

Watchdog Reporting: On A Budget

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- We're all pressed for time
- We all work for newsrooms with tight budgets

So let's talk about how to realistically do watchdog stories

- How to mine data and documents
- How to get the most from your sources
- How to dig deeper into important stories for your community

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Today, plenty of sunshine, seasonable temperatures, high 48. Tonight, partly cloudy, low 42. Tomorrow, rather cloudy, breezy, milder, high 56. Weather map, Page D8

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Leaked Cables Offer a Raw Look Inside U.S. Diplomacy



Dispatches Chronicle Threats and Tensions

By **SCOTT SHANE**
and **ANDREW W. LEHREN**

WASHINGTON — A cache of a quarter-million confidential American diplomatic cables, most of them from the past three years, provides an unprecedented look at back-room bargaining by embassies around the world, brutally candid views of foreign leaders and frank assessments of nuclear and terrorist threats.

Some of the cables, made available to The New York Times and several other news organizations, were written as recently as late February, revealing the Obama administration's exchanges over crises and conflicts. The material was originally obtained by WikiLeaks, an organization devoted to revealing secret documents. WikiLeaks posted 220 cables, some redacted to protect diplomatic confidentiality.

Spy Agencies Tap Data Streaming From Phone Apps

By JAMES GLANZ, JEFF LARSON and ANDREW W. LEHREN JAN. 27, 2014

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When a smartphone user opens Angry Birds, the popular game application, and starts slinging birds at chortling green pigs, spies could be lurking in the background to snatch data revealing the player's location, age, sex and other personal information, according to secret British intelligence documents.

In their globe-spanning surveillance for terrorism suspects and other targets, the National Security Agency and its British counterpart have been trying to exploit a basic byproduct of modern telecommunications: With each new generation of mobile phone technology, ever greater amounts of personal data pour onto networks where spies can pick it up.

According to dozens of previously undisclosed classified [documents](#), among the most valuable of those unintended intelligence tools are so-called leaky apps that spew everything from the smartphone identification codes of users to where they have been that day.

The N.S.A. and Britain's Government Communications Headquarters were working together on how to collect and store data from dozens of smartphone apps by 2007, according to the [documents](#), provided by Edward J. Snowden, the former N.S.A. contractor. Since then, the agencies have traded recipes for grabbing location and planning data when a target uses Google Maps, and for vacuuming up address books, buddy lists, telephone logs and the geographic data embedded in photographs when someone sends a post to the mobile versions of Facebook, Flickr, LinkedIn, Twitter and other Internet services.

WORLD

Secret documents show how North Korea launders money through U.S. banks

The documents convey a relentless effort by North Korea to penetrate the global financial system to skirt sanctions.



Businesses line the sides of the entrance of the port office in the Chinese city of Dandong bordering North Korea on Feb. 23, 2019. (AP Photo/Mark Schilling)



Sept. 20, 2020, 1:00 PM EDT / Updated Sept. 20, 2020, 1:35 PM EDT

By Andrew W. Lehren and Dan De Luce

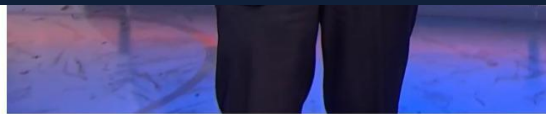
North Korea carried out an elaborate money laundering scheme for years using a string of shell companies and help from Chinese companies, moving money through prominent banks in New York, according to confidential bank documents reviewed by NBC News.

'Working in fear': Some private contractors are accused of abusive labor practices on U.S. military bases

"Our taxpayer dollars are being used potentially to support forced labor and human trafficking, and that's just unacceptable," a U.S. government auditor said.

'Kill us or send us home': Amazon workers in Saudi Arabia say they were exploited by labor supply and recruiting firms

More than 50 current and former workers said they were misled by firms that supply labor to Amazon in Saudi Arabia and by recruiting agencies in Nepal.



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Oct. 27, 2022, 4:00 PM EDT

By Molly Boigon, Andrew W. Lehren, Laura Strickler, Courtney Scheeter and Yousef H. Alshammari

Abdulla thought it was the opportunity of a lifetime.

After struggling to find work in his home country of E said a recruiter offered him a chance to work in a rest thousands of miles away in Kuwait City for the equiva month.



Flow of unregulated chemicals flow from China into pharmaceuticals in the US and developed nations

Bad actors among prominent suppliers

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This article was reported by Walt Bogdanich, Jake Hooker and Andrew W. Lehren and written by Mr. Bogdanich.

MILAN — In January, Honor International Pharmtech was accused of shipping counterfeit drugs into the United States. Even so, the Chinese chemical company — whose motto is “Thinking Much of Honor” — was openly marketing its products in October to thousands of buyers here at the world’s biggest trade show for pharmaceutical ingredients.



At least 82 Chinese companies at a Milan trade show, none of them certified, said they made pharmaceutical ingredients. (For Capital for the New York Times)

Other Chinese chemical companies made the journey to the annual show as well, including one manufacturer recently accused by American authorities of supplying steroids to illegal underground labs and another whose representative was arrested at the 2006 trade show for patent violations. Also attending were two exporters owned by China’s government that had sold poison mislabeled as a drug ingredient, which killed nearly 200 people and injured countless others in Haiti and in Panama.

Yet another chemical company, Orient Pacific International, reserved an exhibition booth in Milan, but its owner, Kevin Xu, could not attend. He was in a Houston jail on charges of selling counterfeit medicine for schizophrenia, prostate cancer, blood clots and Alzheimer’s disease, among other maladies.

While these companies hardly represent all of the nearly 500 Chinese exhibitors, more than from any other country, they do point to a deeper

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Exporting pain: U.S.-made medical devices cause serious injuries, pain overseas

"I nearly went through the roof," said one patient whose artificial shoulder would have to be removed. "It was a stupid amount of pain."

Nov. 25, 2018, 12:07 PM EST

By Andrew W. Lehren and Emily R. Siegel

After years in the military and playing rugby, Wolfgang Neszpor was used to his battered body making noises, but he was stunned when he heard his recently repaired shoulder squeak.

"It was loud. You could really hear it outside my body," he said.

He went to his doctor, who, when examining him, lifted up his arm

"I nearly went through the roof," Neszpor recalled. "I can take a fair bit of pain. But it was a stupid amount of pain."

Two months earlier, Neszpor, 36, had gotten a new shoulder joint made out of carbon. It was a PyroTITAN, made by Integra LifeSciences, a New Jersey company that ranks among the biggest [medical device](#) companies in the world.

