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ANDREW YANG
— FOR NYC MAYOR —

"Probably my proudest achievement in college was that I could bench-press 225 pounds eight times in a row."

—ANDREW YANG

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Dear Readers,

While *Functionally Dead* remains a global publication in both concern and distribution, we felt it necessary to dedicate this issue to the incredibly important June 22, 2021, New York City mayoral election (we know it's technically a primary, but something tells us the Republican who doesn't even live in New York isn't going to make it across the finish line). We recognize that many of you (as well as a handful of us) call New York City home, and we would consider it personally and professionally negligent to stay silent during such a crucial election.

New York desperately needs a leader who understands the needs of its citizens. New York needs someone who isn't afraid to stand up to the established moneyed interests that have long elevated the wealthy few at the expense of the working class. New York, more than anything, needs a mayor who will forge a radical path forward to make the city a leader in labor, housing, healthcare, climate, and racial justice.

As a political publication, we have an obligation to endorse a candidate who lives up to these rigorous standards.

Instead, we have decided to endorse Andrew Yang, because he is kind of epic.

Hope that's cool.

Alive for the very first time,
Functionally Dead





I, DEREK JETER, ENDORSE ANDREW YANG

//MATTHEW BRIAN COHEN

HELLO, *FUNCTIONALLY DEAD* READERS. It's me, legendary New York Yankees shortstop and not-so-legendary Miami Marlins co-owner Derek Jeter. I'm proud to announce my endorsement of Andrew Yang for mayor of New York City.

Let's face facts: New York City is struggling. To use a baseball analogy, COVID has been hitting our fair city hard and racked up a lot of runs (deaths). We're heading into the bottom of the ninth, and the manager (you, the voter) needs to make a decision. Who's going to pinch hit (be the mayor)? If you ask me, the hitting coach (guy who moved to Florida), we've got a clutch hitter on the bench who deserves his chance to step up to the plate. No, it's not me, Mr. November. It's not even Mr. October, the great Reggie Jackson. It's Mr. June (and then Mr. November for the general election)—Andrew Yang.

Sure, he might be a rookie who hasn't taken an at-bat in the bigs before (no political experience). And sure, he might voluntarily put himself on the IL when the team needed him (fleeing the city for his second home upstate when COVID hit). But Andrew Yang is the man we need in the batter's box. Because the city doesn't need an RBI—we need a UBI.

OK, Andrew Yang's UBI proposal essentially cuts welfare and Medicare in favor of \$2,000 a year, and many have criticized his plan as doing far more harm than good. But sometimes in baseball, a sac fly (sacrificing beloved and essential social services) is as good as a hit (getting New York "back to normal"). A deep

fly ball to left field (tanking programs thousands of New Yorkers depend on) will drive in a run (lower taxes for the wealthy) and win us (the rich) the game.

There's nobody I trust more in this situation than Andrew Yang. He's passionate, reading the scouting reports (Twitter) and analyzing tape (tweeting). He's been working with the best hitting coaches (political consultants) around—the same guys who helped another great Yankee captain, Don Mattingly (Michael Bloomberg). And though Don Mattingly (Mickey Blooms) never won a World Series (improved the lives of New Yorkers), he's still an all-time great. If it (underfunding public schools, instructing the NYPD to brutalize Black and brown New Yorkers, developing scores of unused luxury apartments while tens of thousands are unhoused) worked for Donnie Baseball (Mikey No Soda), it'll work for Andrew Yang.

In baseball, sometimes you strike out (lose a presidential election as a "meme" candidate). Other times, you hit the ball hard (saying you support Medicare For All) but it's right at the third baseman (anyone who looked at your website and saw you don't actually support Medicare For All and are in favor of private insurance). Baseball is a game where even the best players rarely succeed. Where am I going with this? That's right. Vote for Andrew Yang. I'll always wear #2, but New York needs someone to be #1 (*Note: look up if there was a New York Yankee who wore number one. There's no way, right?*). 🧢

What's in My Messenger Bag?

