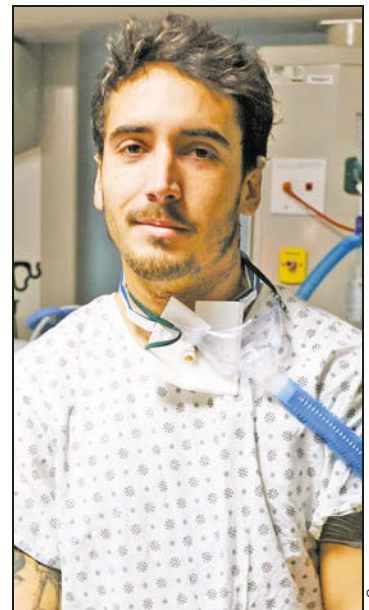
He told The Post he's still "décu" he never got his chance to explore the City That Never Sleeps.

"My heart aches because since the attack took place the first morning I arrived, I didn't see anything of New York," he said.

The Parisian photographer and model is en route to Montpellier for more medical treatment, and said he'll need several more weeks to completely heal.

A photo obtained by The Post shows the lovebirds cuddling as they wait to board their plane, a black bandana over Bascou's horrific NYC souvenir.

"Goodbye New York, goodbye injustice, goodbye to the hospital and to the medical team who sup-



Daniel William McKnight

AU REVOIR: Gabriel Bascou is out of Harlem Hospital and headed back to France, thankful for docs saving his life after a slashing Feb. 14 near his Airbnb.

ported and sustained us during all our moods, good bye to the district attorney that helps us do justice," Duma wrote in a post from a lounge in JFK Airport.

A fundraising page has raised over \$14,000 to help pay for Bascou's medical bills — and the home-bound tourist says he "can't wait to start eating and drinking again."

"We've been literally flooded with love via social media," Bascou said from the airport.

"People seem to have been really affected by what has happened to us."

Three days after the savage attack, cops busted Young, 28, who was kept locked up on attempted murder and assault charges. He was indicted last week and is expected back in court March 18.

The ex-con has a long rap sheet of violent attacks, including a June deli slashing where he allegedly stabbed a patron.

THE PARTY CRASHERS

Why black

By DOREE LEWAK

FOUR years ago, candidate Donald Trump's pitch to African Americans heading to voting booths was simple: "What do you have to lose?" While he captured just 8 percent of the black vote in 2016, recent polls suggest things could be different this time around.

In November, an Emerson poll reported a 34.5 percent approval rating among black voters, and a January Gallup poll reported a 14 percent increase in satisfaction over race relations among Americans.

Here, five black New Yorkers — all former Democrats — tell The Post why they're flipping parties and voting Republican this year.

'I'm sold on his immigration policies'

KYREE DAVIS, 36, STATEN ISLAND

"When Trump announced his candidacy, I thought it was a joke," said Kyree Davis, who voted for Hillary Clinton in 2016. "I said, 'Hopefully, he's not the racist, bigoted a--hole he portrays on TV.'"

"At first, I was scared, because of the way he talks, that we'd go to war immediately. I was afraid he'd run the country as a cold business," said the Staten Islander, who works in high-end retail sales. "But those fears were not realized."

He started to support Trump after the president's first year in office, mainly due to immigration policies. "It's why I got behind him. It's one of the biggest issues facing America today. And I noticed the tax cut. We all got more money in our paychecks — it's not just for the rich," said Davis, who disagrees with some of Trump's foreign policy, particularly with Saudi Arabia and Israel.

Still, Davis, who is gay, said he pays a social premium for supporting Trump. "I've been called Uncle Tom, Uncle Ruckus [a character from the 'Boondocks' comic strip], traitor, house Negro, Oreo — white on the inside," he said. "Literally everything but a proud black man."

So far, he's been too nervous to wear a Make America Great Again cap in New York City, but that may change: "I just saw a black guy wearing a MAGA knit skullcap on the subway. I thought maybe I should, too."



Stephen Yang

'The costs for my mom's medications have dropped'

MIKE REYES, 32, HUDSON HEIGHTS

Mike Reyes gave up love for Trump.

In 2018, his girlfriend broke up with him after he declared his support for the president. "She didn't like my views," said Reyes, who works in health-care technology.

"I became a Republican after Trump won," he added, ticking off the things that swayed him: the president's position on prison reform and creating the First Step Act, which helps nonviolent offenders get early releases. Reyes' Dominican-born father was incarcerated on drug offenses in the '90s and deported from the U.S. "This act helps [ex-convicts] become better citizens," he said.

Reyes, who voted for Barack Obama but sat out the 2016 election, is also enthusiastic about job-creation numbers and a declining consumer price index for prescription drugs. "My mom has diabetes and hypertension. The costs for her medications have dropped," said the Hudson Heights resident. "If Trump weren't here, she'd be paying a lot more."

In January, Reyes — who in 2014 worked as an assistant campaign manager for a Democratic congressional candidate — become co-chairman of the new Harlem Republican Club. He wants to provide a safe space for black New Yorkers to come out as Republicans. "You can be a Republican who supports gay rights as well," he said.

If he has one complaint about Trump, it's the Twitter tirades. "Take it easy," Reyes advised.

When Reyes worked on the Democratic congressional campaign, he recalled telling a white co-worker that he wanted to work in private equity. That person told Reyes he would be more successful and paid better if he were white.

"He basically said, 'The system is rigged against you because you're a minority,'" Reyes said, who feels that attitude is problematic.

"Democrats want you to be the victim," he said. "Republicans don't look at my skin color."

'I'm doing very well financially'

QUAN LANAE GREEN, 35, POUGHKEEPSIE

Quan Lanae Green almost voted for Hillary Clinton in 2016. But the married mother of three ended up sitting out the election.

"In the end, I was torn. She was a woman and I wanted to support another woman, but it didn't feel right to vote solely on that," said Green, who was raised a diehard Democrat. But over the past couple of years, she's broken from her family.

"Democrats are a bunch of hypocrites and really take advantage of the African American vote. Democratic politicians [think they] don't have to work hard for the black vote. They take [it] for granted," said the Poughkeepsie resident, who is a self-employed life coach.

"In Poughkeepsie, I've seen a bunch of promises to the black community that haven't been fulfilled," she said, citing a parade of Democratic leaders who promised more community centers, more money for the schools and to rebuild parks.

"They haven't done anything like that," Green added. "They've built new jails in the community."

Meanwhile, she said, her life has improved under Trump.

"I've been doing very well financially," said Green who invests in real estate and the stock market. "Since Trump's been in office, my stocks have increased exponentially."

But she would like to change one thing about the president: "I wish he were more socially adept — he's made a lot of enemies."



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New Yorkers are flipping for Trump

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PUMPED FOR TRUMP: Mike Reyes, a co-chairman of the new Harlem Republican Club, left the Democratic Party because of job creation and declining prescription prices.

'He will fight human trafficking'

DIAMOND GIBSON, 24, FOREST HILLS

"I didn't like Trump at first. I was listening to people saying he was racist, that he was taking away food stamps," said Diamond Gibson, who didn't vote in 2016. "But I did my own research, and it isn't true. OK?"

Gibson, who moved to Forest Hills, Queens, from Atlanta four years ago, warmed to Trump when he signed a 2017 executive order that works to dismantle international trafficking.

"Cracking down on human trafficking is important to me," said Gibson, who is currently unemployed.

Once she came out as a Trump supporter, the blowback was immediate. The 24-year-old recalled how a relative "told me, 'Go kill yourself' while we were discussing Trump's immigration policy."

But that hasn't stopped Gibson, who studied business administration at New York's ASA College for a few semesters. Last summer, she interned for North Carolina Congressman Ted Budd, a Republican, and hopes to enroll in law school after she pays down her student-loan debt.

That said, Gibson is no fan of Bernie Sanders' proposal to cancel student loan debt. "If I borrow money, I know I have to pay it back," she said.



Brian Zakany Post

'I've felt canceled by Democrats'

SHALAH COLLINS, 39, LYNDHURST, NJ

"The left talks about inclusivity. But they're hypocrites," said Shalah Collins. "I've felt canceled and shoved to the side."

In 2016, she was a Bernie Sanders supporter and believes the Democratic National Committee effectively rigged the nomination against him. "His nomination was given to Hillary Clinton. It was unfair and fixed," she said.

The Lyndhurst, NJ, resident ended up voting for Jill Stein. This year, Collins said, she'll vote for Trump.

That's in big part because in 2018, Collins, who worked in the NYPD Communications Division for a decade, became a self-employed finance professional. Being a business owner changed her thinking and priorities.

Over the past few years, the single mom has appreciated the "historically low tax environment. For those who are self-employed, they can put away a lot more money for retirement," she said.

And even if Sanders wins the Democratic nomination, Collins won't support him again. "Bernie's appeal to me was as a populist, but he's also an insider — a longtime politician — whereas Trump is an outsider. I believe in Trump's message of putting the country first and his economic policies. I don't want to pay more taxes."



Stephen Yang

Perps on lam in vicious Uber bash Attacked driver in coma

By TINA MOORE,
DAVID MEYER
and RUTH WEISSMANN

An Uber driver was viciously attacked last month by five rowdy passengers he picked up outside a Queens jiggie joint for a ride into Manhattan — and he remained in a coma Saturday, as cops continued searching for the suspects.

Mohamad Al-Gahaffi, 56, picked up three men and two women outside the Privileged Gentlemen's Club on Queens Boulevard in Woodside at about 4:25 a.m. Feb. 5, officials said.

When the crew began drinking booze during the ride, he told them to stop, but they refused and began squabbling with him instead, law-enforcement sources said.

The fed-up driver (inset) pulled over at East 62nd Street and Second Avenue, where the boozy group took the fight to

the sidewalk, surveillance video released Saturday by cops shows. The footage shows several of the riders (pictured right) brawling, although it's unclear if the driver appears on camera.

During the scuffle, one of the men sucker-punched the driver in the face, knocking him to the ground, cops said.

Medics rushed him to Weill Cornell Medical Center, where he was placed in a medically induced coma. He has been in critical condition ever since, officials said.

Al-Gahaffi emigrated from Yemen in the 1990s and is a fixture of his mosque, where he would occasionally lead prayer, said friend Omer Seman.

Groups representing Al-Gahaffi's fellow drivers plan to announce Sunday a cash reward for any information leading to an arrest.

"I wouldn't wish this on anybody," Seman said.



Help for mom of tragic kid

The Long Island mom whose son was left to freeze to death in an unheated garage is afraid she's about to lose her home to foreclosure — but apparently shouldn't be.

The Valley Stream condo Justyna Zubko-Valva now shares with her two surviving kids has been in foreclosure since 2018, when her estranged husband, Michael Valva, allegedly stopped paying the mortgage amid their divorce battle. On Thursday, following a divorce hearing, she said she was "in extreme danger of losing my home."

But the company demanding payment told The Post on Friday it has halted the legal proceeding after learning of the horrific January death of Thomas Valva, 8, allegedly at the hands of his father.

Quicken Loans, which filed a judgment of foreclosure to sell the property on Feb. 10 in Nassau Supreme Court, insists it has now stopped the proceeding and wants to work with Zubko-Valva. But they haven't been able to reach her after multiple attempts over more than two weeks, the company claims.

"We will not be pursuing foreclosure of Ms. Zubko-Valva's home," a rep told The Post. *Kathianne Boniello*

Marvel-ous Mrs. Markle

She's traded in the Windsors for Hollywood royalty.

Meghan Markle is trying to get back into acting and is searching for roles in a blockbuster superhero flick, the Daily Mail reported Saturday.

"Meghan is planning a series of meetings in Hollywood," a source told the outlet. "She has already done the voice-over for Disney and now word is out that she's looking for a superhero film, as a voice-over or even on screen."

The news comes as the Duchess of Sussex and Prince Harry pursue financial independence from the royal family. *Vincent Barone*

Sex-abuse suit vs. Rockefeller driver

The leafy Westchester estate of the Rockefeller clan holds a dark, painful secret for one woman: It's where, she claims, the family's chauffeur sexually abused her as a child.

The daughter of David Rockefeller's chef was just 7 when driver Luis Oliveira molested her in the living quarters she shared with

her mom at Hudson Pines, the sprawling manse in Pocantico Hills, she charges in a Manhattan Supreme Court lawsuit seeking unspecified damages from the famed banking family.

The Rockefellers failed to protect her, says the now 39-year-old Pittsburgh resident, identified only as "CQ" in court papers.

"An employer who provides housing for a mother and child has a duty to provide a safe place for that employee and her child to live," CQ insists in court papers filed under New York's Child Victims Act, which opened a one-year window to revive old sexual-abuse claims.

The grandson of oil tycoon John D. Rockefeller,

David Rockefeller helmed Chase Manhattan Bank in the 1970s, lifting it to a global profile. The father of six died in 2017 at age 101, with a reported net worth of approximately \$3 billion.

The woman, who is suing Rockefeller's estate as well as his five surviving children, "is still haunted by the memories of her abuse and

the betrayal she endured," according to the claim.

Oliveira was an undocumented immigrant whom the family allegedly permitted "to have free and unfettered access" to the girl's living quarters for much of 1988, said CQ, who also claims she was once abused by him at the Rockefellers' Upper East Side digs. *Kathianne Boniello*

She's a human brewery!
Researchers at the University of Pittsburgh have diagnosed a 61-year-old woman with a never-been-seen-condition called "urinary auto-brewery syndrome," where yeast in her bladder ferments sugar into alcohol.

The woman showed no signs of intoxication, despite having enough alcohol in her body to impair her vision. Researchers believe the woman remained sober because the alcohol wasn't getting into her bloodstream.

It was a purr-fect ending!
Workers successfully saved a scaredy cat stranded atop a Toronto utility pole after a winter storm.

The frightened furball would meow in distress when it spotted people near the pole, and remained atop the pole for a few hours, until a crew came with a bucket truck.

A better life is in the bag.
A Quebec, Canada, grocery-store worker bagged a \$52 million jackpot, the largest lottery prize in the province's history with a golden ticket he bought at work.

Gregory Mathieu, 22, a bagger at the IGA Extra in the Saint-Romuald district of Levis, Quebec City, plans to split his winnings with his seven closest relatives.

It's more than fare.
Luxembourg on Saturday became the first nation to offer totally free public transportation in a bid to help cash-strapped citizens and reduce road traffic.

The "important social measure" impacts 40 percent of households and is estimated to save each one around \$110 per year.

He's scoring points by giving them away.
A Delhi school student could probably win class president after asking his teacher to give away five bonus points he earned on his test to "whoever scores the lowest."

The A-plus student, who wrote the request on his answer sheet, scored a 94 after his teacher took him up on the offer.

Dean Balsamini, Wires

SPLIT DECISION

Modern Orthodox Jews set 'get'-out prenups

By SUZY WEISS

Before Shanee Markovitz and Tani Kay get married this May, the couple gathered their close friends together recently to celebrate ... their prenup.

"I want my friends to see this as a huge part of our wedding. It's as important as every other piece, if not more," says Markovitz, 20. "We're going to announce it at our wedding and put it in our programs, too."

While many prenuptial agreements are kept hush-hush and often seen as unromantic, for this couple — who have been together since they were high-school sophomores — it's a sign of liberation.

And not everyone is happy about it.

Markovitz and her groom-to-be Kay, 21, are of the modern Orthodox Jewish faith and signed what's known as a "Halachic" prenup. Rather than litigating alimony, these contracts protect a woman from becoming an "agunah" — which translates from Hebrew as "chained woman" — by compelling her husband to grant a Jewish writ of divorce, or "get."

Otherwise, "the woman is stuck in a dead marriage. It's functionally over but without her get, she can't move on and be [re]married within the traditional Jewish community," explained Keshet Starr, who runs the Organization for the Resolution of Agunot (ORA), which aims to help these women navigate the law.

The Post previously reported on Gital Dodelson, an Orthodox woman in Lakewood, NJ, who pursued a religious divorce for three years — and was granted one only after her husband finally agreed.

"We define withholding a get as



We're going to announce the prenup at our wedding and put it in our programs, too.

—Shanee Markovitz on the 'Halachic' prenuptial agreement she signed with her husband-to-be

a form of domestic abuse," said Starr.

Under the Halachic mutual arbitration agreement, which was written in 1994 by a head of the Jewish court Beth Din of America, a husband's refusal to grant a get would be penalized with a \$150-per-day fine, or nearly

\$55,000 annually.

While the Rabbinical Council of America passed a resolution in 2016 that barred modern Orthodox rabbis from officiating prenup-free unions, only about 84 percent abide by the rule, according to Beth Din — and most couples don't flaunt their contract

JUST IN CASE: Shanee Markovitz and groom-to-be Tani Kay signed a 'Halachic' prenup — which would allow Markovitz to pursue a religious divorce. The trend has created controversy in the Orthodox Jewish community.

the way Markovitz and Kay are. "When you're entering a marriage, it's really important to say that you love each other enough to shield the other person from your worst self," said Markovitz, who is studying prelaw at Manhattan's Yeshiva University at Stern College. She believes in the "romantic" cause so much, she's now registered as a notary public to officiate friends' prenups.

"I think everyone should do this, so publicizing it is an important way to make that happen," said Kay, an engineering student at Washington University in St. Louis.

But some — especially in more Orthodox communities — remain dead set against it.

"I couldn't be more against the so-called Halachic prenup," says Yehoishophot Oliver, who runs a religious men's-rights group on Facebook, and lives in Houston. "When you're getting married, divorce should be a dirty word. The prenup is fundamentally a divorce settlement."

He calls ORA's efforts to protect women "harassment" and "outrageous" and believes the agunah issue should be dealt with outside the law.

"There should be community pressure applied on the guy like there's always been," said Oliver. In recent years, there have been stories of Robin Hood-style vigilantes. The Post reported in 2015 about a New Jersey rabbi for hire who would "use brutal methods, including martial-arts beatings, handcuffs and electric cattle prods, to torture [a man] into granting the divorce."

Markovitz admitted, "A couple of my dad's friends were like, 'Why are you doing this?' ... We still have a way to go in terms of normalizing this in more Orthodox circles."

And while Oliver said the halachic "makes a husband forfeit his rights," Starr calls that a common misconception.

"The only thing you're giving up is the opportunity to be a jerk about the get later," she says.

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Farewell to 'Trader Joe'

Mart founder dies at 89

By DIAMOND NAGA SIU

The original Trader Joe's died. Joe Coulombe, the national supermarket chain founder, died Friday at his Pasadena, Calif., home following a long illness, his family said. He was 89.

Trader Joe's wasn't Coulombe's first foray into the supermarket biz. The lifelong Californian, who owned a chain of 18 convenience stores called Pronto Markets, realized his shops couldn't compete when the better-funded 7/11 entered Los Angeles in 1967.

After discovering an increased interest in international foods and greater alcohol consumption among more educated consumers, the

two-time Stanford graduate turned Pronto Markets into Trader Joe's.

"Trader Joe's is for over-educated and underpaid people, for all the classical musicians, museum curators, journalists," Coulombe told the Los Angeles Times in 2011.

He opened his first tropical-themed store in Pasadena in 1967, where he emphasized affordable, healthy foods — a legacy that lives on today in more than 500 Trader Joe's spanning 40 states.

Coulombe "did lots of taste tests . . . always the aim was to provide good food and good value to people," his son, Joseph, said.

He was able to keep costs of high-quality goods low by buying them directly from

wholesalers and putting the Trader Joe's label on his products.

Coulombe did extensive research on products such as his famous "Two Buck Chuck" wines, which he sourced from Napa Valley — scouring for a grape that tasted comparable to more expensive French versions.

Although Coulombe sold Trader Joe's to German supermarket company Aldi in 1979, he remained CEO until 1988.

"Joe was the perfect person at the right time . . . He was a brilliant thinker with a mesmerizing personality," said Trader Joe's CEO Dan Bane.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years Alice, three children and six grandchildren.



A WINE LIFE: Joe Coulombe, whose Trader Joe's stores brought healthy foods to budget shoppers, died Friday.

Not a big 'lift' at funeral

Father Christopher Heanue had never been stopped, well, dead in his tracks presiding over a funeral Mass. Now, he has.

Heanue was wrapping up the Feb. 7 service for a 79-year-old grandma when two alleged shoplifters ducked into Holy Child Jesus Church in Richmond Hill, Queens.

On their heels was a good Samaritan who said he witnessed the crime. Everything came to a screeching halt, except the organ.

The man had one boy by the sleeve; the other boy, several feet away, tossed a lighter toward his pal before they ran off.

Someone called the police about all the commotion; disruption of a funeral is a misdemeanor.

But the cops told Heanue that their hands were tied without knowing the identities of the boys or a complaint from the store owner.

Melanie Gray

Post Weather Report

Sunday

Today: Plenty of sun. High 40 to 46.

Tonight: Increasing clouds. Low 33 to 39.

Monday

Tomorrow: Cloudy and not as cool. High 52 to 58.

Tomorrow night: Clouds and mild with a shower. Low 46 to 52.

Tuesday

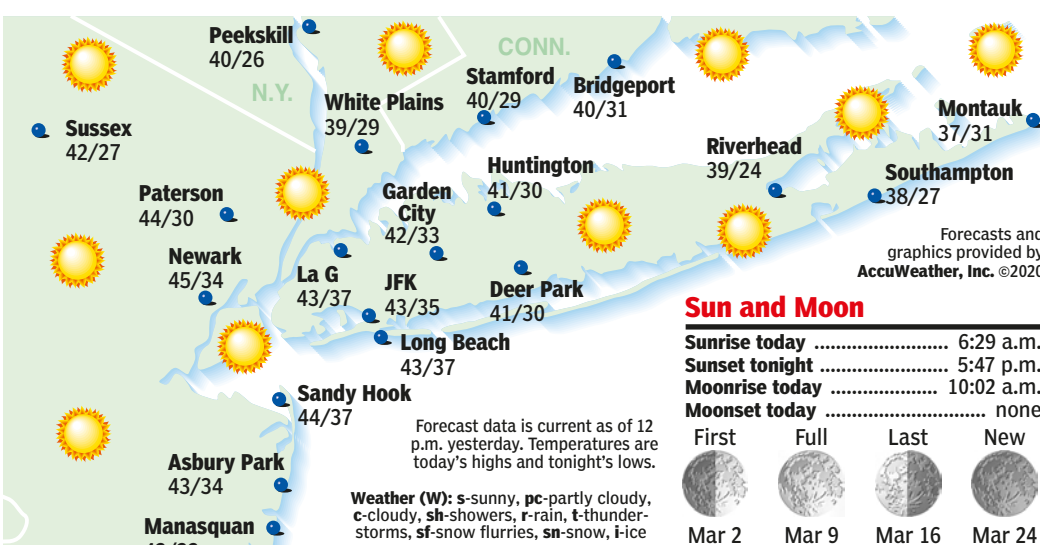
Spotty showers. High 55 to 61.

Evening Late-night rain. Low 47 to 53.

Wednesday

Mild with rain. High 55 to 61.

Evening Cloudy. Low 38 to 44.



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YESTERDAY'S CONDITIONS AT CENTRAL PARK THROUGH 12PM

Temperature
High: 34, Low: 29, Mean: 32

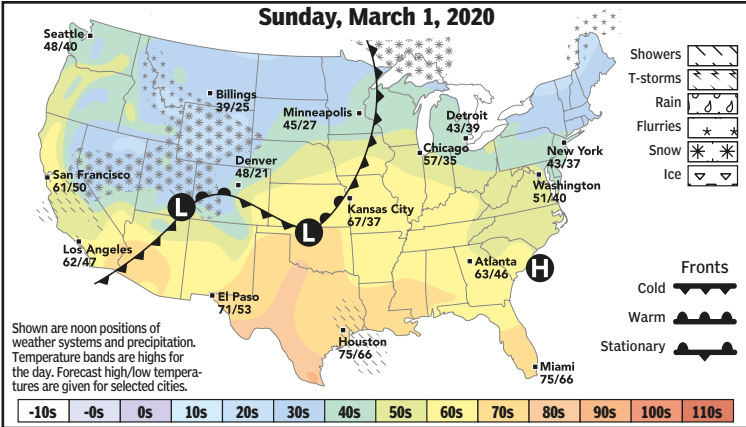
Departure from Normal
Yesterday: -7 degrees

Precipitation
Yesterday: 0.00", Month: 2.54", Year: 4.47", Normal year to date: 6.86"

Heating Degree days yesterday.....33
Total for the month (normal).....711 (859)
Total since July 1 (normal).....3135 (3545)
Last season to date.....3473
Wind Chill (at noon yest.) 27
UV index (for Sun.) 4 (Moderate)
Humidity (at noon) 32%

SNOW
Yesterday 0.0"
Month to date (normal) trace (9.5")

AQI rating: (for Sun.).....Good



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New York Tides	TODAY		TOMORROW	
	1st	2nd	1st	2nd
High Tide for Coney Island	12:06p	---	12:17a	12:57p
Fire Island	12:05p	---	12:40a	12:51p
Hempstead	3:11a	3:38p	4:01a	4:33p
Huntington	3:23a	3:52p	4:13a	4:46p
Jones Inlet	11:50a	---	12:01a	12:41p
Montauk Point	1:16a	1:40p	2:07a	2:35p
Port Washington	3:07a	3:34p	3:57a	4:28p
Sandy Hook	12:10p	---	12:21a	1:01p

Regional cities	TODAY	TOMORROW
Albany	34/24/pc	51/40/r
Danbury	37/24/s	51/41/c
Glens Falls	31/13/pc	43/35/r
Gr Barrington	31/19/s	50/38/c
Kingston	39/22/pc	54/38/c
Liberty	34/23/pc	51/38/c
Monticello	35/24/pc	52/39/c
Newburgh	41/25/s	55/41/c
Poughkeepsie	40/24/s	54/41/c
Saratoga Springs	33/18/pc	45/36/r
Stroudsburg	41/27/s	56/42/c
Torrington	35/21/s	51/40/c
Syracuse	33/26/sf	52/37/r

World cities	TODAY	TOMORROW
Athens	60/47/s	65/54/pc
Baghdad	69/47/pc	69/47/pc
Beijing	53/24/pc	54/33/pc
Berlin	48/36/pc	49/35/c
Cairo	68/50/pc	70/52/s
Dublin	45/33/sh	44/33/sh
Geneva	54/38/sh	48/38/r
Hong Kong	77/66/pc	75/65/s
Jerusalem	53/46/sh	56/41/pc
Kabul	60/34/pc	66/37/pc
London	49/37/sh	47/35/r
Madrid	58/49/pc	58/37/sh
Mexico City	81/55/s	81/55/s
Montreal	23/13/s	39/30/sn
Moscow	39/35/c	41/35/c
Paris	50/39/r	48/36/r
Rio de Janeiro	78/71/t	77/71/r
Rome	62/50/sh	61/50/r
Sydney	82/70/pc	87/68/pc
Tokyo	61/45/c	50/43/r

Why President Trump is most definitely not unprecedented
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MY daughter Alison Parker, a television reporter for CBS affiliate WDBJ in Roanoke, Va., was shot and killed while she conducted a live interview on television almost five years ago. The gunman was a former WDBJ colleague who not only killed Alison, 24, but also murdered photojournalist Adam Ward, 27. Since then, I have not only tried to change the gun culture that took their lives, but I've also been relentless in my quest to force Google to remove the videos of her murder from the Web and stop the company profiting from



ANDY PARKER

them.

Immediately after Alison's death, the grisly video began appearing on YouTube, which is owned by Google. There were hundreds of copies of the video and thousands of vile comments attached to them. "I watched her die and I really enjoyed it," was one of the worst. Others accused my family of making money from her death, or called it a hoax.

It's not like Google has a 1-800 number that you can call and say, "I have serious problems with these videos." I first called customer service for Gmail, and went down the rabbit hole of algorithms that gave me automatic responses to my concerns. After years of trying to get answers, it was only when I joined forces with the Civil Rights Law Clinic at Georgetown Law in 2018 that I got some response. Last spring, the legal group drafted a demand letter to Google, which resulted in a video conference with YouTube's chief counsel and a few Google executives.

But they did nothing for me.

In fact, Google's response to my crusade has been to flat-out ignore me, promise changes that never materialized, invent reason after reason for why they can't abide by their own rules, perjure themselves before Congress in claiming that these videos were in fact gone, and tell me to individually watch each video in order to report it and possibly have it removed.

Imagine being told that if you want videos of your child's murder removed from the Internet, you must watch and describe every single one of them. I have not and will never watch these videos. It is inhumane to subject families of victims to the trauma of watching their loved one's last moments. Worse still, whoever clicks on these monetized videos is then directed to others that are related because this is what YouTube's algorithms do. How do I know this? Because volunteers have done what I can't do — watch countless videos of Alison's murder and then flag and remove them. Even when they go through that process, they are met with an algorithm that often simply ignores the flag.

Despite Google's terms of service, which state that they don't allow any graphic content including murder vid-

By refusing to remove videos of my daughter's murder, the tech giant is perpetrating evil every day

Google, search your soul

WDBJ7 reporter Alison Parker was fatally shot during a live broadcast. Now her father, Andy, is struggling to get gruesome video of her death removed from the Web.

eos, hate speech and other harassment, the tech giant publishes any content it wants — good, bad, or horrific. This is because in the mid 1990s, the Communications Decency Act was passed along with a Section labeled 230. Its purpose was to ensure and foster a free exchange of ideas on a fledgling service called the Internet. It was a great idea at the time, but I liken it to when the Founding Fathers crafted the Second Amendment. Just as they never envisioned the evolution of the musket into an assault rifle, neither could lawmakers in the '90s foresee the rise of social media and the cesspool it has created in its wake. Today, Section 230 provides total immunity from liability for the likes of Google, YouTube and Facebook.

The two co-founders of Google

started with a mission statement: "Don't be Evil." But for all the good Google has done, the company is in fact perpetrating evil every day it lets videos of my daughter stay on its platform. After my testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee last summer, Sen. Ted Cruz told me, "If Blockbuster sent you a video of Alison's murder you could sue them for everything they're worth." My response was, "Yes, Senator, you're right, so help me do something."

Google's failure to adhere to its own terms of service is why, with the help of the Georgetown University Civil Rights Law Clinic, I filed a complaint against the Federal Trade Commission on Feb. 20. Currently, this is the only recourse I have thanks to the cover of immunity provided by Section 230.

But this is just the beginning.

If ever there was a time for bipartisan action, this is it. Given the overwhelming evidence of unlawful conduct by YouTube, I hope my FTC complaint will expedite congressional action to end or amend Section 230.

If online platforms were compelled to adhere to the ethical and legal standards of any other legitimate publishing outlet, the Internet would be a different, safer place. But tech companies clearly have no standards and no moral compass. This has to stop. If they are publishing content, it's time to treat them like all other publishers.

Andy Parker is an advocate for gun safety and the author of "For Alison: The Murder of a Young Journalist and a Father's Fight for Gun Safety" (Apollo Publishers).

Parade of horrors

ALL of a sudden nostalgia for 1930s Germany resurges across Europe, where some dismiss it as “just fun.”

Carnival marchers in the Belgian town of Aalst last week were dressed up as Jewish caricature, as if lifted from the pages of the crude Nazi-era weekly *Der Stürmer*. They had long crooked noses, Hasidic hats, rat tails — the works.

Men clad in SS uniforms marched alongside, drinking beer and joking with the cheering crowds.

The grotesque display, which appeared in Aalst’s annual three-day carnival last year for the first time and repeated again last week, was described to the BBC by the town mayor’s spokesman as “our humor, just fun.”

Men in Nazi uniforms and women in concentration camp pajamas also marched last week in another European town, Campo de Criptana in Central Spain. Oh, and music bands performed in full Nazi regalia in Croatia, Ukraine and elsewhere.

All in fun, no doubt. Meanwhile, a study conducted among 14,000 people in 16 European Union countries found that a quarter of all responders oppose having “too many Jews” in their country. The study, presented Monday to the European Jewish Association’s annual conference in Paris, also found 21 percent believe Jews “talk too much about the Holocaust” and exploit it for their own purposes.

There’s “freedom of expression” in Belgium, the country’s UN ambassador, Marc Pecsteen de-Buyt-

A bout of anti-Semitic displays in Europe should worry Jews everywhere

swerve, told me Wednesday. On the other hand, he added, the country has a “legal framework that prevents racism, anti-Semitism and discrimination.” The Belgian justice department is reportedly investigating the Aalst case, and the courts will weigh both factors, he said.

Meanwhile, the United Nations Security Council didn’t discuss European anti-Semitism during the month of February, when Belgium served as its rotating president. The topic is not on the council’s agenda. Israel is, on the other hand, and in the monthly session dedicated to the Israeli-Palestinian dispute, European members denounced its policies in highly moralistic tones.

Ah, but haven’t you heard? Criticizing Israel has nothing to do with anti-Semitism. And yet, in the study presented in Paris, 25 percent said that when they think of Israel’s politics, they understand why some people hate Jews. And a similar percent-

age equated Israelis to Nazis in their behavior toward the Palestinians.

Such views aren’t held by far-right haters alone, but also by Europe’s leftists and in Muslim immigrant circles.

Britain’s far-left Labour Party leader, Jeremy Corbyn, lost an election in December by a wide margin, partly because many Brits — not just the Jews who traditionally vote Labour but spurned it in droves this time — believed his heated anti-Israel rhetoric crossed over into virulent anti-Semitism.

Yet, America’s current leader among Democrat presidential candidates, Bernie Sanders, flew over to campaign for Corbyn. Sanders surrounds himself with characters like Palestinian activist Linda Sarsour and Rep. Ilhan Omar, seen by many Americans as anti-Semitic. They too say they only criticize the policies of Benjamin Netanyahu, the elected Israeli prime minister that Sanders



Anti-Semitic floats and revelers dressed in Nazi costumes were seen at a carnival in Aalst, Belgium, last week, which the mayor’s spokesman insisted was “just fun.”

EPA/Stephanie Lecocq

The movie

by JASMINE LOBE

IN 2006, I met Harvey Weinstein. He was the King of Hollywood and I was a struggling actress. I did not know he was a serial rapist. After two years of auditioning without landing many roles, I realized I had to be proactive and create my own projects.

We had lunch at Bar 89 in Soho. Weinstein showed up with his head of casting, who told me I was in a great place with my manager and agent and they’d keep an eye out for parts I might be right for.

“We’ll find you something,” Weinstein assured me.

I felt like the luckiest girl in the world. Then Weinstein sent his casting agent out shopping, and said to me: “I’ll be blunt. Now that we’ve gotten her out of the way, I want to say that I’m attracted to you. Do you have a boyfriend?”

I lied and told him I did and that I wanted to keep things professional. My armpits were soaking wet.

Over the next month, Weinstein groomed me. He sent me scripts and I met with him in public places and often brought a friend. One day he got fed up and told me he was “sick of this platonic crap.” He wanted us to date or, he said, “he never wanted to hear from me again.”

I dove into a depression. I was terrified he would ruin my acting career before it had even started.

Later, I was in Cannes, working for a film production company, and I called Weinstein and asked to meet up, hoping I could restore a professional relationship. I foolishly thought I could get my power back.

I brought two girlfriends to his hotel room, where he was con-

calls a “reactionary racist.”

Sanders says he’s “proud to be Jewish,” with many relatives who perished in the Holocaust. His followers will gladly (and rightly) denounce Europe’s Nazi nostalgia and right-wing bigotry. But, as in the past, when it was embraced by both Bolsheviks and tsarists alike, today’s anti-Semitism defies both the politics of the left and the right.

“It’s a virus that has no antidote or vaccine, so it flourishes in many environments,” says Abraham Foxman, former head of the Anti Defamation League. The virus, he says, was suppressed after WWII, but now, in a post-truth Internet era, it’s no longer taboo. So as it raises its head again, he says, “we have to build new firewalls.”

Because if the past can teach us anything, Europe’s newly discovered “fun” will end in global tears.

Twitter @bennyavni

Chatter

“I did lie.”

— Detective Wilfredo Acevedo (left), admitting that he bluffed certain details when questioning a 13-year-old suspect in the slaying of Tessa Majors

“This might be bad.”

— Dr. Nancy Messonnier of the Centers for Disease Control on the US spread of the coronavirus

“But I’m innocent. I’m innocent. How can this happen in America?”

— Harvey Weinstein, as he was found guilty in his rape and sexual-assault case

“Let’s drown her before we burn her!!!”

— A text allegedly sent by Johnny Depp to pal Paul Bettany in 2013 regarding his then-girlfriend Amber Heard

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Percentage of Americans who say they are satisfied with the US’s position in the world, broken down by political party

Party	Percentage
Republicans	85%
Democrats	19%
Independents	48%
All US adults	53%

— Gallup

mogul assaulted me, then trolls punished me. But I'll never be silenced again

ducting all of his business meetings. When he saw my friends he pulled me into the bedroom and threatened, "either your friends leave, or you go with them." If we all left, I thought that would have made the situation worse. It never even occurred to me I might be assaulted because I associated assault with dark alleys.

Weinstein guided me to the couch and sat me down. He gave me a neck massage that hurt. I said, "No, I want to go. My friends will be worried." He then put his hand in my dress and grabbed my right breast. I pushed him away. "Now you need to give me a massage," he said.

At that point, I wasn't thinking about salvaging my career anymore. I was trying to figure out an escape plan.

He grabbed me by the hand and led me to the bedroom. I thought, "I'll give him a two-minute massage and then get out." When I finally told him that "he was all done," he took me in his arms and said, "Let me at least see you in your underwear."

I rationalized it, thinking, "That's like wearing a bikini. People have seen my bikini on the beach." He guided me to the bathroom and lifted up my dress. But suddenly, a force came over me and I shoved my dress down.

I pushed past him and ran into the hallway. He followed me, tucking his shirt in his pants. I pressed the elevator button. It was full of people. A woman said, "Oh, my god, it's Harvey Weinstein," like she had just seen the pope.

Weinstein told me to promise him I'd never write about him and I did. I guarded my secret because I thought it was my fault. I thought that's what happens to women who are ambitious.

But by 2013, I could no longer keep quiet, so I wrote a piece about our encounter for the Observer. I didn't name him because I didn't have the

Jasmine Lobe was an aspiring actress when she says Harvey Weinstein (inset) sexually assaulted her in his hotel room. She spoke out, only to face online abuse. Now she refuses to be silent.

Waging war against Weinstein



She's just jumping on the bandwagon. Another unknown looking for money and fame.

Shame on you. You give rape victims a bad name.

Once Weinstein's trial for rape and sexual assault started in January, I was glued to the news and sickened by the defense's low-blow tactics of victim-shaming — a magnified version of what I was going through. I took to social media and cheered on the women who were testifying, leading to even more online abuse.

"Why didn't you just walk out and leave? I wouldn't let Harvey do that to me," Sarah posted on my Instagram page.

"I can see that you're an opportunist that seeks fame. There are thousands more better looking women than you...." said David on Facebook.

"He [Weinstein] might be a disgusting human being... but you ARE full of sh-t," Adam added on Facebook.

It's hard to take some of these comments too seriously, but they did wear on me. After all, how many times could I respond, "No one wants to be famous for being assaulted." What got me through the railroading was a sense of community. My family, my friends, social media support and my fellow silence breakers. But sometimes when I have a migraine and I'm exhausted, the comments get through my shell. They sear me and even pummel me.

After Weinstein was finally convicted of rape and sexual assault last Monday, I was overwhelmed with relief. But the culture still has a long way to go. It shouldn't take a hundred-plus women to hold a predator accountable. And too many people still believe that sexual-assault victims are to blame for their crimes, and we are harassed for speaking out. I offer up my story yet again as proof that, from now on, I will never be silenced.

Tamara Beckwith/NY Post; Makeup: T. Cooper; Steven Hirsch (inset)

resources to fight him, but it was pretty obvious from my descriptions who he was. I received multiple e-mails and Facebook messages saying, "that sounds like Harvey Weinstein." To many people, my story just seemed like the status quo. After I published, I crawled into bed and sobbed. I felt like an idiot for thinking I had the audacity

to change the world.

Then, in 2017, The New York Times exposed Weinstein as a serial predator and countless brave women told their stories. I wanted to support them, so I wrote another piece about my encounter with him in the Observer again, this time naming him and describing the assault. I feared for my safety but

more than anything it felt right.

When my story broke, I suddenly met scores of empathetic, smart, kick-ass women online, who were all breaking their silence as well. We call ourselves "The Silence Breakers." But with them came the trolls. Some comments were ridiculous, but others were shocking:

Why didn't she come out sooner?



"God knew they couldn't be on this earth without each other. He had to bring them home to heaven together."

— Vanessa Bryant, during an emotional memorial service for her daughter Gianna and husband Kobe

"Billy never idles!"



— Pop star Billy Idol at City Hall, promoting a city initiative that imposes stiff fines for vehicle idling

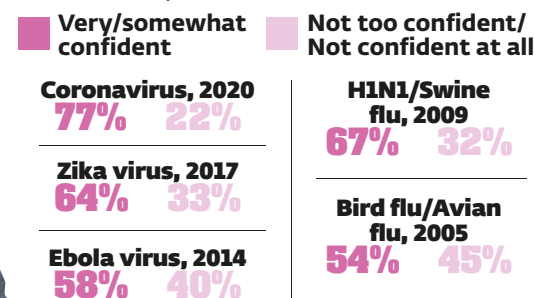
"What I might do to calm the markets is turn the television off for 24 hours."

— White House acting chief of staff Mick Mulvaney on the market's meltdown over the coronavirus



GOING VIRAL

US adults on their confidence in the government's ability to handle the coronavirus, compared to other health threats



— Gallup

With every action, every tweet, the press screams that

PRESIDENT TRUMP IS UNPRECEDENTED.



But history tells a different story...

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this has ever happened
before.

Except it pretty much has. Whenever you see the word “unprecedented” in the media, you should ask yourself: Has this reporter ever read a history book? Make the case against Trump if you want to, but if you pretend the sorts of things he does are without precedent, you simply make yourself look ignorant.

Virtually any presidency you examine is guilty of far worse acts than whatever you think is the worst thing Trump has ever done, from John Adams’ Alien and Sedition Acts, a breathtaking offense against freedom that was meant to punish political resistance, to Millard Fillmore’s Fugitive Slave Act, which made it so the evil tentacles of the South’s slavery regime could reach up North and pluck back people who had successfully made it to freedom. Even Abraham Lincoln suspended habeas corpus and did nothing to stop his troops from shutting down newspa-



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pers they didn’t like.

Think Trump is more vulgar than anyone who’s held the office before him? In 2016, when Marco Rubio once implied he had a small dingle-dongle, Trump responded, “I guarantee you there’s no problem” — and everyone got the vapors. But Lyndon B. Johnson actually liked to *show off* his Johnson, peeing in the open air outside the House Office Building. When reporters once asked Johnson why the US was in Vietnam, he pulled out his togder and exclaimed, “This is why!”

You say Trump is an unprecedented threat to civil liberties? Woodrow Wilson’s administration threw people in jail for opposing his policy to join WWI the year after he campaigned on the slogan “He kept us out of war.” A leading political figure of the day, Eugene V. Debs, was imprisoned and still behind bars when Wilson left office two years after the end of the war. (The administration of Warren G. Harding let him out). Imagine Trump throwing, say, Beto O’Rourke in jail for opposing his Iran policy. Wouldn’t that be more outrageous than anything he actually has done?

You say Trump is an unprecedented fascist? Take a peek at the

history of the American Protective League, a private organization given semi-official status by Wilson’s attorney general, which allowed the group to use the legend, “Organized with the Approval and Operating under the Direction of the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Investigation.” During WWI, the APL was basically a group of brown-shirts and thugs who carried official-looking badges that amounted to a license to beat up protesters and search people’s houses without warrants. Wilson’s fascists numbered a quarter of a million at their peak, and had some 600 offices nationwide. Wilson played good cop, saying he thought the group’s actions were a bit unfortunate, but did nothing to stop them. They continued to operate even after WWI ended.



You say Trump is an unprecedented threat to civil liberties? The administration of Woodrow Wilson (left) threw people in jail for opposing his policy to join World War I.

Trump has undermined the press in an unprecedented way? Trump may have booted Jim Acosta (temporarily) out of the White House and he may mock The New York Times, but Wilson conducted a sustained campaign of suppression and intimidation against the left-wing press for opposing his war policy, which he supported with a huge outfit that has been called “the nation’s first ministry of information.”