What he did not know is that even though it was made in the USA, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration had not, and still has not, deemed it good enough for Americans. A clinical trial is underway and the company said it hopes to get approval upon completion. But the agency has permitted its sale overseas since earlier that year under an obscure provision in which the PyroTITAN was registered as an "export only" device, requiring far less [FDA](#) scrutiny than for devices that are sold domestically.

The PyroTITAN is one of more than a dozen export-only devices with troubled track records identified by NBC News, including U.S. made implants for losing weight that instead led to emergency surgeries, [stents](#) that could cut into arteries they were supposed to save, and heart valves sold in Spain and Italy that, according to the FDA, caused severe infections and may have caused a five-year-old child to die. There may well be more. NBC News found these by analyzing and comparing databases in 10 countries, and a lack of international standards for identifying devices means it is difficult to know how many other troubled devices exist.

For U.S. companies, exporting [medical devices](#) is big business, valued last year at [more than \\$41 billion](#). Currently about 4,600 devices are registered with the FDA as "export only" devices. Sever



— Orthopedic surgeon Desmond Soares
Tom Hancock / Australian Broadcasting Corp.

Secret Chinese documents reveal inner workings of Muslim detention camps

Beijing claims they're vocational centers. But a cache of leaked records show the sites were designed to be run like prisons.

The memo details a range of security measures.

By Kenzi Abou-Sa

“Prevent escapes ... watch towers, check points, and patrol

le locked. ... There must be full

of dormitories and classrooms



Wall

The perimeter wall runs three quarters of a mile.

Main entrance with guards

Watch tower



Document Frame of Mind

- To go deeper
- To find stories that others are missing
- To verify (or not) assertions by sources
- To probe tips, story suggestions, hunches
- Oh, and data counts as documents

Some stories...

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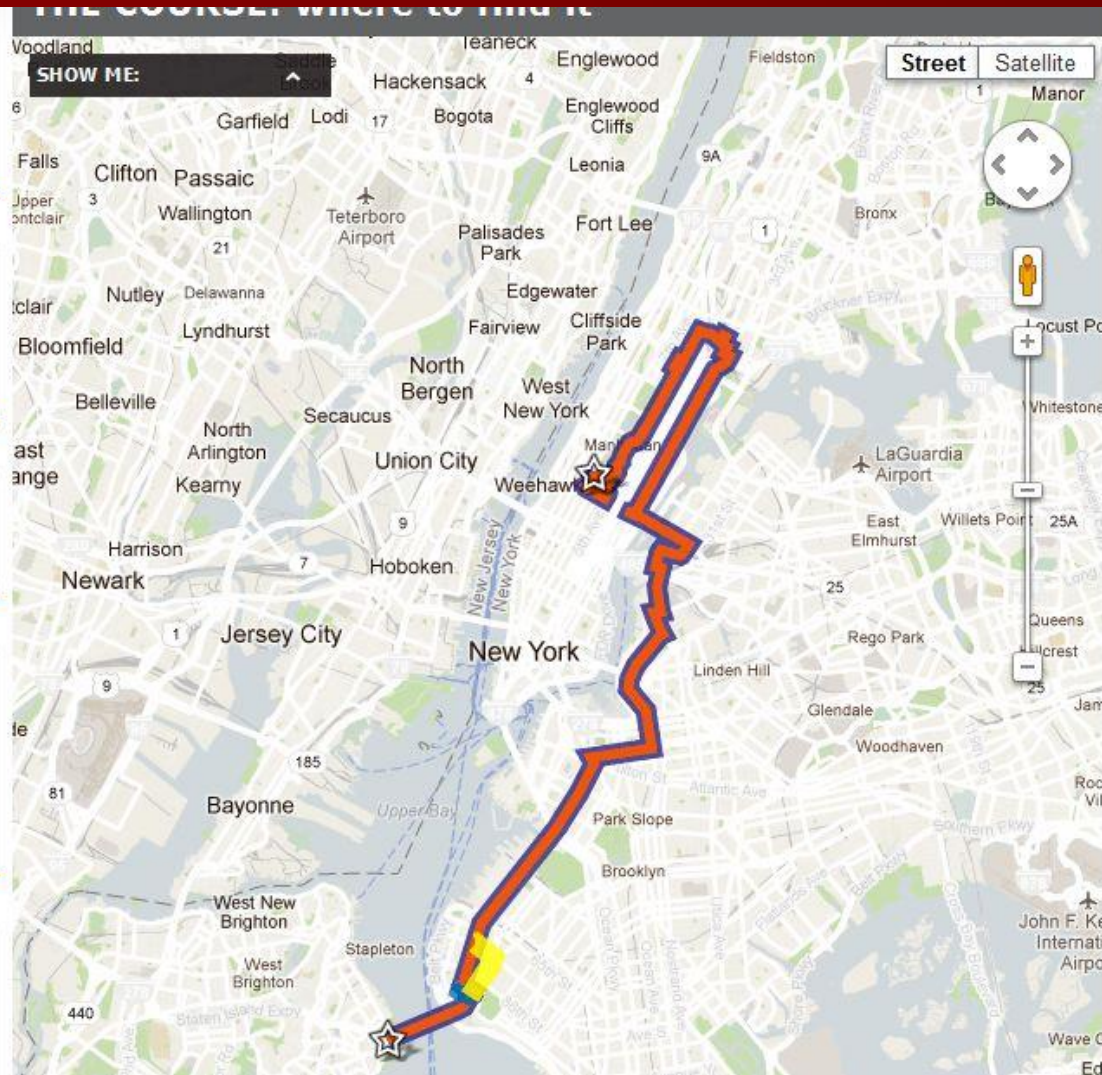
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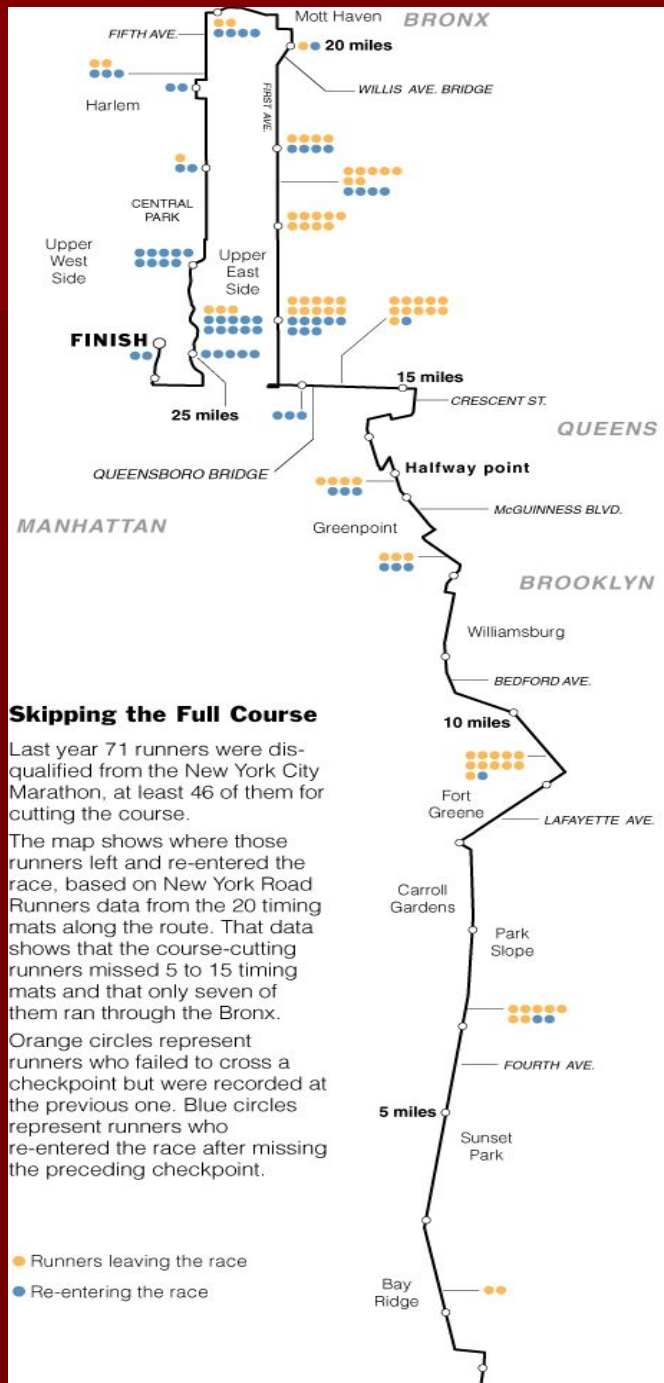
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Skipping the Full Course