ANDREW YANG EDITION



- 3 PEELED BANANAS
- A BODEGA CAT (“bodegas are AWESOME!”)
- PRIDE FLAG (“in case I stumble onto a parade!”)
- MACE (“for street vendors”)
- KEYS (“to my real house upstate—this city is scary!!”)
- PRINTOUTS OF MY FAVORITE MEMES (“for when I’m stuck on the train and I need a laugh”)
- POST-IT NOTE WITH MY BITCOIN WALLET KEY
- SEASON 2 OF *CHAPPELLE’S SHOW* ON DVD
- RECEIPT FROM TARGET, BUT “TARGET” IS CROSSED OUT & “BODEGA” IS WRITTEN IN
- BURT’S BEES CHAPSTICK
- *THE FAMILY CIRCUS* CLIPPINGS
- A POLAROID OF A JEEP
- A MINIATURE TUXEDO (“like one a doll might wear”)
- A SCARF (“for blinding myself from seeing what is happening to Palestinians”)
- A 2009 COPY OF *CITY WALKS: NEW YORK CITY*
- A LOYALTY CARD FOR THE GRAND CENTRAL HALE & HEARTY
- GLASSES FOR SUN
- A LEAKING STYROFOAM OF LAMB OVER RICE (“I say I love it, but haven’t eaten it yet, and it’s been three days”)
- AN ANCIENT ORCISH GLASS ORB (“contains the agonized souls of newly-recruited Yang Gang inductees”)
- 3000 PACKS OF INCENSE FROM EACH VENDOR IN THE CITY
- A WORN COPY OF THE BOOK *SEINFELDIA*

COOL! ANDREW YANG PROMISES TO OLLIE THROUGH RING OF FIRE ON CONEY ISLAND,



EXPERTS: HE WILL EXPLODE

//DIANA KOLSKY

NEW YORK, NY – Presidential hopeful-turned-Big Apple mayoral candidate Andrew Yang announced his would-be celebratory plans for the upcoming New York primary race. On Thursday morning, he told NY1 that he plans to “ollie through a ring of fire on Coney Island” if he’s victorious in June, despite experts agreeing “he’ll definitely explode” and “technically there is still a general election in November.”

“He kept saying, ‘on a skateboard,’ and we were like, yeah dude, we know what an ollie is,” said one Brooklyn resident. “That guy is weird.”

After his on-air pledge, Yang jumped into the small gathering crowd with a can of Reddi-Wip. “Who wants a squirt!?!?” he

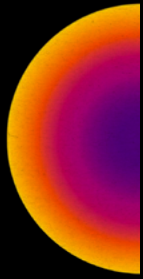
screamed at the terrified onlookers. When no one volunteered, he began pumping his own mouth full of the dairy topping until he choked. An aide gave him a firm slap on the back, and he vomited onto the sidewalk, giggling maniacally. Yang then jumped onto a BMX bike and rode directly into a brick wall. The crowd quickly dispersed, with some saying the event was “so pathetic it made me depressed.”

After Yang’s bizarre departure, *Functionally Dead* caught up with some experts to weigh in on his extreme vow. Pam Highlighter-Moore, a motion physics professor at Hunter College, said this of the candidate’s plans: “the arced ollie motion at a low altitude within close proximity to sus-

tained flames could be very dangerous. If Yang does in fact attempt this feat, he will more than likely explode, especially given his propensity to hoard highly-pressurized cans of nitrous-based spray foods on his person.”

Pedro Camden, a dynamics coach at the Columbia School of Medicine, also chimed in: “those blue suits are highly flammable, and the kinetic friction created by an amateur athlete will spell disaster. By disaster I mean explosion. He will explode.”

When pressed for comment on the bombastic stunt, Yang’s camp sent *Functionally Dead* a Signal message that read simply “COWABUNGA.” 🤖



DEAR YANG GANG: Do We Need to Worry About This Morales Gal?

//BRADY O'CALLAHAN

Yang Gang,

I think we got this whole thing pretty locked up, but I'm noticing more and more people talking about this Dianne Morales gal. Do we need to worry about her?

I've done some digging on [her website](#) and she's talking about stuff like:

- Implementing a significant wealth tax to make NYC's richest citizens pay their fair share
- Advocating the public takeover of utilities, creating free city-wide broadband internet, and advancing toward free public transportation
- Providing extensive resources and take extensive measures to achieve equity for NYC's immigrant neighbors, regardless of citizenship status
- Defunding the NYPD by \$3 billion and reinvesting that money into the communities that desperately need it; removing police from social services like schools and unhoused resident outreach; creating a Community First Responders Department who are specifically trained to deal with mental health and wellness issues; and decriminalizing sex work

It kind of sounds like she knows what she's talking about?

So, obviously, we can't let her win. I think we kind of want to prioritize stuff like saying we like the A train and saying how windy it is outside in the city we fled during the pandemic, but it seems like a lot of people prefer this Morales gal's approach to actually accomplishing stuff?