Wilson’s Committee on Public Information even published a newspaper, the Official Bulletin, which Smithsonian magazine dubbed “the closest the United States has come to a paper like the Soviet Union’s Pravda or China’s People’s Daily.”

Also, Andrew Jackson directed government contracts to newspaper publishers who gave him favorable

coverage, and John Adams put a newspaper publisher in jail for nine months for “false, scandalous, and malicious writing, against the said President of the United States.”

You say Trump is guilty of abusing his power in unprecedented ways. But if the Supreme Court kept over-turning Trump, and Trump’s response was to suggest that they had dementia and proposed adding six Trump-friendly justices to the bench — wouldn’t that be the most controversial thing he had ever done? It would not, however, be unprecedented, since that’s exactly what Franklin D. Roosevelt proposed.



President Trump's enemies in the media love to claim he's a unique menace in American history, but perhaps they should pick up a textbook. A quick review of our past reveals that Trump is entirely preceded.

And, if you think Trump is an unprecedented racist but consider Roosevelt the model for all great progressive presidents, that's pretty hard to reconcile with FDR's internment program, which rounded up 120,000 people based solely on racial suspicion (they were Japanese or Japanese American) and threw them into prison camps during WWII. Most of the people imprisoned were American citizens.

As for "indulging racists," Lyndon B. Johnson can hardly be topped on that score. True, it was a different time, but even at midcentury it wasn't cool to refer to the Civil Rights Act as "the n---r bill," as Johnson repeatedly did, nor was it OK to use casual slurs in everyday life around the White House. Johnson once told his black chauffeur, "As long as you are black, and



You say Trump has tried to influence the independent Federal Reserve Board for the first time ever? Lyndon B. Johnson (left) physically assaulted his Fed chairman, screaming, 'Martin, my boys are dying in Vietnam, and you won't print the money I need.'

you're gonna be black till the day you die, no one's gonna call you by your goddamn name. So no matter what you are called, n---r, you just let it roll off your back like water." (Before that, Wilson resegregated the federal government and hosted a White House screening of the Ku Klux Klan movie "The Birth of a Nation" in 1915.)

Trump sought to use unprecedented force of the federal government against a political opponent? Please. Johnson didn't just suggest Ukraine launch an investigation, he did something much more direct and outrageous — he actually had the CIA spy on his opponent, Barry Goldwater, as Steve Usdin reported in his recent book "Bureau of Spies: The Secret Connections Between Espionage and Journalism in Washington." CIA man Howard Hunt — whose actions would later help derail the presidency of Richard Nixon — infiltrated Goldwater campaign headquarters, "collected advance copies of position papers and other material, and handed them over to CIA personnel," Hunt wrote. Hunt's assets included one of Goldwater's staff secretaries. Johnson was completely shameless about this, to the point that, "Goldwater campaign staff noticed that the Johnson campaign had the unnerving habit of responding to points in their candidate's speeches before he had delivered them," Usdin wrote.

Trump sought to press his attorney general to serve political ends like never before? Bill Barr can hardly top Robert F. Kennedy when it comes to suspecting the Attorney General is partial in presidential matters. When John F. Kennedy appointed his brother as AG, he said breezily, "I can't see that it's wrong to give him a little legal experience before he goes out to practice law." Four years later, President Johnson asked his AG whether he could fire the (independent) chairman of the federal reserve board, William McChesney Martin. (Only for cause, not for policy differences, he was told).

You say Trump has tried to influence the sacred, independent Federal Reserve Board for the first time ever? Johnson (who was 6-foot-4) physically assaulted (the much shorter) Martin, pushing him against the wall and screaming, "Martin, my boys are dying in Vietnam, and you won't print the money I need."

Trump says random stuff on Twitter that no previous president ever would have dreamed of? During a crisis about the value of the dollar,

Johnson once publicly suggested Americans be barred from traveling anywhere outside the Western Hemisphere in order to keep dollars from leaving the country. Trump has said some off-the-wall things but few are as strange as Johnson telling people they might have to cancel their summer vacations in France to aid his reelection prospects. Johnson did back down, as Trump repeatedly has.

Finally, let's not forget that the administration of Barack Obama himself, who frequently claimed to have presided over a scandal-free era, actually spied on journalists from the Associated Press and The New York Times in order to trace the source of leaks. The Justice Department collected two months' worth of phone records of AP reporters, and federal investigators tracked the credit records and phone logs of James Risen, a Times reporter. They even spied on his movements. Two years later, a reporter with a similar name, James Rosen of Fox News, was targeted, with the feds grabbing not only his phone records but the phone records of his parents.

In 2004, before he became president, Obama declared, "We don't like federal agents poking around in our libraries in red states!" But President Obama's officials did worse than merely "poke around"; they harassed and intimidated legitimate reporters acting in the public interest.

Team Obama may never have called reporters "the enemy of the people" as Trump has, but he treated Fox in much the same way Trump treats CNN, barring its reporters from briefings and announcing (via White House spokesperson Anita Dunn): "We're going to treat them the way we would treat an opponent."

Obama aide David Axelrod suggested not only that he didn't like Fox News but that other media organizations should give them the cold shoulder: "It's really not news — it's pushing a point of view," he said on ABC News' "This Week." "And the bigger thing is that other news organizations like yours ought not to treat them that way, and we're not going to treat them that way."

That's just a passive-aggressive way of calling one news outfit "the enemy of the people." Trump may be the first president to regularly insult people in all caps on Twitter, but in substance and temperament he's very, very preceded.

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POSTSCRIPT Editorial

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No, No, Chirlane

Mayor de Blasio publicly confirmed last week that First Lady Chirlane McCray has a “serious interest” in becoming Brooklyn’s next borough president. Sorry: The only thing that makes her viable is the fact that he’s willing to sell City Hall to boost her chances.

Modest as the beep job is, McCray lacks the experience and qualifications other candidates will bring to the table: In politics, she’s simply been a speechwriter; in the private sector, a journalist and PR flack.

And when the mayor handed her the chance to prove she could run a significant new program, she failed miserably.

City Comptroller Scott Stringer was all too polite in asking last week if the McCray-run, \$1 billion ThriveNYC mental-health program exists just to beef up her political profile. “If we are going to construct a program that works, it cannot be a political program,” warned Stringer. It needs “real results and a way to measure effectiveness.”

Stringer blasted the failure of Thrive’s managers to produce any evidence that it’s done any good, suggesting it be scrapped altogether.

Welcome to the club, Scott: We’ve been urging de Blasio (or the City Council) to pull the plug on this boondoggle for a year.

Yet this debacle hasn’t stopped the mayor from using more city resources in an effort to boost the missus. Last month, he announced she’s launching a \$43 million initiative for new parents — in Brooklyn, natch. Her new mental-health podcast, in col-

laboration with the nonprofit BRIC — which got \$1.2 million in public funds last year — is also based in Brooklyn. The first episode featured her and their son Dante.

Other publicly funded help the mayor provides for his wife will be less obvious: City Hall favors to politicians and donors can easily be repaid with endorsements and donations for her beep run.

Thrive isn’t the only effort that revealed her incompetence. She ran the She Built NYC project, meant to erect more statues of women in the city — and wound up infuriating countless men and women by ignoring the public’s choices for honorees (Mother Cabrini, the advocate for the poor, and activist-journalist Jane Jacobs) and picking others instead.

At the helm of the Mayor’s Fund to Advance New York City, she missed numerous board meetings and presided over a sharp decline in donations in 2018.

It’s impossible to see the McCray campaign as anything other than an effort to ensure the de Blasio family still has a paycheck (and patronage possibilities) after term limits force Bill out of City Hall. If it works, she can be the breadwinner as Brooklyn beep, and he’ll have more time for — and a shorter trip to — his all-important Park Slope gym.

Should McCray’s beep bid fail, of course, somebody may have to find a *real* job. They may need to sell a lot of favors for that.

Corona & the China Problem

The only really certain thing the world has learned from the coronavirus outbreak so far is that the global economy’s deep dependence on China carries some *serious* risks.

Even as it has modernized its industry, China’s government has remained an authoritarian antique — and fundamentally incompetent at handling this public-health crisis.

Its dysfunction first allowed COVID-19 to spread: Though the first case surfaced Dec. 8, the health commission in Wuhan province didn’t issue an official notice for weeks afterward as local officials pooh-poohed the seriousness of the epidemic and even suppressed news coverage.

Dr. Li Wenliang started spreading the word in medical circles — and was arrested along with seven other doctors for “fabricating, disseminating and spreading rumors” and forced to sign a “confession” before he could go back to work.

Beijing didn’t alert the World Health Organization until Dec. 31. And through Jan. 5, Wuhan’s leaders kept telling citizens the evidence didn’t even show the bug could be transmitted among humans — as state censors suppressed news to the contrary.

When the first deaths hit, the central government stomped in, trying to quarantine the entire province of 35 million people, followed by quarantines of millions more as the disease nonetheless spread.

Western public-health officials are near-unanimous that mass quarantines (as opposed to isolating people who actually have the bug) are hopeless in the case of airborne illnesses. They can even increase the spread within quarantined areas.

Travel bans can have some value in slowing the spread. But the most important thing is to get the public fully informed as early as possible — the opposite of China’s initial approach.

All this brought a massive drop in China’s production and export of everything from auto parts to pharmaceuticals and face masks — massively disrupting global supply chains that had grown dependent on a country ruled by incompetent thugs.

On top of all that, no one can trust the data out of China: Beijing routinely and systematically lies about anything that might touch on national pride. So we still have no good idea of how deadly COVID-19 is, nor how rapidly it will spread. The world has plenty of reason to *fear*, but a shortage of facts.

Certainty about the broken supply chains plus uncertainty about the world health threat have sent global stock markets plummeting.

When the West dropped its barriers to trade with China in the early ’90s, it figured globalization would lead to a more open society and government there. That proved false some time ago — but only now is the full price becoming plain.

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ARE House Democrats willing to jeopardize national security to keep alive their Trump-Russia collusion narrative? On Wednesday they abruptly canceled a markup on a bill to reauthorize three critical surveillance tools that are due to expire March 15.

To listen to the liberal media, the bill has stalled over concerns about “civil liberties.” In truth it’s the latest casualty of Democrats’ refusal to acknowledge that the Federal Bureau of Investigation abused the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court in its 2016 counterintelligence investigation of the Trump campaign.

Justice Department Inspector General Michael Horowitz laid out that appalling abuse in a 434-page December report. He documented the many ways the FBI had manipulated and duped the court in its drive to obtain surveillance warrants against former Trump campaign adviser Carter Page. Horowitz’s findings cried out for reforms, and they guaranteed that Congress’ reauthorization would become a flashpoint.

The three powers at stake in the legis-



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lation are different from the FISA listening authority the FBI used against Page. They involve the tracking of “lone wolf” terrorists, the use of “roving” wiretaps on targets who frequently change their phone numbers, and the power to obtain business records. The bill is nonetheless the first obvious vehicle by which Congress can broadly address problems the Horowitz report highlighted with the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act.

But Democrats would rather ignore the report that exposed their collusion narrative as a political dirty trick aided by a rogue FBI. Intelligence Chairman Adam Schiff in particular wants to deep-six the report, since to acknowledge it would be to admit that his infamous 2018 “memo” clearing the FBI of FISA abuse was hogwash. Schiff is so determined to ignore his fiction and the FBI’s abuse, the Intelligence Committee hasn’t held a single hearing on the biggest intelligence scandal in decades.

Schiff and Judiciary Chairman Jerrold Nadler were in fact too busy with impeachment even to hit the initial reauthorization deadline of mid-December. Instead, they extended the law’s sunset by three months and have only recently



In blocking FISA reform, Nadler and Schiff seem to put politics before national safety

jammed together a reauthorization bill that ignores even the most basic aspects of FISA reform.

Among those, Republicans would like a requirement that an outsider — or even a panel of outsiders — be appointed to critique government applications to the FISA court in politically sensitive cases. (The Democrats' bill would leave it to the court to decide whether to appoint an outsider, a power the court already has and routinely fails to exercise.) Republicans have also floated limiting the government's ability to present unverified information to the court, as well as imposing penalties on government actors who willfully or recklessly mislead the court. Democrats have rejected even these obvious and modest changes.

The Schiff-Nadler plan was to ram through the bill largely on Democratic votes. But then the party's progressive wing, led by California's Zoe Lofgren, on Wednesday revolted against even basic reauthorization. The American Civil Liberties Union and others who sat silent through the Page outrage now complain that the three separate powers at stake violate too many civil liberties. Democratic leadership may cave to some of their demands. Leave it to Democrats to potentially produce a bill that does nothing to rein in political abuses of surveillance, even as it

strips honest intelligence officers of their ability to fight terrorists.

Attorney General William Barr is trying to rescue national security from this Democratic posturing and ineptitude. In a lunch this week, he assured Senate Republicans that he will soon release a set of administrative reforms to FISA, which will address some concerns. He pointed out that the three expiring provisions were enacted in the wake of 9/11 and remain crucial to preventing further attacks on the homeland. His plea is for Republicans to grit their teeth, sign on for a "clean" reauthorization of the three powers, and kick the broader FISA-reform debate to the future. (That assumes Democrats can get their act together enough to pass even a basic bill.)

That may be the wisest course, but Republicans need to tell the story of this week far and wide. The American public expects Congress to authorize tools to guard against terrorism and to ensure that corrupt actors don't abuse those tools for political purposes. Democrats are proving this week that they can't do either of those basic jobs, because they are so in thrall to their debunked collusion history.

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CHATTER Feminist folly

In "Goddesses or Victims," Karol Markowicz calls out Democrats' unreal view of women as they speak to the limitations on their freedoms and rights (Post-Opinion, Feb. 25).

However, Karol falls short on pointing out two key points. Amy Klobuchar stated that we can put an end to sexism on the Internet by putting a woman in the White House. This is a naive statement. We put President Barack Obama in the White House, and we didn't end racism.

And secondly, as a feminist who would like to see a woman in the White House, I don't vote based on gender. That's sexist. We should be voting for the best candidate regardless of gender.

Eileen Corr, Manhattan

Iwo Jima heroes

Kudos to Martha MacCallum for a respectful, touching story ("They Gave All," PostOpinion, Feb. 22).

I also had an uncle, Eugene, who fought at Iwo Jima. He survived by lying very still while the Japanese stabbed our soldiers with bayonets to ensure they were dead.

Eugene was haunted by the deaths of his fellow Marines that day, as well as his own amazing survival.

My husband, Edward Zanetto, served in the infantry in Vietnam, was wounded and awarded two Purple Hearts in 1968, during the Tet Offensive. His best friend was KIA.

Ed was incredibly moved by MacCallum's tribute to the brave men who fought for our country. Thank you for remembering.

Michele Masucci, Manhattan

War on choice

The Post article on how Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez "worked to get her goddaughter into a Bronx charter school" and how her parents moved to Westchester to get AOC a better education was interesting, especially since she and other Democrats never want to discuss school choice ("AOC's Facebook of secrets," Feb. 23).

The Democrats stop parental choice in education because they fear the teachers unions that want to keep their educational monopoly.

Poor families win with school choice, but they're voting for Democrats, who are preventing it.

Frank Russo, Port Washington

Truth about zoning

The developer of 200 Amsterdam chose to use zoning loopholes to subvert both the letter and intent of the city's zoning rules — that is what's outrageous ("Towering Judicial Error," Editorial, Feb. 25).

The Zoning Resolution is clear: A zoning lot can be created by combining other lots, not parts of other lots, as was done here.

Plaintiffs obtained a stipulation and court order in May 2018 that essentially stated that the developers were continuing

to build at their own peril while litigation continued. So the developer — and their friends in the press — shouldn't cry crocodile tears now.

If zoning needs to be revised, that's worth a public discussion. But a case-by-case dismantling of the Zoning Resolution by developers in a greedy push to the skies has to stop.

Gale Brewer, Manhattan
Borough President, Manhattan

Don't trash turtles

Red-eared sliders should be welcome in New York City ("Turtlemageddon," Feb. 24).

The arguments made against red-eared sliders — that they take resources and space away from native species and carry disease — are the same tired arguments made by bigots against foreigners.

Red-eared sliders have the same natural right to compete for survival as any other turtle.

Scott Avidon, Kew Gardens



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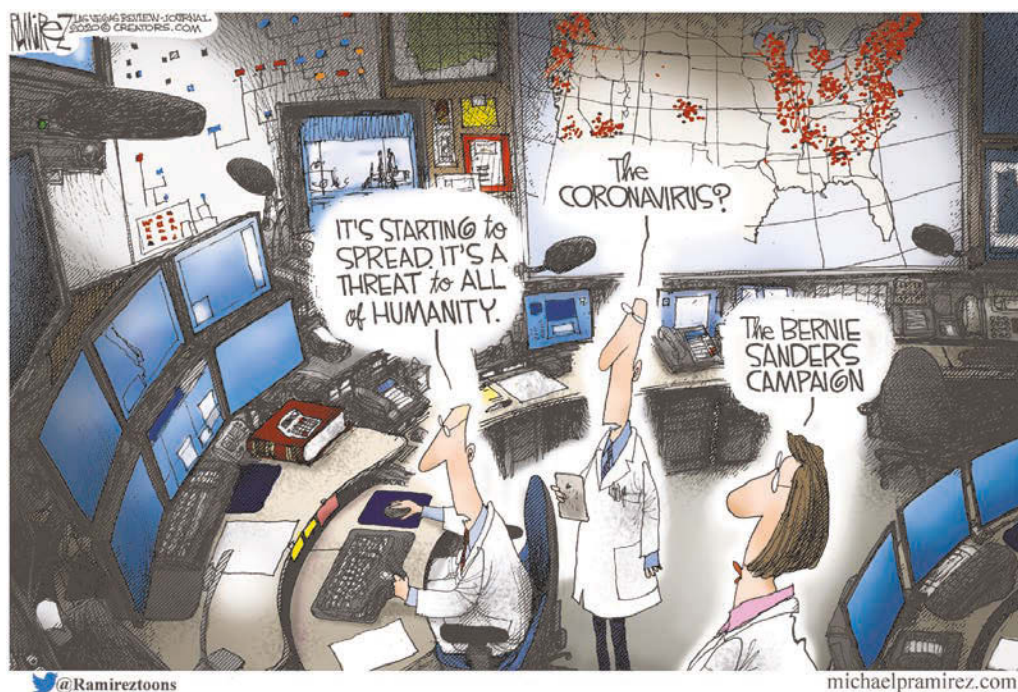


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REQUIRED READING by Mackenzie Dawson

The Splendid and the Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family and Defiance During the Blitz

Erik Larson (nonfiction, Crown)

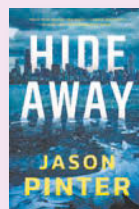
Author of "The Devil in the White City" and "In the Garden of the Beasts" Erik Larson weaves a fascinating yarn out of every topic he turns his attention to, and his latest book — a terribly moving tale of Blitz London and Churchill's campaign to persuade the United States to enter the war — is no exception. Exquisitely researched and described, this tome brings that difficult time period and its players to life.



Hide Away

Jason Pinter (fiction, Thomas & Mercer)

After a crime shatters her life, single mother Rachel Marin has changed her identity and moved to a small Illinois town, hoping to have a fresh start with her children. But when the former mayor of the town turns up dead, Rachel is convinced it was a murder and inserts herself into the investigation. But getting involved puts her own buried secrets at risk.



Writers & Lovers

Lily King (fiction, Grove Press)

In the summer of 1997, Casey Peabody is waiting tables in Harvard Square, working on a novel, and still reeling from the death of her mother and trying to suss out a plan. When she falls for two men at the same time, things become even more complicated.



America's Last Great Newspaper War

Mike Jaccarino (nonfiction, Empire State Editions)

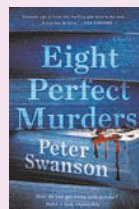
The circulation battle between the New York Daily News and the New York Post — the Hatfields and the McCoys of American media — was an epic tabloid fight, waged as digital media was on the rise and print on the decline. Jaccarino's book is a lively, no-holds-barred account of a fight where staffers stopped at nothing to beat their rivals.



Eight Perfect Murders

Peter Swanson (fiction, William Morrow)

Bookseller Malcolm Kershaw once titled a blog post "Eight Perfect Murders," which detailed the eight most meticulously planned killings in literature. Years later, the FBI comes knocking on the door of his bookshop. It seems there's a series of unsolved murders, and they're using Kershaw's list as an instruction manual.



Victim 2117

Jussi Adler-Olsen (fiction, Dutton)

In this newest installment from the bestselling Q series, the death of Victim 2117 — the 2117th refugee to die in the Mediterranean Sea — sets off a chain of events in Copenhagen's cold cases division.



THAT'S

by ERIC SPITZNAGEL

GETTING to the airport can be a hassle for anybody, from highway gridlock to the long security lines. But thanks to Manhattan-based helicopter service Blade, you can travel from the West Side of Manhattan to JFK or Newark in just 10 minutes for \$195 per person — three times the cost of a taxi.

And for some Blade clients traveling with American Airlines, passengers are dropped off near the gate, where a car waits to take them directly to the plane, bypassing the airport entirely.

"You get out of the chopper and into your Cadillac," Blade's cofounder Rob Wiesenthal explained in an interview with The New York Times. "You don't even have to wait with other people at the gate, let alone deal with security."

This isn't the only way that life is getting easier for the rich. As Nelson D. Schwartz explores in "The Velvet Rope Economy: How Inequality Became Big Business" (Doubleday), out Tuesday, American companies are increasingly going out of their way to "pamper the biggest spenders and punish everyone else."

The target demographic for the velvet rope economy, Schwartz says, are the one-percenters: the 19 million Americans who make, at the minimum, \$871,320 a year, according to the 2018 Global Wealth Report from Credit Suisse Research Institute.

"By definition, the one percent is always just 1 percent, but that group has gotten much wealthier and their purchasing power is bigger," Geoff Yang, a co-founder of venture-capital firm Redpoint Ventures, told Schwartz.

The rich are getting richer, in other words, and they "want the best and are willing to pay for it," Yang says.

Those willing to spend up to \$1,000 for "Legends" tickets at Yankee Stadium get priority seating along the first- and third-base lines, with a "moat" (as disgruntled fans have dubbed it) separating them from the masses and menu items like swordfish ceviche.

At Levi's Stadium, home of the San Francisco 49ers, a \$5,000-per-season membership gets you access to an exclusive tailgate party hosted by Michelin-star chef Michael Mina. Menu items include Kusshi oysters, truffle mac and cheese, and Maine lobster pot pie.

At theme parks like SeaWorld, where visitors paying standard admission rates wait in endless lines, "priority" guests willing to spend thousands get private cabanas and a chance to swim with the dolphins. And at Stanford Hospital in northern California, select patients are

given red blankets, which "quietly signal to doctors and nurses that they are treating a VIP," writes Schwartz.

The velvet rope economy has crept into every aspect of modern life — health care, education, travel and leisure — providing those with enough money a friction-free existence, while the have-nots face "an increasingly Darwinian fight for a decent seat on the plane, a place in line with their kids at the amusement park, a college scholarship, or a doctor's appointment."

THE velvet rope economy is often hidden from the rest of us. The details of Disney's VIP Tours — which offer a guided and queue-free park experience for around \$4,000 a day — are buried in the fine print of its Web site.

At Blade, a Special Ops program with special amenities is available to only 500 of their best customers. When people inquire about the upgrade, the staff is instructed to play ignorant. "We don't really talk about it," Wiesenthal says.

Companies are learning how to use algorithms to "pinpoint and favor wealthy customers in ways unimaginable even a decade ago," writes Schwartz.

How long you're stuck on hold while calling a bank or other financial institution probably has nothing to do with whether you called

during a peak time. It's determined by your CLV, or "customer lifetime value."

"This is a calculation of how much your business is worth to whoever you are calling," Schwartz writes. "The higher the number, the better the service."

If you find yourself waiting on the phone for 20 minutes or more, it has nothing to do with how many callers are ahead of you. The grim reality is: The longer the wait, the less your business is worth to them.

And it's not always a matter of pampering. The velvet rope can often mean the difference between life and death.

On average, it can take up to 21 days to get an appointment with a cardiologist in the United States. In Boston, just getting an appointment with the family doctor can take more than three months, which is almost twice as long as it took in 2009.

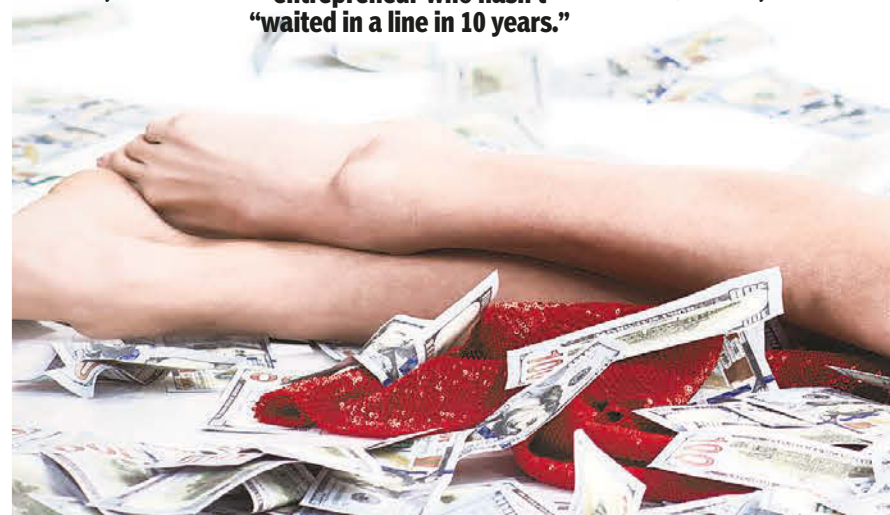
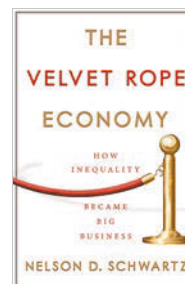
For an average patient trying to make an appointment with Dr. Ethan Weiss, one of the top cardiologists at the

University of California, San Francisco Medical Center, "it'll be next year," Weiss admits. But as a patient of Private Medical, not only will you get to meet with him within days, you'll be the focus of his attention.

"I can spend an hour and a half or two hours with these patients," Weiss told Schwartz. "There's a lot of psychiatry involved, and maybe a

If you're not genuinely concerned about the future of the United States, you are not paying attention.

— Nick Hanauer, an entrepreneur who hasn't "waited in a line in 10 years."



RIGHT!

How America's wealthiest bypass the rest of us to get special treatment at airports, stadiums, colleges, hospitals and more ...

little rabbi and a little bartender."

The cost to be a Private Medical patient can run upwards of \$60,000 a year, and often into the six figures for a family plan. But what they get for the money is priority treatment.

"I don't cut the line, I eliminate it," says Dr. Jordan Shlain, who founded Private Medical.

If clients need urgent care — for a cancer diagnosis requiring a specialist ASAP — the wait will be almost nonexistent. They'll get an appointment with a highly sought-after surgeon within days, not weeks or months.

"It's not because we pay them," says Shlain. "It's because we have relationships with doctors all over the country."

This same principle — paying for relationships, not just expertise — happens at IvyWise, a Manhattan-based private college counselor that's "akin to a high-powered lobbying or public relations firm in Washington," writes Schwartz.

For up to \$150,000, the IvyWise counseling service gives high-school students applying for college insider information, like which schools need a goalie on their hockey team or are short on poetry majors. But IvyWise also offers connections.

"Let's say we have a student who plays the cello and the top cellist at a school on her list is graduating," founder Kat Cohen explained to Schwartz. "In some cases we can find that out."

They may not be able to advocate on behalf of a student — which is technically ille-

gal — but "we may be able to find out what their institutional needs are."

It's a system that works. According to IvyWise, more than one-third of their clients who applied to Harvard between 2014 and 2018 were admitted, compared with 4.7 percent of all other applicants. And forty percent of IvyWise applicants to Yale, Brown, and Columbia were admitted, far more than those who couldn't afford the service.

OUR velvet rope system isn't just infuriating for lesser mortals — it might also be doing more harm than we realize, Schwartz argues. By avoiding the routine friction that most people experience on a daily basis, America's wealthiest individuals are barely aware that any friction exists at all.

When they "routinely bypass traffic jams and deteriorating trains and buses and get to the airport via a luxury helicopter service, the political impetus to improve pub-

lic transit systems fades," Schwartz writes.

And if you never have to face people who experience way harsher social and financial challenges, "it's much easier to demonize them."

Nick Hanauer, a Seattle entrepreneur worth hundreds of millions of dollars, told the author that he "hasn't waited in a line in 10 years." But he's not bragging. He thinks the widening gulf between economic winners like himself and ordinary Americans is pushing the country towards civil war. "If you're not genuinely concerned about the future of the United States, you are not paying attention," he says.

Class warfare seems far-fetched but it's not completely inconceivable. A 2016 study of major airlines (none were named specifically) by the University of Toronto and Harvard Business School found a significant link between "physical and situational inequality" among airline passengers and inci-

dents of air rage.

Velvet ropes won't be disappearing anytime soon. "The economics are too powerful," Bill George, a professor at Harvard Business School, explained to Schwartz.

Even those who enjoy the luxuries of the velvet rope economy may soon find themselves priced out. During Schwartz's visit to Yankee Stadium as a \$500-per-ticket Legends ticket holder, he noticed a fancy lounge that was off-limits even to VIPs like himself.

A guard told him the room is reserved for front-row Legends members. Even though Schwartz was in the second row, he wasn't welcome.

"It turns out that when it comes to exclusivity," Schwartz writes, "there always has to be a sanctum sanctorum to remind you that you haven't really reached the pinnacle."

The one percent are increasingly separated from the hoi polloi as companies give them special access to medical care and college connections.



POSTSCRIPT Books

by MARY KAY LINGE

‘SHE called her style a ‘benevolent dictatorship,’” Barbara Pierce Bush’s son Jeb, the former governor of Florida, said at her funeral in 2018. “But honestly it wasn’t always benevolent.”

The feisty “first lady of the Greatest Generation” always knew her mind — and never hesitated to speak it. As the wife of one American president and mother of another, Barbara Bush presided over one of America’s most accomplished political dynasties in her trademark white hair and pearls. The “Silver Fox” had a spine of steel as President George H.W. Bush’s closest adviser and foremost defender during his single term in office, and she campaigned just as hard for their son George W.

“She’s the reason the Bush family took the White House twice,” as novelist Brad Meltzer puts it.

In “Pearls of Wisdom” (Twelve Books), Bush’s longtime speechwriter Jean Becker gathered 80 of Bush’s friends, colleagues, children and grandchildren to reflect on the lessons she taught (or drilled into) them during her long and very public life.

“Some people misinterpreted her honesty and directness for callousness,” admits former Secretary of State James Baker. But, says British diplomat Dame Arabella Warburton, “those twinkling eyes would remove the sting from any censure.”

‘Guilt is a gift’

Family and staffers alike called her “The Enforcer,” for good reason: Barbara Bush never forgot an infraction or a slight. Alan Simpson, the former US senator from Arizona, learned this the hard way when he accidentally let slip the family’s plan to throw a surprise party for her 75th birthday in 2000. “For a few years after that she’d grimace and say, ‘You wretched rascal. You ruined the whole thing,’” Simpson writes. “I finally sheepishly said, ‘Look, Barbara, the guilt for me is overpowering.’”

Her answer: “Al, guilt is the gift that keeps on giving!”



As wife to one president and mother of another, Barbara Bush gathered quite a bit of wisdom, some pearls of which are shared in a new book (inset).

BURNING BUSH

The late first lady’s wisdom was both piercing and passionate

George H.W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum

‘When in doubt, listen’

Bush became a champion of literacy in 1978, when she needed a cause to tout on the campaign trail during her husband’s first run for the White House. She knew nothing about the topic — and didn’t mention that detail to staffers, who sent her to speak before a scholarly audience of education experts. She banished her panic by turning the presentation around: “If you were married to the president,” she asked the crowd, “what one thing would you do?” They spent the rest of the session pouring out their ideas.

“When in doubt, keep quiet, listen and let others talk,” Bush said later. “They’ll be happy, and you might learn something.”

‘Choose happy’

The Bushes led a vagabond life as her husband built a career in the oil business, then pursued politics and diplomacy — leaving Barbara to organize 29 family moves to 17 different cities. She often recounted the time George suddenly announced, with great excitement, a new job in Houston.

“My heart just fell,” she remembered, thinking of the trauma of uprooting their four young children once again. But, “I took a deep breath and said, I’ve always wanted to live in Houston!”

As she put it, we have two choices in life: “You can choose to like your life and be happy; or not like your life and be grumpy. Choose happy.”

‘Don’t hover’

Bush, an avid jigsaw puzzler, devoted hours to the pastime during summers at the family vacation compound in Kennebunkport, Maine — but set strict rules for her guests. “Don’t hover,” she would scold granddaughter Lauren Bush Lauren: “Hovering in puzzling (and in life) means you are not productively making a move and also obstructing others from doing so.”

Former Secretary of Defense Robert Gates once reached for the final piece of a jigsaw the two were working together. “She fixed me with a BPB glare,” he remembers. “When you are someone’s guest, you do not get to place the last piece of the puzzle. I meekly handed it over to her.”

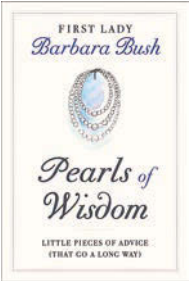
‘Walk life’s beaches’

Even in her late 80s, as she underwent treatment for heart and lung ailments, Bush would take her walker and her “little yelpers” — her two dogs, Mini-Me and Bibi — for twice-daily jaunts along Gooch’s Beach in Maine.

“While most of Mrs. Bush’s friends were talking about their medications and ailments, she was tracking her daily steps on her Fitbit,” remembers Hutton Hinson Higgins, her aide at the time.

“Her message is, walk life’s beaches for as long as you can,” son George writes.

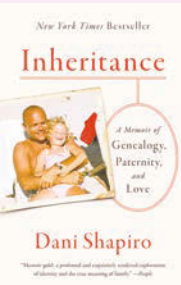
Barbara Bush died on April 17, 2018, at age 92.



BOOK BUZZ: Memoir on family secrets becomes a hit podcast

Dani Shapiro’s 2019 memoir “Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity and Love” (recently published in paperback by Anchor Books) was an exploration of DNA and the many secrets it can contain. In 2016, Shapiro had submitted a kit for DNA analysis through Ancestry.com. She didn’t expect much. “I spent 54 years believing that I absolutely understood my own identity,” she told The New York Times. Instead, she received quite a bombshell. The test revealed she was only half Jewish, and unre-

lated to the woman she had thought of as her half-sister. Shapiro had always known that she had been conceived at a fertility clinic in Philadelphia. But while this was true, it turned out that her biological father was a sperm donor — a non-Jewish doctor from Oregon who had gone to medical school at Penn. In some ways, this explained a lot: She had



always felt out of place in her birth family; strangers would often comment that she didn’t look Jewish. The discovery was more than just a matter of donor sperm; it rocked the foundation of her world. The month after her book was published, Shapiro launched a podcast, “Family Secrets,” in collaboration with iHeartMedia.

Since then, it has become an iTunes

Top 10 podcast and has been downloaded more than 10 million times. Season 3 kicked off in early February, with listeners calling in to share their own family secrets revealed by DNA tests. It’s a craze that shows little signs of dying down; a study estimated that by 2021, around 100 million people will have had their DNA mapped by companies like Ancestry.com and 23andMe.

— Mackenzie Dawson



Author Dani Shapiro

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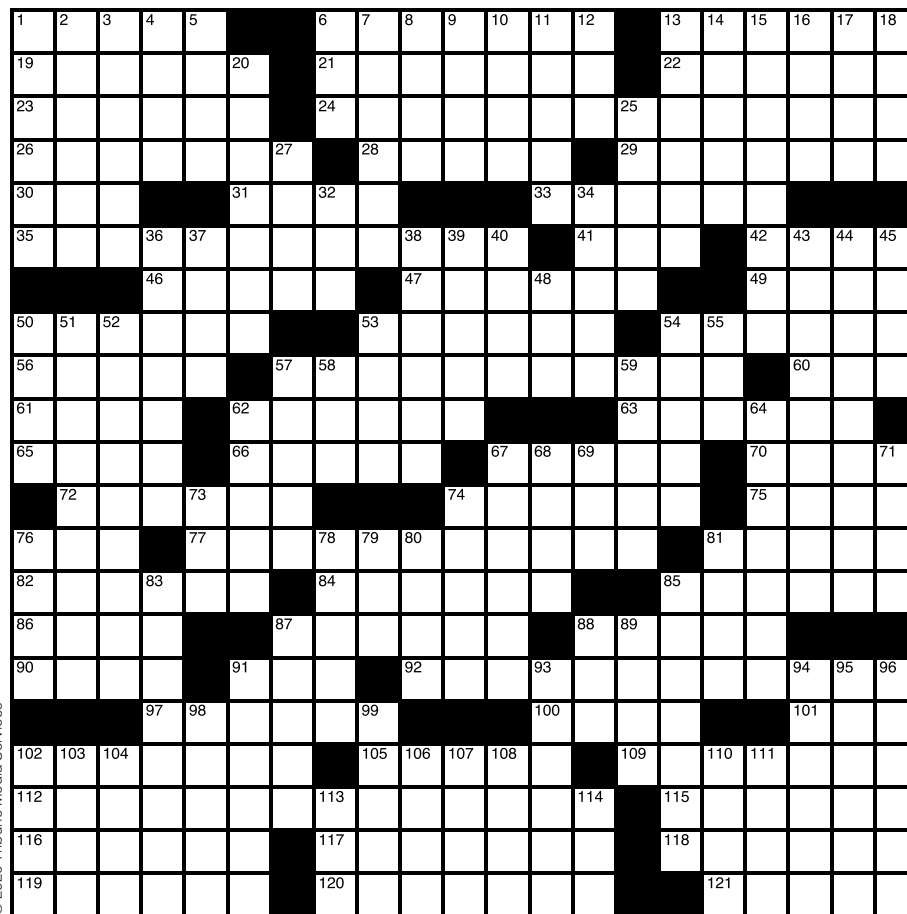
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Sleepers, e.g.
95 Rumple
96 “Absolutely!”
98 Refined
99 Entourage
102 Utah ski resort
103 “Jerry Maguire” actor Jay
104 Occurring before: Abbr.

106 Put in a hold
107 Watches tykes
108 “It’s showtime!”
110 Cooked
111 Slugger Sammy
113 Hubbub
114 Red-berried tree

Post SU DOKU

You must put a number, from 1 to 9, in each empty box. Each number must appear once in each horizontal row, as well as in each vertical column and in each of the 3-by-3 grids.
Super Su Doku, inside, multiplies the challenge — and your enjoyment. For that one, put a number from 1 to 12 in each empty box, making sure each number appears once in each horizontal row, as well as in each vertical column and in each of the 3-by-4 grids. Tips and in-depth strategies at www.SudokuWiki.org. For more Su Doku puzzles, see tomorrow’s New York Post.

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Very Easy #5,013

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

Difficult #4,803

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

Challenging #231

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

All Sunday puzzle answers on Page 52

Kakuro

Place 1 to 9 in each white cell. To choose the right number, you need to work from the clues in around the edge. The numbers below the diagonal lines are the sums of the solutions in the white cells immediately beneath. The numbers above the divide are the sums of the solutions immediately to the right. Rows and columns do NOT have to be unique.

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12

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#231

KENKEN

Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) or 1 through 6 (challenging) without repeating. The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners. Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

4

10×

1−

6+

11+

3+

2÷

11+

6

1−

90×

9+

3+

5

5+

5−

1−

2

Chess

By Andy Soltis

Take your shot

You only get one chance in a game to be a genius. In this week's game, White gave himself opportunities to look brilliant with the charge of his h-pawn, 10 h4! and 11 h5!. But he missed his genius moment when he passed up 19 0-0-0!. It might have won after 19...Rxd3? 20 fxe5 Qxe5 21 Rh8+! and mates. Instead, the move he played, 19 Ne4?, would have worked in the same way after 19...fxe4?

20 fxe5. But Black defended after 19...Bxe4!. White tried to repair the damage with 21 0-0-0 so that 21...Bxd3?? 22 Rh1 sets up another mate with 23 Rh8+!. After 21...Rxd3! 22 Rh1, Black had only one defense to the threat of 23 Rh8+. But that defense was a forced checkmate. White resigned before 26 Kf2 Qd4+ 27 Kel Qd2+ 28 Kfl Bd3+ or 27 Kg3 Bxe5+.

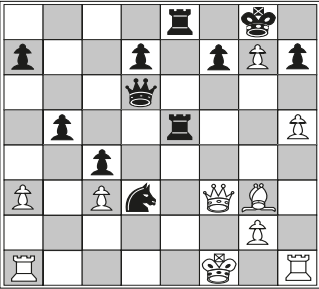
DUTCH DEFENSE

Gibraltar 2020

Nino Batsiashvili

Wang Hao

1 d4.....f5	14 Nxc6.....Bxc6
2 Nf3.....Nf6	15 f4.....d6
3 Bg5.....e6	16 hgx6.....dxe5
4 Nbd2.....Be7	17 Rxh7.....Qf6
5 Bxf6.....Bxf6	18 Qh5.....Rfd8
6 e4.....g6	19 Ne4?.....Bxe4!
7 c3.....O-O	20 fxe5!.....Qe7!
8 Bd3.....b6	21 O-O-O.....Rxd3
9 Qe2.....Bb7	22 Rh1.....Rxc3+!
10 h4!.....c5	23 bxc3.....Qa3+!
11 e5.....Bg7	24 Kd2.....Rd8+
12 h5!.....cxd4	25 Ke3.....Qxc3+
13 Nxd4.....Nc6	26 Resiqns



Black to play and win.

A. Smirnov-S. Ganguly

Wijk aan Zee 2019

Last week: 1...Kc5! 2 Rb8 Re4+ and 3...Rb4 wins.

Sunday Word Force

BELATEDLY

From the word or phrase above, form at least 22 five-letter words, without using more than one form of the same word. For example, drink or drank, not both.

Bridge

In a team event at the Fall NABC (reported by Barry Rigal), South made 3NT in today's deal but was unhappy with his play. West's bid of two hearts showed length in hearts and a minor. North tried 3NT; it seems he might have considered doubling an East-West contract. When West led a diamond, South won with the ten and led a club to dummy's queen and East's king. With a decent break, South would have had four clubs, three spades and two diamonds. The actual 5-0 break was distressing, but luckily for declarer, East had no diamond to return. He led a heart, and South had time for a heart trick – and nine tricks in all. If East had held a second diamond, South would have failed. South reproached himself for not winning the first diamond with the ace! Then the queen would have provided a second

entry to dummy, letting South win four club tricks by leading the eight through East. Credit South for spotting an improved line of play and for being self-critical. (Players and partnerships would improve if they spent time examining their results, good and poor.) Still, South was being hard on himself. His play of winning the first diamond with the ten was correct in theory. South could still make 3NT if West held 7 6 2, A Q 9 8 6, KJ 9 7 4, None. South could lead the king of hearts to West's ace at Trick Two, win a spade shift, finesse in clubs and eventually end-play West in hearts to lead from his king of diamonds. In fact, South could make an over-trick – but only if he won the first diamond with the ten. Bridge is a difficult and humbling game.