Last year 71 runners were disqualified from the New York City Marathon, at least 46 of them for cutting the course.

The map shows where those runners left and re-entered the race, based on New York Road Runners data from the 20 timing mats along the route. That data shows that the course-cutting runners missed 5 to 15 timing mats and that only seven of them ran through the Bronx.

Orange circles represent runners who failed to cross a checkpoint but were recorded at the previous one. Blue circles represent runners who re-entered the race after missing the preceding checkpoint.

- Runners leaving the race
- Re-entering the race



NEW YORK CITY MARATHON

In a 26-Mile Slog, a Shortcut Can Be Tempting



Associated Press

Rosie Ruiz was exposed as a cheat after she crossed the finish line in the 1980 Boston Marathon.

By ANDREW W. LEHREN

Published: October 31, 2009

Two California women running together in last year's [New York City Marathon](#) needed more than four hours to cover the first 16 miles. Then,

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FOOD PLIGHT

Cafeteria inspections reveal critical health violations at New York City schools.

based on inspection data obtained from the New York City Health Department under New York's freedom of information law, found:

- Nearly 700 school cafeterias – about half of the approximately 1,400 inspected by health officials in 2017 – received at least one critical violation, which indicates the kinds of problems that could lead to foodborne illnesses.
- City health inspectors discovered an average of two violations per school cafeteria visit. While some schools had no violations, as Health Department officials pointed out, other racked up more, driving up the average.
- One of every five of the citations is a critical violation – something that could lead to foodborne illnesses. More than half of the 1,150 critical violations reported in 2017 show evidence of mice, rats, roaches and other insects in food preparation and consumption areas, along with flies.
- The four dozen schools with the worst inspections records in 2017 largely serve some of the city's poorest students. The students who go to these schools tend to be disproportionately minority group members, city records show.

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Select a school to see violations

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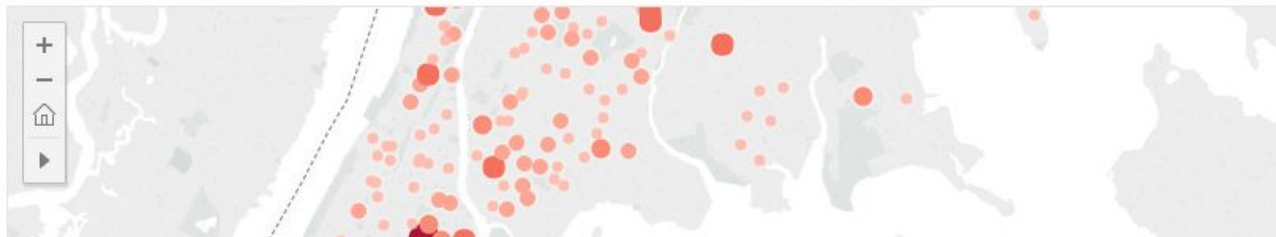
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Critical Violations in Cafeterias 2017



Critical Violations



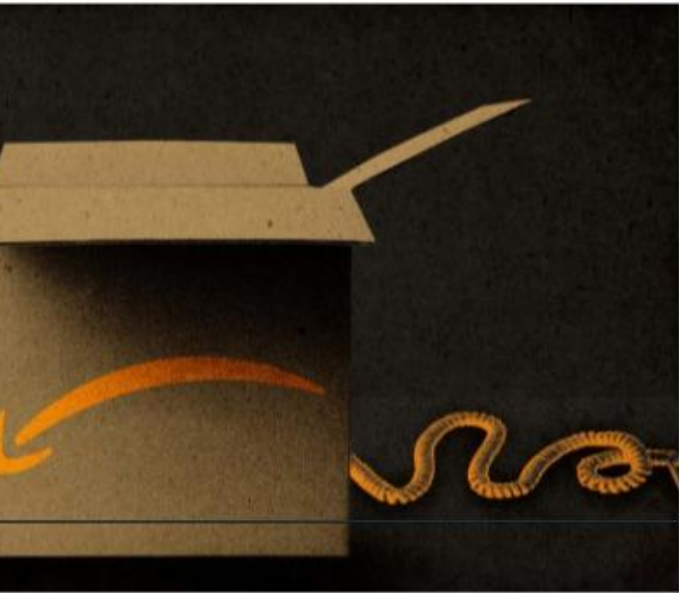
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‘Colony of Hell’: 911 Calls From Inside Amazon Warehouses

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MAX ZAHN, SHARIF PAGET Published Mar. 11, 2019

189 calls were made from 46 sites, raising new questions about working conditions. One ex-employee said ‘breakdowns [are] a regular occurrence’ at Amazon.