I don't know. Should we be worried about that?

I'm checking out her website more, reading about her campaign, and I want to make a donation just to see if I can figure out how she's doing in that regard (when you donate, pretty often you'll get email updates with their goals and fundraising efforts... I figure it might be good to have some inside info, and I'm happy to report back, but if you want to skip the middleman you can donate, too). I'll probably buy a shirt and wear it around to see if strangers approach me to talk about her too, just to get a sense of what people on the ground are thinking. Seems like the right thing to do, though I feel bad for doing the right thing here, you know?

I'm just worried, and I don't know if we need to be. Obviously we want Andrew Yang as mayor of NYC, but Dianne Morales sounds way better, so it could be an issue. 🗿



//PRIYA PATEL

THE INTERSECTION OF TECH-TOWN & HELL:

Andrew Yang's Proposed Street Name Dedications

UNFORTUNATELY, THERE'S ALREADY A TON of streets with honorific names in New York City, but no worries Yang Gang! We can rename some of the less popular names to names more befitting of Gotham's awesomesauce future!

Bowling Green is now DogeArmy Plaza

Golda Meier Way is now Bodega Bay

**Harlem River Drive is now known as
Chocolate Rain Guy Boulevard**

**Gay Street is now Really Gay (But In A
Good Way) Street**

Bleecker Street is now Mango Lady Street

**Wall Street is now Human-Centered
Capitalism Square**

**Columbus Circle is now Freedom
Dividend Drive**

30 Rockefeller Plaza is now The Daily Planet

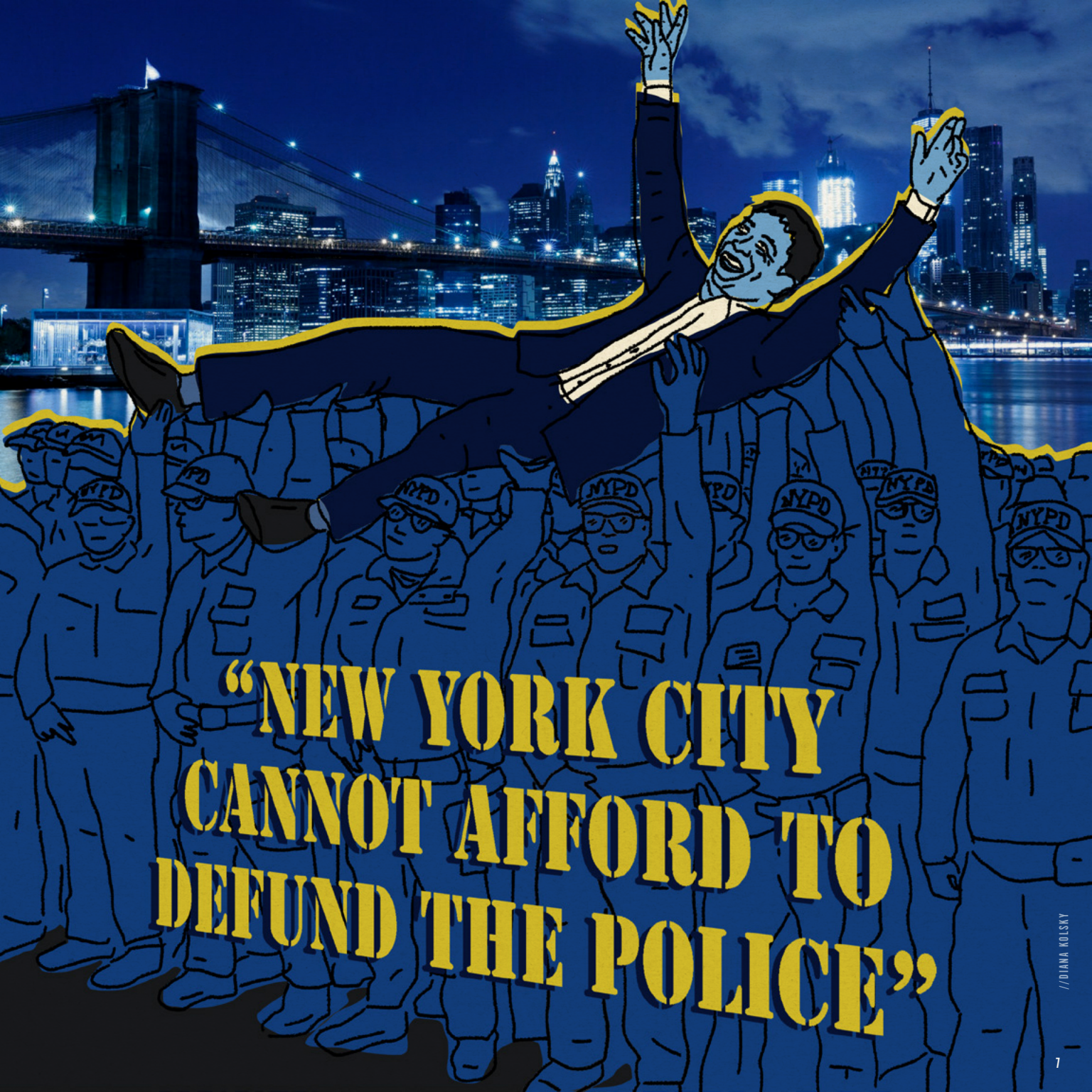
Thompson Street is now Joker Avenue

**Lincoln Center is now Woody Allen's
Manhattan**

**Mulberry Street is now Italians Shouldn't Be
Considered White Avenue**

**The West Side Highway is now
Uber Provides a Flexible Schedule to Gig
Economy Workers Highway**

St. Mark's Place is now Back The Blue Drive



**“NEW YORK CITY
CANNOT AFFORD TO
DEFUND THE POLICE”**

Wow! Andrew Yang Found a Mood Ring

//ROSIE WHALEN