South dealer
Both sides vulnerable

NORTH

♠ A 10 4

♥ 5 2

♦ Q 3 2

♣ Q J 10 8 7

WEST

♠ 7 6

♥ A Q 9 8 6

♦ K J 9 7 6 4

♣ None

SOUTH

♠ K Q 3

♥ K J 10 4

♦ A 10 5

♣ A 4 3

South 1 NT

West 2 ♥

North 3 NT

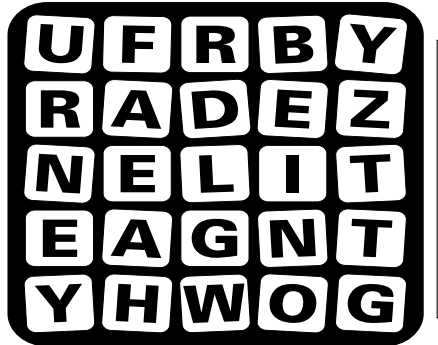
East All Pass

Opening lead — ♦ 7

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By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

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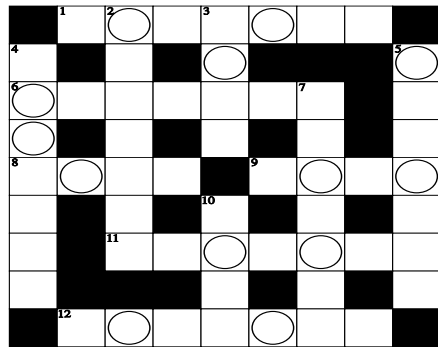
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Sunday Puzzle



ACROSS

- CLUE
1. Admiration
6. Instant
8. Mount
9. Give off
11. Custard
12. Northern

ANSWER
PCESRT
LAMOTAE
ENAT
MIET
PCOAATI
DNARLIE

DOWN

- CLUE
2. Like a stegosaurus
3. Structure over water
4. Person
5. Indifferent
7. Satirize
10. Form of silica

ANSWER
TNECITX
EIPR
MOEEOSN
TUENLAR
POMALON
APOL

How to play
Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

BONUS

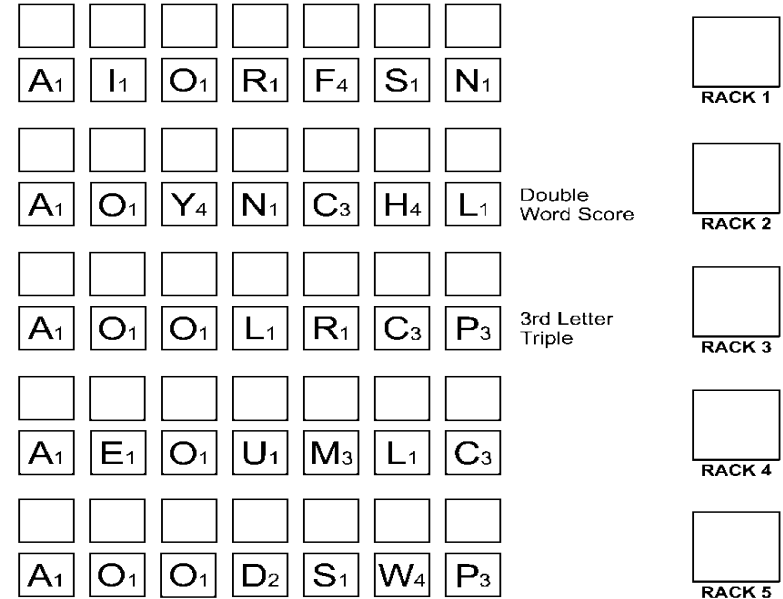
CLUE: The _____ spanned more than 600 years.



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PAR SCORE 260-270
BEST SCORE 327
FIVE RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 25 MIN

Super Su Doku

Super #770, Moderate

3		8				4	12				7
			4				5	11	8		
10		5						4	9		12
1	2		5	10			4	8		12	
			10		12			5	6		
					1		6				
				5		1					
		7	8			3			5		
	1		9	11			8	2		6	10
8		1	3						10		6
		2	10	3				7			
9				4	5				2		3

Wonderword

First read the list of words, then look at the puzzle. The words are in all directions - vertically, horizontally, diagonally, backward. Circle each letter of a word found and strike it off the list. The letters are often used more than once, so do not cross them out. It's best to find the big words first. When you find all the words listed in the clues, you'll have a number of letters left over that spell out the Wonderword.

Airbnb, Alexa, Amazon, Android, Apple, Apps, Banking, Battery, Blog, Calendar, Candy Crush, Cellphone, Chrome, Clock, Code, Content, Credit Card, Currency, Data, Delivery, Demographics, Download, Emoji, Facebook, Flight, Google, Hotel, Icons, Identity, Internet, iPhone, Like, Lyft, Maps, Match, Media, Messages, Messenger, Money, Move, Movies, Music, Notes, Passwords, Play, Pokémon, Profile, Real Time, Rideshare, Safe, Send, Services, Siri, Skype, Snapchat, Stocks, Streaming, Swipe, Tablets, Talk, Television, Temperature, Text, TikTok, Touch, Transactions, Twitter, User, Venture Capital, Watch, Weather, WhatsApp, YouTube

IMPORTANT APPS ON MY DEVICES SOLUTION: 6 LETTERS

S	I	G	I	N	K	R	E	T	T	I	W	T	A	B	L	E	T	S	M
T	N	O	O	C	O	W	H	A	T	S	A	P	P	N	O	T	E	S	O
R	T	O	T	L	O	I	Y	S	N	A	P	C	H	A	T	I	S	D	N
E	E	G	I	N	B	N	S	R	A	L	F	A	E	P	Y	K	S	R	E
A	R	L	E	T	E	A	S	I	E	S	A	F	E	B	U	T	U	O	Y
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Snaps

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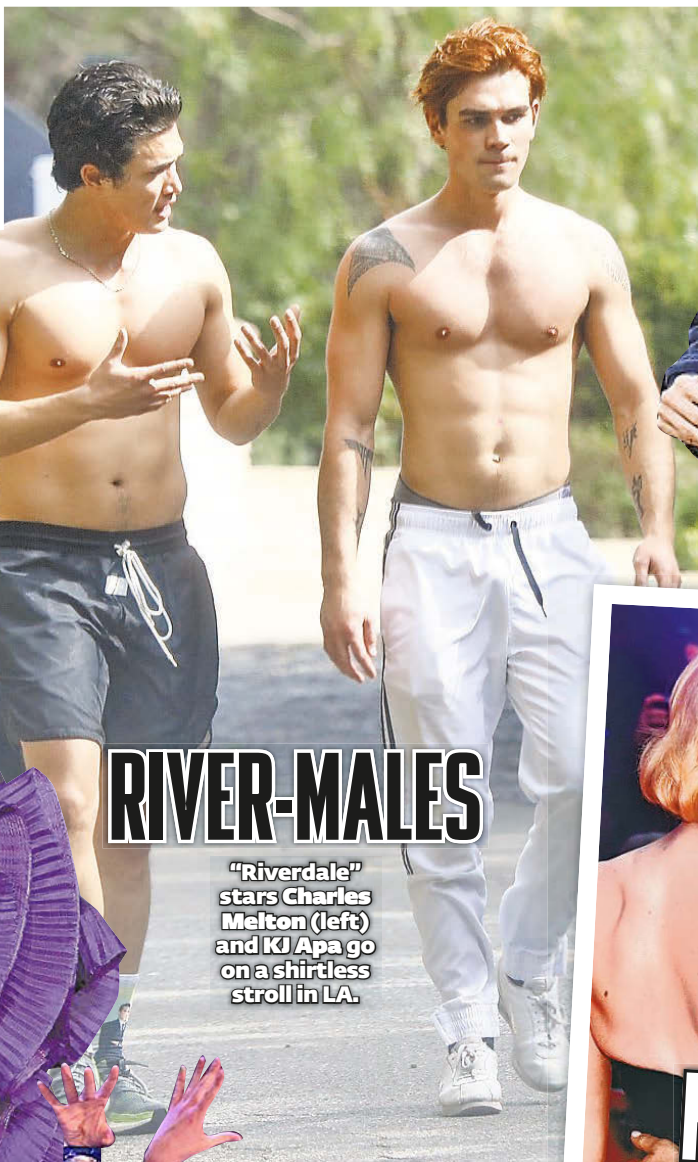
In Pasadena, Calif., **Rihanna** dons a dramatic dress for the NAACP Image Awards, where she accepted the President's Award.

PUFF PIECE

Faith Moran/BACKGRID

By Jesaca Lin, Marisa Dellatto, & Donna Grace

BACKGRID



RIVER-MALES

"Riverdale" stars **Charles Melton** (left) and **KJ Apa** go on a shirtless stroll in LA.

Boaz/BACKGRID



Jennifer Garner helps coach her son **Samuel's** baseball practice in LA.

HOME RUN



HIT THE ROAD

Elle Fanning (left) and **Salma Hayek** pose together at the premiere of their movie "The Roads Not Taken" in Berlin.

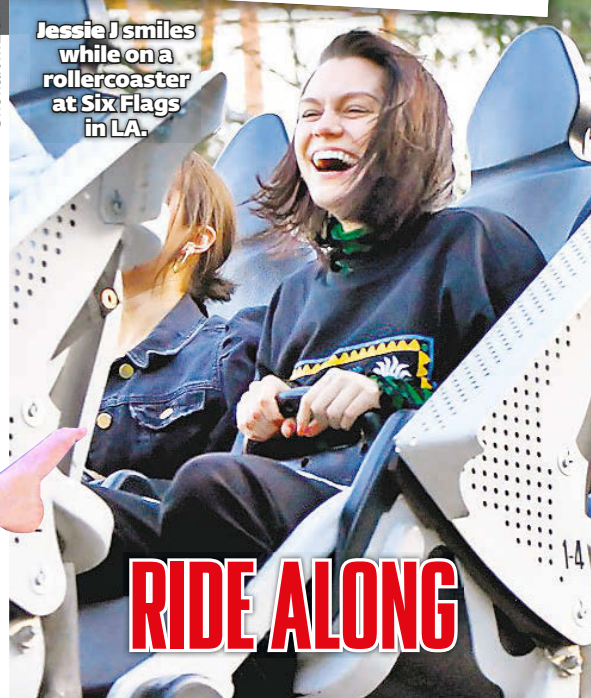
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SPLITTING UP

Jonathan Van Ness flexes onstage during his comedy show in Perth, Australia.



Snorlax/MEGA



Jessie J smiles while on a rollercoaster at Six Flags in LA.

RIDE ALONG

Jose Perez/INSTARimages.com

Cynthia Erivo sparkles at the American Black Film Festival Honors Awards Ceremony in Beverly Hills, Calif.



Rooney Mara and Bradley Cooper (inset) are seen working on their film "Nightmare Alley" in Buffalo, NY.

Patric Picco/BACKGRID (2)



Kaley Cuoco gets out of a cab during a scene for her series "The Flight Attendant" in Brooklyn.

**ON
THE
SET!**

BACKGRID



Emmy Rossum sports a wig and prosthetics while making a series about LA icon Angelyne.

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Filming an untitled project in Vancouver, British Columbia, **Sandra Bullock** keeps it ultra-casual.

BACKGRID



Woody Harrelson rocks a Hawaiian shirt while at a gas station for "Venom 2" in West Oakland, Calif.

**SHINING
THROUGH**

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Snaps



Lena Waithe goes for a violet ensemble at the American Black Film Festival Honors in LA.

WELL-SUITED

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SCIENCE GUYS

Neil deGrasse Tyson (left) and Bill Nye joke around at the premiere of National Geographic's "Cosmos: Possible Worlds" in Westwood, Calif.

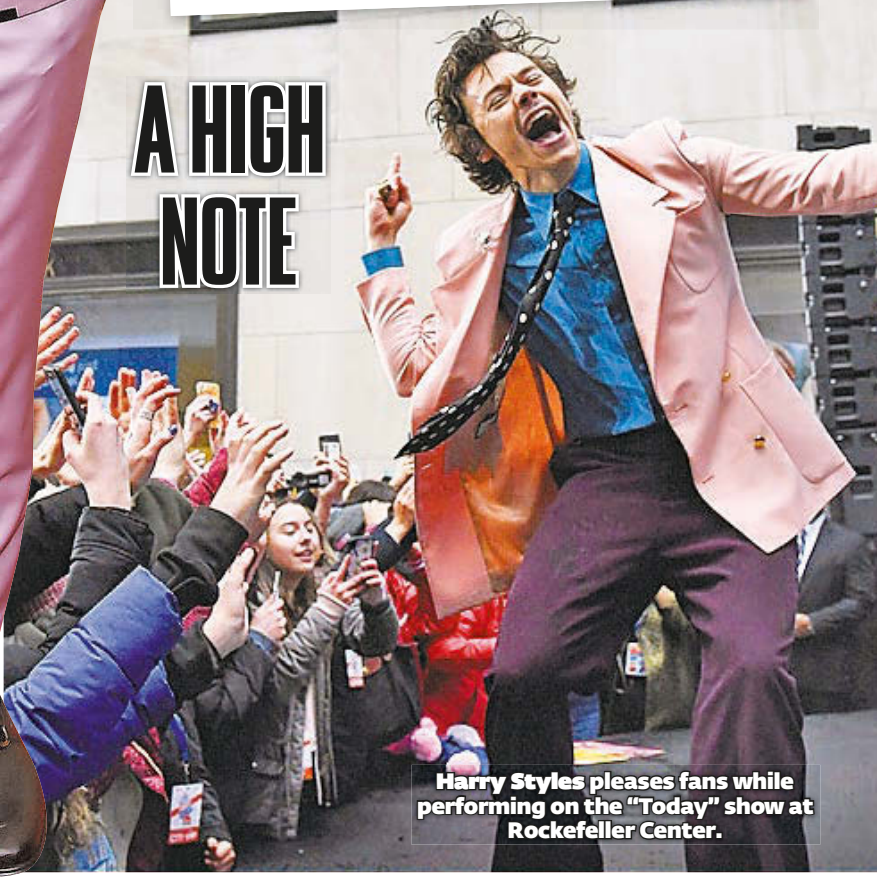
INSTAGRAM OF THE WEEK!



Isla Fisher has a sweet moment with a piglet.

Instagram.com@islafisher

A HIGH NOTE



Harry Styles pleases fans while performing on the "Today" show at Rockefeller Center.

PUSH AROUND



Disgraced former anchor Matt Lauer is spotted grocery shopping in Bridgehampton, NY.

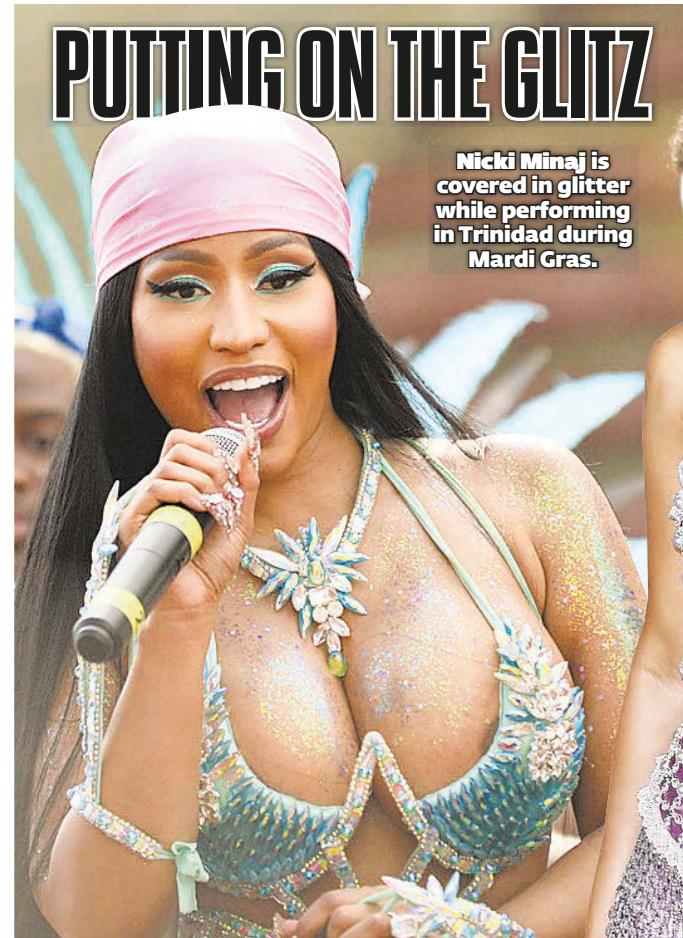
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CUTE AS A BUGGY

Jessica Biel and Justin Timberlake stroll their son, Silas, 4, through downtown Manhattan.

LNHYC/MEGA



PUTTING ON THE GLITZ

Nicki Minaj is covered in glitter while performing in Trinidad during Mardi Gras.

MEGA



Busy Philipps gets in the swing of things during a game of tennis.

BALL IN HER COURT



Lucy Boynton and Rami Malek enjoy date night at a New York Rangers hockey game at Madison Square Garden.

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Storm Reid smiles at the premiere of her movie "The Invisible Man" in LA.

MAKING A SEEN

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Snaps



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BOSS LADY

Madelaine Petsch pops in red at the Hugo Boss fashion show in Milan.

WALK
of
FAME



GOLD BAR

Emily Ratajkowski skips a shirt under her yellow coat while attending Milan fashion week.



PALACE LEE/SplashNews.com

EMERALD CITY

In Paris, Hailey Bieber wows in green.

BACKGRID



NEVER TOO LATE

Hailee Steinfeld visits "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert" in Manhattan.

BACKGRID



COVER STORY

Cara Delevingne packs on the layers during Milan fashion week.

BACKGRID



TIGHTS SPOT

Model Jourdan Dunn dares to wear tights as pants at the Mugler Paris fashion week show.

LOOK WHO'S
TALKING
THIS WEEK'S GUESTS



ELLEN DEGENERES
3 p.m., Ch. 4

Monday: Judy Sheindlin; Chris Pratt (pictured)

Tuesday: Justin Bieber; Sen. Elizabeth Warren

Wednesday: David Beckham; Usher



JIMMY FALLON
11:35 p.m., Ch. 4

Monday: Rachel Maddow; Pamela Adlon

Tuesday: Kevin Bacon; Tan France

Thursday: Daniel Craig; Whitney Cummings (pictured)



JAMES CORDEN
12:35 a.m., Ch. 2

Tuesday: Martin Freeman; Pete Holmes; Bad Bunny

Thursday: Liv Tyler (pictured); Norman Reedus

Friday: Kumail Nanjiani; Dan Levy

Sunday March 1, 2020

SP = Spectrum, C = Cablevision, F = FiOS Movies Sports New

Evening	SP	C	F	6:30pm	7:00pm	7:30pm	8:00pm	8:30pm	9:00pm	9:30pm	10:00pm	10:30pm	11:00pm	11:30pm
2 WCBS	2	2	2	News	60 Minutes		God Friended Me: Woman with cancer.		NCIS: Los Angeles: Hostage Fatima.		NCIS: New Orleans: JAG captain.		CBS 2 News at 11PM	CBS 2 News
4 WNBC	4	4	4	NBC Nightly News	Little Big Shots: Table tennis. (R)		Little Big Shots		Zoey's Extraordinary Playlist: Zoey faces faith.		Good Girls: Beth faces unexpected challenges.		News 4 New York	News4 NY
5 WNYW	5	5	5	NASCAR Cup Series	The Simpsons (R)	Duncanville (R)	The Simpsons	Duncanville	Bob's Burgers	Family Guy	FOX 5 News at 10	Sports Extra	In Depth	Raw Travel (R)
7 WABC	7	7	7	ABC World News	America's Funniest Home Videos (R)		American Idol: A contestant defies the odds; a fan favorite returns.			The Rookie: Nolan takes Abigail on a ride-along.		Eyewitness News at 11		
9 WWOR	9	9	9	(5:00) Fire Fight Aus.	Modern Family	Modern Family	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Modern Family	Modern Family	Dateline: Wife and mistress compete for one man.	
11 WPIX	11	11	11	The Goldbergs	black-ish	black-ish	Batwoman: Kate and Sophie reconcile. (R)		Supergirl: Supergirl deals with a threat. (R)		PIX11 News at Ten	(10:45) One on One	Seinfeld	Seinfeld
13 WNET	13	13	13	MetroFocus	Treasures of New York	Washington Week (R)	The Widower: Killer remarries. (R)		The Widower: Ideal boyfriend. (R)		The Widower: Malcolm plans another wedding. (R)		Masterpiece: Egyptian curse. (R)	
21 WLIW	21	21	21	Weekend	Metro (R)	Henry Louis Gates, Jr.: Uncovering America (R)			Concert for George: Musician's tribute to George Harrison. (R)					
25 WNYE	25	22	25	(5:30) TBA	GZero	Profiles (R)	On Story	Day's Work	Her Idea	Neighbor	Voyager	Feet	Confucius Was a Foodie	
31 WPXN	31	3	531	NCIS: LA	NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.	
41 WXTV	41	6	41	Noticiero	Aquí y ahora: Noticias.		Nosotros Los Nobles (2013): Niños ricos trabajan NR			Crónicas		Noticias		Noticiero
47 WNJU	47	16	12	Noticias	Exatlón Estados Unidos			La voz					Noticiero	Enfoque NY
55 WLNY	55	10	10	Paid	Queens	Queens	Girls	Girls	WLNY News at 9PM		Paid	Judge Judy	Family Guy	Family Guy
A&E	46	46	181	(5:00) The Mummy (1999) PG-13 ★★★		The Mummy Returns (2001): The Scorpion King and Imhotep face off. PG-13 ★★½							The Scorpion King (2002)	
AMC	54	43	231	(3:55) The Green Mile (1999) R ★★★★★		(7:55) The Walking Dead		The Walking Dead		(10:08) Dispatches		(11:17) Talking Dead (R)		
BET	37	54	270	(6:00) The Best Man Holiday (2013): Old friends reunite. R ★★★★★					Diary of a Mad Black Woman (2005): A spurned wife turns to her grandmother.					
BBCAM	71	101	189	(3:26) Titanic (1997): Love and disaster.			Doctor Who		(9:33) Titanic (1997): Romance blooms on the doomed vessel. ★★½					
BRAVO	18	44	185	Housewives	Real Housewives (R)		Real Housewives Atlanta		(9:15) Shahs of Sunset		Watch What	(10:45) Real Housewives of Atlanta (R)		
CNBC	15	24	102	Shark Tank	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	78	25	100	(6:00) CNN	CNN Newsroom with Ana		CNN Newsroom with Ana		The White House		The Windsors: Inside		The Windsors: Inside (R)	
COM	45	50	190	Talladega Nights: Ballad		Wedding Crashers (2005): Womanizers prey on wedding guests. R				Hot Tub Time Machine (2010): Hot tub to the past. R				
DIS	49	31	250	Unsittable	Unsittable	Disney Fam	Raven	Just Roll	BUNK'D (R)	Unsittable	Owl House	Sydney (R)	Disney Fam	Just Roll
DSC	66	27	120	Nkd & Afrd	Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid: Amazon; the Bahamas.			(10:02) Naked and Afraid		(11:02) Naked and Afraid		
E!	24	51	196	21 Jump St	The Hangover (2009): A lost night in Las Vegas. Bradley Cooper. R					The Hangover (2009): A lost night in Las Vegas. Bradley Cooper. R				
ESPN	28	36	70	(5:30) MLS Soccer Live.	NBA Live.		NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at New Orleans Pelicans.					SportsCenter		
ESPN2	29	35	74	(6:00) E:60	XFL Football: DC Defenders at Tampa Bay Vipers. Live.							UFC Countdown: UFC 248: Adesanya vs. Romero		
FBN	43	106	117	Sunday	Lou Dobbs Tonight (R)		Wall Street	WSJ Large	Roundtable	Wall Street	Sunday Morning Futures		Lou Dobbs Tonight (R)	
FNC	44	26	118	Fox Report	FOX News Sunday		Life, Liberty & Levin		Next Revolution Hilton		Scandalous		Life, Liberty & Levin (R)	
FOOD	50	97	164	Diners (R)	Diners & Dives (R)		Diners & Dives (R)		Worst Cooks in America		Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby
FREFRM	38	49	199	The Blind Side (2009): A boy gets help.			Guardians of the Galaxy (2014): Team of misfits. Chris Pratt. ★★½			(10:40) The Jungle Book (2016) PG ★★★★★				
FS1	400	99	83	XFL Ftbll	PBC	MLS Soccer: Minnesota United FC at Portland Timbers. Live.					PBC Fight Night: Deontay Wilder vs Luis Ortiz II			
FX	10	40	53	Jurassic	Transformers: The Last Knight (2017): Transformers & humans at war. Mark Wahlberg. ★★							Transformers: The Last Knight (2017)		
HALL		191	240	(6:00) My One & Only (2019)			When Calls the Heart		When Hope Calls (R)		Love and Sunshine (2019): A military dog.			
HGTV	64	98	165	Property	Makeover: Home (R)		Makeover: Home (R)		Makeover: Home		100 Day Dream Home		Home Town (R)	
HIST	40	47	128	(6:00) The Cars That Made America (R)			The Cars That Made America: Rising middle class.					The Cars That Made America: Companies adapt. (R)		
ID	23	171	123	Reasonable	Evil Lives Here (R)		The Lake Erie Murders		Evil Lives Here		Evil Lives Here (R)		Evil Lives Here (R)	
LIFE	62	45	140	Dying to Be You (2020): Evil pen pal.			His Fatal Fixation (2020): Trauma and scars.			(10:03) Abducted on Air (2020): Reporter kidnapped.				
MeTV	33	33	3	Love Boat	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Columbo: Team owner dead.		Collector		Flintstones	Honeymnrs	Van Dyke	Van Dyke
MSG	27	87	78	MSG Shorts	MSG Shorts		German Bundesliga Soccer Taped.					MLS Soccer: FC Cincinnati at New York Red Bulls.		
MSG Plus	48	88	80	Red Bull Air: Las Vegas		Devils Pre	NHL Hockey: New Jersey Devils at Anaheim Ducks. Live.					Postgame	Horse Racing Taped.	
MSNBC	14	23	103	Meet Press	Kasie DC: Capitol Hill news from Washington, D.C.			What's Eating America		Dateline Extra		Dateline Extra (R)		
MTV	20	53	210	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous
NATGEO	65	162	121	Wick. Tuna	Wicked Tuna (R)		Wicked Tuna		Wicked Tuna: Veteran captains meet a new fleet.					Wick. Tuna
NICK	6	121	252	Loud House	Danger (R)	Dylan (R)	All That (R)	Substitute	Friends	Friends	Dylan (R)	Friends	Friends	Friends
OWN	173	180	145	(6:00) 20/20	20/20 on OWN (R)		20/20 on OWN (R)		20/20 on OWN (R)		20/20 on OWN (R)		20/20 on OWN (R)	
PARMT	36	56	54	Bar Rescue	(7:05) Bar Rescue (R)		Bar Rescue (R)		Bar Rescue (R)		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue: Unruly staff.	
SNY	26	60	77	(6:00) Wom. College Basketball Taped.			MLB Spring Training: Washington Nationals vs New York Mets. Taped.					Sports	Sports	
SYFY	17	48	180	(6:05) Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (2002): Monster stalks school of magic. ★★½						Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (2004) ★★½				
TBS	8	39	52	(6:00) Bedtime Stories (2008) PG ★★½			50 First Dates (2004): Memory loss. Adam Sandler.			Miracle (R)		Miracle (R)	Miracle (R)	Miracle (R)
TCM	82	41	230	(6:00) A Letter to Three Wives (1949)			Pinky (1949): A contested will. Jeanne Crain. NR ★★½			Cabin in the Sky (1943): A musical fable. NR ★★★★★				
TLC	52	28	139	90 Day (R)	90 Day Fiancé (R)		90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days			(10:04) Sister Wives		90 Day Fiancé: Before		
TNT	3	37	51	(5:45) Central Intelligence (2016) ★★★★★			San Andreas (2015): Rescue attempt after an earthquake. ★★★★★					Central Intelligence (2016) Kevin Hart.		
TVLAND	85	34	241	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens	Men	Men	Men	Men
USA	16	38	50	(6:00) SVU	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Dare Me		Family	Family
VH1	19	52	217	Wild 'N Out	Wild 'N Out	Wild 'N Out	Wild 'N Out	Wild 'N Out	Wild 'N Out	Wild 'N Out	Wild 'N Out	Wild 'N Out	Bad Boys II (2003) R ★★★★★	
WE	59	42	149	Law & Order	Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order	
YES	53	89	76	(6:00) Wom. College Basketball Taped.			CenterStage: Volume 3			Yankeegraphy		MLS Soccer Replay.		
EPIX	595		395	(6:25) Transformers: Dark of the Moon (2011): Secret aircraft. ★★½			War of the Worlds			Slow Burn				War of the Worlds (R)
HBO	511	301	400	(6:00) Axios		(6:55) Mr. & Mrs. Smith (2005): Married assassins.	The Outsider				Avenue 5	Curb Your	John Oliver	Axios (R)
MAX	531	371	420	(5:55) The Last King of Scotland (2006)			The Crow (1994): Dead man awakes. R		(9:45) The Crow: City of Angels (1996) R				The Crow: Salvation R ★½	
SHO	551	321	365	Kidding (R)	Homeland (R)		The Circus	President	Homeland	Kidding	Kidding: New family.		Homeland	Kidding (R)

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TV

8 THINGS TO WATCH THIS WEEK

BY ROBERT RORKE

CROSSING A LINE



Adam (William Fichtner) finds a sympathetic ear in Sam (Courtney Thorne-Smith), an Al-Anon sponsor.

MOM
Thursday, 9 p.m., CBS

CCOURTNEY Thorne-Smith has credits that trace back 30 years to the heyday of network television. Her first breakout series, the Fox prime-time soap "Melrose Place" (1992-97), was appointment television with a hot ensemble cast that included Laura Leighton, Andrew Shue and Daphne Zuniga. Thorne-Smith followed that up with another Fox hit, "Ally McBeal," the feminist workplace comedy in which she appeared for three seasons. She gave birth to her son Jake during her long run as Jim Belushi's wife, Cheryl, on the ABC sitcom "According to Jim" (2001-09). With that track record, finessing another role, as Jon Cryer's "drunken whore" girlfriend on "Two and a Half Men," was a cinch. Thorne-

Adam's Al-Anon sponsor may be taking more than a professional interest in him on 'Mom'

Smith, 52, was reunited with members of that crew in her upcoming appearance on "Mom," where she is cast as Sam, the Al-Anon sponsor of Adam (William Fichtner). The actress, who grew up in Menlo Park, Calif., spoke to The Post from her LA home.

Why is Adam contacting his sponsor? Is there trouble brewing with his wife, Bonnie (Allison Janney)?

He calls Sam because Bonnie is difficult. It's good for him to have some support. Bonnie's [12-step] program is such a part of her life, it's nice for him to have a place to go for support.

Does Bonnie think Sam has designs on poor Adam?

She's not thrilled. She feels like he didn't tell her the whole truth [about meeting his sponsor].

Were you surprised to be offered the part of an Al-Anon sponsor?

It was a nice surprise to be offered something. There were so many people on the crew who were on "Two and a Half Men." It was crazy fun. Multi-cam sitcoms are my favorite kind of work. You're together with the cast. You only film two days, three days; you're hanging out and chatting. My time on "Mom" was a reminder of how I lived that life.

In November of 2019, you had dinner in New York with the "Melrose Place" cast. Did you discuss a possible reunion show?

Wouldn't it be so much fun to do something together? It was so relaxed and lovely to talk about the experiences we had on the show. It was so intense when we were in it, working 14-hour days and doing photo shoots on the weekends.

Do you also keep in touch with your "Ally McBeal" cast-mates?

I see Greg [Germann] and Peter [MacNicol] quite a bit, Calista [Flockhart] not as much as I want to because [she and husband Harrison Ford] are very busy. Gil [Belows] and his wife Rya, we've kept in good contact. I'm the hostess. I get people over for dinner.



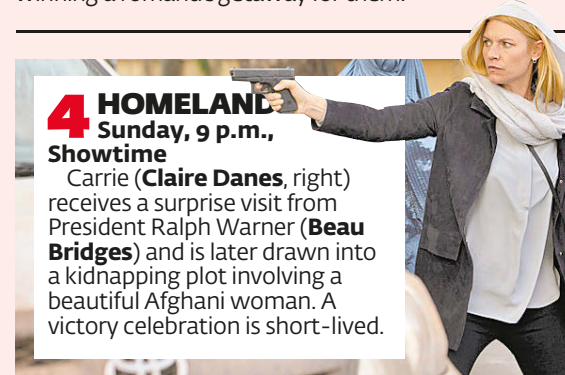
2 DISPATCHES FROM ELSEWHERE
Sunday, 10 p.m., AMC

SERIES PREMIERE. Three strangers, played by (from left) Jason Segel, Sally Field and Eve Lindley, meet by chance and transcend the sterility of their lives. First up: Peter (Segel), who contacts the Elsewhere Institute to start his spiritual makeover.



3 CAROL'S SECOND ACT
Thursday, 9:30 p.m., CBS

When the interns tease Carol (Patricia Heaton) that her relationship with Dr. Lewis (Patrick Fabian) might be moving too fast, she tries to sabotage his chance at winning a romantic getaway for them.



4 HOMELAND
Sunday, 9 p.m., Showtime

Carrie (Claire Danes, right) receives a surprise visit from President Ralph Warner (Beau Bridges) and is later drawn into a kidnapping plot involving a beautiful Afghani woman. A victory celebration is short-lived.

5 HILLARY
Friday, Hulu
SERIES PREMIERE.

The 2016 presidential candidate talks about her political education as a Wellesley undergraduate, when she switched parties from Republican to Democrat and how she has survived 30 polarizing years in the public eye.

6 AMAZING STORIES

Friday, Apple TV+
Steven Spielberg resurrects this series that ran from 1985 to 1987. Like the original, "Amazing" will transport ordinary people into extraordinary realms. Josh Holloway ("Lost") is a guest star.

7 KATY KEENE
Thursday, 8 p.m., The CW

Katy (Lucy Hale) asks Gloria (Katherine LaNasa) for a letter of recommendation for fashion school. Gloria poses a creative challenge that tests Katy's skills. With Ashleigh Murray (inset).

8 BREEDERS
Monday, 10 p.m., FX

SERIES PREMIERE. Contemporary self-involvement receives a tweaking as married couple Paul (Martin Freeman, right) and Ally (Daisy Haggard) ask themselves, "Is that all there is?" Their children are hard to discipline. Then Ally's estranged father (Michael McKean) shows up, creating even more first-world problems.



Sally Brompton

Daily Horoscope

♓ **PISCES**
(Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

You may not have got through as much as you wanted to in recent weeks but it doesn't matter, because there will be further chances to prove your worth. Life moves in cycles and if you miss out first time there will always be a next time.

♈ **ARIES**
(March 21-April 20)

You have no intention of giving up on something just because the going is tough. You know that if you keep at it you will find a way through. Colleagues will be impressed by your never-say-die attitude - and they might even assist you.

♉ **TAURUS**
(April 21-May 21)

There are so many changes taking place in the world, and not all of them good, but there is no reason why that should worry you. Focus on your own affairs today, especially those connected with family and friends, and let the wider world take care of itself.

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♊ **GEMINI**
(May 22-June 21)

If you don't put your own interests first over the next few days you could lose out to someone who is more selfish than you. You don't have to be selfish too, but you do have to accept that your own needs and desires are of equal value.

♋ **CANCER**
(June 22-July 23)

Someone new in your social group will get your heart racing this week but you must not let your immediate feelings for them encourage you to say or do things you might later regret. Play it cool for now and let matters develop at their own speed.

♌ **LEO**
(July 24-Aug. 23)

You have to confront the fact that a dream or vision you have

been hanging on to for years is unlikely to become a reality. It's time to let it go. Once you have created some space in your head, new dreams and visions will soon fill the gap.

♍ **VIRGO**
(Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

Relationships are being put to the test like never before and if you want to come through this phase unscathed you will need to find more constructive ways to interact with people, at home and at work. To start with, try not to expect the impossible from them.

♎ **LIBRA**
(Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

If you approach what you have to do over the next few days with energy and enthusiasm, not only will you make a good job of it but you might even enjoy it. The task itself is just an event -

it's you, the human animal, who gives it meaning.

♏ **SCORPIO**
(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Get serious about an artistic or creative pursuit. For quite some time now you have been treating it as no more than a hobby, but the planets indicate it could be so much more than that. It might even form the basis of an exciting new career.

♐ **SAGITTARIUS**
(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

You don't have to explain why you took a certain course of action, still less make excuses for it, so if others want to know why just tell them to mind their own business. They might "get it" eventually but you are unlikely to care, and rightly so.

♑ **CAPRICORN**
(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

Someone will come into your life very soon who revives your sense of excitement and makes you feel life a child again, but in a good way. Life is, always has been, and always will be, a huge adventure - you just need reminding of that fact occasionally.

♒ **AQUARIUS**
(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

Changes you made at home and at work around the turn of the year will start to have an effect over the next few weeks, and some extraordinary things are going to happen. Whatever they might be you will find yourself at the center of events, where you belong.

BIRTHDAY SUNDAY

You may be emotional by nature but over the coming year you must control your tendency to look at events from a feeling point of view and lean more on logic and common sense. Feelings are important, of course, but rarely more so than facts.

Sunday Break puzzles answers

Sunday Crossword

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Challenging #231

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Jumble

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Sunday Word Force

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baled	belle	bleed	elate	tally
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Wonderword answer: SAFARI

Market not so sickly

Jonathon M. Trugman



THE stock market corrected some 13 percent last week — a large move by any measure.

The impetus behind this sell-off is primarily China's mishandling of the coronavirus outbreak, which has now spread to numerous countries.

Infectious disease experts have said that while the virus is highly communicable, its mortality rate is very low when compared with SARS, bird flu and other recent nasty diseases circling the globe. The most susceptible are the elderly and those with impaired immune systems.

While I do think much of the selling in the market was triggered by the spread of the coronavirus, much of what made us so vulnerable is that we were extremely extended and overbought by almost every technical measure.

While it was painful to watch the decline, the good news is that bear markets, which are defined as much by duration as price drop, rarely start from all-time highs.

Instead of putting this sell-off in the proper context, most of the Wall Street doomsayers being paraded out by the media just feed the selling frenzy, leading to an outbreak of investor anxiety.

Heart-wrenching and scary as a global health crisis may be, let's not lose sight of the fact that historically, times like these have always proven to be excellent buying opportunities.

It is important to remember that years after SARS, bird flu, MRSA and Ebola all wreaked havoc on the market, when they subsided the market marched to new highs each and every time.

So do yourselves a favor: Be smart with your health and wise with your wealth, because whether it's two, five or 10 years from now, this will just be another page in the history of financial market turbulence that investors will likely look back at as a buying opportunity.

STUDENT MOANS

Big school debt plaguing a million New Yorkers

By MICKEY MEECE

If misery loves company, the more than 1 million New Yorkers collectively carrying \$35 billion in student loan debt can take solace that they are not alone.

The NYC Department of Consumer and Worker Protection (DCWP) says some 14 percent of city residents with student debt are 90 days or more past due on loan payments, according to its commissioner, Lorelei Salas.

"I care a lot about this," Salas said. "I graduated from law school with \$150,000 in student loan debt. So I know what it does to people's finances and their stress level."

"It's a long process," added Salas, who still has close to \$50,000 in student loan debt. "There were times when I thought, 'I'm never going to stop paying until I die.'"

Borrowers have taken to social media and advocacy organizations like the nonprofit Student Debt Crisis to share their stories of woe (and also accomplishment if they've managed to pay down or slay their debts).

"For the last three years, I have had a pretty solid job at a top-tier university," wrote one New Yorker on studentdebtcrisis.org.

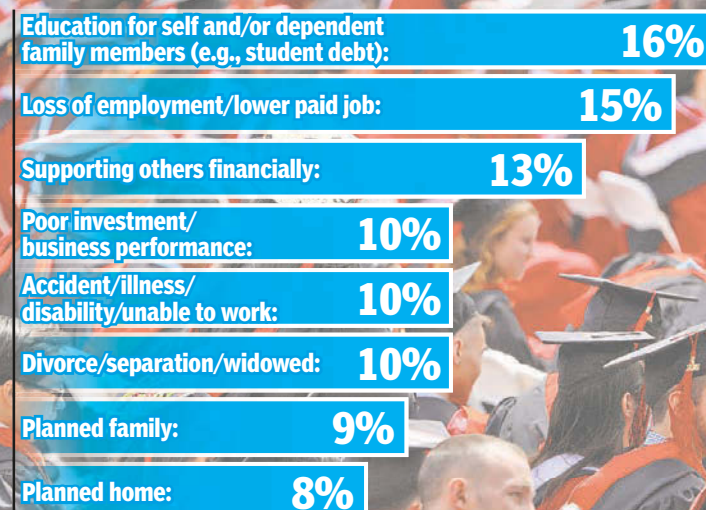
"I make a pretty decent salary and I am getting a free MBA. I have a 401(k) and a Roth IRA and put 25 percent of my salary into my savings account each month. I have about \$45,000 in student loan debt — \$15,000 in a private loan and \$30,000 in federal loans. I try to contribute \$600 a month to these loans.

"Last year, I contributed \$1,762.12 to one large chunk of federal loans totaling 25k. In the last year, that total debt has gone down \$415. I put

Higher education

A recent survey found that student loan hardship made education concerns the No. 1 financial disruptor in 2019.

Top financial disruption causes



Source: The Harris Poll for TD Ameritrade

\$300 in seven days ago and I already owe \$20. I broke out in tears when I made that realization. For years my student loan debt has been this shadow hanging over me."

Indeed, a Moody's report in January found slow repayments have become a key driver of what was the fastest-growing type of household debt in the last decade.

Student loan debt soared to \$1.6 trillion in the fourth quarter of 2019, according to the Federal Reserve. One in five adults — 45 million Americans — are contributing to the total.

Over the past decade, the aggregate annual net repayment rate (or

the amount of existing balances eliminated each year) for US student loans has averaged just 3 percent, "and many recent graduates have not paid down their balances at all," Moody's found.

Meanwhile, the student debt clock on FinAid.org has surged past \$1.7 trillion, and the issue looms large during the run-up to the presidential election.

Student loan hardship pushed education concerns ahead of fears of the loss of employment and a market downturn to become the No. 1 financial disruptor in a recent Harris Poll on behalf of TD Ameritrade.

The results came amid a period of low inflation, record employment, a rising market (pre-coronavirus), Tom Butch, managing director of retail distribution at TD Ameritrade, noted.

In five years, education concerns moved up modestly, as student debt jumped more than 25 percent in that time, he said, particularly for millennials.

The NYC DCWP, formerly the Department of Consumer Affairs, has released three reports on student debt, including one in 2017 with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York examining the rates of student loan debt default and delinquency across different neighborhoods, a study that has been replicated in other cities.

DCWP held debt clinics in targeted areas in 2018 based on the findings of the joint Fed report — delinquency and default rates are higher in neighborhoods with lower median incomes.

It offers tips to student loan borrowers at nyc.gov/studentloans and provides free counseling at Financial Empowerment Centers in all boroughs.

There are plenty of resources available nationwide, but borrowers should be careful to find one that offers student loan expertise, be it a financial adviser, CPA or lawyer, said Bruce McClary, vice president of communications at the National Foundation for Credit Counseling, which runs studentloanhelp.org.

Try to steer clear of for-profit debt relief companies, he warned.

"Clients pay a lot of money up front and in many cases they are left in a worse case than when they started," he said.

Cybersecurity a bipartisan pursuit

By GREGORY BRESIGER

Congress might stop partisan bickering long enough to clamp down on the annual \$400 billion in cyberattacks on American businesses.

A bipartisan group of senators recently introduced the Cybersecurity State Coordinator Act, which would require every state to have a cybersecurity coordinator

who would work with all levels of government to prevent and respond to cyberattacks.

"Cyberattacks can be devastating for communities across our country, from ransomware attacks that can block access to school or medical records to cyberattacks that can shut down electrical grids or banking services," Sen. Maggie Hassan (D-NH), a co-sponsor of

the bill, said in a statement.

"Cybersecurity for state and local governments is just as important as federal cybersecurity, and frequently, they lack the resources, technical know-how and situational awareness to secure their systems," Sen. Rob Portman (R-Ohio), also a bill co-sponsor, said upon its introduction in January.

In the House of Represent-

atives, Rep. Andy Kim (D-NJ) has offered a bill called the Hact Act that would remove the immunity of foreign governments responsible for cyberattacks.

"The threat is real," Kim said, "because we're seeing people's lives ruined and businesses endangered at the hands of foreign-sponsored cyberattacks. These attacks aren't going away.

What we see today is only the tip of iceberg."

A cybersecurity expert thinks the proposals are good.

"We are very supportive of these bills," said Kelvin Coleman, executive director of the National Cyber Security Alliance. He warned the problem could expand: "Billions more new connected devices will be coming on line over the next five years."