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NYPD officers cordon off a scene in Lower Manhattan on Aug. 21, 2015, in New York. Photo by Spencer Platt/Getty Images

NEW YORK REGULATIONS ALLOW COPS STRIPPED OF TRAINING CREDENTIALS TO BE REHIRED

Police officers who were decertified by state regulators went on to find work at other departments and public safety agencies, records show.



Arno Pedram, Luca Powell

July 8 2021, 8:00 a.m.

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Broken Homes

🕒 July 20, 2022 👤 Jacqueline Neber

How troubled residences for disabled New Yorkers operate for years

At Crystal Run Village Inc., a group home for disabled adults in New York’s Hudson Valley, two residents died within a year from the same reason: They choked trying to eat a meal.

The residents, who died in 2018 and 2019 at Crystal Run’s four-bedroom home in the hamlet of Campbell Hall, were supposed to be supervised by staff during mealtime to prevent mishaps. State records show that did not happen.

The [New York Office for People With Developmental Disabilities](#), the state agency in charge of overseeing group homes, deemed the deaths preventable, citing them as just two of the instances involving poor supervision at facilities operated by [Crystal Run](#), a nonprofit chain of 46 homes in the Hudson Valley and the Catskills.

A month after the second death, the state issued its most serious public warning about poor conditions—an Early Alert letter. It disclosed more troubling events, including “serious incidents involving lapses in nursing oversight.” In all, the state found at least 16 serious mealtime choking incidents. A resident at a different Crystal Run home also died from choking during a meal. The state determined Crystal Run did not have enough workers to help prevent injuries—despite state requirements designed to prevent these kinds of incidents.



ABOUT SUNSHINE WEEK

WHAT WE DO

Sunshine Week occurs each year in mid-March, coinciding with James Madison's birthday, March 16 (1751). Madison was a driving force behind the Constitutional Convention of 1787 and presented the first version of the Bill of Rights to Congress. He also was the fourth president of the United States.

Key FOIA and FOIL Sources

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Open Government Guide

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How to File a Freedom of Information Law Request and Avoid Process Pitfalls

In theory, you can get all kinds of public records and information through the law. But in practice, it takes know-how, patience and persistence.



The Cornell Law School
First Amendment Clinic



News/Media Alliance Joins 30 Groups on Letter in Support of Strengthening New York's Freedom of Information Law

Story building blocks

Collecting story ideas

- It might come from a curious passage you see in a government document or in a news story.
- It might be some question you could not answer on deadline but think there might be more if you could dig deeper.
- Audits, reports, tips, sources -- so many paths.

Jot down all your ideas

- In a google doc
- Emails to yourself
- A notebook
- A compost heap folder
- Whatever you find convenient

Evaluate Story Ideas: The thesis

- What is your story about? Think of the nut graph. Or the evening news promo. How might it go?
- The maximum: How grave are matters?
- The minimum: If all goes wrong, what will you have? If it's nothing, recognize it could be nothing.
- Scope

Evaluating a story

- A document frame of mind. How are things tracked and reported?
- That can include data
- Look for stories that others miss
- Keep an eye on the maximum
- Always ask: What's the harm?
- Consider the resources it will take to do the story

The verifiable truth

- Follow the money
- Follow the document trail
- Apply a document frame of mind
- Create your own documents
- Using databases
- Mining research and library sources
- People sources
- Storytelling

An evolving, iterative process

Dead Wrong

STORY IDEA

I really want to flesh this idea out and work on it and I'm worried right now that it may not fit into your class, but I'd love to talk about how it could fit or even just how part of it could fit. It does toe the line between journalism and just story telling and I like that, but I hope to learn how to toe that line with more precision.

I'm interested in doing a series, I'm picturing it to be either primarily audio or social video, called "How To Make Friends That Will Come To Your Funeral". I think this is an important thing to do now because of the increase in how much death and mortality is on our collective mind after a global pandemic and my personal anecdotes of just wanting to answer this question as someone who planned his fathers funeral and has been told by a psychiatrist that I'm still grieving 6 years later. I'd want to explore mortality and friendship through interviewing people in death related fields, including a funeral home director and a comedian that has a residency at a funeral home and lost many people. I'm also interested in interviewing young people who haven't thought about their funerals, relationship experts, people who work in fields having to do with "friendship" people in fields where everyone dies, like a soldier and even go to a funeral or sometime of death ritual.

Please let me know if you have anytime to talk about this idea more as I would love it to be my capstone and would really appreciate your opinion on it.

Dead Wrong Take 2

I have been thinking about investigative angles for that story, I havnt given up yet.

This report was just released showing a large rise in digital **funerals**, I'm wondering if there are investigative angles to explore there.

The [National Funeral Directors Association](#) (NFDA) has released the *2022 Cremation and Burial Report*, and data shows that one of the most notably impacted fields is the **funeral** service profession.

Interestingly, the report reveals digital service options are skyrocketing, and nearly half of members now offer online cremation burial arrangements with the cremation rate across the nation expected to exceed 50% by 2035.

Dead Wrong Take 3

Idea 1:

<https://www.latimes.com/politics/story/2022-08-30/how-a-decades-old-law-led-to-death-doulas-lawsuit-against-californias-funeral-bureau>

Take a more in depth look into death doulas in nyc and how they could be creating an unfair playing field for people seeking out death preparation services.

I would make a list of Death doulas in nyc, most are independent. I would utilize instagram, facebook and reddit and yelp to make this list more expansive than what is out there. Mark down which on the list are certified funeral directors and which aren't. I would also mark which doulas offer services or have reviews that names services received that toe the line of being only legally able to be carried out by Certified funeral directors and then go from there.

<https://www.instagram.com/ibidyoudoula/?hl=en>

Idea 2:

I would use data to look at deaths vs funerals to find out who is doing online funerals and to find evidence for multiple reports of funeral cost discrimination. Another place to go with this is to make a list of funeral homes per neighborhood in NYC, match it with high death data from Covid in the last 3 years and NY funding for COVID funerals in order to get an understanding of how that funding process really went down in practice, what funeral homes participated? Where? Why? Who suffered?