DID YOU KNOW THAT ANDREW YANG found a mood ring in a Greenwich Village bodega while he was waiting for his brunch buzzer to signal that Peg was ready to serve him, and he's worn that mood ring every single day since vowing to never take it off ever again? Here's a guide to what all the mystifying colors mean, so you can keep up with the mood of his exciting campaign!



//PRIYA PATEL

Yellow dominant/ Orange border

Andrew is feeling happy and hopeful today! His peccs are firm (LEX and REX, the names he's publicly given his peccs) and the TikTok lounge is being constructed! In just a few years, we will finally have a bar in this city that *encourages* going viral. What could possibly go wrong?!

Greenish-Blue

Andrew is feeling sad and confused today! Awwww! Not even The Yang Gang could enjoy his commentary on the Israeli government being the true victims of an occupied people. Sad! Better luck next time, Andrew! It's not too late to buy an ACAB pin to replace MATH. Could win ya back some New Yorkers who think human rights are cool and that math is hard and boring!

Reddish center/ purple edges

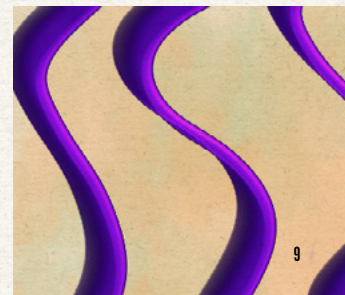
Andrew is feeling impulsive today! He just wants to hit the open road and get out of the city for a mere ten or eleven months and have some fun! (See, this is why we love him.) But don't worry, he will be back just in time for the mayoral election. We really applaud the courage he has shown in coming back to New York City to do some campaigning and shopping for bananas at the most pristine bodega we've ever seen! He's our guy!

Black

Andrew is feeling gothic today! He woke up on the wrong side of the Defund The Police debate and now he is feeling hopeless. While laying on his bed in the dark, listening to "Dark Side of the Moon" (his favorite goth banger) thinking "How can I possibly open a TikTok dance club without security and police guarding the doors to make sure the fatties don't get in?" Sometimes running for president and mayor totally and completely blows!