THE WEEK'S WINNERS



BOB CHAPEK

Head of Disney's parks and products division elevated to CEO upon Bob Iger's abrupt exit.

BRIAN GOLDNER

Hasbro chief sees just-debuted \$60 Baby Yoda toy sell out on company's Web site.

RICHARD BAKER

Hudson's Bay boss gets shareholder approval to take Saks Fifth Ave. parent private.

LOSERS



MITCH MODELL

Modell's Sporting Goods owner beseeches landlords to help save his 140-store chain.

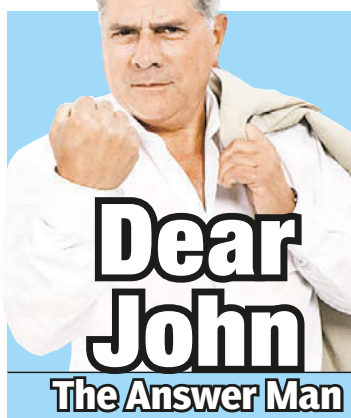
IVAN MENEZES

Diageo CEO warns coronavirus could slash British booze giant's annual profits by \$258M.

BIKRAM CHOUDHURY

Part of hot yoga founder's exotic car collection to be auctioned off to pay debts.

Credit conundrum



Dear John: Many years ago, we were told that voluntary cancellation of credit cards would adversely affect one's credit score. Do you believe that is still accurate advice?

I have several cards I don't use and would like to cancel them, but I don't know what the result would be. J.G.

Dear J.G.: The answer is that canceling credit cards could hurt your credit score, but not by a drastic amount.

Who knew? I do it all the time, after racking up free travel and such, and my credit score is beyond excellent.

But someone who knows more than I do says it can hurt.

"Yes, canceling a credit card will probably hurt your credit score," says Ted Rossman, industry analyst for CreditCards.com. "The main reason is that it will likely raise your credit utilization ratio." That's the credit you're using divided by your total credit limit.

Rossman gives this example: "For instance, if you owe \$3,000 and your total credit limit is \$10,000, your credit utilization ratio is 30 percent. That's pretty good. But if you cancel a credit

To cancel unused cards, or not



HOLD THE LINE: Experts say it's better for your credit score to leave unused credit card accounts open than to cancel them.

card with a \$5,000 limit and still owe the same \$3,000, now your credit utilization ratio is a much higher 60 percent."

He said credit utilization is calculated per card and also across all of your cards. "It's part of how much you owe, the second-largest FICO score category." He said this comprises 30 percent of your FICO credit score.

Rossman says it's better to leave the old credit cards open, with a zero balance. You might have to make a small charge every month so the card doesn't get canceled for inactivity.

"If you're being charged an annual fee on a card that you're not using, ask the issuer for a product change" and switch to a card

with no fee. "This should keep your existing credit line, your account history and often your same account number," says Rossman.

While the bottom line is that canceling a card won't have a dramatic effect on your credit score, "every little bit counts," says Rossman.

He added that with FICO, closed accounts continue to report positive information for up to 10 years, which continues to add to something called your "credit longevity."

"However, [FICO's] main competitor VantageScore removes them immediately, which shortens your average age of accounts," Rossman says. That's

another important factor in credit scoring.

Boo! to VantageScore. Now you know. And so do I.

Dear John: Just read your column about the 10-year-late package delivery. Blame the post office, as usual. But this went to Toronto — you know, in Canada.

Maybe you should be putting the blame there. In over 35 years of delivering mail, I've seen plenty, but, this went to Canada. Why don't you blame them? D.N.

Dear D.N.: Oh, Canada! Okay, let's blame Canada Post.

But the e-mail you are referring to was a follow-up to one about the US Postal Service losing the ashes of a woman sent from a crematorium to the family. And that didn't go through Canada.

Let me say it again: I love the post office. Most of the time, my own mail comes and goes without incident. Lately, however, my mail has been getting lost — perhaps because I'm writing negative stuff about the post office in my column.

So, USPS, this is my cease-fire. Just find that woman's ashes and we are all good.

How can I help?

Dear Readers,

Letters to John Crudele are streaming in fast and furiously, asking Dear John to right the wrongs you're facing. Send your questions to Dear John, The New York Post, 1211 Ave. of the Americas, NY, NY 10036, or john.crudele@nypost.com

Biz virus worries: real

Dear John: Come on, people! Again an excuse for the Dems and the mayor, corporations and hedge funds to gain a profit. Another way of bringing down POTUS.

This coronavirus is an excuse to create cause and effect. There was no reason for the market to drop so many points in the past week.

Yes, there are some major corporations and airlines that deal with China. But the other stocks should not be as affected as indicated. Here again, phony profit gains, as we, the workers, and our 401(k)s suffer at the hands of big business.

Yes, we should be concerned for the

rest of the world, but it's China that caused the problem. C.R.

Dear C.R.: Wow! I really don't know what to say or where to begin.

China is a big market for US goods and the stock market was hoping it was going to get bigger. Not only that, many companies either make products in China and other Far East countries that are affected by this disease or get raw materials and parts from the affected areas.

So, the stock market should be worried. As for this being some way to get President Trump — are you suggesting the disease is being spread on purpose? If so, that's just plain stupid. I think you should buy one of those masks. Stay healthy.



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Guardians nip Wildcats

By TED HOLMLUND

The New York Guardians needed a win in the worst way, and they got it with a new quarterback.

Luiz Perez, who started in place of the injured Matt McGloin, helped lead the Guardians to a 17-14 win over the Los Angeles Wildcats on Saturday at MetLife Stadium.

Diaz didn't light it up, but was

an efficient 18-for-26 for 150 yards and a touchdown for the Guardians (2-2). McGloin was inactive with a rib injury, according to PennLive.com.

Los Angeles (1-3) struggled in the kicking game as Nick Novak missed two field goals. The first was blocked by Jarrell Adams and the second was a 44-yard kick that was pushed wide right that would have tied the game late in the fourth quarter.

Spring Training

Saturday

Mets 2, Houston 1

Yankees (ss) 5, Boston 2

Yankees (ss) 8, Detroit 2

St. Louis 6, Washington 3

Baltimore 12, Miami 6

Toronto 6, Philadelphia 5

Texas 7, Chicago White Sox 6

L.A. Angels 10, San Francisco 3

Milwaukee 4, Chicago Cubs 3

L.A. Dodgers (ss) 7, Arizona 4

Oakland (ss) 8, Cleveland (ss) 7

San Diego 7, Cincinnati 3

Kansas City 9, Seattle 6

L.A. Dodgers (ss) 14, Colorado 2

Oakland (ss) 8, Cleveland (ss) 6

Pittsburgh 2, Minnesota 0

Atlanta 12, Tampa Bay 0

Sunday

Mets (ss) vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05pm

Yankees vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05pm

Washington vs. Mets (ss) at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1:10pm

St. Louis vs. Houston at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05pm

Atlanta vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05pm

Baltimore vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05pm

Minnesota vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 1:05pm

Toronto vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 1:05pm

Seattle vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05pm

Texas vs. L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., 3:05pm

Oakland (ss) vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05pm

Arizona vs. Cleveland (ss) at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05pm

Cincinnati vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 3:05pm

San Francisco vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 3:10pm

Chicago White Sox vs. L.A. Angels (ss) at Tempe, Ariz., 3:10pm

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Soccer

English Premier League

Crystal Palace 1, Brighton & Hove Albion 0

AFC Bournemouth 2, Chelsea 2

Newcastle United 0, Burnley 0

West Ham United 3, Southampton 1

Watford 3, Liverpool 0

Spanish La Liga

Granada 0, Celta Vigo 0

Eibar 3, Levante 0

Valencia 2, Real Betis 1

Leganes 1, Alaves 1

Italian Serie A

Napoli 2, Torino 1

Lazio 2, Bologna 0

German Bundesliga

Borussia Dortmund 1, SC Freiburg 0

Bayern Munich 6, TSG Hoffenheim 0

Mainz 2, SC Paderborn 07 0

Borussia Moenchengladbach 3, FC Augsburg 2

FC Cologne 3, Schalke 04 0

French Ligue 1

Paris Saint-Germain 4, Dijon FCO 0

AS Monaco 1, Stade de Reims 1

Angers 1, Brest 0

Montpe liier 3, Strasbourg 0

Metz 1, SC Amiens 0

Stade Rennes 2, Toulouse 0

English League Championship

Leeds United 4, Hull City 0

Blackburn Rovers 2, Swansea City 2

Cardiff City 2, Brentford 2

Fulham 2, Preston North End 0

Luton Town 1, Stoke City 1

Millwall 1, Bristol City 1

Wigan Athletic 1, West Bromich Albion 0

Yankees (ss) 8, Tigers 2

Tigers		Yankees	
	AB R H BI		AB R H BI
Woodrow cf	2 0 0 0	LeMahieu ph	3 0 1 0
R.Grene ph	3 0 0 0	Castillo ph-2b	2 0 1 1
Y.Reyes lf	2 0 1 0	Torres ss	3 1 1 3
Stk Jr. ph	2 1 1 0	OK Holder ph-ss	2 0 1 1
Cndlrjo 3b	3 0 0 0	Ford 1b	3 0 0 0
Ba.Lugo 3b	1 0 0 0	Lockridge cf	0 0 0 0
B.Dixon 1b	2 0 0 0	Sanchez c	3 0 0 0
Schwindl 1b	2 0 1 1	Thole c	1 0 0 0
Bnfacio dh	3 1 0 0	Andujar 2b	2 0 0 0
Jonson ph	1 0 0 0	Garcia 1b	1 0 0 0
H.Cstro 2b	2 0 0 0	Iannetta dh	3 1 2 0
Clemens 2b	2 0 1 0	Gilliam pr-dh	1 1 0 0
J.Mrcsr ss	2 0 1 0	Herrera 2b	2 1 1 0
Alcntra ss	2 0 1 1	Cabrera 3b	2 1 1 0
Greiner c	1 0 0 0	Ambergrey rf	2 1 1 0
J.Nunez c	2 0 0 0	Stowers rf	1 1 1 0
Dmritte rf	2 0 0 0	Granite cf	3 1 1 2
Cameron cf	1 0 1 0	Zehner lf	1 0 0 0
Detroit		000 000 110 — 2 7 0	
Yankees (ss)		000 053 00x — 8 12 1	

E: Holder (1). **LOB:** Detroit 8, New York 6. **2B:**

Stokes Jr. (4), Schwindel (2), Cameron (1),

LeMahieu (2), Castillo (1), Iannetta (2). **HR:**

Torres (1). **CS:** Ambergrey (1).

Tigers		IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Boyd		3.0	2	0	0	1	4
McKay		1.0	0	0	0	0	0
Funkhouser L, 1-1		0.1	5	5	5	0	1
DeCastro		0.2	0	0	0	1	0
Soto		1.0	3	3	3	0	1
Garcia		1.0	0	0	0	0	2
Manning		1.0	2	0	0	0	1
Yankees		IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cole		2.2	2	0	0	0	2
Cessa		1.1	0	0	0	0	3
Ottavino W, 1-0		1.0	0	0	0	1	2
Britton		1.0	0	0	0	0	1
Kahnle		1.0	2	1	0	1	0
Green		1.0	2	1	1	0	1
Holder		1.0	1	0	0	0	1

HBP: by_Soto (Stowers). **T:** 2:47. **A:** 9,645

Yankees (ss) 5, Red Sox 2

Yankees		Red Sox	
	AB R H BI		AB R H BI
Ty.Wade 2b	3 1 0 0	Pillar rf	3 0 0 0
E.Duran 2b	2 0 1 0	Longhi lf	2 0 0 0
Lu.Voit 1b	3 1 1 0	Bradley Jr. cf	3 0 0 0
Ma.Burt 1b	2 1 1 0	Centeno c	1 0 0 0
Ursheila 3b	2 2 1 0	Baldwin c	1 0 0 0
Alvarez 3b	1 0 0 0	Vasquez c	2 0 0 0
Frazier rf	3 0 1 1	Lin cf	3 0 2 0
Ruta rf	0 0 0 0	Moreland 1b	1 0 0 0
E.Kratz c	3 0 2 1	Joseph pr-1b	2 1 0 0
Deglan c	0 0 0 0	Peraza 2b	2 1 0 0
Estrada	3 0 1 0	Arauz 2b	1 0 0 0
-O.Praza ss	1 0 0 0	Lucroy dh	2 0 0 0
Florial cf	3 0 0 0	Oockimey ph-dh	1 0 0 0
Pereira cf	1 0 0 0	Dalbec 3b	2 0 1 1
Gittens dh	2 0 0 0	Duran rf	1 0 0 0
D.Sands ph	1 0 0 0	Chatham ss	2 0 0 0
T.Mlone lf	3 0 0 0	Downs ss	0 0 0 0
Olvaes lf	1 0 0 0	Wilson lf	2 0 0 0
Yankees (ss)		000 130 100 — 5 8 1	
Boston		000 200 000 — 2 5 1	

E: Peraza (1), vazquez (1). **LOB:** New York 6,

Boston 10. **2B:** Burt (1), Urshela (1), Frazier

(2), Peraza (1). **SB:** Lin (1). **SF:** Frazier (1).

Yankees		IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Montgomery		2.0	1	0	0	0	4
Tropeano		1.2	1	2	2	1	0
Alvarez W, 1-0		0.1	1	0	0	1	0
Medina H, 1		2.0	1	0	0	0	3
Gil H, 1		2.0	1	0	0	2	3
Accevedo S, 1-1		1.0	0	0	0	3	1
Red Sox		IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Rodriguez		3.0	2	0	0	0	6
Brasier		1.0	3	1	1	0	1
Hembree L, 0-1		0.2	1	3	0	2	0
Shawaryn		0.1	0	0	0	1	0
Springs		1.0	0	0	0	0	3
Aybar		1.0	2	1	1	0	0
Johnson		2.0	0	0	0	0	2

WP: Shawaryn. **PB:** Deglan. **Balk:** Alvarez, **T:**

3:09. **A:** 9,552

Mets 2, Astros 1

Mets		Astros	
	AB R H BI		AB R H BI
B.Nimmo cf	2 0 1 0	Springer rf	3 0 1 0

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Aqueduct

Analysis by Vic Cangialosi

Lock of
the Day

My Sweet Kat (3rd)
Lock Record: 20 for 43 (46%)
Meet Record: 111/366 \$566.10

Yonkers Results

FIRST: mile pace; \$25,000; claiming
TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 7:17
TIME-28.1; 58.0; 1:25.3; 1:54.3
5 MrtyMnkhsA(JStrttm) 5.30 3.70 3.10
6 Sports Better (J Marohn) 17.00 8.80
2 Ginger Tree Marty (G Brennan) 4.20
● Exacta (5-6) \$90.00 ● Triple (5-6-2) \$297.00
Scr: Cougar Hall, Artifact Hanover.

SECOND: mile trot; \$27,000; cond
TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 7:36
TIME-27.3; 57.4; 1:25.2; 1:55.0
4 WeslynnDncr(JBrtttm) 8.80 4.60 4.20
2 New Heaven (J Marohn) 11.40 6.20
6 The Last Chapter (B Holland) 4.60
● Exacta (4-2) \$78.50 ● Triple (4-2-6) \$469.50
● Superfecta (4-2-6-1) \$1,264.00 ● Daily double (5-4) \$26.40

THIRD: mile pace; \$27,000; cond
TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 8:02
TIME-28.0; 57.4; 1:25.3; 1:53.3
2 SlSseelster(Aseglmn) 4.10 3.40 2.50
5 Bechers Brook A (JMarohn) 9.30 4.40
3 Imarconrolleged (J Bongiorno) 3.60
● Exacta (2-5) \$27.20 ● Triple (2-5-3) \$89.50
Winner picked by Deb Little

FOURTH: mile pace; \$30,000; claiming
TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 8:27
TIME-27.3; 57.2; 1:25.3; 1:55.1
5 SlickMick(JBongorno) 12.00 6.40 4.00
7 Solo Story (B Holland) 12.00 6.00
1 Anythingforlove A (J Marohn) 2.90
● Exacta (5-7) \$231.00 ● Triple (5-7-1) \$1,190.00 ● Superfecta (5-7-1-3) \$5,312.00 ● Pick 3 (4-2-5) \$106.00 ● Pick 4 (5-4-2-5) \$596.00
Winner picked by Deb Little

FIFTH: mile pace; \$20,000; cond
TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 8:50
TIME-28.0; 57.0; 1:25.2; 1:55.0
3 Anthem N (J Stratton) 6.40 3.40 2.90
3 LondonSeelster(GBrennan) 3.80 3.40
1 Bluebird Neon (J Marohn) 3.60
● Exacta (2-3) \$22.00 ● Triple (2-3-1) \$100.50
● Pick 3 (2-5-2) \$49.20

SIXTH: mile pace; \$20,000; cond
TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 9:13
TIME-27.4; 58.0; 1:26.1; 1:55.3
3 BloodBrother(JBrtttt) 4.30 3.10 2.50
4 Capozzo (E Goodell) 5.90 4.60
7 Fizzing N (D Dube) 7.20
● Exacta (3-4) \$26.40 ● Triple (3-4-7) \$560.00
● Superfecta (3-4-7-6) \$2,776.00 ● Pick 3 (5-2-3) \$96.50
Winner picked by Deb Little

SEVENTH: mile pace; \$22,000
TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 9:37
TIME-27.2; 56.4; 1:25.0; 1:53.3
3 GrtnHnovr(JBongorn) 4.50 2.60 2.10
8 KinnderJackson(GBrennan) 4.60 2.50
2 Sunfire Blue Chip (A Siegelman) 2.10
● Exacta (3-8) \$19.60 ● Triple (3-8-2) \$34.60
Scr: Benhope Rulz N.

Winner picked by Deb Little
EIGHTH: mile pace; \$22,000; cond
TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 9:58
TIME-26.0; 54.3; 1:23.3; 1:54.3
4 LeanOnYou(JMarohn) 84.00 21.00 5.70
5 RockDiamondsM(RCushing) 2.40 2.30
2 Rockathon (G Brennan) 2.70
● Exacta (4-5) \$200.50 ● Triple (4-5-2) \$772.00
● Superfecta (4-5-2-1) \$1,788.00 ● Pick 3 (3-4-3) \$428.00

NINTH: mile pace; \$40,000; Open
TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 10:20
TIME-27.1; 57.0; 1:25.0; 1:53.4
6 Tookdvooffpnr(EGdl) 19.00 5.40 3.40
7 Ostro Hanover (D Dube) 3.40 3.60
8 Jack's Legend N (J Bartlett) 3.10
● Exacta (6-7) \$78.50 ● Triple (6-7-8) \$359.50
● Pick 5 (0) \$0.00
Exacta picked by Deb Little

TENTH: mile pace; \$20,000;
TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 10:45
TIME-27.4; 57.3; 1:26.0; 1:54.2
5 OnOffDlightA(JMrhnn) 12.80 5.40 4.40
2 Ghost Dance (J Bartlett) 5.40 4.10
6 Big Bad Bill (E Goodell) 17.80
● Exacta (5-2) \$74.50 ● Triple (5-2-6) \$932.00
● Superfecta (5-2-6-3) \$2,593.00 ● Pick 3 (4-4-5) \$331.50 ● Pick 3 (4-6-5) \$30.60 ● Pick 4 (3-4-6-5) (3-of-4) \$117.00
Winner picked by Deb Little

ELEVENTH: mile trot; \$40,000; Open
TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 11:06
TIME-28.2; 58.4; 1:27.0; 1:56.1
3 LeanHnovr(JMrhnn) 4.00 2.60 2.10
2 Elysium Lindy (J Bartlett) 5.00 3.40
1 Mostinterestingman(Aseglman) 2.60
● Exacta (3-2) \$20.40 ● Triple (3-2-1) \$58.00 ● Pick 3 (6-5-3) \$243.50

TWELFTH: mile pace; \$27,000; cond
TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 11:30
TIME-27.4; 57.4; 1:26.0; 1:54.3
3 l'mSGrduTt(GBrennn) 4.50 2.80 2.80
2 Luciano N (A Siegelman) 3.90 3.30
4 In Spades (B Holland) 14.80
● Exacta (3-2) \$20.80 ● Triple (3-2-4) \$277.50
● Superfecta (3-2-4-7) \$1,046.00 ● Late double (3-3) \$16.60 ● Pick 3 (5-3-3) \$142.00
Exacta picked by Deb Little

Total Handle-\$814,092

6 fur; \$68,000; mdn; 4up

Maximum Security ran down a drifting Mucho Gusto then held off a last charge from Midnight Bisou to win the Saudi Cup..Sunny, highs in the 40s on this 1st day of March.**FAST BREAK** gained the front then gave way, 2nd best. Servis shaves a furlong. **NEW FRONTIER** Money burner is 0 for 11 but has made the board 5 straight, last 3 as fave. **INK SPLOTZ** (3rd) and **POINT OF HUMOR** (2nd) here in December. Ink Splotz the better value racing for new handler Pringle.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Point of Humor(L),122	E Cancel	2-2-5	Davis	5-1
2	Ink Splotz(L),122	D Brown	3-2-6	Pringle	8-1
3	Tri Saint Lorenzo(L),122	J Vargas, Jr	6-4-5	C Martin	15-1
4	New Frontier(L),122	M Franco	2-2-3	Maker	8-5
5	Fast Break(L),122	J Lezcano	2-4-2	Servis	4-5

2 1 mile; \$37,000; c1m(\$25,000); 4up(f)

Awesome, winning by 5 lengths, **AWESOME ALANA** ran a wide 5th of 6 next out. Rebounds moving sharply lower for Chad Brown/Franco. **CHILLINWITHFRIENDS** Fast filly won handily 2 back as well. Outrun tackling better next out and like top pick she can rebound here. Maragh rides for Rudy. **OK HONEY** is 2 for 28 but 2nd best at this level last month.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Floss Dancer(L),120	L Rod Castro	6-6-2	Kantarmaci	20-1
2	Sister Alexa(L),123	E Cancel	4-1-4	D'Alessandro	12-1
3	Party in the Sand(L),120	K Carmouche	7-6-1	Ryerson	15-1
4	Ok Honey(L),123	O Gomez	6-2-2	Jones	10-1
5	Chillinwithfriends(L),118	R Maragh	4-1-2	Rodriguez	3-1
6	Awesome Alana(L),123	M Franco	5-1-3	C Brown	3-5
7	Spring Drama(L),120	D Davis	6-7-1	Lee	6-1

3 1 mile; \$33,000; mdn c1m(\$25,000); 3YO(f)

In like a lion..**MY SWEET KAT** debuted 3rd then a "thisclosed" 2nd stretching to 7/8. Graduates substituting another panel for Rice.

SUPER TWENTY SEVEN fired extending to a mile last out. Moves off mdn spcl wgt for Noda who gets Canceled back. **TOKYO BAY** (2nd) and **WICKED KHEISHA** (3rd) at this level/distance in their latest.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	City Bird Flying ,120	D Fukumoto	x-x-x	Ramdat	20-1
2	Wicked Kheisha ,115	R Maragh	3-6-6	Persaud	8-1
3	Thegoodmind(M),120	R Silvera	11-22-x	Pino	20-1
4	My Sweet Kat(L),120	J Lezcano	2-3-x	Rice	1-1
5	Tokyo Bay(L),120	D Davis	2-3-5	Terranova II	7-2
6	Moneybackquarantee(L),113H Harkie		4-8-x	Ferraro	15-1
7	Super Twenty Seven ,120	E Cancel	5-5-9	Noda	5-2

4 6 1/2 fur; \$50,000; c1m(\$32,000); 4up

An impressive, handy victor, **LIFE IN SHAMBLES** was defeated by a

hard fought neck next out. Victory was his first since the 2018 Fall Highweight. Coupled with **REED KAN**. Ran wide, 4 lengths short after 6 months rest. Eligible 2nd off the layoff. **ANGRY MOON** stopped, finishing last of 9 at Parx. Midpack with richer previous dirt start at 22-1 with Luzzi up. **WEGOTOLDYOUGOTSOLD** was 2nd, well back of top pick. **AUTOSTRADE** was 3rd with comparable after defeating lighter 2 back.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
2	Wegotoldyougotsold(L),115	R Maragh	2-5-2	Servis	9-5
1	a-Life in Shambles(L),120	L Rod Castro	2-1-3	Kantarmaci	8-5
3	Thousand Percent(L),120	D Davis	6-5-2	Friedman	15-1
4	Swiping Dan(L),115	J Correa	7-6-2	Dharamjit	30-1
1A	a-Reed Kan(L),120	B Hernandez	7-5-5	Kantarmaci	8-5
5	Angry Moon(L),120	M Luzzi	9-6-4	Englehart	10-1
6	Tale of Mist(L),120	E Cancel	3-6-2	Persaud	6-1
7	Autostrade(L),120	M Franco	3-1-3	Rodriguez	4-1

5 1 mile; \$60,000; mdn; 3YO(f)

Promising debut for **BEAUTIFUL KAREN**. Got pinched at the break, built a 2 length lead before settling 2nd. Another try, same distance for Rice. **MAKINGCENTS** passed tired rivals to get 3rd money twice. Sprint to route for J Englehart. **KILKEA** Midpack racing a mile at 128-1. May spice deep exotics with better trip. **MYSTIC MOVES** debuted 3rd behind top pick.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Mystic Moves(L),120	M Franco	3-x-x	Nevin	4-1
2	Beautiful Karen(L),120	J Lezcano	2-x-x	Rice	8-5
3	Kilkea(L),115	J Correa	6-6-x	B Brown	20-1
4	Makingcents(L),120	J Vargas, Jr	3-3-x	Englehart	2-1
5	Rosey's Invasion(L),120	E Cancel	6-4-x	Schettino	12-1
6	Bella Domenica(L),115	R Maragh	4-8-6	Serpe	10-1
7	Take Charge Donna(L),120	K Carmouche	5-2-4	Levine	6-1

6 1 mile; \$55,000; alw; 3YO

Penn shipper **THUNDER DAY** won at 1st asking then stretched to a mile and ran home 3rd after missing the break. Better start may lead to a better finish. **TAPIZEARENCE** ran away, scoring by 9 lengths to earn diploma on his 9th try. Well spotted but 0 for 3 at distance. **YES FOR LESS** led, finished a close 2nd, this level/distance at Gulfstream. Davis will pilot. Better exotics value than **MY SACRED PLACE**. 2nd here last month.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Mr. Shortandsimple(L),120	J Vargas, Jr	7-1-5	Rodriguez	3-1
2	Wild Banker(L),122	E Cancel	4-1-3	Tannuzzo	3-1
3	Yes for Less(L),120	D Davis	4-7-2	B Brown	15-1
4	Thunder Day ,120	J Lezcano	3-1-x	Lawrence	6-1
5	Glenn Likes Gin(L),120	L Rod Castro	6-1-5	Contessa	20-1
6	King of American(L),115	R Maragh	4-5-3	Persaud	15-1
7	My Sacred Place(L),120	M Franco	2-4-1	Servis	9-2
8	Tapizearence(L),120	K Carmouche	1-3-4	Cox	5-2

Vic Cangialosi at Gulfstream

FIRST-1 1/16mT; \$22,000; md c1(\$16,0); 3Y

PN	Horse,Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Odds
2	Bee Bridge(L),122	TGaffin	12-7-x	5-2
4	Rapstorerocks(L),120	MMnss	7-9-4	7-2
1	Monetized(L),122	MMvsq	9-x-x	10-1
3	Shangassah(L),122	KKimur	3-10-8	8-1
5	ProudCountry(L),122	EJarmll	8-x-x	20-1
6	StormySplash(L),122	JRendn	6-x-x	12-1
7	Fazez(L),122	VEbrn	5-3-5	15-1
8	Berry Hill(M),122	EZayas	x-x-x	20-1
9	At the Beach(L),115	GMrtnz	4-3-7	12-1
10	Cab Beef(L),116	CTorrs	10-4-6	30-1
11	Tempesta(L),122	PHncez	3-3-12	9-2
12	Cuy(L),121	LSnchz	6-x-x	20-1
13	Still Schemin(L),122	SGnzlz	7-6-4	8-1

SECOND-6 fur; \$22,000; md c1(\$16,0); 3Yof

PN Horse,Wt.

Jockey	Last 3	Odds
8 Honest Gal(L),120	SGnzlz	2-2-2 3-1
7 MysticCmnmHmL113	GMrtnz	2-5-8 7-2
1 Zamfarr(L),119	L Reyes	10-4-9 30-1
2 SingitnfrSmtyM120	MMvsq	x-x-x 10-1
3 Bratouttahell(L),120	FOlssn	8-9-9 8-1
4 QueenAbarrio(L),120	EZayas	2-3-3 6-1
5 C Est Fast(L),120	FValntn	11-11-x 30-1
6 Markistan(L),120	TGaffin	3-2-7 4-1
9 Love of Glory(L),120	EJarmll	6-10-6 10-1
10 I'm a Ginger(L),114	CTorrs	8-5-7 15-1

THIRD-5 1/2 fur; \$23,000; alw; 4up

PN	Horse,Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Odds
5	Ray'swarrior(L),116	CTorrs	2-3-2	4-1
3	Bordini(L),121	MMnss	8-2-4	9-5
1	Travy Boy(L),121	VLebrn	5-3-6	7-2
2	Arrivederla(L),121	KKimur	6-1-3	12-1
4	Combination(L),123	EZayas	1-1-5	6-1

6 Swagger(L),121	EJarmll	4-2-1	6-1
7 Drop Kick(L),121	MMvsq	1-4-1	8-1

FOURTH-5 fur; \$29,000; md c1(\$25,0); 3Yf

PN	Horse,Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Odds
1	SummerSangriL120	JVelzqz	5-7-2	9-5
3	Myfirstxwife(L),120	TGaffin	2-8-10	2-1
2	CapturedLight(L),120	JSnchz	9-7-x	30-1
4	ShelBeachPrtyL120	VEbrn	5-x-x	20-1
5	TrulyAmbitiousL120	E Prado	5-10-11	9-2
6	Royal Jewel(L),120	MMvsq	9-5-x	6-1
7	Sick Story(L),118	KKimur	7-x-x	12-1
8	Aztec Moon(L),120	MMnss	5-8-4	15-1
9	Just Like Indy ,120	RMtchl	9-8-6	30-1

FIFTH-6 fur; \$51,000; alw; 4up

PN	Horse,Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Odds
5	HiddenScroll(L),121	JVelzqz	3-6-4	1-2
1	Kingsville(L),121	VEbrn	2-6-7	15-1

2 NoonTimeGemL121	SGnzlz	7-1-7	8-1
3 Vita Dooce(L),121	PLopez	3-6-7	20-1
4 Unpublished(L),120	MMnss	3-2-3	8-1
6 Lord Adare(L),121	TGaffin	1-5-1	9-2
7 Stealth(L),121	JEparx	9-4-1	10-1

SIXTH-7 fur; \$50,000; mdn; 3YO(f)

PN	Horse,Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Odds
7	NikkianPap(L),120	FOlssn	3-x-x	9-5
9	Skinny Dip(L),120	J Bravo	2-x-x	4-1
1	Four Graces(M),120	JEparx	x-x-x	15-1
2	Tiznoise(M),120	MMnss	x-x-x	20-1
3	EstiloTalentosL15	CTorrs	2-2-x	12-1
4	Sweden(L),120	EZayas	2-4-12	8-1
5	Gibberish(L),120	TGaffin	3-x-x	5-1
6	MylastfirstkissL120	PLopez	3-3-6	6-1
8	StrikingBeatyM120	JVelzqz	6-5-x	10-1

SEVENTH-1 1/16 milesT; \$51,000; alw; 4up

PN	Horse,Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Odds
6	BourboninMayL121	JCstlin	2-1-1	9-5
1	Opry(L),121	TGaffin	2-10-4	2-1
2	FlawlessBorbnL121	E Prado	1-9-5	6-1
3	RoadtoMeath(L),121	JVelzqz	5-1-4	9-2
4	Motataabe(L),121	JEparx	7-1-7	12-1
5	CounterOff(L),121	EZayas	5-6-7	12-1
7	Surf andTurf(L),121	J Bravo	8-3-1	15-1

EIGHTH-6 1/2 fur; \$20,000; c1(\$8,0); 4up

PN	Horse,Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Odds
6	Dr Harlan(L),121	JRendn	5-1-3	7-2
16	Cabre(L),123	MMvsq	1-1-1	7-2
3	StolenIdentity(L),121	KKimur	7-5-3	30-1
2	Oskar Blues(L),121	SGnzlz	9-5-1	30-1
3	AreyoutknngtM111	MFunts	7-6-8	20

The **POST** Line

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NBA

Favorite	Current (O/U)	Underdog
Sunday		
HORNETS	OFF	Bucks
CLIPPERS	12½ (218½)	76ers
TIMBERWOLVES	OFF	Mavericks
KINGS	7½ (217)	Pistons
NUGGETS	OFF	Raptors
PELICANS	OFF	Lakers
WARRIORS	OFF	Wizards

NHL

Sunday		
RANGERS	-110-110	Flyers
PANTHERS	OFF	Flames
BLUE JACKETS	OFF	Canucks
DUCKS	\$135-155	Devils
Capitals	\$115-135	WILD
GOLDEN KNIGHTS	\$280-340	Kings

MLB EXHIBITION

Sunday		
Yankees	\$115-135	TIGERS
ASTROS	\$115-135	Cardinals
RED SOX	\$110-130	Braves
PHILLIES	\$145-165	Orioles
RAYS	\$110-130	Twins
PIRATES	\$105-125	Blue Jays
DODGERS	\$140-160	Rangers
BREWERS	\$115-135	Reds
CUBS	\$140-160	Mariners
PADRES	\$110-130	Giants

No lines offered on split-squad games.

XFL

Sunday		
Houston Roughnecks	2½ (50½)	DALLAS RENEGADES
DC Defenders	3 (44½)	TAMPA BAY VIPERS

Home Teams in CAPS

College Basketball

Sunday		
Favorite	Line	Underdog
Creighton	5	ST. JOHN'S
TEMPLE	4½	South Florida
HOUSTON	7	Cincinnati
ILLINOIS	6	Indiana
RHODE ISLAND	OFF	Saint Louis
GEORGETOWN	OFF	Xavier
QUINNIPIAC	6½	Marist
Rider	1½	FAIRFIELD
MONMOUTH	5½	Manhattan
N'EASTERN	5½	Towson

OHIO ST.	3½	Michigan
SMU	2	Wichita St.
NEBRASKA	2½	Northwestern
LOUISVILLE	OFF	Virginia Tech
STANFORD	1	Colorado
WISCONSIN	OFF	Minnesota
CHARLOTTE	5	Fiu
NORTH TEXAS	7½	W. Kentucky
OLD DOMINION	6	Fla. Atlantic
UTSA	3½	Uab
RICE	8	Mid Tenn. St.
UTEP	7½	So. Mississippi

VSIN TOP PLAY

By DAVE TULEY

This is the marquee matchup of XFL Week 4, with the undefeated Houston Roughnecks visiting the Dallas Renegades.

The Renegades were the preseason favorites before losing to St. Louis in Week 1, but now they have won two straight since Landry Jones' return to the lineup.

Houston, led by MVP front-runner P.J. Walker, is the highest-scoring team in the league at 33 points per game. But Dallas has the top defense, allowing just 15 points per game. The average stats put this as a Houston 24-21 win, or Roughnecks -3 with a total of 45.

I was bummed when books actually made Dallas a short home fave, but now I'm glad the public has bet Houston to favoritism, so I can keep the Renegades as my best bet of the week. Remember, even though Houston is 3-0, the Roughnecks are 1-2 ATS and have failed to cover their past two games, including their first road test last week at Tampa Bay.

THE PLAY: Dallas Renegades, +2½.

Dave Tuley writes for Point Spread Weekly, VSIN's digital magazine for sports bettors.

Renegades will give Houston 'Rough' time



A CLASH IN STYLES: Though the Houston Roughnecks have the top offense in the XFL, quarterback Landry Jones benefits from his Dallas Renegades having the best defense in the league.

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SPORTS SHORTS

NBA: Rockets nip Celtics in OT

In Boston, **Russell Westbrook** scored 41 points and **James Harden** had 21, including a pair of free throws with 25 seconds left in overtime to give the Rockets their sixth straight victory, a 111-110 win over the Celtics. Boston rallied from a four-point deficit in the final 20 seconds of regulation and sent the game to overtime on **Jaylen Brown**'s 3-pointer at the buzzer.

● **Stephen Curry** had hoped to play for the Warriors on Sunday against the Wizards after being sidelined for four months, but he won't return from a broken left hand quite that soon. The team said Curry is scheduled to practice with G-League Santa Cruz on Monday and is still expected to play in March.

● In Memphis, Tenn., rookie **Ja Morant** had 27 points and matched his season high with 14 assists as the Grizzlies snapped a five-game losing streak with a 105-88 victory over the Lakers. **LeBron James** scored 19 points to lead the Lakers.

NHL: Devils denied by Kings

Adrian Kempe scored in overtime and the Kings edged the Devils, 2-1, in Los Angeles. **Mackenzie Blackwood** had his six-game winning streak broken despite making 36 saves. The Devils earned a point for the fifth straight game.

● In Montreal, **Jeff Petry** scored 52 seconds into overtime, lifting the Canadiens to a 4-3 victory over the Hurricanes, though Carolina earned a point that pushed it to 75, just one behind the idle Blue Jackets for the second Eastern Conference wild card

and one ahead of the Rangers.

SOCCER: Liverpool finally loses

Liverpool's ambitions of going through the Premier League season unbeaten were ended in a surprise 3-0 loss at Watford, marking the runaway leaders' first loss in 45 top-flight matches stretching back to January last year.

GOLF: Fleetwood has one-shot lead

Tommy Fleetwood birdied four of his final six holes on the way to a 3-under 67 in the third round of The Honda Classic, moving to 5-under for the week and one shot ahead of **Brendan Steele** at PGA National in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

● In Tucson, Ariz., **Brett Quigley** shot a 5-under 68 in the Cologuard Classic to open a three-stroke lead in his bid to win for the second time in his first four PGA Tour Champions starts. **Fred Couples** was second after a 66.

ETC.: Max. Security: Big Saudi win

Maximum Security, the first horse ever to be disqualified from first place in the Kentucky Derby for causing interference, won the first running of the Saudi Cup in Riyadh, beating Midnight Bisou and Benbatl to win \$10 million, half of the race's \$20 million purse.

● Ete Indien made a huge move right out of the gate and went wire-to-wire to win the Grade 2 Fountain of Youth Stakes at Gulfstream Park in Hallandale Beach, Fla., a victory that will likely be enough to earn him a spot in the Kentucky Derby. Ete Indien finished the 8½ furlongs in 1:43.02, and returned \$8.60, \$4.40 and \$3.

NASCAR

Favorites to win
Auto Club 400

DRIVER	ODDS
Kyle Busch	4/1
Kevin Harvick	4/1
Joey Logano	11/2
Martin Truex Jr.	7/1
Brad Keselowski	15/2
Chase Elliott	8/1
Kyle Larson	10/1
Jimmie Johnson	12/1
Denny Hamlin	14/1
Ryan Blaney	17/1
Alex Bowman	20/1
William Byron	22/1
Kurt Busch	25/1
Clint Bowyer	40/1
Erik Jones	40/1
Aric Almirola	50/1
M. DiBenedetto	100/1
Austin Dillon	100/1
R. Stenhouse Jr.	100/1
Ross Chastain	150/1
Tyler Reddick	150/1
Christopher Bell	200/1
Cole Custer	200/1
Chris Buescher	250/1
Ty Dillon	500/1
J. Nemechek	500/1
Bubba Wallace	750/1
Field	300/1

Home Team Lineups HOME AWAY							
	TODAY Mar. 1	MON Mar. 2	TUE Mar. 3	WED Mar. 4	THU Mar. 5	FRI Mar. 6	SAT Mar. 7
	NO GAME	Hou. 7:00 MSG ESPN	NO GAME	Utah. 7:30 MSG ESPN	NO GAME	OKC. 7:30 MSG ESPN	NO GAME
	NO GAME	NO GAME	Bost. 7:30 TNT WFAN	Mem. 7:30 YES WFAN	NO GAME	SAS 7:30 YES WFAN	NO GAME
	Detroit 1:05 No TV WFAN 660 AM/101.9 FM	NO GAME	Bost. 1:05 YES No Radio	Phila. 6:35 No TV No Radio	Det. 1:05 MLBN No Radio	Balt. 6:35 No TV No Radio	Pitts. 1:05 YES WFAN
	Washington 1:10 PIX11 WCBS 880 AM	NO GAME	Mia. 1:10 SNY No Radio	St. L. 1:10 SNY No Radio	St. L. 1:05 No TV No Radio	Hou. 6:05 No TV No Radio	Wash. 1:10 SNY WCBS
	Philadelphia Noon NBC ESPN 98.7 FM	NO GAME	St. L. 7:00 MSG ESPN	NO GAME	Wash. 7:00 MSG ESPN	NO GAME	NJD 7:00 MSG ESPN
	NO GAME	NO GAME	Mtl. 7:00 MSG+ ESPN WRHU WRCN	NO GAME	Ott. 7:30 MSG+ ESPN WRHU WRCN	NO GAME	Car. 1:00 MSG+ ESPN WRHU WRCN
	Anaheim 8:00 MSG Plus	NO GAME	VGK 10:00 MSG+	NO GAME	NO GAME	St. L. 7:00 MSG	NYR 7:00 MSG+
	Creighton Noon FS1 WNYM 970 AM	NO GAME	NO GAME	Butler 7:00 CBSSN WMCA	NO GAME	NO GAME	Marq. Noon No TV TBD Radio
	NO GAME	NO GAME	NO GAME	Villa. 8:30 FS1 WNYM	NO GAME	NO GAME	Creig. 2:30 FOX WMCA
Sunday				Sunday			
	FC Cincinnati 1:00 TV - MSG No Radio			Columbus 12:00 TV - YES Network No Radio			

Today's Sports on the Air			
NBA	3:30 p.m.	76ers at Clippers	ABC, ESPN (98.7 FM)
	8 p.m.	Lakers at Warriors	ESPN
NHL	Noon	Flyers at Rangers	NBC, ESPN (98.7 FM)
	8 p.m.	Devils at Ducks	MSG+
	8 p.m.	Capitals at Wild	NBCSN
	10:30 p.m.	Kings at Golden Knights	NBCSN
MLB	1 p.m.	Braves at Red Sox	MLBN
Exhibition	1:10 p.m.	Nationals at Mets	PIX11, WCBS (880 AM)
College	Noon	Creighton at St. John's FS1, WNYM (970 AM)	
Basketball	Noon	South Florida at Temple	CBSSN
	Noon	Iowa at Rutgers, Women's	BTN
	1 p.m.	Cincinnati at Houston	ESPN
	2 p.m.	Xavier at Georgetown	CBS
	2 p.m.	Duke at North Carolina, Women's	ESPN2
	4 p.m.	Michigan at Ohio State	CBS
	4 p.m.	Boston College at Syracuse, Women's	YES
	6 p.m.	Virginia Tech at Louisville	ACCN
XFL	4 p.m.	Houston Roughnecks at Dallas Renegades	FS1
	7 p.m.	D.C. Defenders at Tampa Bay Vipers	ESPN2
Golf	1 p.m.	PGA: The Honda Classic, Final Round	GOLF
	3 p.m.	PGA: The Honda Classic, Final Round	NBC
	4:30 p.m.	Champions: Cologuard Classic, Final Round	GOLF
Auto Racing	3:30 p.m.	NASCAR Cup Series: Auto Club 400	FOX
Soccer	7:30 a.m.	Bundesliga: Wolfsburg at FC Union Berlin	FS1
	9 a.m.	EPL: Manchester United at Everton	NBCSN
	9:30 a.m.	Bundesliga: Bayern Leverkusen at RB Leipzig	FS1
	12:30 p.m.	NYCFC at Columbus Crew	YES
	1 p.m.	FC Cincinnati at Red Bulls	MSG
	3 p.m.	Chicago Fire at Seattle Sounders FC	ESPN
	5:30 p.m.	Inter Milan at LAFC	ESPN
	7:30 p.m.	Minnesota United at Portland Timbers	FS1

ODDS & ENDS

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL 2020 regular-season RBI leader	
PLAYER	ODDS
Nolan Arenado	8/1
Cody Bellinger	10/1
Anthony Rendon	10/1
Pete Alonso	12/1
Mike Trout	12/1
Freddie Freeman	15/1
J.D. Martinez	15/1
Joe Abreu	16/1
Aaron Judge	18/1
Rafael Devers	20/1
Juan Soto	20/1
Bryce Harper	22/1
Xander Bogaerts	25/1
Alex Bregman	25/1
Giancarlo Stanton	25/1
Nelson Cruz	30/1
Eduardo Escobar	30/1
Jorge Soler	30/1
Christian Yelich	30/1
Eugenio Suarez	35/1
Javier Baez	40/1
Josh Bell	40/1
Gleyber Torres	40/1
Joey Gallo	50/1
Yulieski Gurriel	50/1
Manny Machado	50/1
Yordan Alvarez	60/1
Rhys Hoskins	60/1
DJ LeMahieu	60/1
Jose Ramirez	60/1
Anthony Rizzo	60/1
Ronald Acuna Jr.	75/1
Josh Donaldson	75/1
Paul Goldschmidt	75/1
Matt Olson	75/1
Marcell Ozuna	75/1
Kris Bryant	100/1
Matt Chapman	100/1
Khrist Davis	100/1
Edwin Encarnacion	100/1
Eloy Jimenez	100/1
Franmil Reyes	100/1
Eddie Rosario	100/1
Miguel Sano	100/1
Carlos Santana	100/1
Trevor Story	100/1
Carlos Correa	150/1
Francisco Lindor	150/1
Mike Moustakas	150/1
Field	15/1
MMA UFC 248 March 7, Washington D.C.	
FIGHTER	ODDS
Yoel Romero	+225
vs. Israel Adesanya	-265
Joanna Jedrzczyk	+155
vs. Zhang Weili	-175
UFC 249 April 18, Barclays Center	
FIGHTER	ODDS
Tony Ferguson	+220
vs. Khabib Nurmagomedov	-260

VSIN BET SMART

BLUE STREAK: Marcus Zegarowski and the Creighton Bluejays have been rolling lately. They have won nine of their past 10 and have covered the spread in five in a row.