First steps would be to look at deaths vs funeral data and to contact the National funeral directors association for their full 2022 report
Death data:

https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data_access/vitalstatsonline.htm#Mortality_Multiple

Certified Funeral homes in nyc (i think it means certified funeral directors):

Dead Wrong Take 4

Hi Andrew,

Thank You for the feedback on my story ideas, it is helping me understand how I can understand the oversight in this industry more. I think I'm sending you this right on the deadline if im understanding it correctly, either way I would love to schedule a call with you for just 10 minutes later in the week if possible so I can ask you a question or two about the direction I'm heading into, although I feel like Im starting to really do the work there is more work on this that I still need to do even without any further feedback.

Thesis: Funeral homes regularly fail to comply with federal rules on disclosing pricing. The Federal Trade Commission time and again finds funeral homes failing to properly tell families what it really costs for arrangements, leading to overcharging families in times of grief. Yet it is often not talked about. Families are overwhelmed burying or embalming loved ones. Unscrupulous funeral home companies unfairly take advantage of them. Examples of real cases should be gettable. Government records point to this continuing problem.

Examples for this story include this FTC investigation into an online provider promising discount embalming.

<https://www.ftc.gov/news-events/news/press-releases/2022/04/federal-trade-commission-alleges-funeral-cremation-services-companies-their-owner-mislead-consumers>

Maximum: That false pricing is not only endemic in the industry, but that there is discrimination that hits communities of color even more. That the problems are far more than the FTC notes, and is perhaps too much for it to police. Online blogs and forums also point to a systemic issue of racism with funeral home owners and that there are low levels of compliance that are allowed for white funeral home directors and not for funeral directors of color, solid evidence of this in FTC records or in the funeral home directors of America FROP program records.

Minimum: FTC investigations are not increasing compliance in some cases.

Next steps.

Figure out

Better understand FTC oversight. Read agency filings carefully. Check its legal library, read cases, enforcement action. All before contacting the FTC. Which would be among the first calls

DEAD WRONG

HOW DECEITFUL FUNERAL OPERATORS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MOURNERS

Too often, the death of a loved one hits American families with unexpected pain that compounds their grief—the ever-growing, \$35-billion funeral industry has too much room for bad actors working within a system of largely state-by-state regulation. For this investigation, the NYCity News Service examined court documents, analyzed state and federal enforcement actions, and reviewed customer complaints.



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“I know the funeral homes prey on grieving family members, but this went way beyond that. It is, in my eye, extortion.”

– From one family’s complaint to the Florida Department of Financial Services

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Percent of funeral homes that inspectors found violated federal directives over the last decade



DEAD WRONG

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WHAT WE FOUND

- One set of companies—doing business under several names yet all owned by a single Florida man—has been sanctioned with cease-and-desist orders in multiple states but continues to operate. These companies, linked to Legacy Funeral Services, have been accused of telling customers they need to pay hundreds more than the prices originally quoted.
- Prosecutors found the Legacy Funeral companies often use search-engine optimization to appear to be local when they are actually located many miles away.
- Federal regulations that demand price transparency haven't kept up with the modern marketplace, consumer advocates say. And an influential industry lobbying group has consistently opposed any federal requirement to have funeral homes post all prices.
- Over the past decade, undercover Federal Trade Commission investigators posing as customers have found one in four funeral homes across the nation operating in violation of pricing rules.
- The pandemic brought new opportunities for theft, congressional monitors discovered, citing expanded funeral-expense coverage from the Federal Emergency Management Agency as one avenue for fraud.
- Cases brought by federal prosecutors in multiple states show pandemic-aid programs also became theft targets for funeral-home staffers.
- The patchwork system of state regulation of the industry—which experts identify as a potential path for abuse of consumers—has had longtime support from the National Funeral Directors Association, which has consistently opposed increased federal

This may sound like a lot ..

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- Get training and keep learning
- There are free platforms to help you get more data and organize projects:
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- Bellingcat's OSINT primer

Data and document basics

There is a lot out there

State and local government data portals

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So much more

Follow the Money

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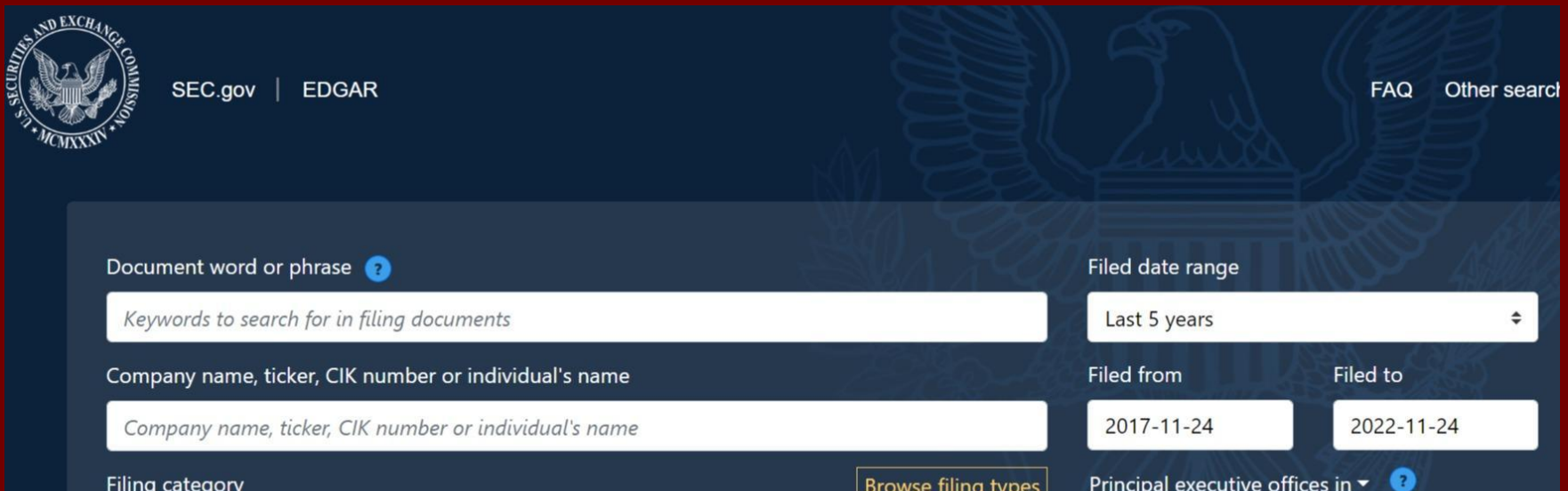
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Principal executive offices in ?

MOORESVILLE, N.C. — Business is booming here at the Trump National Golf Club.