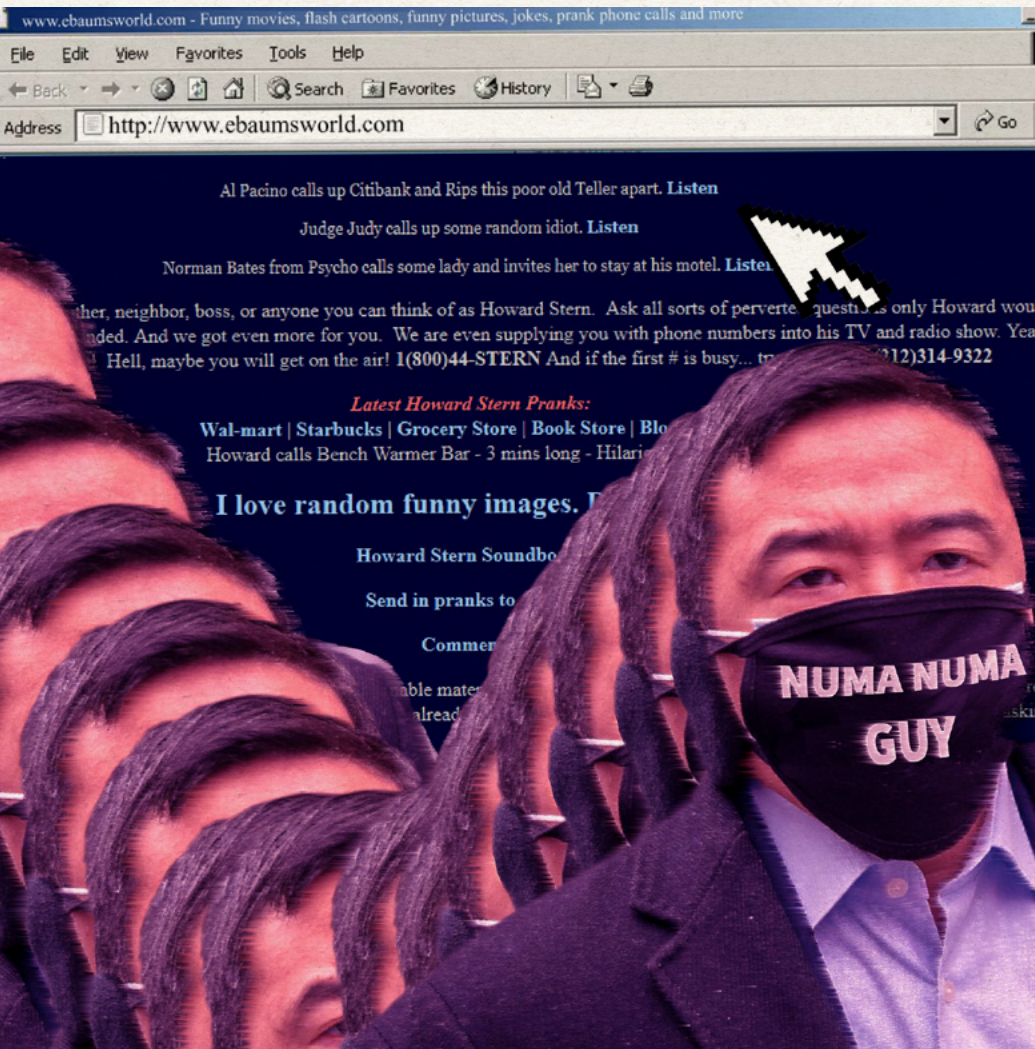
Pink

Andrew is feeling girly today! He just left a really positive meeting about getting more women CEOs for the planned 2022 robot-pocalypse. Rad! There were even bagels and cream cheese at the meeting! Can you believe? Today's a good day, and an even better ~mood~ <3



Yang's 5-Point Plan to Make Ebaumsworld Great Again

//JAMES DWYER



//MAX KNOBLAUCH

MUCH ATTENTION HAS BEEN GIVEN to Andrew Yang's ingenious proposal to gut existing welfare benefits to institute a version of Universal Basic Income that would pay about 500,000 of the poorest New Yorkers as much as \$2,000 a year, and understandably so. It would be freakin' epic! But let's break down one of Yang's lesser-known, but equally impactful, equally 133t policy goals. Not many people know this, but Ebaumsworld Corporate maintains its headquarters in Brooklyn. However, Andrew Yang has been acutely aware of this fact since he first read their Wikipedia page while microwaving a piece of bacon-wrapped bacon one year ago. During a time when many have lost their jobs, Yang wants to mobilize New Yorkers to get back to work on a project no one else thinks is a good idea. Andrew Yang has a plan to restore Ebaumsworld to its former, 2004, Adobe Flash-heavy glory, making the Big Apple a hub for creators interested in this massive public works program. >>

>> Here is Andrew Yang's 5-point plan to Make Ebaumsworld Great Again (MEGA):

Develop Clubhouse Integration for Arnold Schwarzenegger Soundboards

With the advent of Clubhouse, a voice chat app for marketing guys upset they never had a chance to do a TEDx Talk, the opportunity to partner with an app that guarantees to be a tech mainstay for at least another 9 months is ripe. That's why Andrew Yang proposes courting young tech-minded individuals (preferably out of state) to work with Ebaumsworld to create seamless integration between the Clubhouse app and the Arnold Schwarzenegger soundboards you know and love from the year 2003. The next time you engage in an impromptu panel discussion with the Head of Product at Gorgeous Spoon, you'll have the option to respond with an inspired "get to the choppa," much to the amusement of your colleagues, or at the very least, yourself.