Make hay with Bluejays

By JEFF FOGLE

St. John's continues to stumble to the finish line of what's turned out to be a disappointing college basketball season. Wednesday, the Red Storm did manage to cover a point spread of +12½ in a 71-60 loss at Villanova. But that was their ninth outright loss in the past 11 games. St. John's is just 2-5 against the spread its past seven, even with that close cover. Headline-making December victories over West Virginia and Arizona are distant memories.

Sunday, St. John's hosts the hard-charging Creighton Bluejays (noon, FS1). Creighton has been playing some of the best basketball in the country the past several weeks:

- Creighton has won nine of its past 10 in the tough Big East. Though the conference doesn't have a team currently projected to earn a No. 1 or No. 2 seed in the NCAA Tournament, it's deep with quality.
- Creighton has covered five in a row and eight of its past nine against market prices that have been stubborn to recognize a late-season surge. Creighton's covers have come by 17, 11½, 21, 10½, 3½, 21½, 5½ and 17 points. If the lines had moved five points toward Creighton, they'd still be 7-2 ATS the past nine. There are six double-digit covers in that mix.
- Creighton stormed to the top of the Big East in market-respected rankings posted by Ken Pomeroy (kenpom.com) and Jeff Sagarin of USA Today. The Bluejays ranked in the top dozen nationally midweek in both assessments. There may still be time to

earn an Elite Eight seeding.

At worst, the Bluejays will be a team nobody wants to run into later this month. If recent form continues, they will be solidly on the short list of national championship hopefuls.

A potential point of vulnerability entering the Dance appears to be team defense. An "adjusted defensive efficiency" ranking in the mid 60s (points allowed adjusted for pace and schedule as calculated by Pomeory) looks strong on a national scale of 353 teams, but is much worse than other contenders projected to go deep in the Tournament.

One-and-done is dangerous for teams that must shoot well every time out to advance ... particularly when they run into superior defenses.

St. John's will carry an offense ranked around 125th and a defense ranked around 60th into its final seven days of action. After colliding with Creighton, the Red Storm visit Butler on Wednesday (7 p.m., CBSSN) then host Marquette on Saturday. The 2020 Big East tournament will begin March 11 and run through March 14. St. John's is already locked into an opening night preliminary as a No. 8, 9 or 10 seed.

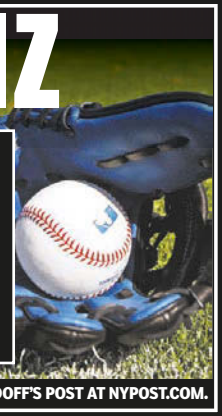
How should you handicap St. John's and Creighton the rest of the way? For the Red Storm, try to evaluate energy and enthusiasm. There's no reason to bet on a group that's thrown in the towel. For Creighton, fly with the Bluejays as long as the market refuses to acknowledge their consistently high level of play.

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POP QUIZ

Question (from Gary Mintz of South Huntington): In the 2018 film “Green Book,” protagonist “Tony Lip” and his friends cheer as they watch a famous Yankees hitter go deep during the 1962 World Series. Name the Yankees hitter.

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College Hoops

East
Akron 86, Buffalo 73
American U. 90, Holy Cross 47
Boston U. 74, Bucknell 71
Bryant 80, Wagner 59
Colgate 91, Army 65
Dartmouth 76, Columbia 57
Delaware St. 84, Md.-East. Shore 63
Duquesne 81, George Mason 77
Fairleigh Dickinson 83, Mt. St. Mary's 77
Harvard 67, Cornell 58
Hofstra 97, James Madison 81
La Salle 73, St. Bonaventure 65
Lafayette 62, Navy 60
Lehigh 74, Loyola (Md.) 71
Maine 74, UMBC 48
Michigan St. 78, Maryland 66
New Hampshire 89, Binghamton 70
Niagara 100, Iona 91, OT
North Carolina 92, Syracuse 79
Oklahoma 73, West Virginia 62
Penn 73, Brown 68
Providence 58, Villanova 54
Robert Morris 78, St. Francis (Pa.) 68
Sacred Heart 76, LIU 67
Saint Joseph's 73, Fordham 69
St. Francis Brooklyn 85, CCSU 79
St. Peter's 69, Canisles 68
Stony Brook 52, Albany (NY) 49
Vermont 94, Mass.-Lowell 77
Yale 66, Princeton 63

South
Campbell 78, UNC-Asheville 69
Chattanooga 74, UNC-Greensboro 72
Clemson 70, Florida St. 69
Coastal Carolina 84, Appalachian St. 77
Coll. of Charleston 75, Drexel 66
Coppin St. 72, Morgan St. 65
ETSU 68, W. Carolina 67
Furman 82, The Citadel 58
Gardner-Webb 70, Radford 62
Georgia 99, Arkansas 89
Jackson St. 87, MVSU 70
Kansasville 53, Stetson 52
Kentucky 73, Auburn 66
LSU 64, Texas A&M 50
Lipscomb 77, Liberty 71
Mercer 59, Wofford 47
Mississippi 86, Vanderbilt 60
NC Central 83, SC State 82, 2OT
NC State 77, Pittsburgh 73

NJIT 76, Kennesaw St. 55
Nicholls 92, New Orleans 68
North Alabama 78, FGCU 73, OT
Presbyterian 76, Charleston Southern 65
Richmond 95, UMass 71
SC-Upstate 90, Hampton 79
Samford 84, VMI 78
Tennessee 63, Florida 58
UConn 84, East Carolina 63
UT Martin 87, SE Missouri 78
VCU 75, George Washington 51
Virginia 52, Duke 50
Wake Forest 84, Notre Dame 73
William & Mary 86, Elon 79
Winthrop 84, High Point 76

Midwest
Butler 60, DePaul 42
Detroit 90, IUPUI 88
E. Illinois 70, SIU-Edwardsville 52
E. Michigan 67, Cent. Michigan 63
Illinois St. 71, Evansville 60
Indiana St. 71, Valparaiso 58
Iowa 77, Penn St. 68
Kansas 62, Kansas St. 58
Loyola of Chicago 67, Bradley 66
Miami (Ohio) 73, Bowling Green 55
Mississippi St. 67, Missouri 63
Missouri St. 84, S. Illinois 59
N. Dakota St. 87, Nebraska-Omaha 67
N. Iowa 70, Drake 43
Oakland 68, Ill.-Chicago 66
Seton Hall 88, Marquette 79
South Dakota 77, North Dakota 67
Toledo 69, Ball St. 63
W. Michigan 72, N. Illinois 69

Southwest
Abilene Christian 75, Cent. Arkansas 70
Oklahoma St. 73, Iowa St. 61
Prairie View 65, Alabama St. 58
Stephen F. Austin 95, Lamar 76
TCU 75, Baylor 72
Texas 68, Texas Tech 58
Tulsa 65, UCF 54
UALR 91, Louisiana-Lafayette 69

Far West
BYU 81, Pepperdine 64
California 86, Utah 79, OT
Colorado St. 87, Air Force 74
Denver 69, W. Illinois 63
Fresno St. 63, Wyoming 55
Gonzaga 86, St. Mary's (Calif.) 76
Montana St. 63, N. Arizona 57
San Diego St. 83, Nevada 76
Santa Clara 73, Portland 68
UNLV 92, San Jose St. 69

Tennis

ATP World Tour Dubai Championship
At Dubai Tennis Stadium; Dubai, United Arab Emirates; Purse: \$2,794,840; Surface: Hardcourt outdoor; Stadium (seedings in parentheses):
Men's Singles - Championship
Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Stefanos Tsitsipas (2), Greece, 6-3, 6-4.

WTA Doha
At Khalifa International Tennis and Squash Complex; Doha, Qatar; Purse: \$2,939,695; Surface: Hardcourt outdoor;(seedings in parentheses):

Women's Singles - Championship
Aryna Sabalenka (9), Belarus, def. Petra Kvitova (8), Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-3.

ATP Acapulco
At Fairmont Acapulco Princess; Acapulco, Mexico; Purse: \$1,845,265; Surface: Hardcourt outdoor; (seedings in parentheses):
Men's Singles - Championship
Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, def. Taylor Fritz, United States, 6-3, 6-2.

Women's Singles - Championship
Heather Watson (7), Britain, def. Leylah Annie Fernandez, Canada, 6-4, 6-7 (8), 6-1.

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NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Atlantic	W	L	OL*	Pt	GF	GA
Boston	41	13	12	94	218	167
Tampa Bay	41	19	5	87	230	183
Toronto	35	23	8	78	233	218
Florida	33	25	7	73	224	221
Montreal	30	28	9	69	203	207
Buffalo	29	28	8	66	188	205
Ottawa	23	31	12	58	178	224
Detroit	15	47	5	35	135	255
Metropolitan	W	L	OL*	Pt	GF	GA
Washington	39	19	6	84	222	196
Philadelphia	37	20	7	81	215	187
Pittsburgh	37	21	6	80	204	178
Islanders	35	21	8	78	181	175
Columbus	31	21	14	76	170	176
Carolina	35	24	5	75	207	183
Rangers	35	25	4	74	214	198
Devils	25	27	12	62	174	216

WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Central	W	L	OL*	Pt	GF	GA
St. Louis	39	17	10	88	213	184
Colorado	39	18	7	85	221	172
Dallas	37	21	7	81	177	168
Nashville	32	24	8	72	204	204
Winnipeg	33	28	6	72	201	198
Minnesota	32	25	7	71	203	202
Chicago	29	28	8	66	195	207
Pacific	W	L	OL*	Pt	GF	GA
Vegas	36	22	8	80	215	198
Edmonton	34	23	8	76	204	201
Vancouver	34	24	6	74	211	199
Calgary	33	26	7	73	198	206
Arizona	32	27	8	72	187	178
Anaheim	26	30	8	60	168	202
San Jose	28	33	4	60	169	209
Los Angeles	24	35	6	54	160	205

OL*: Lost in OT (for 1 point)

Saturday
Boston 4, **Islanders** 0
Los Angeles 2, **Devils** 1, OT
Tampa Bay 4, Calgary 3
Chicago 3, Florida 2, SO
Colorado 3, Nashville 2
Toronto 4, Vancouver 2
Ottawa 4, Detroit 3, SO
Montreal 4, Carolina 3, OT
Arizona 5, Buffalo 2
St. Louis 4, Dallas 3, SO
Edmonton 3, Winnipeg 6
San Jose 5, Pittsburgh 0

Sunday
Philadelphia at **Rangers**, 12pm
Devils at Anaheim, 8pm
Calgary at Florida, 4pm
Vancouver at Columbus, 7pm
Washington at Minnesota, 8pm
Los Angeles at Vegas, 10:30pm

Monday
Colorado at Detroit, 7:30pm
Edmonton at Nashville, 8pm

Tuesday
Montreal at **Islanders**, 7pm
St. Louis at **Rangers**, 7pm
Devils at Vegas, 10pm
Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 7pm
Boston at Tampa Bay, 7:30pm
Buffalo at Winnipeg, 8pm
Nashville at Minnesota, 8pm
Anaheim at Chicago, 8:30pm
Edmonton at Dallas, 8:30pm
Toronto at San Jose, 10:30pm

Coyotes 5, Sabres 2

Buffalo	2	0	0	2
Arizona	0	3	2	5

First Period: 1, Buffalo, M.Johansson 8 (Kahner, McCabe), 7:59. 2, Buffalo, Skinner 14 (Simmonds), 8:43.
Second Period: 3, Arizona, Oesterle 3 (Ekman-Larsson, Keller), 2:20. 4, Arizona, Kessel 14 (Goligoski, Oesterle), 3:13. 5, Arizona, Keller 16, 7:30. .
Third Period: 6, Arizona, Keller 17 (Demers), 13:59. 7, Arizona, Ekman-Larsson 8 (Richardson), 19:40 (en).
Shots on Goal: Buffalo 8-12-8—28. Arizona 9-12-10—31.
Power-play opportunities: Buffalo 0 of 2; Arizona 0 of 2.
Goalies: Buffalo, Johansson 1-2-1 (30 shots-26 saves). Arizona, Raanta 15-14-3 (27-25).
A: 17,125 (17,125). **T:** 2:21.

Bruins 4, Islanders 0

Boston	2	0	2	4
Islanders	0	0	0	0

First Period: 1, Boston, Pastrnak 47 (Krug, Carlo), 4:30. 2, Boston, Grzelczyk 3 (Marchand, McAvoy), 13:10. **Penalties:** Ritchie, Bos (Interference), 14:31; Pastrnak, Bos (Tripping), 18:57.
Second Period: None. **Penalties:** Komarov, NYI (Tripping), 8:20; Clutterbuck, NYI (High Sticking), 9:48; Chara, Bos (Slashing), 14:32; Ritchie, Bos (Cross Checking), 18:02.
Third Period: 3, Boston, Marchand 27 (McAvoy, Bergeron), 11:06. 4, Boston, McAvoy 4 (Krejci, Krug), 16:26 (pp). **Penalties:** Pastrnak, Bos (Roughing), 13:47; Barzal, NYI (Hooking), 14:54; Lauzon, Bos (Holding), 18:47.
Shots on Goal: Boston 11-12-6—29. Islanders 8-4-13—25.
Power-play opportunities: Boston 1 of 3; Islanders 0 of 6.
Goalies: Boston, Rask 24-7-6 (25 shots-25 saves). Islanders, Varlamov 19-13-5 (29-25). **A:** 13,917 (13,917). **T:** 2:26.

Kings 2, Devils 1, OT

Devils	1	0	0	0	1
Los Angeles	0	1	0	1	2

First Period: 1, Devils, Bratt 15 (Gusev), 7:19. **Penalties:** None.
Second Period: 2, Los Angeles, Brown 14 (Iaffalo, Kopitar), 13:14. **Penalties:** MacDermid, LA (Tripping), 7:37.
Third Period: None. **Penalties:** None.
Overtime: 3, Los Angeles, Kempe 11 (Brown, Lizotte), 1:58. **Penalties:** None.
Shots on Goal: Devils 4-18-11-0—33. Los Angeles 15-8-13-2—38.
Power-play opportunities: Devils 0 of 1; Los Angeles 0 of 0.
Goalies: Devils, Blackwood 21-12-8 (38 shots-36 saves). Los Angeles, Quick 14-22-4 (33-32). **A:** 17,372 (18,230). **T:** 2:29.

Lightning 4, Flames 3

Calgary	0	2	1	3
Tampa Bay	1	3	0	4

First Period: 1, Tampa Bay, Johnson 14 (Sergachev, Kucherov), 13:52 (pp). **Penalties:** Dube, Cal (Holding), 13:09.
Second Period: 2, Tampa Bay, Palat 16 (Sergachev, Kucherov), 7:05 (pp). 3, Tampa Bay, Gourde 10 (Bogosian, Paquette), 11:50 (sh). 4, Calgary, Mangiapane 17 (Backlund), 13:12. 5, Calgary, Lindholm 28 (Gaudreau, Gustafsson), 14:04. 6, Tampa Bay, Killorn 24 (Coleman, Coburn), 14:57.
Penalties: Monahan, Cal (Hooking), 5:27; Sergachev, TB (Holding Stick), 9:52; Brodie, Cal (Slashing), 19:19; Andersson, Cal (Slashing), 20:00; Palat, TB (Slashing), 20:00.
Third Period: 7, Calgary, Monahan 22 (Tkachuk, Lindholm), 17:11 (pp). **Penalties:** Brodie, Cal (Interference), 7:49; Cernak, TB (Interference), 17:04.
Shots on Goal: Calgary 6-9-6—21. Tampa Bay 13-14-6—33.
Power-play opportunities: Calgary 1 of 2; Tampa Bay 2 of 4.
Goalies: Calgary, Rittich 24-15-6 (34 shots-30 saves). Tampa Bay, Vasilevskiy 32-12-3 (21-18). **A:** 0 (19,092). **T:** 2:38.

Blackhawks 3, Panthers 2, SO

Chicago	1	1	0	1	3
Florida	1	0	1	0	2

Chicago won shootout, 2-0.
First Period: 1, Florida, Hoffman 27, 4:07. 2, Chicago, Toews 17 (Kubalik, Boqvist), 12:54. **Penalties:** Weegar, Flo (Holding), 6:26; Huberdeau, Flo (Hooking), 13:26; Haula, Flo (High Sticking), 17:13.
Second Period: 3, Chicago, Caggiula 8 (Toews, Murphy), 6:21. **Penalties:** Maatta, Chi (Interference), 8:09; Keith, Chi (Tripping), 10:13.
Third Period: 4, Florida, Matheson 8 (Hoffman), 2:32. **Penalties:** Dach, Chi (High Sticking), 1:11.
Overtime: None. **Penalties:** None.
Shootout: Chicago 2 (Toews G, Kane G), Florida 0 (Vatrano NG, Hoffman NG).
Shots on Goal: Chicago 14-10-2-3—29. Florida 4-15-17-4—40.
Power-play opportunities: Chicago 0 of 3; Florida 0 of 3.
Goalies: Chicago, Crawford 13-18-3 (40 shots-38 saves). Florida, Bobrovsky 23-19-6 (29-27).
A: 16,055 (19,250). **T:** 2:47.

Senators 4, Red Wings 3, SO

Detroit	1	1	1	0	3
Ottawa	0	1	2	1	4

Ottawa won shootout, 1-0.
First Period: 1, Detroit, Nielsen 4 (Erne), 3:59. **Penalties:** Gagner, Det (Slashing), 1:17; Paul, Ott (Hooking), 15:13.
Second Period: 2, Detroit, Larkin 18 (Bertuzzi, Fabbri), 6:59. 3, Ottawa, Anisimov 14 (Tierney, Reilly), 13:42 (pp). **Penalties:** Detroit bench, served by Fabbri (Tripping), 10:15; Biega, Det (Hooking), 12:31; Larkin, Det (High Sticking), 18:40.
Third Period: 4, Ottawa, Sabourin 2 (Chabot, Peca), 1:48. 5, Ottawa, Anisimov 15 (Paul, Hawryluk), 6:09. 6, Detroit, Gagner 6 (Hronek, Larkin), 7:46 (pp). **Penalties:** Zaitsev, Ott (Tripping), 7:27.
Overtime: None. **Penalties:** Fabbri, Det (Tripping), 2:26.
Shootout: Ottawa 1 (Reilly NG, Anisimov G, Ryan NG), Detroit 0 (Larkin NG, Fabbri NG, Bertuzzi NG).
Shots on Goal: Detroit 10-9-8-1—28. Ottawa 11-10-12-6—39.
Power-play opportunities: Detroit 1 of 2; Ottawa 1 of 5.
Goalies: Detroit, Bernier 13-20-3 (39 shots-36 saves). Ottawa, Hogberg 5-7-8 (28-25).
A: 15,505 (18,572). **T:** 2:35.

Canadiens 4, Hurricanes 3, OT

Carolina	0	1	2	0	3
Montreal	1	2	0	1	4

First Period: 1, Montreal, Danault 13 (Tatar, Gallagher), 2:40.
Second Period: 2, Montreal, Domi 17 (Weal, Byron), 3:46. 3, Montreal, Gallagher 21 (Tatar, Danault), 4:03. 4, Carolina, Fleury 4 (Staal), 7:45.
Third Period: 5, Carolina, Edmondson 6 (Slavin, Necas), 1:14. 6, Carolina, Williams 3 (Edmondson, Teravainen), 18:43.
Overtime: 7, Montreal, Petry 10 (Tatar), 0:52. **Penalties:** None.
Shots on Goal: Carolina 11-5-13-1—30. Montreal 16-12-10-1—39.
Power-play opportunities: Carolina 0 of 2; Montreal 0 of 3.
Goalies: Carolina, Nedeljkovic 0-1-1 (18 shots-18 saves), Carolina, Forsberg 0-1-0 (20-17). Montreal, Lindgren 2-3-0 (30-27).
A: 21,207 (21,288). **T:** 2:30.

Maple Leafs 4, Canucks 2

Vancouver	2	0	0	2
Toronto	2	0	2	4

First Period: 1, Toronto, Gauthier 7 (Sandin, Barrie), 2:45. 2, Vancouver, Motte 4 (Sutter, Beagle), 5:28. 3, Toronto, Matthews 45 (Dermott), 6:25. 4, Vancouver, Pearson 19 (Horvat, Edler), 11:01.
Second Period: None.
Third Period: 5, Toronto, Marincin 1 (Barrie, Tavares), 0:18. 6, Toronto, Hyman 21 (Marner, Dermott), 18:06 (en).
Shots on Goal: Vancouver 7-7-13—27. Toronto 9-10-11—30.
Power-play opportunities: Vancouver 0 of 2; Toronto 0 of 4.
Goalies: Vancouver, Demko 11-8-2 (29 shots-26 saves). Toronto, Andersen 28-13-6 (27-25).
A: 19,371 (18,819). **T:** 2:26.

Avalanche 3, Predators 2

Colorado	0	2	1	3
Nashville	0	0	2	2

First Period: None.
Second Period: 1, Colorado, Landeskog 18 (Girard, Johnson), 13:23. 2, Colorado, Kaut 2 (Jost, Makar), 15:38.
Third Period: 3, Nashville, Arvidsson 15 (Josi, Ellis), 14:40. 4, Colorado, Johnson 2, 19:03 (en). 5, Nashville, Jarnkrok 13 (Josi, Ellis), 19:58. .
Shots on Goal: Colorado 8-10-13—31. Nashville 9-13-10—32.
Power-play opportunities: Colorado 0 of 4; Nashville 0 of 3.
Goalies: Colorado, Francouz 19-5-3 (32 shots-30 saves). Nashville, Saros 14-11-4 (30-28).
A: 17,619 (17,113). **T:** 2:22.

Blues 4, Stars 3, SO

Dallas	1	1	1	0	3
St. Louis	1	2	0	1	4

St. Louis won shootout, 1-0.
First Period: 1, Dallas, Seguin 17 (Klingberg), 8:30. 2, St. Louis, Perron 25 (Dunn), 12:56.
Second Period: 3, St. Louis, Bozak 13 (Thomas, Dunn), 4:19 (pp). 4, St. Louis, Schenn 24 (Pietrangelo, O'Reilly), 13:06. 5, Dallas, Gurianov 20, 15:06.
Third Period: 6, Dallas, Klingberg 5 (Perry, Benn), 19:41.
Overtime: None.
Shootout: St. Louis 1 (Perron NG, O'Reilly G, Bozak NG), Dallas 0 (Seguin NG, Pavelski NG, Radulov NG).
Shots on Goal: Dallas 8-12-8-3—31. St. Louis 8-13-4-4—29.
Power-play opportunities: Dallas 0 of 0; St. Louis 1 of 3.
Goalies: Dallas, Khudobin 16-7-3 (29 shots-26 saves). St. Louis, Allen 10-6-3 (31-28).
A: 18,096 (19,150). **T:** 2:36.

Oilers 3, Jets 2

Winnipeg	0	2	0	2
Edmonton	1	1	1	3

First Period: 1, Edmonton, Draisaitl 38 (McDavid, Nugent-Hopkins), 6:27 (pp).
Second Period: 2, Winnipeg, Shaw 3 (Shore, Bourque), 13:23. 3, Winnipeg, Connor 33 (Bitetto, Wheeler), 13:57. 4, Edmonton, Draisaitl 39 (Nugent-Hopkins, McDavid), 19:47 (pp).
Third Period: 5, Edmonton, Nugent-Hopkins 19 (Larsson, Draisaitl), 14:44. **Penalties:** Jones, Edm (High Sticking), 15:16.
Shots on Goal: Winnipeg 8-14-19—41. Edmonton 8-7-7—22.
Power-play opportunities: Winnipeg 0 of 2; Edmonton 2 of 2.
Goalies: Winnipeg, Hellebuyck 27-21-5 (22 shots-19 saves). Edmonton, Smith 18-10-6 (41-39).
A: 18,347 (18,641). **T:** 2:21.

Sharks 5, Penguins 0

Pittsburgh	0	0	0	0
San Jose	1	2	2	5

First Period: 1, San Jose, Kane 22 (Vlasic), 18:48. .
Second Period: 2, San Jose, Meier 21 (Ferraro, Sorensen), 11:12. 3, San Jose, Kellman 3 (Sorensen), 14:15.
Third Period: 4, San Jose, Couture 16 (Kane, Ferraro), 6:14. 5, San Jose, Thornton 5 (Heed, Meier), 16:01.
Shots on Goal: Pittsburgh 10-11-9—30. San Jose 11-8-13—32.
Power-play opportunities: Pittsburgh 0 of 4; San Jose 0 of 2.
Goalies: Pittsburgh, Jarry 20-11-1 (32 shots-27 saves). San Jose, Jones 16-19-2 (30-30).
A: 17,562 (17,562). **T:** 2:29.

XFL

Eastern Conference

	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
St. Louis	2	1	.667	68	46
DC	2	1	.667	67	58
New York	1	2	.333	32	59
Tampa Bay	0	3	.000	39	74

Western Conference

	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	3	0	1.000	99	68
Dallas	2	1	.667	58	45
Los Angeles	1	2	.333	74	71
Seattle	1	2	.333	48	64

Saturday
New York 17, Los Angeles 14
St. Louis 23, Seattle 16

Sunday
Houston at Dallas, 4pm
DC at Tampa Bay, 7pm

Saturday
Seattle at Houston, 2pm

New York at Dallas, 5pm

Sunday, March 8
St. Louis at DC, 4pm
Tampa Bay at Los Angeles, 9pm

Saturday, March 14
Houston at **New York**, 2pm
St. Louis at Tampa Bay, 5pm

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic	W	L	Pct.	GB
Toronto	42	17	.712	—
Boston	41	18	.695	1
Philadelphia	37	23	.617	5½
NETS	26	33	.441	16
KNICKS	18	42	.300	24½
Southeast				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Miami	38	22	.633	—
Orlando	27	33	.450	11
Washington	21	37	.362	16
Charlotte	21	38	.356	16½
Atlanta	19	43	.306	20

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Milwaukee	51	8	.864	—
Indiana	36	24	.600	15½
Chicago	20	40	.333	31½
Detroit	20	41	.328	32
Cleveland	17	43	.283	34½

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	39	20	.661	—
Dallas	36	24	.600	3½
Memphis	29	31	.483	10½
New Orleans	26	33	.441	13
San Antonio	25	33	.431	13½
Northwest				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Denver	40	19	.678	—
Utah	37	22	.627	3
Oklahoma City	37	23	.617	3½
Portland	26	35	.426	15
Minnesota	17	41	.293	22½

Pacific	W	L	Pct.	GB
L.A. Lakers	45	13	.776	—
L.A. Clippers	40	19	.678	5½
Sacramento	25	34	.424	20½
Phoenix	24	37	.393	22½
Golden State	13	47	.217	33

x-clinched playoff spot

Saturday

Nicks 125, Chicago 115

Miami 116, **Nets** 113

Atlanta 129, Portland 117

Indiana 113, Cleveland 104

Memphis 105, L.A. Lakers 88

San Antonio 114, Orlando 113

Houston 111, Boston 110, OT

Golden State 115, Phoenix 99

Sunday

Milwaukee at Charlotte, 1pm

Dallas at Minnesota, 3:30pm

Philadelphia at Clippers, 3:30pm

Detroit at Sacramento, 6pm

Toronto at Denver, 6pm

L.A. Lakers at New Orleans, 8pm

Washington at Golden State, 8:30pm

Monday

Houston at **Nicks**, 7pm

Portland at Orlando, 7pm

Utah at Cleveland, 7pm

Memphis at Atlanta, 7:30pm

Milwaukee at Miami, 7:30pm

Dallas at Chicago, 8pm

Indiana at San Antonio, 8:30pm

Tuesday

Nets at Boston, 7:30pm

San Antonio at Charlotte, 7pm

Clippers at Oklahoma City, 8pm

Minnesota at New Orleans, 8pm

Golden State at Denver, 9pm

Toronto at Phoenix, 9pm

Philadelphia at L.A. Lakers, 10pm

Washington at Sacramento, 10pm

Knicks 125, Bulls 115

Chicago										
	Min	FG	FT	O-Rb	A	PF	Pts			
Satornsky	33:54	2-8	2-2	2-4	7	2	6			
Young	31:35	6-12	0-0	1-3	2	2	15			
Carter Jr.	18:11	1-5	4-6	2-9	2	3	6			
Harrison	13:22	2-2	0-0	1-1	1	2	5			
LaVine	37:36	10-25	2-5	0-3	7	5	26			
White	28:36	7-17	4-4	0-2	3	1	22			
Arcidiacono	20:08	2-2	0-0	0-1	2	0	5			
Gafford	19:25	5-6	2-4	2-2	0	5	12			
Mokoka	16:25	2-3	2-2	1-1	1	2	8			
Felicio	10:24	1-1	0-0	3-4	1	0	2			
Valentine	10:24	3-8	0-0	1-3	0	0	8			
Totals	240:00	41-89	16-23	13-33	26	22	115			

Percentages: FG .461, FT .696. **3-point goals:** 17-35, .486 (LaVine 4-8, White 4-8, Young 3-7, Mokoka 2-2, Valentine 2-5, Arcidiacono 1-1, Harrison 1-1, Satoransky 0-3). **Team rebounds:** 7. **Team turnovers:** None. **Blocked shots:** 3 (Gafford 2, Carter Jr.). **Turnovers:** 8 (Young 2, Arcidiacono, Gafford, Harrison, LaVine, Satoransky, White). **Steals:** 12 (Young 5, White 2, Gafford, Harrison, LaVine, Mokoka, Satoransky). **Technical:** None..

Knicks										
	Min	FG	FT	O-Rb	A	PF	Pts			
Harkless	26:49	3-10	3-3	1-7	3	2	9			
Randle	31:39	7-15	8-8	1-10	3	1	22			
Gibson	19:03	5-6	7-8	4-8	2	2	17			
Barrett	31:11	8-10	0-4	0-4	3	1	19			
Payton	33:20	1-4	1-4	0-1	10	3	3			
Robinson	28:57	11-16	1-3	7-10	2	3	23			
Knox II	21:11	4-9	2-2	4-6	1	0	12			
Ntilikina	16:32	1-2	1-1	0-2	4	4	4			
Portis	16:21	5-8	0-0	0-1	1	1	10			
Ellington	14:57	2-5	0-0	0-1	0	4	6			
Totals	240:00	47-85	23-33	17-50	29	19	125			

Percentages: FG .553, FT .697. **3-point goals:** 8-20, .400 (Barrett 3-4, Knox II 2-3, Ellington 2-5, Ntilikina 1-1, Gibson 0-1, Payton 0-1, Randle 0-2, Harkless 0-3). **Team rebounds:** 13. **Team turnovers:** 1. **Blocked shots:** 4 (Robinson 2, Harkless, Portis). **Turnovers:** 16 (Payton 4, Randle 4, Barrett 3, Ellington, Gibson, Knox II, Ntilikina, Portis). **Steals:** 6 (Harkless 3, Gibson, Randle, Robinson). **Technical:** None..

Chicago 25 28 33 29—115

Knicks 31 35 23 36—125

A: 19,812 (19,812). **T:** 2:12.

Hawks 129, Trail Blazers 117

Portland										
	Min	FG	FT	O-Rb	A	PF	Pts			
Anthony	36:33	5-13	1-2	3-6	2	3	12			
Ariza	37:26	3-9	3-3	0-4	2	4	10			
Whiteside	31:06	9-14	3-6	5-13	1	3	21			
McCollum	38:54	14-26	4-6	2-5	5	3	35			
Trent Jr.	29:06	6-12	2-2	0-0	4	15	15			
Gabriel	18:12	1-4	0-0	2-7	1	2	2			
Simons	15:48	3-8	2-2	0-1	0	2	10			
Hezonja	12:37	4-5	0-0	1-4	2	1	8			
Little	10:11	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	2			
Swanigan	10:07	1-1	0-0	0-2	1	3	2			
Totals	240:00	47-94	15-21	13-42	14	26	117			

Percentages: FG .500, FT .714. **3-point goals:** 8-28, .286 (McCollum 3-9, Simons 2-3, Anthony 1-3, Trent Jr. 1-4, Ariza 1-6, Hezonja 0-1, Gabriel 0-2). **Team rebounds:** 11. **Team turnovers:** None. **Blocked shots:** 4 (Whiteside 3, Gabriel). **Turnovers:** 17 (Anthony 4, Ariza 3, Trent Jr. 3, McCollum 2, Swanigan 2, Gabriel, Hezonja, Whiteside). **Steals:** 9 (Ariza 3, Gabriel 2, McCollum 2, Swanigan, Whiteside). **Technical:** coach Terry Stotts, 7:03 first; Whiteside, 7:41 third; Trail Blazers, 6:07 fourth.

Atlanta										
	Min	FG	FT	O-Rb	A	PF	Pts			
Hunter	38:15	8-12	0-0	0-4	0	3	22			
Reddish	24:16	3-9	0-0	0-3	2	0	8			
J.Collins	36:08	9-14	3-3	2-10	4	4	24			
Huerter	35:02	6-10	4-4	1-4	8	3	25			
Young	34:39	7-18	10-10	1-4	15	2	19			
Teague	17:17	1-4	1-1	0-2	3	0	3			
Fernando	17:07	5-5	1-3	0-2	1	4	11			
Graham	13:18	5-5	0-1	0-2	1	1	12			
Carter	12:11	1-5	0-0	1-4	0	0	3			
Goodwin	6:07	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	2			
Jones	5:40	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	1	0			
Totals	240:00	46-84	19-22	5-36	34	18	129			

Percentages: FG .548, FT .864. **3-point goals:** 18-42, .429 (Hunter 6-9, J.Collins 3-5, Huerter 3-7, Graham 2-2, Reddish 2-5, Carter 1-4, Young 1-8, Goodwin 0-1, Teague 0-1). **Team rebounds:** 5. **Team turnovers:** 1. **Blocked shots:** 5 (J.Collins 2, Fernando, Huerter, Hunter). **Turnovers:** 18 (Hunter 3, J.Collins 3, Teague 3, Fernando 2, Reddish 2, Young 2, Carter, Graham, Huerter). **Steals:** 7 (Huerter 3, Carter 2, Graham, J.Collins). **Technical:** Hawks, 8:12 second; Young, 5:25 third; Hawks, 6:24 fourth.

Portland 28 28 34 27—117

Atlanta 23 40 44 22—129

A: 17,765 (18,118). **T:** 2:12.

Heat 116, Nets 113

Nets										
	Min	FG	FT	O-Rb	A	PF	Pts			
Harris	30:52	7-15	1-2	1-4	3	1	20			
Prince	21:06	3-8	1-2	0-2	0	5	10			
Allen	27:46	7-8	3-4	4-11	0	1	17			
Dinwiddie	32:22	7-15	9-10	0-4	12	4	25			
LeVert	35:14	6-17	2-2	0-3	4	2	15			
Temple	22:10	3-7	0-0	0-5	4	0	7			
Jordan	20:00	1-1	1-2	2-9	3	2	3			
Chandler	19:41	4-8	0-0	0-1	2	3	11			
Luwww-Cabrrt	18:11	1-5	0-0	1-3	1	2	3			
Kurucs	12:34	1-2	0-1	0-2	1	3	2			
Totals	240:00	40-86	17-23	8-44	30	23	113			

Percentages: FG .465, FT .739. **3-point goals:** 16-44, .364 (Harris 5-9, Chandler 3-5, Prince 3-8, Dinwiddie 2-7, Luwawu-Cabarrot 1-4, Temple 1-4, LeVert 1-6, Kurucs 0-1). **Team rebounds:** 8. **Team turnovers:** None. **Blocked shots:** 3 (Chandler, Jordan, Temple). **Turnovers:** 10 (LeVert 4, Chandler 3, Dinwiddie 3). **Steals:** 3 (Kurucs, LeVert, Luwawu-Cabarrot). **Technical:** None..

Miami										
	Min	FG	FT	O-Rb	A	PF	Pts			
Butler	36:21	5-14	6-9	3-6	8	1	16			
Jones Jr.	19:42	4-11	2-2	2-6	1	3	12			
Adebayo	32:15	7-12	2-2	2-12	3	1	16			
Nunn	35:29	9-14	0-0	1-4	1	4	21			
Robinson	27:59	3-7	2-2	0-3	0	3	10			
Dragic	32:13	6-16	3-4	0-3	10	2	19			
Crowder	28:23	4-10	3-3	0-4	0	3	13			
Olynky	15:45	2-4	2-2	1-2	2	4	7			
Iguodala	11:49	1-3	0-0	1-5	2	0	2			
Totals	240:00	41-91	20-24	10-45	27	21	116			

Percentages: FG .451, FT .833. **3-point goals:** 14-38, .368 (Dragic 4-9, Nunn 3-7, Crowder 2-6, Jones Jr. 2-6, Robinson 2-6, Olynky 1-2, Butler 0-1, Iguodala 0-1). **Team rebounds:** 9. **Team turnovers:** 1. **Blocked shots:** 4 (Adebayo 3, Iguodala). **Turnovers:** 6 (Butler 2, Iguodala 2, Adebayo, Dragic). **Steals:** 4 (Butler, Crowder, Jones Jr., Robinson). **Technical:** None..

Nets 27 22 31 33—113

Miami 24 33 34 25—116

A: 19,600 (19,600).

Pacers 113, Cavaliers 104

Indiana										
	Min	FG	FT	O-Rb	A	PF	Pts			
Sabonis	41:54	8-13	2-4	3-13	9	2	18			
Warren	36:11	14-20	0-0	1-3	6	2	30			
Turner	35:51	4-9	0-0	3-10	0	3	10			
Brogdon	35:14	9-13	4-4	0-1	8	2	22			
Oladipo	28:44	7-15	3-4	1-3	1	1	19			
McConnell	16:59	0-4	0-0	0-3	3	1	0			
A.Holiday	15:03	1-3	0-0	0-0	2	1	3			
J.Holiday	14:18	1-3	0-0	0-3	0	4	2			
McDermitt	10:13	3-6	2-2	0-1	1	2	9			
Bitadze	3:38	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0			
Sampson	1:55	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	2	0			
Totals	240:00	47-87	11-14	8-38	30	20	113			

TAMPA — The reactions are always the same, and they are always amusing. When Reggie Jackson mixes with the fans, the first thing they say is this: "I always thought he was bigger than that."

Well, he was. Larger than life is larger than life. It's hard fix a size for that. In his prime he was 6-feet tall, he weighed 195 pounds, and if he made contact with one of your fastballs the way he was capable of, that sucker wasn't going to come down for a while.

There were 563 of those pitches that flew over distant walls across 21 seasons. Just five of those seasons were spent with the Yankees, which sometimes seems impossible given the impression he left on the franchise.

But know this about Reggie Jackson:

Every time we ask ourselves about an athlete — it doesn't matter the sport: football, basketball, hockey, whatever — and wonder if he would be able to perform his wondrous feats in New York City, what we're really asking is this:

Does he have a little Reggie in him?

He wasn't the first to show up here with a big dossier and a big contract. Babe Ruth had crafted the prologue of his career in Boston. Y.A. Tittle earned his way into the Hall of Fame as a 49er, and merely added a few extra cherries on top with the Giants. Pearl Monroe and Jerry Lucas had been big stars in Baltimore and Cincinnati, laid most of the groundwork for their own Hall of Fame careers there before joining the Knicks and helping them win the 1973 title that serves as a forever bookend to 1970.

They beat Reggie here. In some ways, they offered pathways he could pursue.

But Reggie had his own idea of how to do things. As much as any athlete ever, he understood the power of New York. He predicted if he ever played here, they'd name a candy bar after him — and they did (sure, it was barely edible, but how many candy bars have been named after you?). He said he wasn't coming to New York to be a star, he brought his star with him.

He said a lot of other stuff, too. He found himself trapped on the back page for years. He could always win his battles with George Steinbrenner, but the ones with Billy Martin and Thurman Mun-



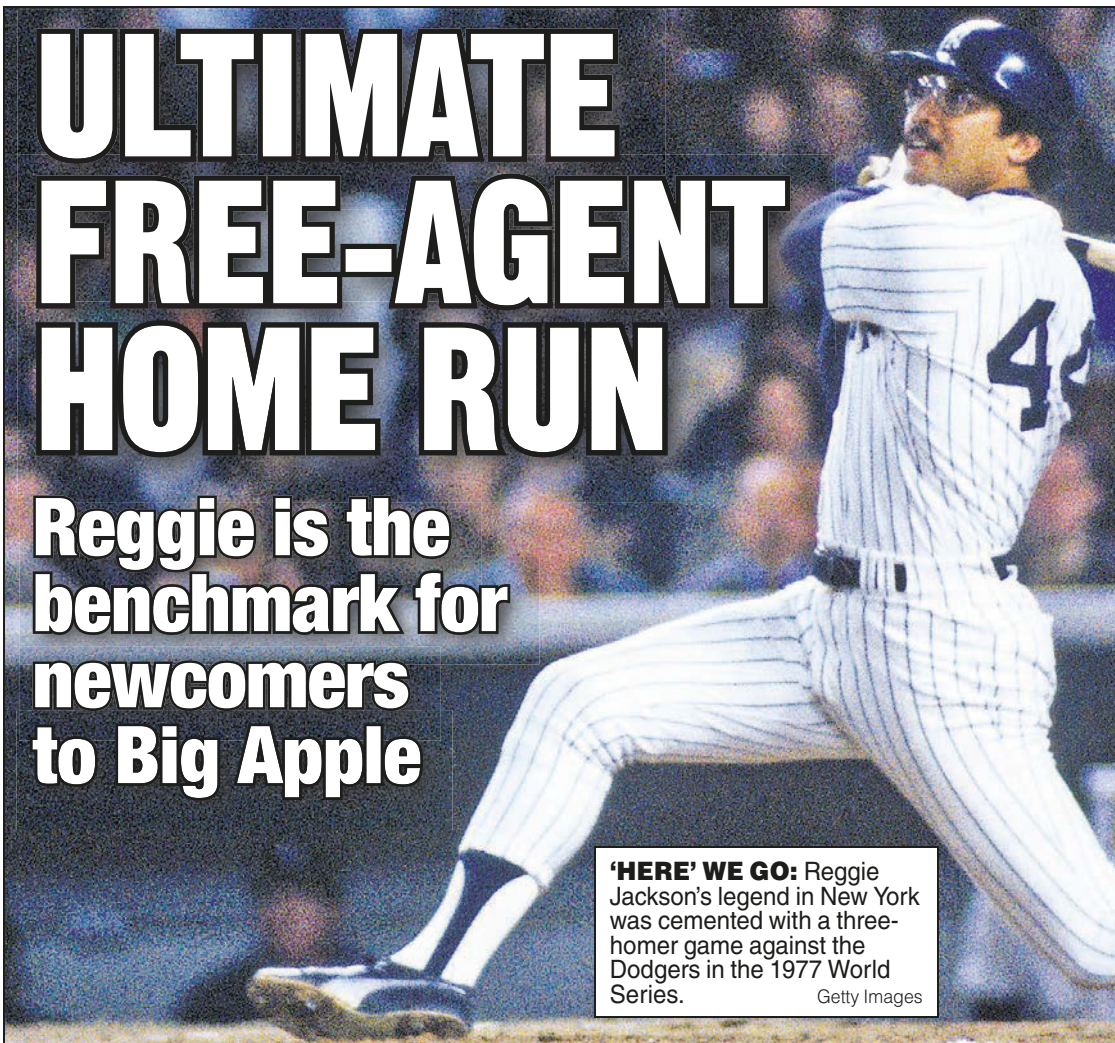
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ULTIMATE FREE-AGENT HOME RUN

Reggie is the benchmark for newcomers to Big Apple



'HERE' WE GO: Reggie Jackson's legend in New York was cemented with a three-homer game against the Dodgers in the 1977 World Series.