The real estate office is selling million-dollar homes, the membership roster is nearly maxed out, and the private club is booking a record number of events, including a sold-out “[Bag-Lady Luncheon](#),” where luxury leather handbags were [auctioned](#) for a charity that supports military veterans.

“How do we get busier?” asked Jennifer Minton, the club’s controller, during a recent tour of the grounds. “We only have so many weekends.”

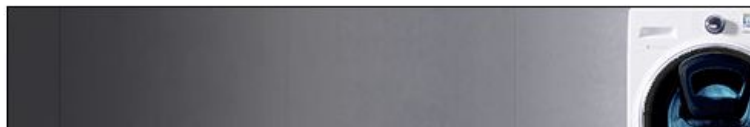
It is a very different story in Los Angeles.

The Trump National Golf Club there, a public course, has seen a double-digit drop in revenue from golf in the first six months of 2017 compared with a year earlier, according to documents obtained through a public records request. A large crowd assembled this spring, but they were protesters spelling out “RESIST!” with their bodies.

The divergent fortunes of the North Carolina and Los Angeles clubs reflect a broader pattern across President Trump’s business empire: The red-blue political divide is not only informing the president’s policies, it is influencing his family-owned company’s bottom line.

Mr. Trump’s most recent financial disclosure statement, a [98-page report in June](#), showed that the Trump Organization brought in at least \$597 million in revenue during his 2016 campaign and the first few months of his presidency, down about 3 percent compared with his previous filing in May 2016.

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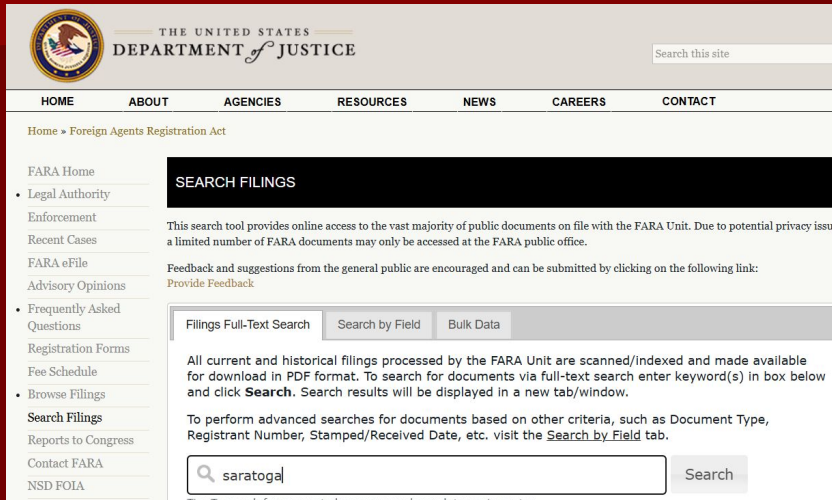
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Service Commission

RE: Case Number 15-E-0302

Dear Secretary Phillips,

I am writing to you today to voice my support for the contract agreements between NYSERDA and the Champlain Hudson Power Express (CHPE). This vital clean energy infrastructure project will be a win-win for the entire State of New York. It allows New York City to free itself from its overreliance on fossil fuels and it provides real benefits to communities like ours in Saratoga County. All involved municipalities in Saratoga have passed board resolutions in support of the project.

CHPE will run roughly 33 miles through our County and nearly all improvements will be buried underground along an existing right-of-way. This is crucial because underground transmission lines do not require day-to-day maintenance, meaning CHPE will not be a drag on county or municipal resources.

Quite the contrary, in fact. CHPE will provide \$126.9 million in new revenues to the County, involved communities, and school districts through its first 30 years of operation.

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


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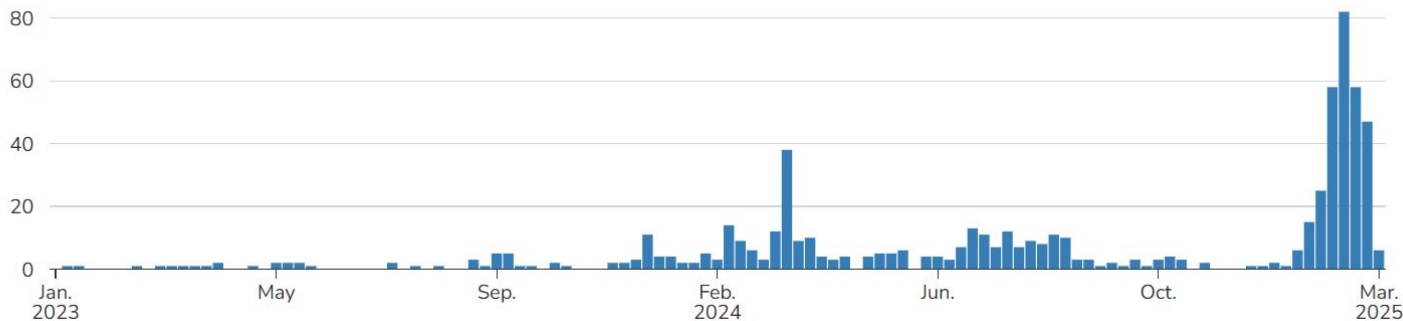
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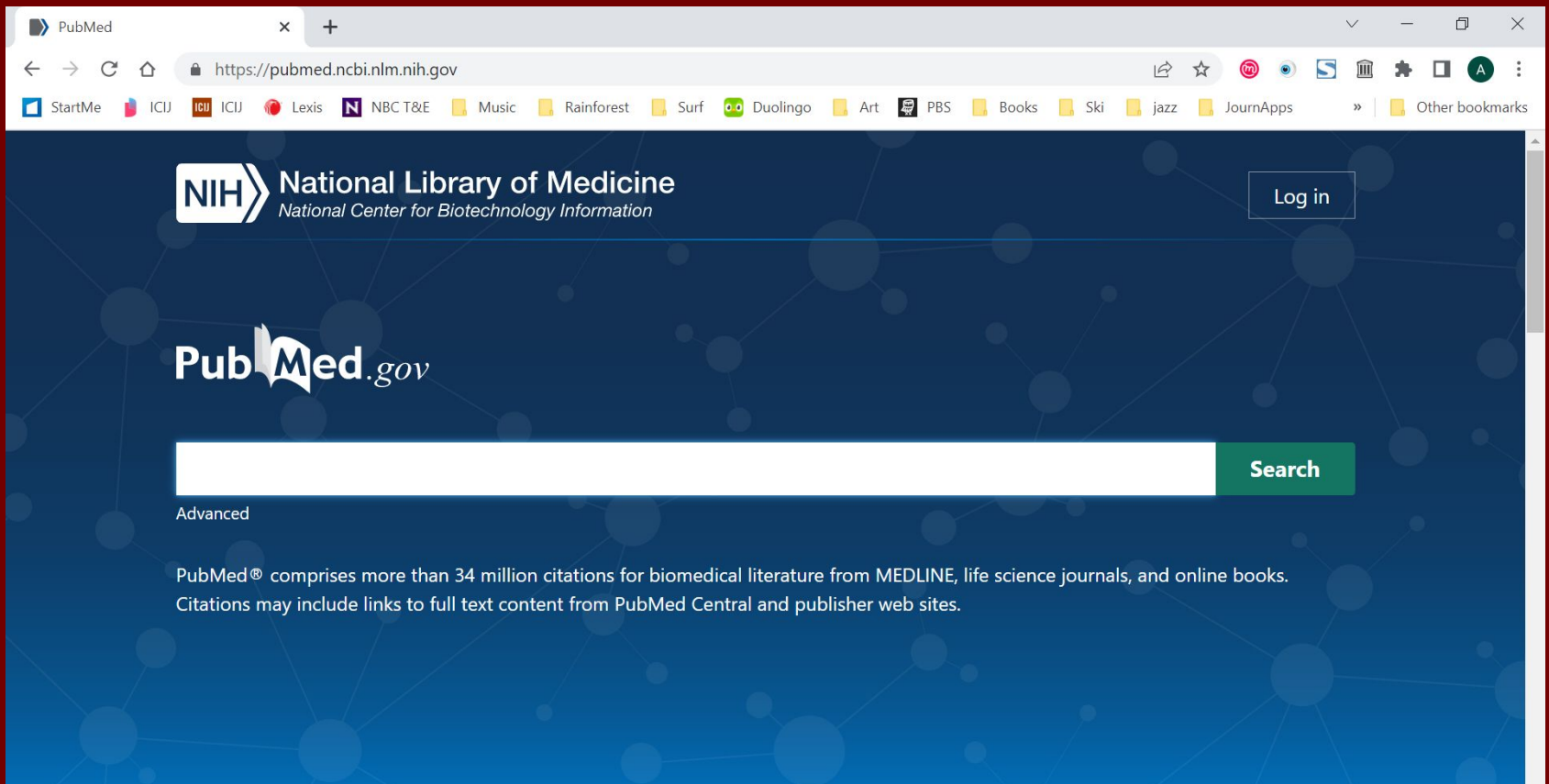
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Model Number 10430603
Device Problem Computer Software Problem (1112)
Patient Problem Death (1802)
Event Date 04/25/2019
Event Type Death
Manufacturer Narrative

Siemens has performed a detailed technical investigation of the reported event. The root cause of the event was determined to be due to system software defect (software version va48a). A technical solution will be available with software version va48_sp6 (service pack 6) and is expected to be installed during q3/2019. A supplemental report will be submitted if additional information is discovered or made available by the customer. (b)(4). The reported problem is due to the software version which is to be upgraded to resolve the issue. The reported event occurred in the (b)(6).

Event Description

It was reported to siemens that the somatom definition flash malfunctioned on (b)(6) 2019. Subsequently, it was reported to siemens that a delay of approximately one-hour occurred due to the system freezing and having to be restarted during an emergency procedure. Details regarding the patient status were not available at the time of initial complaint report or receipt of additional information on may 28, 2019. On June 13, 2019, siemens received additional information reporting that the patient had died on an unknown date, approximately a few days after the emergency procedure performed on (b)(6) 2019. Additional consultation by siemens with the hospital further revealed that the patient suffered from an intestinal leak and would have likely died independent of the delay in diagnosis. The patient's intestinal bleed was stopped during emergency surgery. The head was using the somatom definition flash system.

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- New York is pretty good with ecourts.
- Lexis or Westlaw can more easily help you search for decisions.

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Audits of Local Governments

The Office of the New York State Comptroller's Division of Local Government audits the financial and operational performance of local governments and school districts. Performance audits provide findings and recommendations against criteria. Local officials use audit findings to improve program performance.

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Ramarley	2012	2/2/2012	18	Black	M	40.89028	-73.85708	749 E. 22 nd	Bronx	New York	NY	YES
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Larry Garl	2010	8/8/2010	38	Black	M	40.81918	-73.93724	Lenox Ave	Manhatta	New York	NY	NO
Garnold K	2005	5/27/200	78	Black	M	40.80847	-73.94507	126th Str	Manhatta	New York	NY	NO
Ousmane	2003	5/22/200	43	Black	M	40.75167	-74.00580	613 West	Manhatta	New York	NY	YES
Antoine B	2010	8/8/2010	22	Black	M	40.81974	-73.93665	Lenox Ave	Manhatta	New York	NY	NO
UNKNOW	2003	5/6/2003	42 OR 52	Black	F	40.86677	-73.92068	613 West	Manhatta	New York	NY	No

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SPORTS

Foul balls hurt hundreds of fans at MLB ballparks. See

Oct. 1, 2019, 7:17 AM EDT / Updated Oct. 1, 2019, 4:39 PM EDT

By Michelle Tak, Vicky Nguyen, Joe Enoch and Andrew W. Lehren

Dwayne Sowa scored good seats to watch his beloved Mets play the Phillies in an early season game at Philadelphia's Citizens Bank Park in 2014. He and his wife were sitting just past third base and 18 rows from the field in section 134.

In the bottom of the sixth inning, as he turned to pay a vendor for a beer, a foul ball off the bat of Phillies star Jimmy Rollins slammed into the right side of Sowa's forehead.

"My wife heard it," he recalled. "It was the worst noise she's ever heard – the crack of my skull."