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son were harder because Martin had already won a bunch of World Series as a Yankees player and Munson had won an MVP as a Yankee.

Reggie held his ground anyway. There never has been an athlete around here who ever endured the daily spotlight the way he did in 1977, or the daily furor. Some of it was self-inflicted. Some of it was a less-than evolved time that wasn't comfortable with an African-American freely offering opinions.

He wanted out a couple of times. Anyone who ever wonders who was right in the bitter Martin-Jackson feud need only remember that Martin benched Jackson in Game 5 of the 1977 ALCS, what could have been one final humiliation.

Instead, Jackson came off the bench to rally the Yankees. Ten days later, he hit three home runs against the Dodgers in as epic a display of brass and style as we've ever seen.

Do you have a little Reggie in

you Gerrit Cole? Kevin Durant? Artemi Panarin?

Reggie still shows up every spring, still offers advice to Yankees who seek it, still offers opinions to team bosses. Sometimes they listen. Sometimes they don't. Reggie doesn't mind. Don't ask him a question if you don't want an opinion.

"Fifty-three years I've been in and around the big leagues," he said the other day, a big smile on his face. "I've seen a few things."

VAC'S WHACKS

WOULD it really have killed **James Dolan** to suspend his grudge with **Marv Albert** for one night and invite him to the 1970 Knicks celebration March 21? Marv will forever be the franchise soundtrack for multiple generations of fans. God forbid there be any good will spread at the Garden that night.

➤ Have to be honest: I don't find myself missing **Jimmy McGill** all that much.



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Jimmy McGill/Saul Goodman in "Better Call Saul"

➤ Can you even imagine the kind of deep-seeded emotional turmoil **Chris Kreider's** injury would've brought Rangers fans if not for that one-year respite from dark clouds and stormy weather in 1994?

➤ Rutgers basketball fans are taking a submersion course these past few weeks about just how cruel life on the NCAA Tournament bubble can be. Fearless prediction: the Scarlet Knights upset Maryland at the RAC this week and punch their ticket.

Joe Rende: I never get tired of reading about The Babe. What an incredible life he led.

Thanks for some new material to talk about the next time his name comes up in conversation.

Vac: There's a reason so many books have been written about George Herman Ruth: He lived

WHACK BACK AT VAC

enough for about a dozen normal lives.

Mike Draught: "Elite athletes" do not good baseball players make. Strength and conditioning come in a distant second to flexibility. Oh, and it helps to

recognize a curveball.

Vac: I bet Giancarlo Stanton would give anything if the only thing people were talking about in regards to him was his difficulty hitting breaking stuff.

@favortj: "... the Knicks,

generally, are as tone-deaf an operation as we've ever seen in New York sports. Or we can believe the company line: It took a while to get the right date." I'll be with the cynics.

@MikeVacc: That's where the

biggest crowds are!

Richard Siegelman: Yoenis Cespedes (who's never hit more than 35 home runs) has as much chance of hitting 40 as Giancarlo Stanton has of hitting "80."

Vac: Someone needs to convince me he'll play in as many as 40 games first.

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Fine & Dine'

Padres hurlers could be fantasy steal

FANTASY owners are always searching for that unexpected success story for their rotation, the next breakout pitcher. It can be a highly touted youngster with a world of potential who finally puts it all together or a veteran who finds that magical pitch to suddenly give his career new life.

In 2018, Tampa Bay's Blake Snell lived up to his hype, had a breakthrough campaign (21-5, 1.89 ERA, 221 strikeouts) and won the Cy Young award. Last year, St. Louis' Jack Flaherty won a career-high 11 games, finished sixth in the NL in strikeouts (231) and was tied with Jacob deGrom for the lowest WHIP (0.97) during his breakout campaign. He also limited opponents to a .192 average, third-best in the majors behind Justin Verlander and Gerrit Cole.

So, who looks like a candidate to be this year's breakout pitcher? How about San Diego's Dinelson Lamet, who has pitched just 187 $\frac{1}{3}$ innings (35 starts) in the majors while going 10-13 with a 4.37 ERA?

On the surface, Lamet's numbers are nothing that will have fantasy owners screaming, "I need Dinelson Lamet!" But, the same could have been said about Snell after his first 43 starts (11-15, 3.83 ERA, 217 strikeouts) or Flaherty after his first 34 big league

appearances (8-11, 3.71, 202 strikeouts). Dig a little deeper on Lamet and you'll find a pitcher who has the stuff to become a key cog in your rotation.

After undergoing Tommy John surgery and missing all of 2018, Lamet returned to make 14 starts in 2019. He finished with an uninspiring 3-5 record and 4.07 ERA, but those numbers don't begin to tell the story of the 27-year-old.

Though just four of his starts lasted longer than five innings, Lamet allowed three earned runs or fewer in 11 of his starts. He recorded double-digit strikeouts four times, including a 14-strikeout outing.

In 11 starts from July 18-Sept. 18, Lamet lowered his ERA from 6.30 to 3.84 by going 3-3 with a 3.41 ERA and 81 strikeouts over just 58 innings. He held opponents to a .221 average in that span. He also finished the season with a 3.91 FIP and 3.44 xFIP, indicating he got unlucky.

Lamet's 12.95 strikeouts per nine over his 14 starts ranked third among starters who threw at least 70 innings, finishing behind Cole and Chris Sale. His 33.6 percent strikeout rate ranked sixth, ahead of Lucas Giolito and deGrom. He also held opponents to a .223 average, which ranked in the top 25, and a 14.1 percent swinging strike rate, which was in the top 15 (ahead of Flaherty, Stephen

Strasburg and Charlie Morton).

Despite throwing a 96 mph fastball (a slight uptick from before his surgery), it's his slider that is the real troublemaker for opponents. Of his 105 strikeout victims last year, 77 met their demise via the slider. Opponents also hit a pitiful .116 against the pitch. For his career, batters are hitting .129 against the pitch and have struck out 162 times, which accounts for 66 percent of his 244 career strikeouts.

Lamet's walk rate remained far too high (3.7 per nine innings), but it was lower than his career average (4.04 per nine). If he can continue to bring that number down, while keeping balls in the park (his 19.7 HR/FB rate ranked 25th highest in the majors), and maintaining his strikeout and swinging strike rates, he will be fantasy gold.

More great news about Lamet: He's a reasonable investment with his 129.33 average draft position or \$15 auction price, according to Fantasy Alarm.

Do not think about Lamet's Tommy John surgery. He's healthy. Don't think about the fact he is on a team that has finished dead-last in the NL West in three of the past four years and hasn't had a winning record since 2010. That doesn't matter in fantasy. All that matters is his production, and he is a young arm with tons of upside who you'll be glad to have on your side.

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Dinelson Lamet

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Roto Rage Jarad Wilk ranks starting pitchers. Next week: corner infielders.

STARTING PITCHERS

RANK.	PLAYER	TM
1.	Jacob deGrom	NYM
2.	Gerrit Cole	NYN
3.	Max Scherzer	Was
4.	Justin Verlander	Hou
5.	Stephen Strasburg	Was
6.	Walker Buehler	LAD
7.	Shane Bieber	Cle
8.	Jack Flaherty	StL
9.	Mike Clevinger	Cle
10.	Blake Snell	TB
11.	Luis Castillo	Cin
12.	Noah Syndergaard	NYM
13.	Charlie Morton	TB
14.	Aaron Nola	Phi
15.	Clayton Kershaw	LAD
16.	Patrick Corbin	Was
17.	Chris Sale	Bos
18.	Chris Paddack	SD
19.	Mike Soroka	Atl
20.	Jose Berrios	Min
21.	Lucas Giolito	CWS
22.	Zack Wheeler	Phi
23.	Tyler Glasnow	TB
24.	Zack Greinke	Hou
25.	Sonny Gray	Cin
26.	Frankie Montas	Oak
27.	Brandon Woodruff	Mil
28.	Eduardo Rodriguez	Bos
29.	Zac Gallen	Ari
30.	Yu Darvish	ChC
31.	Hyun-Jin Ryu	Tor
32.	Trevor Bauer	Cin
33.	Madison Bumgarner	Ari
34.	Corey Kluber	Tex
35.	Carlos Carrasco	Cle
36.	Dinelson Lamet	SD
37.	Jesus Luzardo	Oak
38.	Sean Manaea	Oak
39.	Robbie Ray	Ari
40.	Mike Minor	Tex
41.	Kyle Hendricks	ChC
42.	James Paxton	NYN
43.	Andrew Heaney	LAA
44.	Max Fried	Atl
45.	Jake Odorizzi	Min
46.	Masahiro Tanaka	NYN
47.	Jose Urquidy	Hou
48.	Marcus Stroman	NYM
49.	David Price	LAD
50.	Lance Lynn	Tex

TEAM NAME OF THE WEEK

Kemp Crystal Lake

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Where to throw your darts deep in drafts

IF THERE is one thing fantasy baseball owners already have learned from the spring injuries to Mike Clevinger and Luis Severino, it is how much of a need there will for a deep dive into the starting pitcher pool if they want to be successful this season.

With the loss of Clevinger and day-to-day concerns over Carlos Carrasco's hip, taking a longer look at Indians starter Aaron Civale could be a great way to go. His current average draft position of 249.89 puts him as a 20th-round pick in 12-team leagues, so the cost is already minimal.

Civale does a great job of mixing in his breaking stuff and fin-

By **HOWARD BENDER**
FANTASY ALARM



ishes off most hitters with a cut fastball that induces extremely weak contact. Last season's 2.34 ERA over 57 $\frac{2}{3}$ innings was a nice build off his already strong minor league totals, and you should see close to 150 innings from him this season.

Another of the more unheralded stars in spring training actually comes to us in a former prospect who eventually found enough success overseas who could get a shot at joining the

Brewers' rotation. As a prospect in the Dodgers organization in 2008, the now 32-year-old Josh Lindblom had some buzz as a youngster, but a number of injuries derailed what could have been a promising career.

He attempted a few comebacks that never amounted to much before finally heading out to the Korean Baseball Organization (KBO), where he has honed his craft. Last season, Lindblom dominated the typically hitter-friendly KBO with a six-pitch arsenal and veteran savvy.

He finished the year with a 2.50 ERA and 1.00 WHIP over 30 starts and won the KBO's

version of the Cy Young award. Now with Milwaukee, he takes the mound with talent, confidence, very little mileage on the arm of a 32-year-old and a ridiculously favorable 353.69 ADP.

Guys like Zach Davies and Nate Pearson join Civale and Lindblom as strong candidates for a quality season. Don't be afraid to take some chances late.

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Now Goring has perfect view of his retired 91

By GREG JOYCE

Butch Goring has as good of a view of the Coliseum rafters as anybody in his role as the Islanders' TV color commentator. Now, he has a front-row seat to his own No. 91.

The Islanders retired Goring's number Saturday, honoring the man who many believed to be the final piece to the puzzle in the franchise's four straight Stanley Cup wins from 1980-83.

ISLANDERS NOTES

"I see those numbers and it reminds me of how great those guys really are and how much fun it was to play with them, what a privilege it was to play with Hall of Famers, for the most part," Goring said before the ceremony, ahead of the Islanders' 4-0 loss to the Bruins. "You can dream a little bit about, 'Maybe one day, who knows? Maybe someone's gonna push in the right direction.'"

"I'm truly thankful for this moment to be able to watch my number, my jersey go to the rafters. I don't know if that was going to happen a few years ago. But it's going to happen now and really that's all that matters."

John Tavares wore No. 91 for the Islanders from 2009-18 before the captain unceremoniously left in free agency. But that helped open the door for the Islanders to retire No. 91 for Goring nearly 40 years after he first put the sweater on. The Islanders acquired Goring from the Kings during the 1979-80 season and won their first of four straight Cups that year. Goring won the Conn Smythe Trophy as the playoff MVP in 1981.

"Every time you hoist the Cup, that's just a great memory," said Goring, who also coached the Islanders from 1999-2001.

"Now my jersey's going in the toy department," Goring said, using one of his analyst catchphrases — meaning the top of the net, or in this case, the top of the arena.

► **Cal Clutterbuck** was activated off long-term injured reserve and played for the first time since Dec. 19, when his wrist got cut by the skate of Bruins forward **Patrice Bergeron**. He played 10:08 on the fourth line, trying to bring back the Islanders' identity.

"It was not the kind of game you wanted, but it was nice for me to get out there," Clutterbuck said.

► Defenseman **Andy Greene** also returned to the lineup after a one-game absence for an injury suffered against the Rangers on Tuesday.



Isles powerless to stop East-leading Bruins

By GREG JOYCE

What a 60-minute buzzkill.

On a Saturday afternoon that started with retiring Butch Goring's No. 91 and continued with New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo announcing the Coliseum would be the Islanders' full-time home until the new arena at Belmont Park opens, the Isles came out against the top team in the NHL and laid an egg.

The Bruins pounced early and spoiled the Islanders' big day, sending them to their third straight loss, 4-0, at the Coliseum.

"They play a man's game and

we didn't have all our men [on] board," coach Barry Trotz said.

The Islanders (35-21-8) have lost seven of their past nine games, leaving them clinging to one of the two wild-card

spots in the Eastern Conference with a tight bunching of teams behind them. They had at least salvaged a point in each of their previous two losses before this one, but they didn't come close to doing so Saturday, as Tuukka Rask made 25 saves to pad the Bruins' lead atop the conference.

"The silver lining is we see what it takes to play that," de-

fenseman Scott Mayfield said. "They're ready for playoffs. They're pretty much in already. We see what it takes and we gotta get to that level."

Trotz said the Islanders lost the game in the first 10 minutes. The Bruins (41-13-12) took a 2-0 lead in the opening 13:10 on a pair of unconventional goals. David Pastrnak scored the first on an open net after Patrice Bergeron collided with goalie Semyon Varlamov and drew him away from the crease. Trotz didn't challenge for goalie interference because the referees determined

defenseman Andy Greene had gotten his stick on Bergeron's skates and forced the contact.

Matt Grzelcyk made it 2-0 less than nine minutes later when he uncorked a shot from the point that took a pinball bounce off Johnny Boychuk well in front of the net and went in.

"Just a brutal start," captain Anders Lee said. "We can't have starts like that against the best team in the league. Spotting them two goals, chasing the rest of the night."

Brad Marchand and Long Island's Charlie McAvoy scored late third-period goals to put the Bruins' win on ice.

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Cuomo: Islanders will play at Coliseum —

By GREG JOYCE

The days of the vagabond Islanders are almost over.

After they play three final home games at Barclays Center in March, the Islanders will be able to call the Coliseum their one and only home until their new arena at Belmont Park opens, Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced Saturday.

That means any and all home playoff games this year and all 41 home games next season will be played at the Coliseum, the old barn that creates a distinct home-

ice advantage for the Islanders.

"We've been working to get the Islanders back to Long Island. Why? Because that's where they belong," Cuomo said before the Islanders lost 4-0 to the Bruins at the Coliseum. "The Islanders playing off Long Island just never sat well with me."

Cuomo said the state invested \$6 million in improvements for the Coliseum to satisfy the NHL's requirements.

"We would not be here today without the energy, the commitment, the efforts of Gov. Cuomo,"

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said. "We wouldn't be here if Belmont wasn't coming out of the ground. We wouldn't be here if the improvements weren't made for this facility so that the Islanders could play here until Belmont is ready."

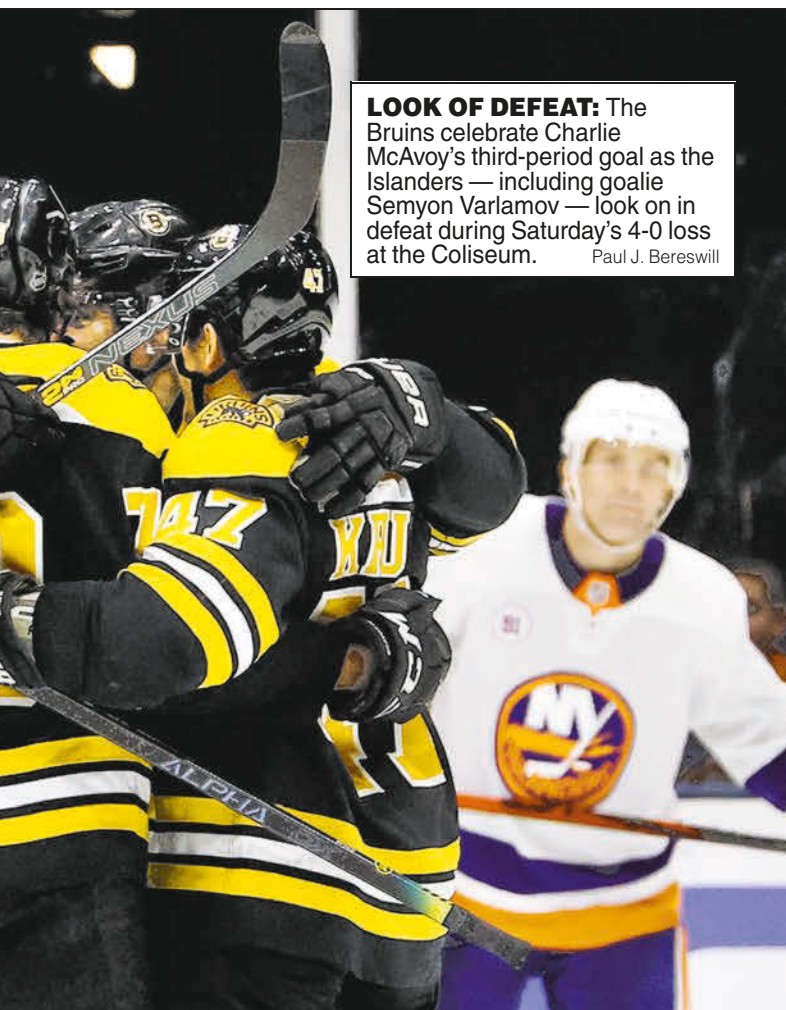
The Islanders' new arena at Belmont Park is expected to open for the 2021-22 season and Cuomo said its construction is on schedule.

The Islanders last played a full season at the Coliseum in 2014-15 before moving to Barclays Center. They played strictly there, in the

Brooklyn arena built for basketball, for the next three seasons before beginning to play part-time at the Coliseum again during the 2018-19 campaign.

"Things will be normal. Having two rinks is not normal in the NHL," said coach Barry Trotz, who has insisted the atmosphere at the Coliseum is worth 10-12 points over the course of a season. "So getting back to normal will be good."

The NHL allowed the Islanders to play their first-round playoff series at the Coliseum last year, but they had to move to Barclays Cen-



LOOK OF DEFEAT: The Bruins celebrate Charlie McAvoy's third-period goal as the Islanders — including goalie Semyon Varlamov — look on in defeat during Saturday's 4-0 loss at the Coliseum.

Paul J. Bereswill

The Islanders didn't help themselves by going 0-for-6 on the power play. They took seven of their 25 shots on the man-advantage, but got turned away every time, getting shut out for the third time in the past nine games.

"When we had our looks, we didn't have second looks," Lee said. "We did a great job of creating some initial shots. It's that second opportunity that we just didn't find tonight on some of the power plays. A couple other ones, we had nothing going."

The Islanders' past two losses have now come against the Bruins and Blues, the two teams

that played in the Stanley Cup Finals last June. With 18 games left and every point critical to a playoff push, the Islanders hope to take some of what they saw over the past six periods and use it to their advantage.

"We start to poke and hope and we don't play through people," Trotz said. "That's not how you win this time of year and that's not how you win championships. ... Some of our guys right now, the details are mattering and they're trying to force things that aren't there."

"But we're not that far off either."

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'where they belong'

ter for the second round.

"The atmosphere here in the playoffs is unmatched," winger Cal Clutterbuck said. "And we all live in and around this area, so we'll be getting a couple hours back just being able to come here. This has always felt like home for us."

Bettman reiterated Saturday that the Coliseum is "not a major league facility." It seats just 13,917 compared to Barclays Center's capacity of 15,795 and does not have nearly as many suites.

But Bettman cited the better attendance at the Coliseum and giv-

ing players continuity and stability throughout the season as factors leading to Saturday's announcement. Bettman also said there is an "understanding" the Islanders will make "temporary adjustments" to the Coliseum if need be down the road.

Now with the question of where they would play their playoff games no longer looming, the Islanders' next step is making sure they get there.

"This is our home. It's been our home forever," captain Anders Lee said. "We love playing here."

Hall of a victory

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — The top scorers got their points, Sandro Mamukelashvili made the difference.

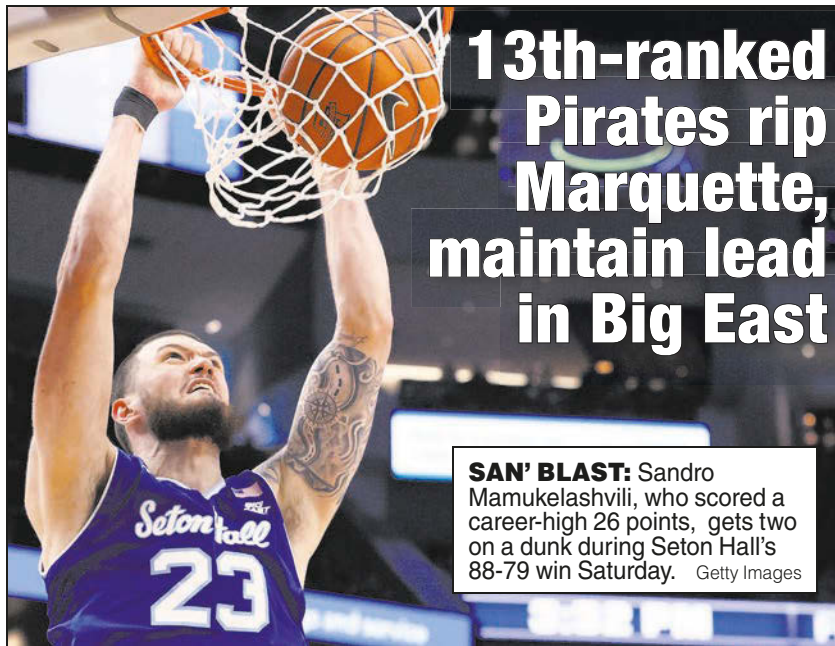
Mamukelashvili had a career-high 26 points and grabbed nine rebounds to back Myles Powell's 28 points as No. 13 Seton Hall built a big second-half lead and then held off Marquette, 88-79, on Saturday.

SETON HALL 88
MARQUETTE 79

Seton Hall (21-7, 13-3 Big East) led 44-35 at the half and extended the margin to 24 points midway through the final 20 minutes before Marquette rallied to 84-79 on a 3-pointer by Sacar Anim with 34 seconds left.

Mamukelashvili, a 6-foot-11 junior forward, missed 10 games with a fractured right wrist, before returning on Jan. 29. He made 10 of 13 shots, including three of three from beyond the arc.

"He's a dynamic player.



13th-ranked Pirates rip Marquette, maintain lead in Big East

SAN' BLAST: Sandro Mamukelashvili, who scored a career-high 26 points, gets two on a dunk during Seton Hall's 88-79 win Saturday.

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He spread the floor for us, he does a lot of good things," Seton Hall coach Kevin Willard said. "He takes a lot of pressure off Myles. Having him back and seeing him round into form has given us a nice added dimension."

Mamukelashvili has scored in double figures

in six of the nine games since his return, with double-figure rebounds twice.

"There wasn't much he wasn't able to do," Marquette coach Steve Wojciechowski said. "He played like an NBA player tonight."

Markus Howard, the Big East's leading scorer and second in the nation at

27.2 points per game, had 37 points for the Golden Eagles, who have lost four of their past five. Anim added 13 points.

Seton Hall, which was 13-of-26 from 3-point range, remained atop the Big East ahead of 10th-ranked Creighton, which is at St. John's on Sunday.

Friars pull off stunner at 'Nova

Associated Press

Luwane Pipkins scored 27 points to lead Providence to its fifth win over a Top 25 team this month, shocking No. 12 Villanova, 58-54, on Saturday in Philadelphia.

The Friars (17-12, 10-6) boosted their NCAA Tournament résumé after already having knocked off Butler, Creighton, Seton Hall and Marquette during their ranked-win streak in February. Villanova (22-7, 11-5) missed 25 of 30 from 3-point range.

Virginia 52, Duke 50

In Charlottesville, Va., Mamadi Diakite made a short, go-ahead jumper with 37 seconds left and Jay Huff blocked Vernon Carey Jr.'s shot under the basket with 3.7 remaining as Virginia (21-7, 13-5 ACC) ended a three-game home losing streak against No. 7 Duke (23-6, 13-5).

Michigan St. 78, Maryland 66

In College Park, Md., Cassius Winston scored 20 points, including a buzzer-beating, 60-foot shot to end a sensational first half for No. 24 Michigan State (20-9, 12-6 Big Ten) in an upset win over No. 9 Maryland (23-6, 13-5) that denied the Terrapins' bid to clinch a share of the conference regular-season title.

NCAA ROUNDUP

Kansas 60, Kansas St. 58

In Manhattan, Kan., Devon Dotson scored 25 points to help top-ranked Kansas absorb the loss of center Udoka Azubuike for long stretches of the game, and the cold-shooting Jayhawks (26-3, 15-1 Big 12) held on to beat Kansas State (9-20, 2-14) for their 14th straight win. Azubuike played just 20 minutes after hurting his ankle early.

TCU 75, Baylor 72

In Fort Worth, Texas, Desmond Bane scored 23 points, with eight straight in TCU's tiebreaking run as the Horned Frogs (16-13, 7-9 Big 12) upended No. 2 Baylor (25-3, 14-2).

Gonzaga 86, Saint Mary's 76

In Spokane, Wash., Filip Petrushev scored 27 points and No. 3 Gonzaga (29-2, 15-1 WCC) held off Saint Mary's (24-7, 11-5).

Hofstra 97, James Madison 81

In Hempstead, Eli Pemberton scored a career-high 35 points, Desure Buie had 26 points and nine assists and Hofstra (23-8, 14-4 CAA) drilled a school-record 20 3-point-

ers en route to beating James Madison (9-20, 2-16) to gave the Pride back-to-back conference titles.

St. Francis 85, CCSU 79

In New Britain Conn., Chauncey Hawkins scored a career-high 38 points, going 19-for-20 from the free-throw line to set a school record as St. Francis Brooklyn (13-17, 7-11 NEC) beat Central Connecticut (4-27, 3-15).

Saint Peter's 69, Canisius 68

In Buffalo, Quinn Taylor scored a career-high 22 points with 11 rebounds, Aaron Estrada made a tie-breaking free throw with seven seconds left and Saint Peter's (16-12, 13-6 MAAC) beat Canisius (10-19, 5-13).

FDU 83, Mount St. Mary's 77

In Emmitsburg, Md., Xzavier Malone-Key had 24 points and Fairleigh Dickinson (11-18, 9-9 NEC) beat Mount St. Mary's (11-20, 7-11).

North Carolina 92, Syracuse 79

In Syracuse, freshman guard Cole Anthony hit a season-high seven 3-pointers and scored 25 points, Garrison Brooks added 26 points and a career-high 14 rebounds, and North Carolina (12-17, 5-13 ACC) routed Syracuse (16-13, 9-9).

Rangers face tall task of sustaining playoff push without Kreider

By BRETT CYRGALIS



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There is no replacing Chris Kreider.

That's a reality the Rangers intimately understand in the wake of their power-forward fracturing his left foot while blocking a shot in Friday night's 5-2 loss at Philadelphia. It is a distinct possibility Kreider could miss the final 18 games of the regular season — with his seven-year, \$45.5 million contract extension less than a week old.

The physical gifts and the off-ice leadership Kreider brings cannot be summoned from someone already on the roster, nor called up from AHL Hartford. And, as coach David Quinn jokingly said after the game, "The trade deadline has already passed."

It passed, and Kreider was extended, partially because there was no return commensurate with his value to the team — now, or in the future. So the Rangers aren't going to find out how important he is, they already knew.

But unquestionably this has put a damper on the emotional high the team had been riding for the past two months, getting themselves back in the playoff race. Their franchise-best nine-game road winning streak was snapped, and after a much-needed day off Saturday, they have to face Kevin Hayes and the Flyers again Sunday afternoon in the Garden.

"You look at this whole month, we're playing really good hockey and stepping up," said Mika Zibanejad, who will likely be the one most affected by losing Kreider on his flank. "We just have to make sure this game doesn't ruin what we've built up this month. It's one game."

"We've been doing a lot of good things for a long period of time, and we just have to make sure this doesn't ruin that. We move on and aim to get better on Sunday."

There is no easy solution to who actually steps into Kreider's place next to Zibanejad. Maybe Quinn slides rookie Kaapo Kakko up there to play with Zibanejad and Pavel Buchnevich, or maybe Artemi Panarin goes there and the Blueshirts become extremely top-heavy. For the time being, it seems like Greg McKegg will draw back into the lineup after being a healthy scratch Friday, and his line with Brendan Lemieux and new addition Julien Gauthier was actu-

ally pretty effective in the 5-2 win in Montreal on Thursday night.

The Rangers have just two remaining recalls from the Wolf Pack, and they can't make an emergency recall as long as they have 20 healthy players. So don't expect No. 9-overall pick Vitali Kravtsov to come riding in on a white horse to save the day. Mind you, the pernickety 20-year-old Russian had five goals in his first 33 AHL games this season, which bridges his two-month sojourn back to Russia. How does that translate to the NHL?

The Rangers already know what they have in the likes of Vinni Lettieri, leading the Wolf Pack with 25 goals and 44 points, along with Steven Fogarty and Tim Gettinger. Veteran Matt Belteskey might be an interesting option, having been in the NHL playoffs five times in his career with the Ducks and Bruins. But if any one of those guys comes up, odds are the role is sheltered minutes on the fourth line.

The Rangers have been one of the healthiest teams in the league this season, but there is one example where they draw some well-deserved confidence that they could weather this storm. Zibanejad missed 13 games due to a neck injury early in the season, and the team won eight of those games.

"We lost Mika for a long stretch of time and we went [8-4-1]," Quinn said. "So we've proven we can overcome losing one of our top players, and we're going to have to do it again."

The undeniable fact is the Rangers need to respond well to this bit of adversity, or the joy of the past few weeks when the playoffs became a reality will fade quickly and seem like a distant memory swallowed by another season of productive rebuilding.

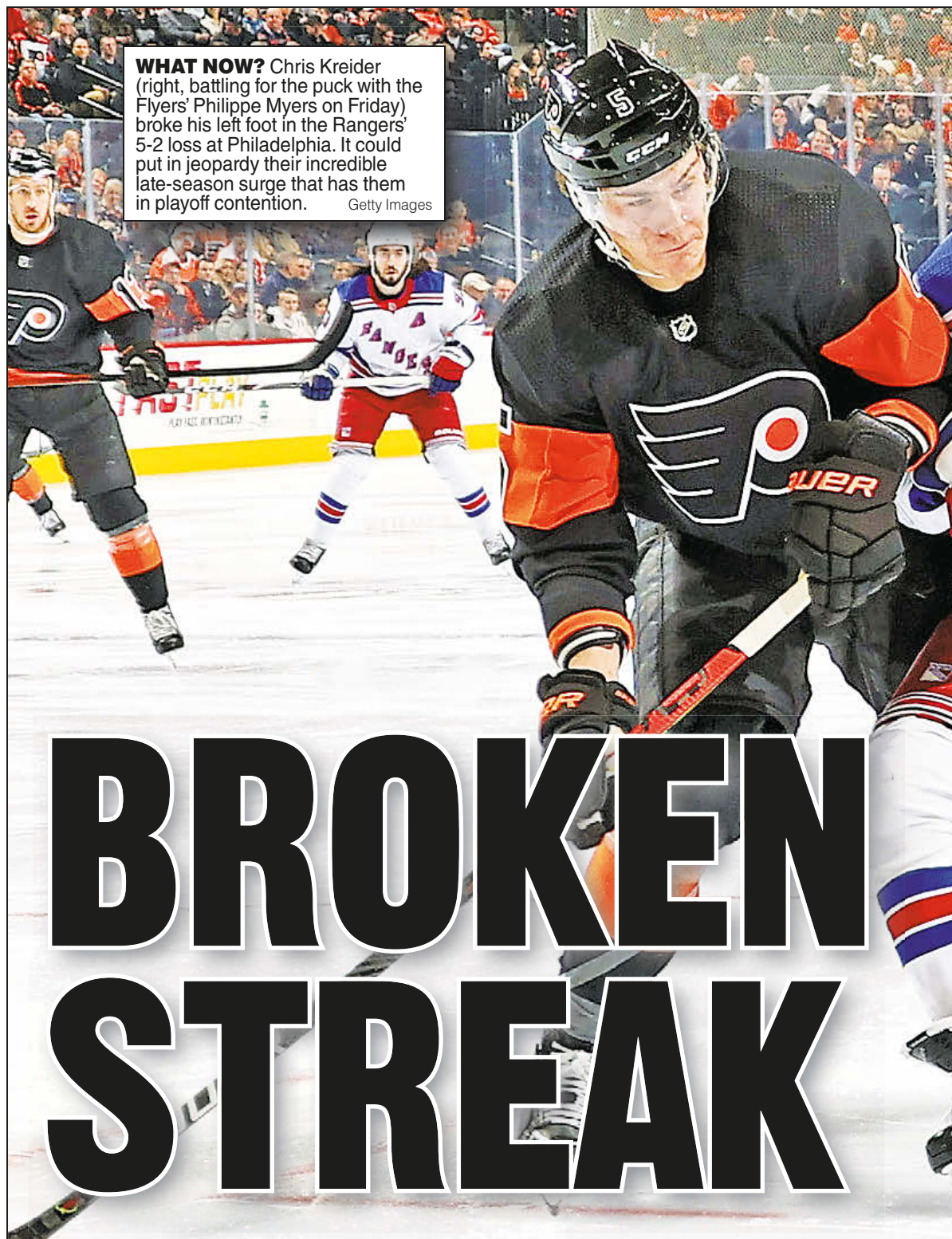
"I'm not worried how we're going to handle adversity," Quinn said. "I already know how we're going to handle adversity."

Just like they know there is no replacing Kreider.

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WHAT NOW? Chris Kreider (right, battling for the puck with the Flyers' Philippe Myers on Friday) broke his left foot in the Rangers' 5-2 loss at Philadelphia. It could put in jeopardy their incredible late-season surge that has them in playoff contention.

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BROKEN STREAK

No word on next Henrik

By BRETT CYRGALIS

This question isn't going away for the rest of the season: When are the Rangers going to start Henrik Lundqvist?

Following the broken rib suffered by Igor Shesterkin in a car accident Sunday night, and with the rookie not set to be reevaluated for "a couple of weeks," coach David Quinn turned to Alex Georgiev to start three games in four nights for the Blueshirts. He won two of them,

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but the streak of victories ended with the 5-2 loss at Philadelphia on Friday night.

Asked after the game if he knew who his goalie would be for the rematch against Kevin Hayes and the surging Flyers on Sunday afternoon at the Garden, Quinn said, "No, I haven't thought about it yet."

Lundqvist will turn 38 on Monday, and he hasn't started a game since Feb. 3. He has just three

starts since Shesterkin was called up on Jan. 6, and Lundqvist knows there is a hard conversation coming with management after the season.

But for the 18 regular-season games that remain, Quinn is trying to start the goalie who is playing the best in hopes of keeping pace in the playoff race.

"We've been fortunate that guys that have gone in have been very hot," Quinn said before Friday's game. "This time of year, I think it's the best approach."



Emergency brake

NHL looks into banning Canes-type situations

INSTEAD of celebrating the David Ayres story the way the rest of the continent has done in the wake of the Zamboni Driver's Closeup Moment in Toronto on Feb. 22, the Oh-So-Serious NHL Cognoscenti would ban something like this from ever happening again.

They're going to talk about formalizing and standardizing the emergency goaltender statute at the league general managers' meetings, which commence Monday in Boca Raton, Fla. The GMs could perhaps issue a recommendation that NHL teams be mandated to add a third non-roster goaltender to the traveling party, who meets certain age and experience specifications and would go into a game if the club's two roster goalies are incapacitated, as occurred with the Hurricanes last weekend.



FANCY MEETING YOU HERE: Hurricanes players Nino Niederreiter (left) and Martin Necas flank emergency goaltender David Ayres, who was forced into action Feb. 22. Getty Images



Larry Brooks
Slap Shots

The NHL usually gets this kind of coverage across the States when there is a stick-swinging incident or a case of coach-player abuse. In other words, hockey breaks the glass ceiling only for pretty bad news. Or, in this case, unique news like Ayres, the 42-year-old Zamboni driver and practice goalie for the AHL Marlies and Maple Leafs who recorded eight saves on 10 shots in 28:41 in the Hurricanes' 6-3 victory over his NHL employers.

Though the rest of the continent marveled at this Lifetime Movie Moment co-starring Mrs. Sarah Ayres, the Oh-So-Serious went about drumming the joy out of the moment and reminding everyone that the NHL is Serious Business, and how could such an old guy be allowed to play without wearing a heart monitor, and what are his bona fides, and how could he actually play against a team that employs him?

That last point is actually the most relevant — for the optics wouldn't be particularly feel-good if, say, on the final day of the season with a playoff spot in the balance, a 38-year-old emergency goalie employed by the Rangers had to go in and play for their Game 82 opponent, the Blackhawks.

But enough about Henrik Lundqvist.

No, seriously, the employee-versus-employer storyline is a

difficult one, though it doesn't seem to bother anyone when teams pick up large portions of contracts on players who routinely compete against them. So maybe there should be a rule that prohibits team or franchise employees acting as emergency goalies for visiting teams. That would require the presence of a second emergency goalie in the stands in at least Toronto.

Research by James Mirtle of The Athletic indicates emergency goalies have entered games twice in 55 years since NHL clubs were required to carry two goaltenders. The other was a 36-year-old accountant in Chicago two years ago. That is hardly reason to require teams to travel with a third goalie, who apparently would provide other basic functions on the trip that are not covered by anyone else with the traveling party. Maybe some coding between taking shots. And would coaches be tasked with finding practice time for the third emergency goalie?

And if teams are paying these emergency goalies say, \$100,000 per, would that be applied as payroll expense to be applied against the players' share of revenue? I'm guessing the league will think that's exactly what should happen.

The NHL had a great, unscripted moment last Saturday. Much like the Olympics, it appealed to a broad audience. Rather than reveling in it as an industry, the Oh-So-Serious want to ensure that something like this can never happen again. Of course.

➤ So I am browsing through my program from the Feb. 11, 1959, match at the Garden between the Rangers and Bruins — what can I tell you, I'm between the biographies of **Hamilton** and **Churchill** — and here on Page 6, I come upon a piece written by The Post's **Leonard Cohen** about **Joe Schaefer** — the MSG house goalie of the day. "Though he's crowding 34, and has 200 pounds spread generously over his 5-11 frame, Joe says he's in good condition," Cohen reported. "I think I could do a respectable job if I were used in an emergency. I skate a lot and in the summer I play a lot of softball to stay in shape."

At the time, Schaefer bemoaned the fact he'd never gotten into a game in his six years on the job. But the Long Island native got into a pair of games within two years. Schaefer made his NHL debut for the Rangers on Feb. 17, 1960, allowing five goals on 22 shots in 39:38 after replacing **Gump Worsley** in a 5-1 loss to the Blackhawks. Just over a year later, on March 8, 1961, Schaefer allowed three goals on 30 shots in 49:24 replacing the Gumper in a 4-3 defeat to, again, the Blackhawks.

But here's an interesting note: After Schaefer had more than one, **Marcel Pelletier** became the Rangers' emergency goalie. He also got into two games, both in 1962-63 and both also against the Blackhawks.

Maybe the Rangers did set the template almost six decades ago by bringing an emergency goaltender on the road.

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sighting in nets

➤ The officiating on Friday from **Francois St. Laurent** and **Pierre Lambert** was haphazard, at best. A sequence midway through the second period — when **Adam Fox** was called for a ghostly holding penalty before **Brett Howden** and **Ivan Provorov** were called for coinciding minors — changed the tenor of the game. Once back at even strength, the Flyers scored twice in a span of 2:05 and went up 3-1.

"It doesn't make any difference what I think about [the penalties],"

Quinn said. "It's part of the game, and we killed the penalty off."

➤ The Rangers were looking forward to their day off Saturday, having played three road games in the previous four nights and 10 games in the previous 17 days, including eight on the road and three sets of back-to-backs.

"We're not looking for excuses, obviously, but it felt like maybe it was a little hard to play back-to-back again, against a really good team like that," Georgiev said.

Uplifting spirit

Prospect motivated to make late father proud after tragic hit-and-run

By RYAN DUNLEAVY

INDIANAPOLIS — Cesar Ruiz and his father should be crushing a buffet spread right now and making plans to return to their favorite spot after the NFL draft.

There is much to celebrate for Ruiz, who starred at center for Michigan and secured his status as a soon-to-be first- or second-round pick with his on- and off-field performance at the NFL combine. And yet there is a hole in his heart.

His father, Cesar Edwin Ruiz, pulled over to the side of Route 55 in South Jersey to help another car change a flat tire in December 2007. He was struck and killed at age 26 by a driver who reportedly fled the scene of the accident.

"This whole entire experience is dedicated to that whole tragedy," Ruiz said. "Every night, every day, I think about it. If my dad was here to see what I'm doing right now, he would be mind-blown. I'm still playing for my dad. My dad still lives through me. And that's how it's always going to be."

For the son — who was 8 years old at the time of his father's death — there is some peace in the elder Ruiz's Good Samaritan actions.

"What I pride myself on is just doing things for people and being a good person," Ruiz said. "The way it happened, he was doing something good. You really wouldn't want it any other way if something were to happen like that."

Ruiz knows all the other ways tragedy happen. He grew up in Camden, N.J., surrounded by gangs and violence and protected by a strict single mother who ordered him to come from school every day. A cousin was shot and killed.

"It will either make or break you," Ruiz said. "There's a lot of people I grew up with, it didn't make them, it broke them. You just have to have a good head on your shoulders. You hear about violence, shootings, killings, rivalries almost every week. It's something you

become immune to [because] as a kid you see it so many times."

Ruiz left New Jersey after his sophomore year at Camden High School to enroll at IMG Academy in Bradenton, Fla. The 6-foot-3, 307-pound center earned a scholarship to Michigan, where he became a 31-game starter (five at guard in 2017) and two-time All-Big Ten selection.

"He's a big man in a skill player's mentality," Camden coach Dwayne Savage told The Post. "He always wants to work out with skill guys on footwork and getting faster and stronger."

The Giants conducted a formal interview with Ruiz at the combine, and he is a strong candidate for their No. 36 pick if still available. Jon Halapio is a restricted free agent coming off Achilles tendon surgery.

"Everything that happens has made Cesar," Michigan teammate

Mike Onwenu said. "He sees stuff that we don't see, changes stuff on the play and nine times out of 10 he is right."

Asked about returning to New Jersey, Ruiz's thoughts immediately went to his mother traveling to all home games. She was unavailable for comment.

"Football came into my life when I was 10 years old," Ruiz said. "I really played because my mom really wanted me to get out of the house. It was kind of a therapeutic thing for me because I was still mourning the death of my father. And she saw it."

Little did either of them know it would help Ruiz blossom into a charismatic, mature leader.

"Everybody falls in love with him," Savage said. "Wherever he goes, he is probably going to be the one on the team making the most commercials."

Ruiz draws comparisons to the pre-draft version of Cowboys' All-Pro center Travis Frederick — with a skill-set highlighted by strength, consistency, awareness and ability to combination block.

"He's a steady Eddie," NFL Network draft analyst Daniel Jeremiah said. "High floor, know-exactly-what-you're-getting player [with] a chance to be a Pro Bowl-caliber center."

Savage brings former Jets linemen Dwayne White and James Brown around his team to set an example. Ruiz counts Giants safety Sean Chandler, who grew up homeless for a time in Camden, as a mentor.

"I knew it was dangerous, but I never thought anything of it," Ruiz said. "I never saw the outside world before IMG Academy."

A world of possibilities is just opening to Ruiz.

"If you look at the film, if you look at how I dominate people, if you look at my character, how smart I am, I have everything for a first-rounder," he said. "I know my father would be very proud of me."

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By PAUL SCHWARTZ

Joe Judge could drive, of course, hitting the gas pedal from his temporary apartment just outside the Giants' team facility in East Rutherford, N.J., to what soon enough will be his former home in North Attleborough, Mass. But what the heck would he do on the ride?

Listen to music? Tune in to sports talk radio? Hit the Bluetooth and catch up with old friends?

Umm ... no. There is no car ride for the Giants' new head coach.

"You just have to kind of create more hours in the day if that makes sense," Judge said recently at the NFL Scouting Combine in Indianapolis. "You have to be very clear on how you're managing your time. It starts early, you work late. If I'm commuting back and forth, if I'm going home on a couple weekends to see the family in Massachusetts, I'm watch-

ing gymnastics and basketball games. I'm watching tape on the train ride up. I'm taking a train instead of driving so I can work the whole way, because you can't waste time."

There is no time to waste for Judge. His wife and four children will finish out the school year in Patriots country before moving to New Jersey. This allows Judge, 38, the time and space he needs to bore full-steam ahead.

He went through the demanding process of hiring his staff. He has engaged players at the team facility in casual conversation. Free agency is up next, and there is film work and evaluations to get through.

He attended the Senior Bowl in Mobile, Ala., and was at the combine for a full week. Even when there were no interviews with draft prospects or workouts to monitor, Judge kept his assistant engaged, "talking ball" as he likes



Cesar Ruiz

AP

'TIME' TRAVEL

Judge packs commute with Giants homework

COUNTING THE MINUTES: New Giants coach Joe Judge likes to maximize his day, using commuting time to review film.

N.Y. Post photo illustration/Jenifer Cozzolino

to say, going over the roster and making sure any and all loose ends are tied up as far as how he wants his operation to run.

This is why as Judge put together his staff he made sure he hired people he worked with previously or had a personal or professional relationship with someone close to the coach he brought in. Again, this has to do with maximizing time, rather than squandering it.

"It's going to be enough to get our players on the same page," Judge said. "I didn't want to waste time this season learning each other as coaches. That's going to be a challenge enough as it is. If I didn't work with you directly but you worked within a similar scheme or system, you have a better understanding of what I'm trying to accomplish and that there's a rhyme and a reason behind certain things we're going to do."

A younger boss guiding older

assistants is no longer big news in the NFL. Still, there is an adjustment with every newly formed staff, and this is Judge's first head-coaching assignment at any level.

The staff in this early juncture of the offseason is housed together in an apartment complex. Glamorous it is not. A welcome, though hardly lavish, respite is a trip to the Tick Tock Diner in Clifton. Closer to the start of football activities, the assistants will have found places to live and will separate to other Jersey environs. For now, it is one big busy Giants coaching family under the same roof.

"The unique thing is all of our families are somewhere else," Judge said. "It's basically like a college dorm. Not that we're having toga parties, but just in terms of we're together all the time, we're commuting back and forth, we're constantly talking ball, we're in early, we're working late.

"This is a great time for us to build that camaraderie and relationships that will carry us forward throughout the season. One thing you have to remember is the football season is a long season. Once you come together, it's like a submarine and when those doors close and you go underwater, it's just you and the team looking at each other on a daily basis.

"You have to establish throughout the spring and training camp who you are and the relationships you have that will carry you through the tough times, because there's going to be a point where the outside is not so rosy, and right now it's all big expectations and a lot of positive light. There's going to be a point where on the outside, it's very dark and gloomy. You have to make sure you have the trust in each other inside that you can get through those times."

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Jets' dilemma: blocker or WR

By BRIAN COSTELLO

The Jets enter this period of player procurement like Noah's Ark: They need two of everything.

With holes all over the roster, free agency and the draft are going to present some challenging decisions for general manager Joe Douglas and head coach Adam Gase, as they try to weigh their priorities and decide the best course to take.

One draft dilemma you can already see coming is whether the Jets should take possibly the third- or fourth-best offensive lineman with the No. 11-overall pick or one of the top two wide receivers.

Early mock drafts have linemen flying off the board in the top 10. That could leave the Jets with a choice of a lineman who is not near the top of their list. Top receivers Jerry Jeudy and CeeDee Lamb are projected to be available when the Jets pick. It could create a tough decision.

"What's the best thing, what's best available and what are our options?" Gase said this week at the NFL Scouting Combine in Indianapolis. "You just don't know until you get there. I know there's a lot of work we have to do from here until the season starts, we got to find those answers."

The Jets desperately need to upgrade an offensive line that struggled mightily last season. Three of the primary starters are scheduled to hit free agency — tackles Kelvin Beachum and Brandon Shell and guard Alex Lewis. Guard Brian Winters also may be cut in the coming weeks.

That leaves a lot of holes for Douglas to fill. Some of them

will be filled in free agency, but it would not be surprising to see the Jets take multiple linemen in the draft.

"I think that's our starting point because I think on both sides of the ball that's where it starts — up front," Gase said. "Just over the last 15 years seeing that, that's always been the toughest thing to put together. Guys that work well together, that's when you have success. When they don't, that's when you're not as good."

This draft class is top-heavy with linemen. Alabama's Jedrick Wills, Iowa's Tristan Wirfs, Louisville's Mekhi Becton, Houston's Josh Jones and Georgia's Andrew Thomas are all expected to be first-round picks. There is a drop off after them.

Wide receiver, on the other hand, is considered the deepest position in this draft.

That is where the decision comes for Douglas. It is a supply-and-demand question. Do you take your third or fourth favorite lineman, knowing you may not find a starter in the later rounds, or do you take the top receiver early, even though you probably can find a starter in a later round?

NFL Network draft analyst Daniel Jeremiah said he has 27 wide receivers with a grade in the top three rounds. Douglas and his staff should be able to find a good one in the middle rounds if they pass on one in the first round.

There is no doubt the Jets need to address the position. They could lose Robby Anderson in free agency, and Quincny Enunwa's future is unknown because of neck injuries.

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Brady back? Tom cringes

By MARK FISCHER

Awkward!

Tom Brady looked extremely uncomfortable for a moment Saturday while sitting next to Patriots teammate Julian Edelman and comedian Jimmy Fallon at the North Carolina-Syracuse game in upstate New York.

"He's coming back, he's coming back," a clean-shaven and smiling Edelman could be seen saying during the Tar Heels' 92-79 win, as cameras panned toward the two Super Bowl winners.

Fallon clapped at Edelman's declaration, but Brady appeared to cringe.

Edelman hasn't been shy about wanting Brady to return to New England for a 21st season, even begging the 42-year-old to come back on social media this offseason.

But many signs point to Brady signing elsewhere after he becomes a free agent in March, as expected, including the fact Brady and the Patriots have yet to meet regarding a new contract — which likely is due to the undecided collective bargaining agreement.

The Raiders, Buccaneers and Chargers are expected to pursue Brady, who has made more than \$235 million with New England.

By BRIAN LEWIS

MIAMI — On Friday the Nets had been embarrassed. Saturday they went back to being heartbroken.

After clawing out of a double-digit fourth-quarter deficit, the Nets had a chance to tie or take the lead in the final seconds — until they threw the ball away, Spencer Dinwiddie's errant pass to Wilson Chandler sailing out of bounds.

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The Nets fell 116-113 to the Heat before a sellout crowd of 19,600 at American Airlines Arena, a fourth straight defeat.

"Yeah, we obviously played a lot better than we did [Friday]," said Joe Harris, who had 20 points. "But it was one of those things where you have to try and be as consistent as possible, because of we play like [this on Friday] it might be a different outcome for us and we'd be feeling a lot different than right now."

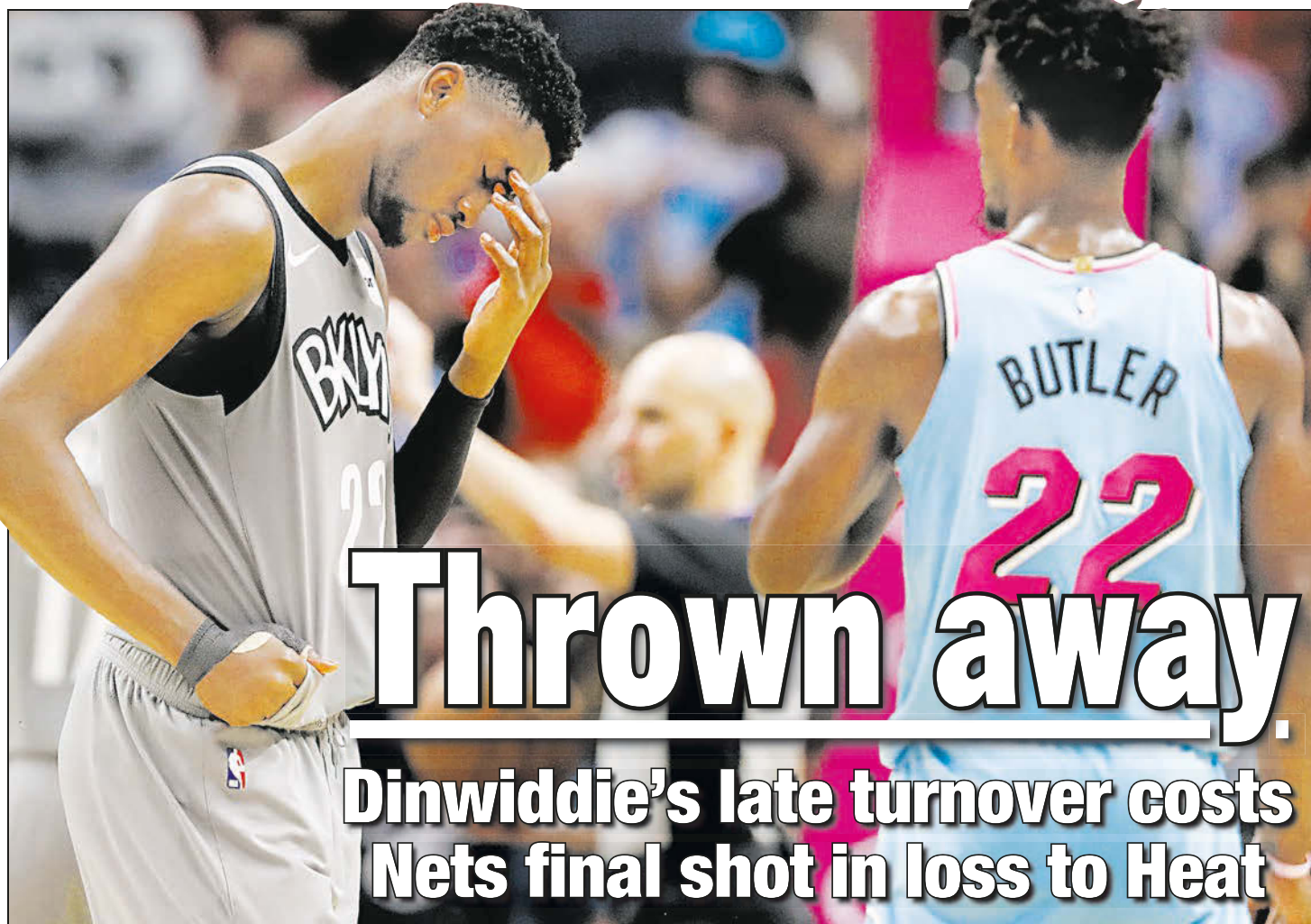
Yes, it was a step up from Friday, when they played no defense and got humbled 141-118 at cellar-dwelling Atlanta.

And in Miami they rallied from a 14-point deficit with eight minutes left, Taurean Prince missing a potential go-ahead 3 with a half-minute left and Dinwiddie — who had a game-high 25 points — turning the ball over down two with 1.7 seconds left to play.

But moral victories won't substitute for the real ones, they need to stop this losing skid and get their playoff spot solidified.

"I guess [it's progress], but at the same time, we dug ourselves a pretty deep hole. And there was a stretch in the third where we were getting a bunch of stops and didn't capitalize on it," Dinwiddie said. "We can talk about resiliency and fighting and all those things, and yes that's cool and it's good and all, but you know, we shouldn't be in those holes."

"We can't get ourselves in holes, and we shouldn't be in game-winning situations every single game."



SO CLOSE ... Caris LeVert reacts in the waning moments of Saturday night's loss to the Heat. The Nets had the ball and were down two points with 9.1 seconds left, but couldn't even get a shot off as Spencer Dinwiddie's errant pass ended up out of bounds. AP

A late rally — led by Dinwiddie, Harris and Prince — are the only reason they were in position to try and win late.

The Nets trailed 96-82 after Jae Crowder got open on a backdoor with 8:31 to play. But after struggling offensively all night against the Heat, they finally started hitting shots, making 10 of their last 15 down the stretch.

After Kendrick Nunn (21 points) hit a 3 to give Miami a 112-103 lead with 2:44 left, the Nets answered. Dinwiddie sank a pair of free throws, Harris hit a 3-pointer and Dinwiddie made a finger roll to get

the Nets within 112-110 with 1:20 to play.

Harris rebounded a Jimmy Butler miss and the Nets got a great look, but Prince missed a potential go-ahead 3 and Bam Adebayo snatched the defensive board with 36 seconds remaining.

Goran Dragic (19 points, 10 assists) hit a jumper to leave the Nets down by four with 13.7 seconds left.

Harris drilled a big 3 off an in-bounds from Dinwiddie, burning just two seconds. And when Butler made just one of two at the line with 9.1 left, the Nets had a golden opportunity. But they tossed it

away when Dinwiddie's pass sailed over Chandler's head.

Harris had been trying to come off a pin down, but Adebayo blew the play up. Dinwiddie looked to drive, but Adebayo and Butler closed that off as well. His pass to Chandler went errant and Dragic iced the game at the line with 0.4 left.

"We had a drawn-out double-screen away for Joe and obviously they switched everything, which created a loaded side on the drive. Jimmy Butler was in help position, so I was going to throw it to Wilson," Dinwiddie said. "Technically,

right read, errant pass on my end. Gotta take full responsibility for that."

Next up is Boston on Tuesday, with the Nets desperate to stop this slide.

"We're not playing great defensively. We're not at our Top 10 level right now," coach Kenny Atkinson said. "But I thought we didn't lose the skirmishes or the battles. They made a lot of tough shots. ... Our process was better. We gave up a few too many rebounds, but the defense was better. Not where it needs to be."

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You gotta 'hand' it to him, LeVert plays hurt

By BRIAN LEWIS

MIAMI — For the Nets, it's all hands on deck — even injured hands.

Caris LeVert gutted his way through a contusion, saying if he could grip the ball, he could suit up.

LeVert not only played Saturday in Miami despite having been listed as questionable with a right hand contusion, he started and logged a team-high 35:14.

"Yeah I was going to play

regardless unless I couldn't hold a basketball," LeVert said. "It's my shooting hand, so it's definitely not 100 percent. But if I'm out there then I'm OK. ... If I'm out there, then I'm out there."

LeVert wouldn't hazard a guess as to what percentage he was. But after suffering the injury Friday in Atlanta, he tested out the hand before the Heat game and gutted through it wearing a black wrap.

Asked if he was afraid there was a fracture, LeVert replied, "I would assume not, we haven't had it X-rayed or anything like that."

He added there were no plans to have X-rays during Sunday's off day.

"I don't think he's 100 percent. I definitely think there is some [pain]," coach Kenny Atkinson said. "But you know, he'll tell you nothing is wrong. So, listen to him, not me."

LeVert had 15 points, four assists and three rebounds in the 116-113 loss to the Heat. He shot 6 of 17, just 1-of-6 from deep and had a game-high four turnovers. But with Kyrie Irving out for the season and the Nets having dropped four in a row, they can't afford to lose him.

"Showed a ton of fight. Obviously he's our third star. Major piece of the team," Spencer Dinwiddie said of LeVert. "Every time

he's out there he gives us a boost, even if he's a little hampered."

LeVert returned to the starting lineup on Feb. 3 against Phoenix, and has averaged 22.5 points, five assists and 4.1 steals in those 11 games. But keeping him healthy is paramount.

He missed almost three months last season with a dislocated foot, and 24 straight games this season with right thumb surgery.

"Yep, Caris has battled

through a lot his entire career. This is nothing different for him," Joe Harris said. "He's one of our toughest players, and everybody knows that."

"He comes out and plays hurt. It's one of those things where his resilience and toughness just sort of rubs off on everybody else. When you know that he's battling through something, it's definitely one of those things where it inspires the rest of the team."



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EQUAL TIME

PU., THAT STINKS!

NOT THAT you need to be reminded, but the world has gone nuts.

Princeton University has invited Marshawn Lynch to be its special guest speaker at Class Day on June 1, an annual event that precedes graduation the next day.

Headlining Lynch as an NFL star running back and a relentlessly altruistic social activist, the Class Day coordinators explained his selection as a salute to his “sustained professional excellence” and for “his substantive work in communities that stands alongside his on-field success.

“Our goal was to invite a speaker who embodies the various experiences we have shared in as a community during our tenure. Someone whose professional and personal passions speak to the service-focused and intellectually rigorous interests core to the University.”

How nice. So why not invite someone who fits that description?

Nowhere in the statement, nor in the pandering media reports that followed, is there a word describing Lynch’s professional on-field signature display in selfless service to humanity:

After scoring touchdowns, and since 2011, he vulgarly “celebrated” himself by conspicuously grabbing his crotch. He has done so in front of 65,000 in stadium and hundreds of thousands watching on TV. He doesn’t care about the fines the NFL has hit him with to try to stop him from vandalizing the game by acting

Princeton tabs vulgar Lynch as Class Day speaker



NO-CLASS ACT: Marshawn Lynch, who regularly grabbed his crotch after TDs, was chosen by Princeton to be the honored guest speaker at Class Day. Getty Images

like an adult pig.

Additionally, NFL and college players, as well as Pop Warner kids, have imitated his crotch-grab in mindless salute.

In 2017 Lynch was fined for saluting an NFL crowd with both middle fingers raised. Pure class, Class of 2020.

Though it’s tough to quantify, he’s likely top-three among fined and sanctioned players in NFL history. Many of the fines and sanctions have been for rank, public misconduct.

Also left unaddressed was his ejection from a 2017 NFL game

for leaving the sideline to shove a game official.

In 2009 he pleaded guilty — and was suspended by the NFL — for carrying an illegal handgun.

In 2008, Lynch pled guilty to a hit-and-run in his new Porsche and had his license revoked. In 2012 he was arrested for DUI and pleaded to a lesser charge of reckless driving.

Still, not even one word of this in what reads as selective, dishonest hagiography of Lynch crafted by the Princeton Class Day students’ committee.

I suspect that Lynch, the NFL pro, would have been, as a Princeton student, tossed from the school on multiple occasions for concerns about student safety.

The announcement concluded with Lynch lauded for his “service to humanity.”

So, why Lynch? Was it a matter of ignorance or just not caring? Or did they sincerely believe that Lynch represents the standards to which Princeton grads should aspire?

Or maybe it was a simply a matter of Lynch being the best they could do.

Big Ten travel woes is big surprise to Terps coach

There are none so blind as those who refuse to see. **Mark Turgeon**, the Maryland basketball coach, for example.

Last week he complained about his top-10 Terrapins being stuck in Minnesota overnight after beating the Gophers in an 8 p.m., Central Time, Big Ten on Wednesday start.

“My goal was to be in

my driveway by 4:30 in the morning,” he told the Big Ten Network. “We played a 9 p.m. Eastern [Time Zone] game at Minnesota on a Wednesday. It makes no sense.”

Oh, yes it does. Dollars and cents. Maryland, like Rutgers and Penn State, doesn’t belong in the Big Ten — where 11 of its 14 schools are in the Central Time Zone.

But the lure of Big Ten riches, especially TV money, was too great to remain in a logically located Atlantic Coast Conference. Turgeon’s gripe is with Maryland, and no one else — not TV, not the Big Ten, not schedule-makers.

Maryland pays Turgeon at least \$2.6 million a year to play at Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michi-

gan State, Wisconsin and Nebraska, among other far-away Big 10 places. Or did he have no idea that Big Ten inclusion came with that?

And if such trips to play basketball games precludes his student-athlete recruits from attending classes — a con that left the station when free agents first claimed, “It’s not about the money.”

Besides, **Bobby Knight**, before he went to work for ESPN, would use that complaint, complaining his Indiana U. kids would lose class time to TV scheduling that brought them back to campus near midnight.

Yet Knight, upon the team’s return to campus following a road loss, would order immediate midnight practice.

Swoosh? There it is

LET THE record show that seconds before the first pitch of this exhibition game season, MLB greed was at issue.

Mets radio’s **Wayne Randazzo**, before last Saturday’s Marlins-Mets opener, described the Mets’ uniforms as the same as one of its several ensembles worn last season except for one inescapable change: the large Nike swoosh attached to the front of the jersey.

To that, **Howie Rose** said the addition of the Nike logo could have been more dignified, less conspicuous, more uniform and less all-game advertisement.

The untouchable, sacrosanct Yankees uniforms now also holler “Nike!”

The two teams whose uniforms would *never* be messed with as a matter of hallowed and stubborn tradition — the Yanks’ and Penn State’s football — both sold out to Nike.

In January, **Michael Tate**, a Yankees fan since 1961, wrote **Hal Steinbrenner** a typewritten, polite letter asking how he allowed this great Pinstripe Pride tradition to be destroyed by Nike money.

Tate concluded, “Legacy, Mr. Steinbrenner, especially when it comes to preserving the iconic Yankee home uniform, must always be much greater than unabashed transparent greed.”

As of Friday, Tate still had not received a reply.

➤ TV at it its new-usual finest: Figures that two of the worst, most uncivilized acts in recent NBA history, **Stephen Jackson** and **Matt Barnes**, were selected to co-host a show on Showtime that they load with backwards-pointed street vulgarities.

What’s the point? To prove that at 40 they still act like remorselessly indecent slugs? Good for them! Good for Showtime!

It seems Showtime learned nothing when it hired **Warren Sapp** for being insufferable and crude then fired him for the same reasons.

➤ Reader **Richie “The Roofer” Mariano** asks why the NFL holds a combine for likely draft picks who have already been scouted while playing in college games — games that count, not drills.

Well, the combine gives analytical boobs with stopwatches and yardsticks a chance to change their minds, ignore what they’d previously scouted, forget what they’d seen and dismiss what they already knew.

Melo could be veteran voice this club needs

THE PROSPECT of Carmelo Anthony returning to Madison Square Garden to play for the Knicks again is turning from a whisper into a conversation — with Anthony doing nothing to rebuff the possibility.

Leon Rose, who served as Anthony's agent at CAA, will take over as Knicks president this week, and bringing his former client back to play for his home town team is certainly an option worth exploring.

"Until I sit down and see the whole plan, I don't know," was Anthony's response to all the chatter.

The Knicks beat the Bulls, 125-115, Saturday at Madison Square Garden to improve to 18-42 on the season. But Rose has plenty of work to do once he takes office. The absence of previous experience running an NBA franchise makes it impossible to guess how he plans to turn the struggling basketball franchise into a playoff contender. But the Knicks are hoping he'll have similar results as former agents Bob Myers and Rob Pelinka have had with the Warriors and Lakers, respectively.

Whether the plan includes the return of Anthony is uncertain, but before you say, "Been there, done that," let's look at the positives of such a move.

The Knicks, who snapped a six-game losing streak with Saturday's win, are clearly rebuilding, hoping a core group of young players — RJ Barrett, Mitchell Robinson, Frank Ntilikina, Allonzo Trier, Kevin Knox and Dennis Smith Jr. — can be part a long-term nucleus. Robinson had a career-high 23 points and 10 rebounds against the Bulls, while Barrett had 19 points and Knox 12. But they could use a veteran like Anthony to show them how to be consistent pros.

It would be an entirely different role for Anthony than when he was first acquired by the Knicks from the Nuggets in a blockbuster deal at the 2011 NBA trade deadline. Anthony was asked to be the savior then. He was Brooklyn-born, a national champion at Syracuse and the face of his new franchise. He tried to live up to those lofty expectations, but never got past the second round

of the playoffs during 6½ seasons.

When he was traded to the Thunder in 2017, there were no bridges burned. Time and too many defeats had taken their toll. The Knicks needed a change — and so did Anthony.

It would be different this time. The Knicks wouldn't be asking Anthony to be their savior again. He'd be more of a sage. Anthony will turn 36 in May, but judging by his current tenure with the Trail Blazers, he still has plenty to offer an

NBA team. He is averaging 15.5 points a game, well off his career average of 23.7, but still enough to contribute on a consistent basis.

Rose should be looking to add players who can make that type of contribution on the floor. Anthony won't dominate the way he did during his previous tenure in New York, when the offense went through him and he was responsible for taking all the last shots. Julius Randle, who had 22 points Saturday, handles that now. Anthony doesn't have to be that kind of player anymore, which is why he might be good for a redo with the Knicks.

Barrett, Robinson and the all the top draft picks the Knicks will have in the coming years represent their future. But Anthony can make a positive impact with his stature, his leadership and his experience.

He knows the league and he knows the city and its expectations.

A return to New York might be good for Anthony, too, a chance to handle some unfinished business and help make the Knicks winners again. During his first tenure, he was nothing but professional. Maybe he didn't handle "Linsanity" that well, and he didn't always agree with the revolving door of coaches. But he was professional and understood his role as the team leader.

Rose will need someone to anchor this turnaround. Someone who has broad shoulders and the kind of experience that takes pressure of the younger players.

Anthony wouldn't be a long-term answer. But Rose has to start somewhere — and bringing back Carmelo wouldn't be a bad start.

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YOUTH SERVES

Barrett, Robinson — and even Knox — power Knicks to skid-snapping victory



By MARC BERMAN

During a depressing season that already has cost Knicks coach David Fizdale and president Steve Mills their jobs, youngsters Mitchell Robinson and RJ Barrett have stood above the misery.

It hasn't all been a player-development disaster. Barrett has shown flashes and Robinson is on a full-fledged surge.

Both were on full display in a skid-busting 125-115 victory over the Bulls on Saturday at the Garden. Robinson scored a career-high 23 points with 10 rebounds and Barrett added 19 points as the Knicks snapped a six-game losing streak.

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The pair combined to go 19-for-26 from the field. It was fitting that in the final 40 seconds the young duo hooked up, with Barrett feeding Robinson for one final alley-oop. When Robinson went to the line in the final seconds, the crowd chanted "MVP."

"They were trapping on the ball a lot," said Robinson, who was 11 of 16. "They put two on the ball so somebody has to be open. If I get behind the defense, I feel like they'll forget about me."

The win comes at a good time, just as agent Leon Rose is ready to take over as Knicks president.

The Knicks (18-42), who sur-

passed last year's win total, also got a rare offensive boost from 2018 lottery pick Kevin Knox, who showed his rookie aggressiveness. After having scored just one point in Philadelphia on Thursday to continue his sophomore jinx, Knox pumped in 12 points and grabbed four offensive rebounds in 21 minutes, scoring from inside and outside.

Knox was 4-of-9 from the field and 2-of-3 from 3-point land. Knox also scrambled to secure a loose ball with 6:11 left that led to a Bobby Portis inside bucket that put the Knicks up 106-99. Interim coach Mike Miller praised his "energy plays" and boardwork.

"It felt good to finally have a good game," Knox said. "These

Clyde eager for hoopla over '70 title

By MARC BERMAN

Knicks legend Walt "Clyde" Frazier thought the team's brass had forgotten about the franchise's first title team. Can't blame them. It's been so long.

As first reported by The Post, the Knicks announced Friday the staging of a 50th anniversary celebration of their first championship, from the 1969-70 season. The main festivities will occur at halftime of the March 21 game at the Garden against the Warriors.

"There was nothing cooking and nobody knew anything," Frazier told The Post of honoring that title team. "I was like, 'Man, we got to do something.'"

All the living members of the 1969-70 team are believed to be able to make it, according to sources — right down to the bench guys such as Cazzie Russell, Mike Riordan, Bill Hosket, John Warren and Don May. Of course, the legendary icons with their numbers retired in the rafters will be there — starting with Frazier, the team's longtime MSG Network broadcaster, Willis Reed, Bill Bradley and Dick Barnett.

"It's going to be the same — we're just older," Frazier said. "Willis will be the captain telling us where to be. Other guys will be telling jokes the same like they used to do — like Barnett. It was fun. The sad part will be the people who were not there. [Coach Red] Holzman, [Dave] DeBusschere, [trainer] Danny Whelan. He was the life of the team — always in a joking mood, getting us to laugh."

The three deceased players are DeBusschere, Nate Bowman and David Stallworth. Frazier can't remember the last time he saw May, Warren and Hosket.

"We personified team," Frazier said. "You can't mention Frazier without Bradley or Barnett. In '73 [the Knicks' second title], we had better talent with Earl [Monroe] and Jerry Lucas. But '69-70, we had to play as a team to win. That and defense. I could've scored more. Willis could've scored more. But we wouldn't have been champions. Everyone sacrificed."

The title drought will hit 47 years once the Knicks are officially eliminated from the playoffs — likely sometime in late March. It will be seven straight years without a playoff berth, and Frazier has called the majority of the games on television.

That is likely why the 1969-70 team is still immortal. But not everyone connected to the season was invited. Due to owner James Dolan's long-running feud with Marv Albert, the radio voice of the club that season, Albert was not asked again, as The Post's Andrew Marchand reported.

"It's too bad — politics," Frazier said.

➤ Frank Ntilikina returned from a three-game absence and got into early foul trouble — scoring four points with four assists in 16 minutes in a 125-115 win over the Bulls on Sunday. ... Dennis Smith Jr. was placed into concussion protocol, after getting hit in the head Friday in Philadelphia.

CENTER STAGE: Mitchell Robinson hasn't been able to work his way into the Knicks' starting lineup, but the second year big man, slamming home a dunk, was outstanding Saturday, scoring 23 points and ripping down 10 boards in a 125-115 smackdown of the Bulls at the Garden.

Corey Sipkin



last 20 games I'm trying to end it on a good note. I haven't had the season I wanted. I'll try to be aggressive from here on out get to the basket and free-throw line."

Miller said of Robinson: "He's playing the best basketball of his career."

Miller still has convoluted reasons why he won't start Robinson, but the center came off the bench and supplied his recent usual high-powered energy. He scored eight points in his first four minutes on the court and had 12 points and five rebounds by halftime.

"RJ was so sharp that first half and really was the whole game," Miller said. "He tried to play within the game and Mitchell

obviously was outstanding and you have to mention Kevin Knox. He had four offensive rebounds and made energy plays. An outstanding game for him."

Barrett, was a rip-roaring force early — even from 3-point range. The third overall pick made seven of eight field goals in the first half — 3-of-3 from 3-point land. He scored 17 first-half points, ending the session by hitting a stepback 3-pointer that gave the Knicks a 66-53 halftime lead after a 9-0 run.

"RJ was cooking," Robinson said. "He was locked in."

Veteran Taj Gibson returned from back spasms after missing one game and was thrust back into the starting lineup at cen-

ter, scoring the Knicks' first seven points before giving way to Robinson's athletic flurry.

In the first half, Robinson scored twice on alley-oop feeds from Elfrid Payton (10 assists), scored on a rare driving reverse slam and had a powerhouse offensive-rebound putback.

Miller admitted it's a conundrum whether to make Robinson the starter at center with 22 games left. Miller said he has kept Robinson as a reserve because he doesn't want to mess with a good thing. The second-year 7-footer has grown comfortable coming off the bench.

When Gibson missed Thursday's game, Miller went with Bobby Portis as starting center.

Miller eventually started Robinson to open the second half because he was much more effective than Portis.

"[It's] how well Mitchell is playing," Miller said. "If there comes a time we need to change it, we'll change it."

Robinson leads the NBA in field-goal percentage (73.5). If the season ended today, Mitchell's field-goal rate would be the highest in league history — topping Wilt Chamberlain's 72.7 from 1972-73.

"Starting not starting, it doesn't matter," Robinson said. "I'm just here to play and play hard. If I start it's cool. If not, not going to cry about."

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AT THE CACTUS LEAGUE

PEORIA, Ariz — The Mets' nightmare makes comments like, "It is super realistic" that he will be in the majors before his 21st birthday and that his goal is "to be the face of baseball" in a casual manner, as if discussing the best lunch options near the Mariners' spring training complex.

Yet even in off-hand remarks, Jarred Kelenic has revealed his ambition, confidence and the scope of how miserable this could all turn out for the Mets.

Kelenic insists, "I don't have any hard feelings" that the Mets traded him five months after taking him with the sixth pick in the 2018 draft. However, he reads Twitter. Thus, he is aware of the mounting dread among Mets fans that he will soon be part of a sentence with Nolan Ryan and Amos Otis for the most regrettable trades of youngsters in franchise history.

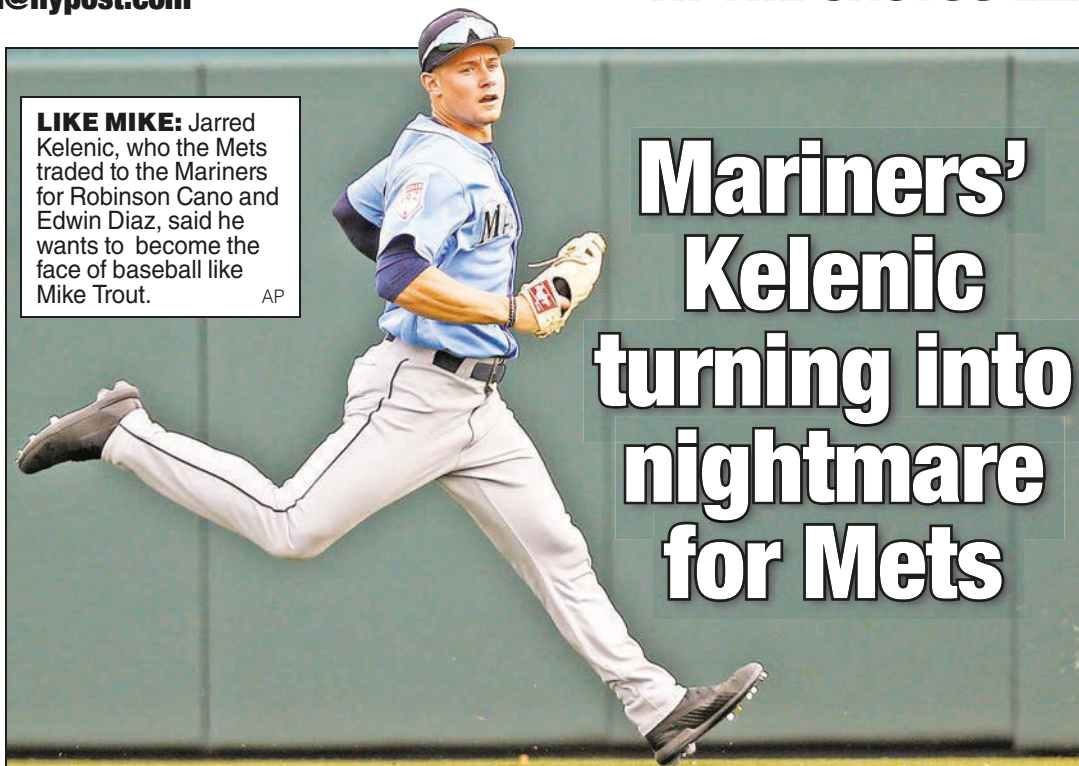
In a recent conversation, Brodie Van Wagenen said he will not judge his administration by one trade, and there is interconnectivity to transactions. Still, the biggest move of his tenure as Mets GM has, to date, been the worst — with the potential to grow more and more devastating.

What can salvage it? If Robinson Cano reverses his Fregosian 2019. If Edwin Diaz can close again like 2018. If Kelenic does not become the face of baseball.

Yet, it already is obvious the Mets undersold Kelenic. Because they believed Cano had plenty left. Because they thought they were good enough to do what only a high-end contender should — give up major assets for a reliever. And because they did not have full appreciation of Kelenic.

Any player can be traded. Heck, if the Dodgers offer Cody Bellinger and Walker Buehler, the Angels have to at least convene a meeting about Mike Trout. But the art of trading is to move pieces at maximum value. And if the Mets had Kelenic this past offseason they

LIKE MIKE: Jarred Kelenic, who the Mets traded to the Mariners for Robinson Cano and Edwin Diaz, said he wants to become the face of baseball like Mike Trout. AP



Mariners' Kelenic turning into nightmare for Mets

Scary good

would have moved to front of the line for Mookie Betts, Francisco Lindor or Nolan Arenado.

Or if they had him, they could be imagining him joining Pete Alonso for a decade and making life easier if Michael Conforto leaves in free agency following next season.

For Kelenic blossomed from a well-regarded prospect to elite away from the Mets. He excelled at three levels last year, soaring all the way to Double-A in his first full pro

season. As this season opens, he ranks anywhere from the game's seventh- to the 11th-best prospect by Baseball America, Baseball Prospectus, ESPN and MLB Pipeline.

"I don't want to put expectations on him that are unrealistic," Mariners GM Jerry Dipoto said. "But I don't know what realistic is with him. His ceiling is incredibly high. The combination of talent and focus is extreme. I don't want to guess what 15 years out looks like

for Jarred Kelenic, but we think it looks pretty special."

This is not just Mariner spin. One scout called Kelenic the best young hitter in the Cactus League — everyone spoken to agreed he was a baseball gym rat with not only substantial hitting and power potential, but advanced feel for the strike zone. One scout broke him down this way: "Plus instincts and feel for the game. He is way ahead of his age with his feel for hitting.

He is a solid-plus runner. A solid defender, who can play center field. He's a very good baserunner. He plays above his age."

Ask for comps and executives and scouts say you can dream on Jim Edmonds, Josh Hamilton, Grady Sizemore and Juan Soto — which is why he is the Mets' nightmare.

Mariners manager Scott Servais cautioned that when he was a Rangers executive he would have bet on Jurickson Profar, who was the majors' consensus No. 1 prospect going into 2013 and has yet to come near fulfilling that designation. I remember Yankees camps in the early 1990s when Ruben Rivera was compared to Mickey Mantle.

Kelenic likely will open 2020 at Double-A (he had just 21 games there last season), though the lefty swinger said he believes, "I can go up and play in the big leagues tomorrow."

Confidence is not an issue, though Seattle officials insist he also is a good teammate, and when Kelenic proclaims he wants to be the face of baseball, he said he wants to do it like Trout and "be as good a person and teammate off the field as on."

"I'm never doing anything in life to be average," Kelenic said. "Whether it is baseball or being a son, a friend, a brother, a boyfriend. It doesn't matter. I do not want to be average at anything I do. Baseball is something I take very, very seriously. When I go into this, I never tell myself I want to be average. I want to be the face of baseball."

The sooner, the better. Kelenic turns 21 on July 16 and "my No. 1 goal" is to be in the majors before then." He is aware players who excel in their age-20 season tend to go on to great careers — a list that includes Ken Griffey Jr. and Alex Rodriguez, who also did it for the Mariners.

Can Kelenic join that Mariners list? If so, that would be a Mets nightmare.

Seattle staff may be filled with NY castoffs

JUSTUS Sheffield is part of the Mariners' rotation, **Justin Dunn** could be and **Gerson Bautista** has an opportunity to be part of their bullpen. Thus, trades Seattle made with the New York teams after the 2018 season could heavily impact their 2020 season-opening staff.

Sheffield, the key return

from the Yankees for **James Paxton**, struggled in both the majors and Triple-A last year, and was busted down to Double-A. Yet Mariners GM **Jerry Dipoto** said, "Sheff, it's his time. ... We think he is an every-fifth-day starter."

Sheffield has always possessed a wipeout slider and

good velocity, and Dipoto described a changeup that has greatly improved. What has held him back is fastball command, and the Mariners insist there have been marked improvements.

"He is going to pitch this year at 24, but has been on everyone's radar so long that there is a feeling, 'Is it

ever going to happen for him?' " Dipoto said. "He's only 24. And we are excited about his future."

Dunn, who along with Bautista were the secondary return behind **Jarred Kelenic** when the Mets obtained **Robinson Cano** and **Edwin Diaz**, is in play for the rotation. But if recent

Tommy John surgery alums **Kendall Graveman** and **Taijuan Walker** make it back for opening day, Dunn could be kept to provide length behind one or the other.

For Bautista, the issue also has been fastball command, but, "He has been among the most intriguing guys in

spring training so far," Dipoto said. "He is 97-99 [mph] with a much improved slider. Most importantly for Gerson he is in the strike zone. His stuff is unquestionable. It is some of the best stuff you will see. His future solely will be determined by how often he throws it over the plate."

Veteran Yankees outfielder Brett Gardner takes a swing at some Q&A with Post columnist Steve Serby.

Q: Have you given thought to how much longer you want to play?

A: At this point, I'm just kind of taking things one year at a time. I've really always looked not too far into the future, obviously. The contract that I signed, the Yankees have a team option on me for next year. In a perfect world for me, I stay healthy and have a good season and they pick that option up and I come back and do it all over again. For me, I'm just focused on this current season and literally taking things one day at a time, trying to get prepared for a season. I know it sounds cliché, but I kind of learned that from some guys that I've played with along the way, that when you've been around this long, there's no sense in looking too far into the future, really. You don't know how much longer it'll last, so really just enjoy every minute of it.

Q: Did the retirement of Giants quarterback Eli Manning impact you in any way?

A: Eli's obviously been a great Giant. I think he's gonna be a Hall of Fame quarterback, obviously. But he's a guy that's done it all in New York, played his whole career there, and just got a ton of respect for him at what he accomplished.

Q: Could you see yourself wearing any other uniform other than the pinstripes?

A: I can't. ... I can't, I'll be honest. There were times in the offseason, especially early on, where some other teams were interested, and with the season I had last year, I was gonna continue playing. My priority was to come back to New York.

Q: Would managing appeal to you down the road?

A: (Laugh) No, I don't think so. That'll be a too time-consuming for me. If and when my time is done as a player, obviously the game has been very good to me, and I'll find ways to try and stay involved in one way or another and give back, at whatever level it may be. I've got two young boys that obviously I want to spend a lot of time with. I haven't been around to see a lot of their early childhood, so I look forward to those days, and obviously my wife [Jessica] has made a lot of sacrifices to get me and us where we are. So I really look forward to stepping away a little bit.

Q: Tom Brady wants to play until he's 45. Do you have a goal as far as how long you want to play until?

A: No, I don't. Physically, I'll be honest, last year and right now going into this season, I feel better than I did several years ago, just because of being a little bit smarter about what I do and making some changes and just fortunate to have made it through these last couple of seasons relatively healthy and going into the offseason healthy and being able to train is a whole different [thing] than going into the offseason when you're rehabbing something trying to get back to being healthy. So I feel great physically, and I know that I can continue playing for several more years, but that's a decision that a whole lot more goes into it than just how I'm feeling, so we'll see what happens.