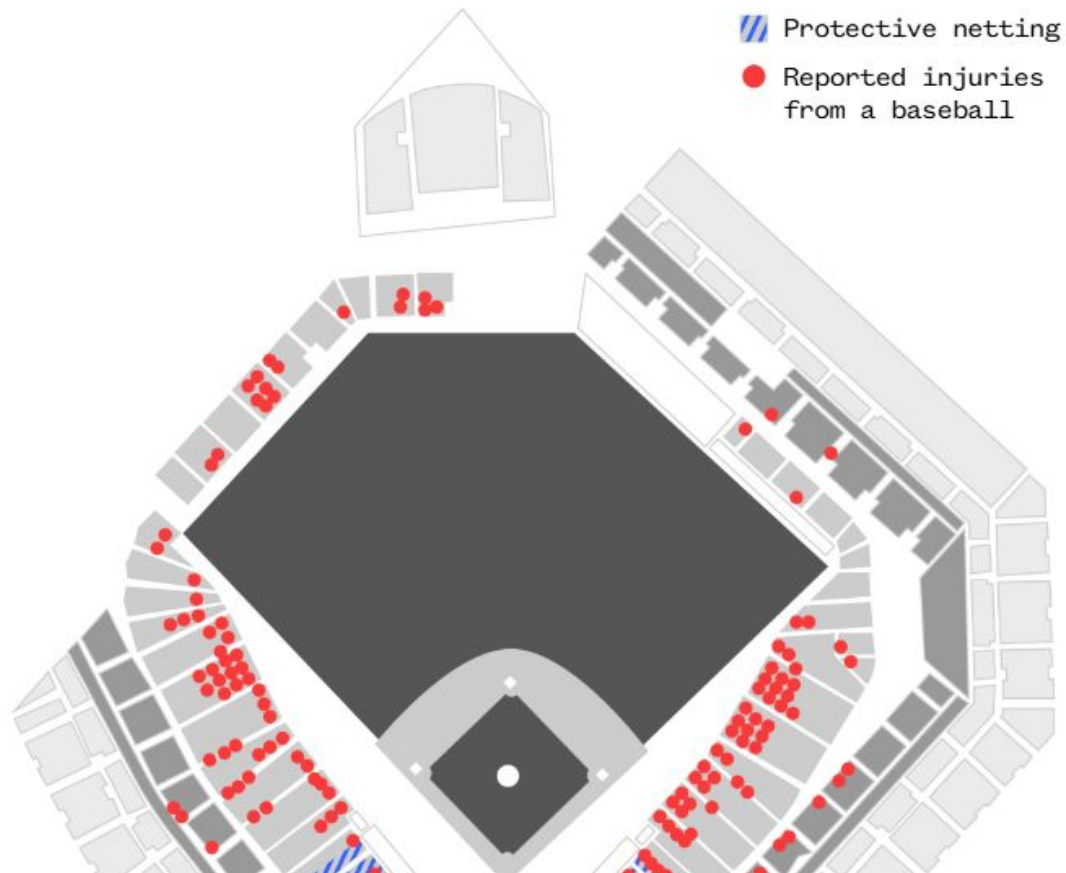
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adium in L.A. died after being hit in the head by a

AN NBC NEWS investigation found at least 808 reports of injuries to fans from baseballs from 2012 to 2019. The injuries include concussions and permanent vision loss. In 2018, a grandmother celebrating her 79th birthday at Dodgers Stadium in Los Angeles died after being hit in the head by a foul ball. Most of the injuries resulted from fouls. Some are from home runs and batting practice. In other cases, fans were injured as they scrambled to catch balls flying into the stands.

Emergency service calls at Coors Field, 2014-2019

Coors Field, home of the Colorado Rockies, was one of four ballparks where NBC News obtained emergency response data. 176 out of 193 total calls of reported injuries from baseballs could be mapped out by seat sections. They show a majority of the calls for these reported injuries occurring outside of the protective netting.



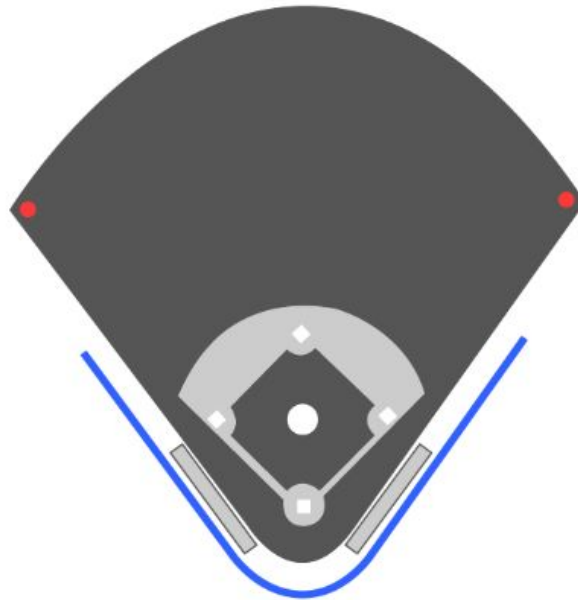
Compare the protective netting at the 30 MLB ballparks

Select your team and see how the protective netting compares to other ballparks and which teams will extend their netting by the 2020 season.

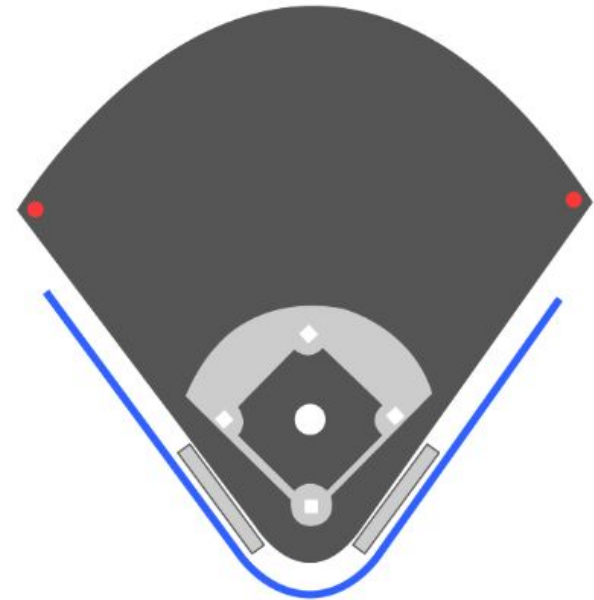
New York Mets

New York Yankees

- Foul pole
- Existing protective netting
- Dugout



New York Mets



New York Yankees

Every Major League Baseball team will expand netting to protect fans from foul balls

The move from MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred comes after growing concerns about spectators being injured, and in some cases dying, from the fouls.

By Andrew W. Lehren and Michelle Tak

Every Major League Baseball team next season will expand netting that protects fans from foul balls, [baseball commissioner Rob Manfred told CNBC](#) in an interview Wednesday.

The move comes after growing concerns about fans being injured or sometimes killed by foul balls. [An NBC News investigation in October found at least 808 reports of injuries](#) to fans from baseballs from 2012 to 2019. The injuries include concussions and permanent vision loss. In 2018, a grandmother celebrating her 79th birthday at

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