Q: With CC Sabathia gone, you'll have to fill even more of a leadership void.

A: Yeah, a little bit, but we've got a lot of great leaders in that room, and some of 'em are in their early-to-mid 20s, guys like Aaron Judge and Gleyber Torres, and

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GARDNER

we've got some guys that have come over from other organizations that really command a great deal of respect and really have a lot to offer with all these young guys that we have in the room — guys like Giancarlo Stanton, and obviously Adam Ottavino, now Gerrit Cole coming over on board, a veteran guy like Aroldis Chapman ... we kind of share the load.

Q: How would you compare your mindset or mentality now compared to your very first spring training?

A: I think I'm a lot different now than I was then. I'm smarter in the way that I go about things and the way that I prepare and train and what I do to get ready for a game, and what I put in my body, right down to how I sleep and how I take care of myself. That's one of those things where if you want to play for as long as possible, you only get one shot at it. So I've always tried to for the most part make good decisions and give myself an opportunity to play as long as I want to, and so far that's worked.

Q: Are there foods that you avoid?

A: (Laugh) Honestly, no. I'm not gonna stand up here and beat my chest and act like I'm on a some strict diet, because to be honest, I try to take in about as many calories as I can but I do try to be smart about it. But I do love pizza, and I do love deserts and sweets, so I'm not anti-anything, even though I probably should be.

Q: With Luis Severino out for the year, is it still World Series-or-bust?

A: I think that's the expectations here every year, and the last three years really, we could have been that team standing any of the last three years, and we've obviously come up short. I think with the addition of Gerrit Cole, and some of the guys that we have — we have a pretty young core group of guys that in my opinion, some of these guys are only gonna continue to get better. Just look forward to continuing to help them belong and watch them grow, and I expect us to have a better season than last year, and hopefully we're that last team standing.

Q: What makes Cole's stuff so elite?

A: Well, his fastball's obviously very hard. Anytime the harder the fastball is, the better the offspeed stuff plays. It's just a big difference in looking for 100 and a 90 mile an hour slider versus looking for 95 and an 85 mile an hour slider. I think his presence on the mound, and his ability to attack all four quadrants of the strike zone. ... He's a bulldog, he's a competitor out there on the mound. I already see him on a daily basis just kind of holding court with all of his teammates really but mostly pitchers, just talking to them about approach and conviction. It's good to see. Not only is he a really, really good pitcher every five days

when he's out there on the mound, then he's the best right-hander in the game right? But I think he's also a guy that makes others around him better.

Q: Have you guys spoken about the coronavirus?

A: We have ... just try and be aware of your surroundings, and wash your hands a lot, watch what you do. ... It's definitely concerning, but just be smart about what you do.

Q: Did it take you a while to get over last year's ALCS defeat to the Astros?

A: It always does. It always does. I think the older you get, it gets harder and harder because you realize you're running out of opportunities, and you don't know how many more chances you'll get. That's always tough to get over, but at some point, you gotta lick your wound and you get back up and get back to work, and here we are.

Q: Your sons, Hunter and Miller, are 11 and 9. Did they ask you about the Astros' cheating scandal?

A: Yeah, a little bit they did. Just use that as one of those parenting moments, just teaching right from wrong, and the right way to do things and the wrong way, just kind of attack it from that angle. They understand the game, and they are old enough to realize what's going on. But at the same time, they're still young kids, so I try to keep 'em sheltered a little but as much as possible I guess.

Q: What's it like being the longest-tenured Yankee?

A: It's crazy, man, it really is. It's hard to believe I've been here as long as I have. It's not something I take lightly. It means a lot to me to still be here, and I'm very happy to have an opportunity to come back here and try and finish some unfinished business. ... It's crazy it's been 13 years.

Q: What intangibles do you like best about this Yankees team?

A: These guys early in camp seem really driven, seem really focused. This is a group that has kind of been in the trenches together for the last couple of years, and like I said, we've been really close but we've come up short, and we're ready to get over that hump and be that last team standing. We're hungry.



NY Post: Charles Wenzelberg

TAMPA — Brian Cashman will quiz individual members of his staff by, say, asking Aaron Boone how a particular player looks or seeking VP of baseball operations Tim Lincecum's insight into how a specific position battle is materializing.

The longest current serving GM has learned to avoid overthinking his Opening Day roster at this time of year or convening regular meetings to project what the now 26-man group will look like. On this date last year — among other things — Mike Tauchman was a Rockie, Troy Tulowitzki was part of a non-Didi Gregorius shortstop rotation, and Luis Severino was heading toward starting Game 1.

The picture is going to change — then change some more.

"I'm going to be a boring interview on this subject," Cashman said.

He was. He offered little on where matters stand with his roster and if he sees anything valuable about having a 26th man beyond simply protecting an area of weakness.

Cashman is willing to let February become March and St. Patrick's Day ebb closer before assembling his braintrust at one place at one time to decide. Smart. Because when I asked Cashman about the roster, Giancarlo Stanton had yet to even participate in the defensive drill that would lead to a calf strain that likely will keep him out until April.

And that pretty much sealed the 13-man positional group for the Yankees' March 26 opener in Baltimore. Of course, this assumes Aaron Judge will eventually play after shoulder discomfort, no other positional piece will need the injured list (and let's face it, health has not been a Yankees strength since the beginning of last season) and that Cashman doesn't strike in a trade for another under-

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Yanks have tough decisions of who plays how much



Joel Sherman
Hardball

the-radar Tom, Dick or Tauchman in the next four weeks.

The 13 for now: Judge, Tauchman, Miguel Andujar, Mike Ford, Clint Frazier, Brett Gardner, Kyle Higashioka, DJ LeMahieu, Gary Sanchez, Gleyber Torres, Gio Urshela, Luke Voit and Tyler Wade.

So what are the key factors in divvying up playing time?

1 Boone loves outfield defense. So expect an alignment left to right of Tauchman,

Gardner and Judge quite a bit.

2 Boone knows he must protect Gardner. He did so last year, and Gardner broke a familiar fade down the stretch pattern and actually was better in the second half than the first. Gardner, 36, is five years older than any other of the position players projected for the roster. Until Aaron Hicks returns after Tommy John surgery — perhaps midseason — Boone will not want to overplay Gardner in center and lose his legs. So Tauchman will get a fair amount of center field time.

3 Question of the day: If given 500 plate appearances, who would have a better offensive year, Andujar or Frazier? They are going to get left field at-bats — with Andujar dabbling at first and third as well.

Another leg injury for Stanton means all those

thoughts about the mammoth slugger playing left field with some frequency is as likely as Roy White doing it. The leg injuries, in particular, have mounted for Stanton. When he returns, he again will be largely a DH.

So when Tauchman doesn't play left, who does? Both Andujar and Frazier have questions about defense and both have options, so the loser could end up back at Triple-A trying to build up trade value to get some place where they can play regularly.

4 Is Higashioka a major league backup catcher? Austin Romine might have been the best of that genre in the majors. And the Yankees let him and his leadership go to Detroit. The Yankees' analytic folks think Higashioka's framing skills on defense and power on offense are valuable. But Chris Iannetta and Erik Kratz loom for a role made more important because of Sanchez's inability to stay healthy.

5 The Yankees' 2019 season was saved by unexpected production. Their 2020 campaign can be undone if multiple players from that group turn out to be flukes. Ford, Tauchman and Urshela were revelations. And before injuries devastated his second half, Voit continued in the pleasant-surprise genre. Tauchman, Urshela and Voit are starters now and, especially with Stanton out, Ford will get at-bats because

the Yanks hunger for some lefty diversity in the lineup.

6 Wade is looking at his best chance yet to stick in the majors. The 26th roster spot is built for him, which is why I give him the nod to make it over Thairo Estrada. Wade hits lefty, which is particularly valuable for this team. He can run, so is a pinch option late for the first basemen and catchers. He not only can play all the infield positions, but is a more than capable outfielder.

Of all of these areas, he is going to have to show he can handle shortstop on the occasions when Boone wants to rest Torres (who, by the way, is going to have to show he is up for a full major league season at short). Boone is leaning toward giving Urshela time at short during spring training to see if the manager could turn there if necessary.

Infielder Kyle Holder, the Yanks' 2015 first round pick, is not on the 40-man roster, so it would require multiple injuries for him to get a season-opening chance. But his fielding is exceptional, so if the Yankees' offense is as strong as expected and they ultimately just need a glove, he could become a factor.

Of course, the offense is projected to be strong based on health for Judge and Stanton, the 2019 wonders doing it again in 2020, the bats of Andujar and Frazier being real and Gardner not suddenly getting old.

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HITTING THE SPOT: Tyler Wade's versatility in the field makes him the perfect candidate for the Yankees' 26th roster spot, writes Post columnist Joel Sherman.



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Montgomery continues strong Yankees spring

By GEORGE A. KING III

TAMPA — Jordan Montgomery entered Saturday's game against the Red Sox in Fort Myers as the favorite to be Aaron Boone's fourth starter in a rotation that will be without James Paxton at least until May and Luis Severino for the season.

In his second outing of the exhibition season the 27-year-old-year lefty threw two scoreless innings in which he gave up a hit, struck out four and didn't allow a walk.

Montgomery, who worked two games and four innings last year after having Tommy John surgery in 2018. Though Montgomery is the overwhelming favorite for the fourth spot, who will be the Yankees' fifth starter isn't as sure.

Jonathan Loaisiga appears to be the slight favorite because he has more experience than the others, but don't rule out Clarke Schmidt, the Yankees' first-round pick in the 2017 draft who had Tommy John surgery that year.

Schmidt wowed scouts in two outings this spring with a big curveball and fastball. Others in contention are Mike King and Deivi Garcia. Luis Cessa has starting experience in the big leagues, but the Yan-

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kees seemingly like him in the bullpen.

According to Boone, **Aroldis Chapman** will throw a bullpen session Sunday and make his spring training debut on Wednesday night against the Phillies at Steinbrenner Field.

Clint Frazier's bid for a big league roster spot continued to strengthen Saturday when he went 1-for-3 with a double and an RBI against the Red Sox in Fort Myers in a 5-2 victory. Frazier started in right field and drove in the run in with a sacrifice fly.

► **Miguel Andujar's** training in left field continued Saturday with tutorials from **Reggie Willits**, the first base coach who works with the outfielders, and Yankees great **Bernie Williams**. Andujar started in left field for the second straight game on Saturday and didn't have any issues.

Veteran pitchers rarely work on the road but **Gerrit Cole** plans on pitching against the Tigers on Thursday in Lakeland.

STRONG SHOWING: Jordan Montgomery followed a very good spring debut with two scoreless innings against the Red Sox on Saturday as tries to lock up a rotation spot with the Yankees.

AP

Matz intrigued by idea of following opener

By MIKE PUMA

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Steven Matz is an old-school guy when it comes to pitching roles: Starters start and relievers relieve.

As the Mets consider various scenarios for their rotation this season that involve Matz — including the possibility he will be used behind an opener — the lefty indicated Saturday his preference is to start games and

work as deep as possible into them. But ...

"It's definitely intriguing," Matz said, when asked about the idea of an opener. "But for me personally it's just my whole career I have never done that, so it's different. I am used to starting, warming up for the game, long tossing all that stuff. I think that [opener] stuff is more different. I don't know how they do it. We've never done it really in the big leagues with the

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Mets, so I don't know how it is, I don't know what it's like so I can't comment on it."

Other possibilities include Matz and Michael Wacha sharing a rotation spot, dependent on the opponent, or that Matz will be sent to the bullpen.

He says his focus is securing a rotation spot.

"Right now, I am a starter

and building up as a starter, just trying to get better every day," Matz said. "We have got a lot of good pitchers in camp and that is a great thing for us in looking toward our goal of winning the World Series, so really not looking at it as a competition, just doing whatever I can do right now to be the best I can be just to help the team this season."

Matz allowed one hit over two shutout innings in the

Mets' 2-1 win over the Astros.

► **David Peterson** gave the Mets a second straight solid outing, allowing one run over two innings in relief with three strikeouts. The left-hander pitched two shutout innings in his spring debut.

"He's working on his changeup definitely, but we see that the fastball is playing very well right now," said manager **Luis Rojas**.

► **J.D. Davis'** left shoulder inflammation has been subsiding, according to Rojas, allowing him to possibly soon resume baseball activities. Davis jammed the shoulder Tuesday diving for a ground ball. Davis has been top-hand swinging in recent days to keep loose without putting too much stress on the left shoulder.

"Every day better news with him," Rojas said.

ALL DEL' & GOOD

Betances closing in on Grapefruit League debut

By MIKE PUMA

PORT ST. LUCIE — Dellin Betances' spring is progressing at the pace he expected, but that doesn't erase the frustration of watching others pitch in the Grapefruit League while he continues to strengthen his left ankle.

"It's hard when you are throwing on the back fields," the Mets reliever said Saturday. "It's not the same as a real game, so you have got to try to train your mind to be as good as you can."

The right shoulder impingement that last season sidelined Betances, then with the Yankees, from spring training until September isn't an issue.

But the Achilles tendon he tore upon his return has required an extensive rehab, one in which he must show he can cover bases in addition to the grind of landing on his left foot during his delivery.

Betances has faced hitters for live batting practice three times this spring. He expects at least another session this week, followed by perhaps a simulated game with base runners before a discussion can occur with team brass about allowing him to pitch in the Grapefruit League.

"I've been working to move off the mound to field bunts, so I think we are trying to make sure we do all the stuff before I get out to a real game," Betances said. "You have got to listen to these guys, obviously just follow their plan, but I think everything has been good so far."

With 3 ½ weeks remaining before Opening Day, the 32-year-old Betances is still confident he will be ready to start the season.

"I think we're right on schedule to get seven or eight games," Betances said. "If I can get in that, it would be enough

games to get ready. I think we've got enough time. We've got about four weeks, right? I think we'll be good. There's no reason [to worry]. I haven't gotten that indication, so I think for me it's going to be seven or eight games and that should be good for me."

All indications to manager Luis Rojas are Betances will be ready to start the season.

"He's on point to how he's done it in past camps where he's at this point getting there, velocity getting there and feel for his two breaking balls are there as well," Rojas said.

The Mets signed Betances to a one-year deal worth \$10.5 million, betting on his upside if healthy.

In his last full season with the Yankees two years ago, he pitched to a 2.70 ERA in 66 appearances. He was selected to the AL All-Star team in the four prior seasons.

Betances, Edwin Diaz, Jeurys Familia, Seth Lugo and Justin Wilson provide Rojas with multiple experienced closer options.

But Diaz and Familia are coming off disappointing seasons, and the left-hander Wilson was signed as a setup man. Lugo still hasn't pitched in the Grapefruit League after fracturing his left pinkie toe but is expected to throw live batting practice Sunday.

The scenery is now different for Betances following eight seasons with the Yankees, but says he's quickly adapted to his new surroundings.

"It's a tight-knit group, a lot of these guys I enjoy their company, which is always a good thing," Betances said. "We spend a lot of time together and we've got a lot of talent in this room, so I think a lot of guys are excited."

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TRAINING DAY

RALLY CAP
Max Moroff delivered an RBI double in the ninth inning that scored the go-ahead run in the Mets' 2-1 victory over the Astros in West Palm Beach, Fla. **Jake Hager's** double started the rally.

FOR PETE'S SAKE

Pete Alonso struck out twice in three at-bats and left four runners on base, lowering his Grapefruit League batting average to .067. He is still looking for his first homer this spring.

CAUGHT MY EYE

With Mets fans seemingly in the majority at Ballpark of the Palm Beaches, the Astros heard plenty of boos in the aftermath of their illegal sign-stealing scheme.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

The Mets face the Nationals in Port St. Lucie with **Jacob deGrom** on the mound for his debut this spring. **Edwin Diaz** and **Justin Wilson** are among the Mets' other scheduled pitchers.

— *Mike Puma*

NEARLY SHOWTIME: Pitcher Dellin Betances only has a few hurdles to clear as he comes back from a torn Achilles tendon before he sees his first Grapefruit League action with the Mets. *Anthony J. Causi*



GETTING IT DONE: Steven Matz threw two scoreless innings in the Mets' 2-1 spring training victory over the Astros on Saturday. AP

Mets' camp tranquility is Sein' of the times

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Exactly what alternate universe have we entered, and do The Beatles exist in this one?

While the Yankees average about one injury setback per game, with Aaron Judge's right shoulder setting off deafening alarms on Saturday, the Mets sit as a picture of good health ... and, even more surprising, tranquility.

On a picturesque Saturday afternoon at FitTeam Ballpark of the Palms Beaches, the Mets put together a two-run ninth inning to jump over the loathed Astros, 2-1, to reward their energetic fans who took over enemy territory. With a second straight win, Luis Rojas' group raised its Grapefruit League record to an underwhelming 3-5-1.

"Winning is always the result that you're looking for," Rojas said. "You're working on different things."

The different things mark where the Mets are really excelling and, as the calendar flips to March, firing up their base. Steven Matz kept pace in the starting rotation competition, tossing a pair of shutout innings. With five groundouts and a strikeout, throwing quality off-speed stuff to both sides of the plate, the lefty elicited praise from a scout. It was not altogether different than the efforts of a second scout who volunteered positive reviews for Rick Porcello's two-inning effort Thursday

night over in Jupiter.

"We're having fun stretching them out, watching them pitch," Rojas said of his six candidates for five spot. Or seven, if — as Rojas suggested — you count young lefty David Peterson, who followed Matz with two innings of one-run ball.

When a squirrelly Post correspondent (OK, it was me) explained before the game to Astros manager Dusty Baker that the Mets hadn't guaranteed Matz a starting job, Baker, having seen Matz plenty from his time leading the Nationals, smiled and said, "They want to give him to us?" When that evoked laughter, Baker added, "I ain't laughing, either. I ain't tampering, either."

Yup, the defending American League champs would fit Matz in their rotation without a second thought, which speaks to the Mets' depth for now in the most important department.

It's not merely the good health that has good vibrations dominating Mets camp. They needed only to look on the other side of the field to envision more foreboding worlds. To not only laugh at how their supporters brutalized the Astros — impressively directing their ire to George Springer and Yuli Gurriel, the only 2017 Houston players who took part in this one — but also breathing a sigh of relief, once more, that they parted ways with Car-

los Beltran. Had Beltran still been managing the Mets, this return to the home of his fellow illegal sign-stealers would have been a story for the Houston media, at least, and probably we New Yorkers, too.

Instead, the Mets can look forward instead of backward, keep their fingers crossed that they can continue to bypass their penchants for chaos and catastrophe. And that their projected win totals increase as the Yankees' dip.

"To play in a winning environment is always a plus," Rojas said. "We'll take it as a byproduct [of playing quality ball] right now."

Sure, Pete Alonso has one single in 15 at-bats, and recovering guys like Dellin Betances and Yoenis Cespedes don't have timelines to play in games. Plenty still can go wrong before camp breaks. Yet you get measured against your opponents, not against perfection. The Mets measure well.

Remember the "Seinfeld" episode when George's life turns 180 degrees from horrible to terrific as Elaine veers the other way? The Mets are George, the Yankees' former (fictional) assistant to the traveling secretary. The Yankees are Elaine, an Orioles fan of all loyalties.

"We all know that we have a great team, especially with our pitching," Matz said.

On this current iteration of Earth, yes, we do all know that. Can the Mets convince the baseball powers that be to not give their wheel of fortune another spin anytime soon?

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Judge set for more tests on balky shoulder

By GEORGE A. KING III

TAMPA — Throughout Aaron Judge's road back from a barking right shoulder, he brought with him to camp earlier this month and has kept him from taking batting practice on the field, his manager said the right fielder was progressing.

Saturday at about 10 a.m., Judge was still in street clothes and underwent several tests on the shoulder. He will have additional tests on Monday.

"Friday, I got word that he was not right hitting, so we kind of pulled him back and got a number of more tests done that to this point have been negative," said Aaron Boone, who explained Judge had an MRI exam and other tests. "In a holding pattern with it, trying to figure out exactly what is going on there."

Boone said Judge, who has been battling a barking right shoulder since before Yankees camp officially opened, is experiencing discomfort in the chest area (under his pectoral muscle) near the right shoulder when he hits.

"I am not sure," Boone said when asked if Judge is shut down. "The first thing is we are trying to get our arms around [is] if we can pinpoint something that is causing some of the discomfort."

Though throwing hasn't been a problem for Judge, according to Boone it was hitting on Friday that led to the testing.

"Getting through his second day of cage BP, he wasn't quite right," Boone said.

Luis Severino had Tommy John surgery Thursday and will miss the entire season and Giancarlo Stanton has been diagnosed with a Grade 1 strain of his right calf, so Boone has had practice dealing with injuries a year after the Yankees flooded the injured list with 39 moves.

"I am a little frustrated for him just not being able to get our arms around about what is exactly going on and why it has been slow moving," Boone said. "That's the biggest thing right now, trying to get answers."

With Stanton a question mark to be ready for Opening Day on March 26 in Baltimore, the Yan-



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kees can hardly afford to be without Judge's powerful right-handed bat.

As for Judge not being ready for Opening Day, Boone is optimistic because there are a little over three weeks until that game at Camden Yards.

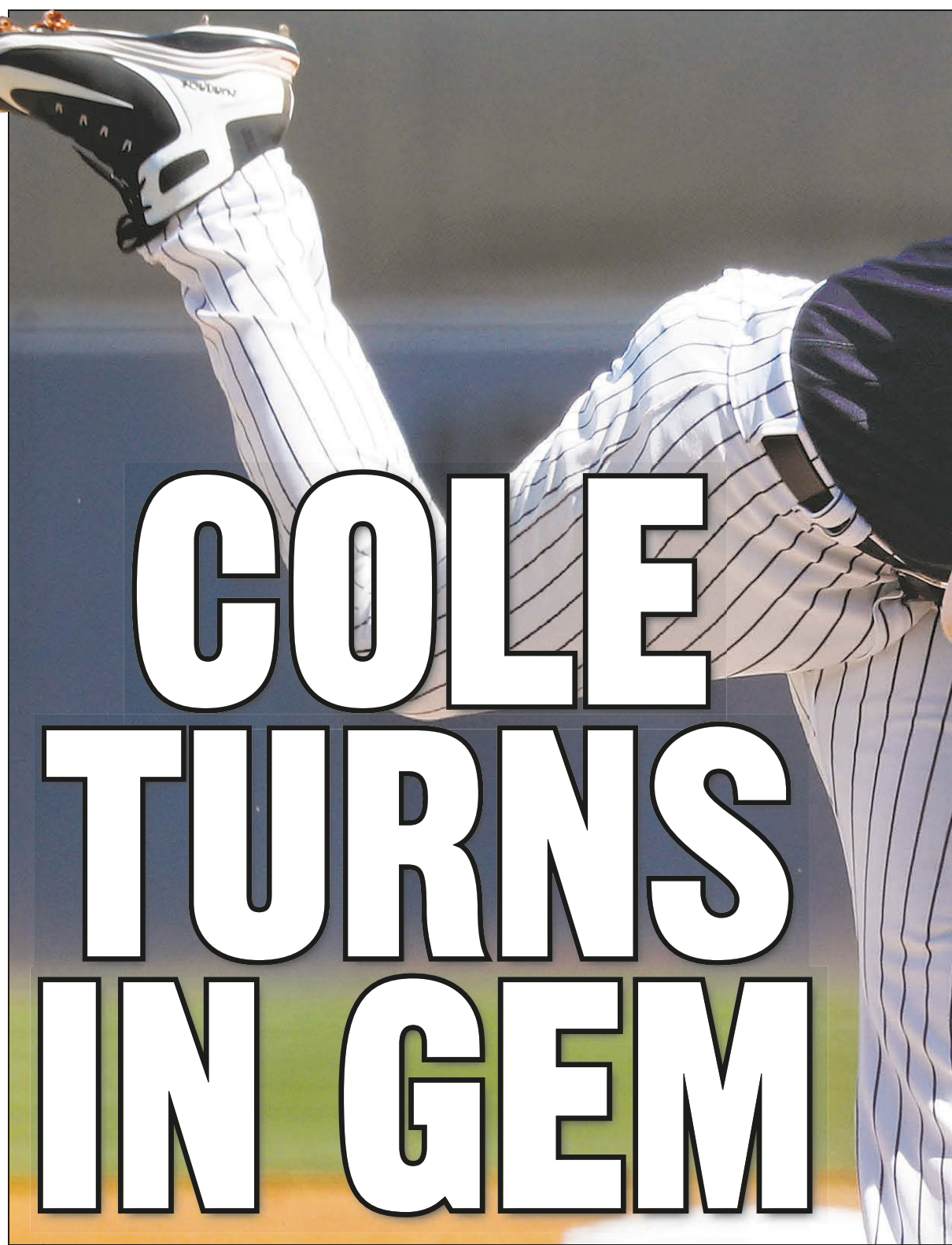
"Time-wise we are fine. It's just we don't know what we are dealing with the next several days," Boone said. "If he starts playing in games a week, 10 days out he would be technically fine but first things first is getting him to that point and I don't know when that is."

Boone said it is a "similar deal" that Judge dealt with late in his offseason program that led to him not being able to hit on the field yet since camp opened.

When Severino went on the IL, general manager Brian Cashman said he couldn't go to the marketplace because there was no marketplace. That could change as Opening Day approaches and if Stanton and Judge are not ready, it could lead to the Yankees acquiring an outfielder.

Because if Judge and Stanton can't play, the Yankees' starting outfield could be Clint Frazier in left, Brett Gardner in center and Mike Tauchman in right.

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TAMPA — Every day, there arrives a fresh batch of obstacles designed to break the Yankees' gait toward 110 victories: Luis Severino's elbow. Giancarlo Stanton's calf. James Paxton's back. Saturday, it was Aaron Judge's turn, as he showed up late at the clubhouse because he'd begun a fresh battery of tests on his ailing right shoulder.

Now, yes, it bears remembering that these are the talent-rich and roster-deep Yankees, so this daily gathering of dark clouds affects neither them nor their long-range plans the way it would most other teams in baseball. The Yankees are used to making do with what-



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ever they have on hand. They'll do that again.

Still, even Yankees need to be reassured once in a while

Even Yankees can use a day to step back and admire just what their new normal looks like. So it was a nice break of scheduling when Gerrit Cole walked to the mound at George M. Steinbrenner

Field to face the Tigers (a team that will likely spend this year trying to think about anything but their new normal).

So here came Cole for a 2 2/3-inning shift to allow Yankees fans to remember just how good they are going to feel every fifth day this year. Cole threw 30 pitches, 21 of them for strikes, all with a distinct purpose: A fastball that wandered to each favorable corner of the strike zone, a curveball whose speed he was able to mix up nicely.

"My command was a lot better today than the last time out," Cole said. "We were able to throw down in the zone when we

Gerrit building rapport with Gary

By GEORGE A. KING III

TAMPA — Two exhibition starts into what the Yankees pray will be a healthy and successful career in pinstripes, Gerrit Cole has fit the part of what the club thought he would be when the right-hander signed a nine-year deal for a whopping \$324 million in December.

With the mundane days of throwing only bullpen sessions, then batting practice, long gone, it is not late in spring training but it's moving toward realism for Cole — the leader of a rotation that has two openings because James Paxton is recovering from back surgery and Luis Severino will be out for the year after undergoing Tommy John surgery.

"We had a good routine today, Gary [Sanchez] and I. Before the game, getting settled in with the analytics and the whole new routine, how it is going to flow here," Cole said after throwing 2 ²/₃ shutout innings against the Tigers in an 8-2 Yankees victory at Steinbrenner Field on Saturday, when he gave up two hits, struck out two and didn't issue a walk. Of Cole's 30 pitches, 21 were strikes.

Spring training results, especially for veteran hurlers who use the games played under the swaying palm trees to fine-tune their pitches, aren't true indicators. However, they are the only digits to judge a player by.

"The volume was good. I thought the command was better today. We threw the ball down when we wanted to and up when we wanted to," Cole said. "Threw one good change and a couple of soft-serve change-ups that were non-competitive, but the slider was sharp in and out of the zone and one good one we threw for a strike. The curveball was good and played with the [velocity] a little bit, and I think I commanded it."

Working with Sanchez for a second game, Cole was happy with the way the battery performed.

"As far as executing breaking balls for strikes and executing chase fastballs up and down, we were on the same page today," Cole said. "It's moving along nicely."



WHAT A RELIEF

The six relievers who followed **Gerrit Cole** against the Tigers were all pitchers who figure big-time into the Yankees' plans this season. **Luis Cessa, Adam Ottavino, Zack Britton, Tommy Kahnle, Chad Green** and **Jonathan Holder** allowed an earned run in 6 ¹/₃ innings.

HOLDER DIDN'T

Everyone who watches shortstop **Kyle Holder** field ground balls gushes about how smooth his hands are and how slickly he plays short. Well, Saturday he booted his first ground ball which led to an unearned Tigers run.

CAUGHT MY EYE

Shortstop **Anthony Volpe**, the Yankees' first-round pick out of Delbarton High School in Morristown, N.J., last year, is listed on the traveling squad for Sunday's game against the Tigers in Lakeland, Fla.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

The Yankees travel to Lakeland for the second leg of a back-to-back against the Tigers. **David Hale**, a candidate for a roster spot, starts for the visitors.

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WHEELIN' & DEALIN':

Gerrit Cole delivers to the plate Saturday during spring training action. Against the Tigers, the offseason acquisition went two-plus innings in which he gave up two hits, struck out two and walked none.

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Ace lets Yankees forget about their many injury concerns for a few innings

wanted and then up when we wanted to."

Of course, he tends toward perfection, so there was also this: "There were a couple of soft-serve changeups that were non-competitive."

In all there were two strikeouts and two scratch singles. The original plan was for Cole to pitch two innings, doubling the total from his debut, but he breezed through in just 24 pitches, so Yankees manager Aaron Boone wanted him to face one more batter. Then, that batter — Travis Demeritte — grounded to first on the first pitch Cole threw in the third.

Boone, a smile on his face — and

why not, he deserves a break from the storm clouds too, no? — emerged from the dugout and asked Cole if he wanted one more hitter. Cole, a team player as much as anything else on his résumé, didn't want to hog the work, didn't want to upset the workdays of Luis Cessa and Zack Britton and Adam Ottavino and the others scheduled to put in some time. But he agreed to one more.

And when he struck out Detroit center fielder Danny Woodrow, he strode from the mound after a spotless — and, more important, entirely comfortable — outing feeling awfully good about things, with less than a month to go be-

fore Opening Day in Baltimore on March 26.

"I think we had a good routine today," Cole said, bringing his catcher, Gary Sanchez, into the discussion. "Gary and I are getting settled with analytics and the whole new routine for how it'll flow here. I was out there competing. It was good."

Said Boone: "I thought he was really good. His stuff was really good and he was extended more than last time. Really efficient. Another good day of work for him."

And a good reminder around the Yankees and their fans that while the sky may seem to be fall-

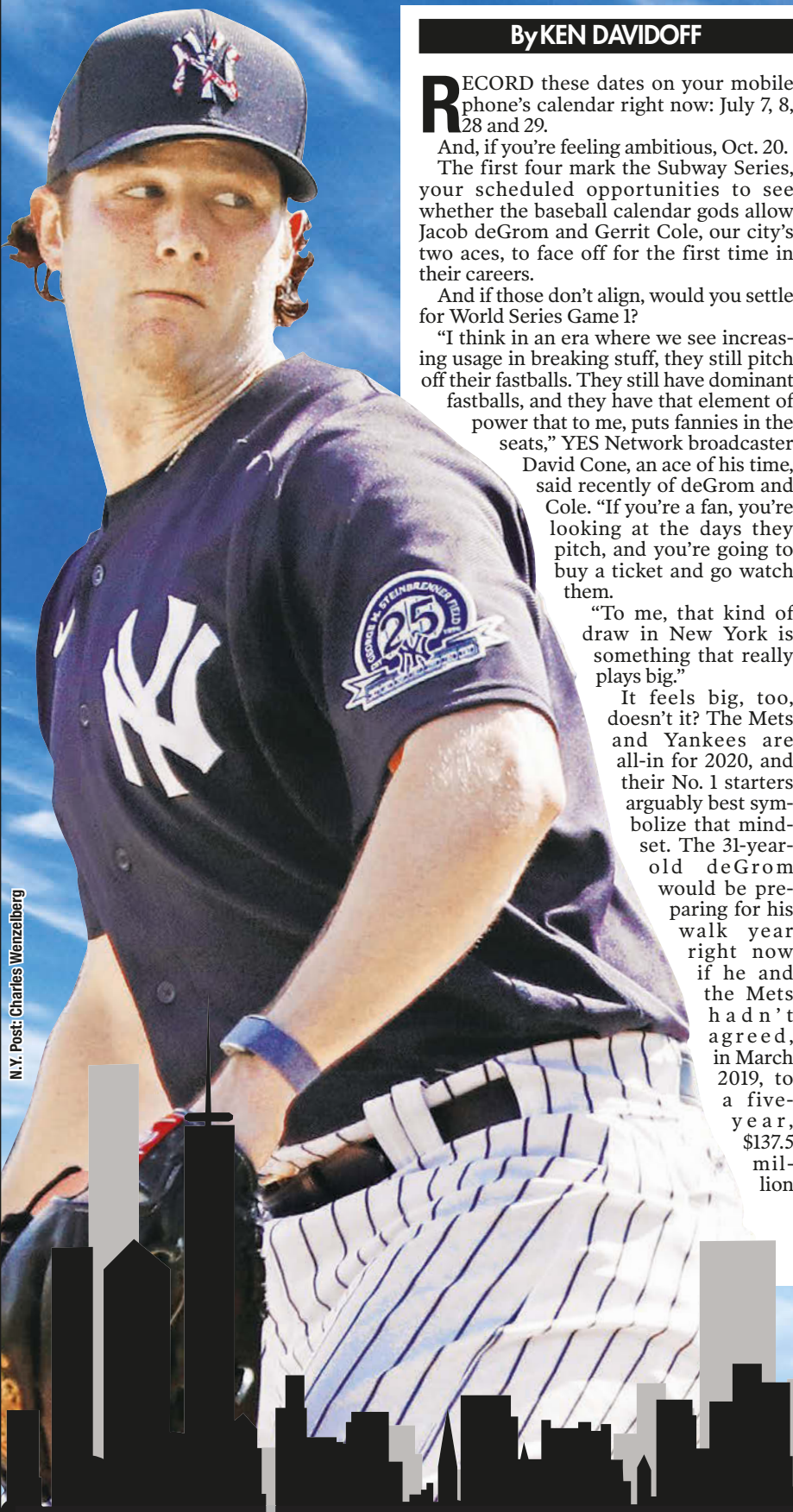
ing one chunk at a time this spring, it's still impossibly blue most of the time, especially when they hand No. 45 the ball. Cole laughed when he was asked if one of his goals was to help restore a sense of normalcy.

"Honestly, I was focused on the job," he said. "All those guys will heal up and do their routines. I don't have to be in on everything. I just kept my normal routine."

Normal works for the Yankees right about now. Normal is the gold standard.

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By KEN DAVIDOFF

RECORD these dates on your mobile phone's calendar right now: July 7, 8, 28 and 29.

And, if you're feeling ambitious, Oct. 20.

The first four mark the Subway Series, your scheduled opportunities to see whether the baseball calendar gods allow Jacob deGrom and Gerrit Cole, our city's two aces, to face off for the first time in their careers.

And if those don't align, would you settle for World Series Game 1?

"I think in an era where we see increasing usage in breaking stuff, they still pitch off their fastballs. They still have dominant fastballs, and they have that element of power that to me, puts fannies in the seats," YES Network broadcaster David Cone, an ace of his time, said recently of deGrom and Cole. "If you're a fan, you're looking at the days they pitch, and you're going to buy a ticket and go watch them.

"To me, that kind of draw in New York is something that really plays big."

It feels big, too, doesn't it? The Mets and Yankees are all-in for 2020, and their No. 1 starters arguably best symbolize that mindset. The 31-year-old deGrom would be preparing for his walk year right now if he and the Mets had n't agreed, in March 2019, to a five-year, \$137.5 million

Big Apple gets to enjoy game's best hurlers

extension that takes him through 2023 (with an opt-out after 2022 and a team option for 2024). DeGrom immediately rewarded the Mets' faith in him by winning a second straight National League Cy Young Award.

The Yankees, meanwhile, committed a record-setting, nine-year, \$324 million contract in December to the 29-year-old free agent Cole, who placed second behind his Astros teammate Justin Verlander in last year's American League Cy Young vote. That completed a pursuit that lasted more than a decade — with the Yankees selecting Cole in the first round of the 2008 amateur draft, only to see him choose UCLA over them.

At a time when openers and bullpening have turned as common as a New York City parking ticket, deGrom and Cole stand out as horses (Cole's 212 $\frac{1}{3}$ regular-season innings last year ranked fourth and deGrom's 204 were 10th) and blazers (Cole's average fastball of 97.2 mph ranked second and deGrom's 96.9 was third, among qualified pitchers, as per FanGraphs). Yet you need only eyeball them to appreciate their differences — that more than one way exists to skin an opponent.

Cole, at a listed 6-foot-4 and 225 pounds, carries the more traditional pitcher's build.

"In terms of more like a Roger Clemens-type," Cone agreed, citing his former Yankees teammate. "Power body."

Like Clemens, Cole has adjusted his repertoire with time. After a superb 2015 season with the Pirates, which placed him fourth in that season's NL Cy Young vote, Cole dropped closer to league-average performances the subsequent two campaigns.

When the Astros acquired him from the Pirates for 2018, they urged him to throw his four-seam fastball less often in favor of his curveball and slider. And when he used the four-seamer, the Astros helped him generate more spin on it (through legal means, Cole has repeatedly insisted). These changes

propelled him to his highest perch and hugest dollars.

"Great pitcher," deGrom said of Cole. "The guy goes out there with really good stuff and competes. [He's] fun to watch when you see him throw, and very impressive."

The Mets' ace added Cole's contract was "well-deserved."

Last season, Cole placed fifth in baseball with 97.1 percent "active spin" on his fastball (that's the percentage of spin that contributes to the pitch's movement) and second with 97.5 percent active spin on his changeup, as per MLB.com.

"I think stuff-wise, he's able to create a lot of different shapes and different speeds in different zones that is not really predictable in the way he goes about it," Yankees pitching coach Matt Blake said of Cole. "So he understands his strengths, and he understands what hitters are trying to do to him. He's able to make adjustments because of how centered he is in his delivery."

You can't discuss Cole's greatness, it appears, without invoking his intellectual buy-in.

Said Blake: "I think his focus on the things he can control is at a really high level, like his intensity and detail that he gets to from day to day, doesn't allow him to get too far away from center. He's really in tune with his body, and that allows him to make really fine adjustments. Outside of the pure stuff, there's a really high level of awareness for himself and the process to get himself to the highest version of him.

"I think his ability to make adjustments from pitch to pitch and throw to throw, just his level of detail in catch play, just doesn't allow him to get too far from center, which is really critical."

Like Cole, DeGrom stands at 6-4 ... but he weighs in at 180 pounds. There's no hiding from his college shortstop past. Why would he? It helps explain his effectiveness.

"DeGrom is deceptively ath-

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letic and very wiry, for lack of a better expression,” Cone said. “To me, the fluidity of deGrom through the release point generates so much speed. It’s almost imperceptible, unless you slow it down in slow motion, how much arm speed he generates. It’s pretty impressive, I think, and that shows his athleticism.”

He relies more on his slider than does Cole, throwing it 32 percent of the time, and deGrom throws a very effective changeup as well.

“His command of the extension side of the plate, I think, is something everybody admires,” Cole said of deGrom. “He’s constantly on the corner all day long. His location is top notch. His quality of spin and pitch deception is top notch. He’s been fun to watch for a long time. And he can hit.”

Interestingly, deGrom doesn’t rank anywhere near the league leaders when it comes to spin rates. He may have quality of spin, but not quantity. It doesn’t prevent him from being elite because: “He throws from a little bit lower slot, and the ball jumps on guys,” Mets pitching coach Jeremy Hefner explained. “And he uses that to his advantage.”

If deGrom doesn’t come across as being as garrulous or curious as Cole, he can go as deep intellectually as he did on his three career homers.

Added Hefner: “Jake’s one of the most focused individuals I’ve ever been around. ... Very driven, knows what he wants. And he goes out and gets it.”

The best way to compare and contrast the two studs, naturally, would be to have them go head-to-head for the first time and beyond.

“If [he and I] have a chance to face up against each other, I think it will be a lot of fun,” deGrom said.

Keep those dates open. For now, ride the spring-training optimism and keep the entire week of the Fall Classic open. This is one party, one pitching clinic, you wouldn’t want to miss, and the buildup to it might be even better.

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Tale of the tape

A look at how the career statistics stack up for Gerrit Cole and Jacob deGrom:

Cole		deGrom
29	AGE	31
7	SEASONS	6
94-52	RECORD	66-49
3.22	ERA	2.62
10.1	K/9	10.3
2.4	BB/9	2.2
0.9	HR/9	0.8
7.8	HITS/9	7.3
3	ALL-STAR	3
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Post polled 32 MLB insiders, and here's what they said about choosing between Cole and deGrom ...

It is, as one executive from a National League team noted, “like asking someone to choose between Ali and Tyson in their primes.”

That didn’t stop The Post from asking though. With New York now the workplace for both Jacob deGrom, the two-time reigning NL Cy Young Award winner, and Gerrit Cole, who placed a close second (to Astros teammate Justin Verlander) in last year’s American League Cy Young voting, we surveyed 32 baseball operations people — a mix of front-office and field staff who currently work for teams other than the Yankees or Mets — with this query:

If you could have either Gerrit Cole or Jacob deGrom for the 2020 season, at identical salaries, which ace would you choose and why?

With many sharing the aforementioned NL official’s sentiment that either would do just fine, thanks, Cole ultimately prevailed by a 19-13 margin.

Why? Here’s what we heard from our respondents, on the condition of anonymity:

IN SUPPORT OF COLE

1 His AL experience. Five voters cited Cole’s past two years of success with the Astros in what is widely regarded as the superior offensive league.

2 His stuff. As one manager said, “I’m taking Cole based on the swings he gets.” An executive noted Cole’s effectiveness against lefty hitters, whom he has held to a career .662 OPS and .592 last year. DeGrom’s matching numbers: .676 and .619.

3 His age. Cole starts his nine-year, \$324-million contract with the Yankees as an age-29 commodity (he turns 30 in September). DeGrom — in the second season of a five-year, \$137.5-million deal with the Mets — will turn 32 in June.

4 His statistics. Specifically, his strikeouts. Cole fanned 602 batters in 412²/₃ innings (and another 64 in 49²/₃ postseason innings) during his two campaigns with the Astros. DeGrom totaled 524 Ks over 421 innings in his two Cy Young seasons.

5 His Octobers. Cole’s recent playoff success in Houston loomed large for many of his advocates, all of whom made sure to note that deGrom deserved no blame for his lack of postseason experience since he put up a 2.88 ERA in four starts during the Mets’ 2015 pennant-winning run.

IN SUPPORT OF deGROM

1 His athleticism. Four from this group cited the college shortstop deGrom’s natural skills as an athlete — which manifest themselves in his ability to repeat his delivery, make his pitches, field his position and even hit to support his own cause.

2 His New York experience. Now starting his seventh big league season, all with the Mets, deGrom has proven beyond doubt his ability to thrive under the Big Apple microscope. Cole gets his chance to prove that this season.

3 His stuff. This issue divided our panel more than any other, showing that the beauty of a pitcher’s stuff can be in the eye of the beholder. As one coach said of deGrom, “All our hitters say deGrom is the nastiest.”

4 His non-Octobers. One clever executive chose deGrom because he did not pitch in last year’s playoffs, therefore giving him more rest for the campaign to come. Yes, it’s that close of a call.

— By Ken Davidoff and Joel Sherman

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One is the new highest-paid pitcher ever. The other is the two-time defending NL Cy Young Award winner. Both have been to three All-Star Games. Both led their leagues in strikeouts last season. Now both play in the Big Apple. Next, we find out which can best own baseball's biggest stage: Gerrit Cole or Jacob deGrom? **PAGES 82-83**

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