Building the Leeroy Jenkins Memorial E-Rena

Some would say that gaming in 2021 has left websites like Ebaumsworld squarely in its dust. Those same people seem to forget the cultural importance of "Leeroy Jenkins," the username of the infamous *World of Warcraft* player who changed the world by simply shouting his name and jumping around during a raid. That is why Yang is proposing a \$10 billion dollar investment in the Leeroy Jenkins Memorial E-Rena. Professional gaming will have a permanent home in BedStuy thanks to the wonders of eminent domain.

Grant Legal Waivers to Ebaumsworld So They Can Host Anyone Else's Content and Profit off of It Without Threat of Legal Action

Did you know that one of the contributing factors to Ebaumsworld's unfortunate decline was a series of legal ac-

tions by the supposed "original creators" of the "content" that Ebaumsworld placed a watermark on and published without attribution? These litigious acts made it much harder for a place like Ebaumsworld to compete just as YouTube was coming into its prime. With help from the City Council, Andrew Yang would grant special waivers to Ebaumsworld that allows it to publish any content without fear of legal action. Over your monthly limit for *New Yorker* articles and don't want to pay? Go to Ebaumsworld. Want to watch the latest Marvel movie for free? Ebaumsworld. Did someone leak un-redacted CIA documents on the Kennedy assassination? It's going straight up on Ebaumsworld. The ethical concern to credit and pay people for their work should not be driving a wedge in a website's ability to turn an 80% profit margin.

Convince the Numa Numa Guy to Move to Williamsburg

It would be kind of cool.

Partner with Industry Leaders to Make Flash Animation the Primary Vehicle for Viewing Content by 2024

Most would tell you that the days of Flash animation are long-dead given that Adobe has discontinued support... but what if we gave Adobe, Google, and Apple tax-incentives to revive Flash animation "for the memes?" That's just what Yang is proposing, promising Google, Adobe, Apple, and Zombo.com massive tax breaks if they reignite their support for Flash despite the glaring security issues associated with the software. And this, in turn, can only be good for New York City as the world thanks the City That Never Sleeps for making the web 2003 again. All your base are belong to NYC, baby! 🗿





**WHO SAID IT:
Andrew Yang or Our
Dumb Friend Gerg
While He Was High?**



1. "Zero emissions MTA buses that have ports for you to stick your penis in to regenerate your foreskin if you were circumcised at birth while you ride."

2. "Someone always comes up to me and says 'Last time, I voted for Donald Trump, this time I'm voting for you.'"

3. "I want to give every single New Yorker a UTL."

4. "I want to give every single New Yorker a UBI."

5. "Yo I'm super high right now, does this count as a bodega?"

6. "Did you ever notice that Mangos are always wet?"

7. "How can we have zero emissions when energy can't be created or destroyed?"

8. "What if we FUND the police??"

9. "Housing problem? What if we just moved every New Yorker to Nebraska? It'd be WAY cheaper."

1. Gerg, 2. Yang, 3. Gerg, 4. Yang, 5. Gerg last Saturday night/possibly Andrew Yang while filming his latest commercial, 6... uh... we got high with Gerg and forgot the rest of the answers...

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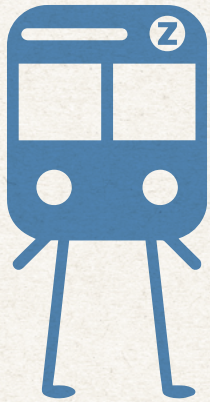
A lot happened
this week—
Let's see how
the *Left Feel'd*
about it.

Topic of
the week:
KING YANG

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THE Z TRAIN: A BRAND NEW WAY TO GO UP AND DOWN IN NYC

BY ANDREW YANG

//MATTHEW BRIAN COHEN

THE NUMBER ONE COMPLAINT I've heard from New Yorkers—after the cost of rent, the cost of healthcare, and the bloated police budget—is about our subways. No matter their race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or Mets/Yankees allegiance, every New Yorker agrees: our subway system is broken. “Too many delays,” I hear. “The cost of a Metrocard keeps going up, but the service is getting worse,” I hear. “Why can the subway only go in a straight line?” they say. And mostly: “Why can't it go up and down?”

For too long, New Yorkers have been riding the subway on just one axis. How many times has your train been stuck behind another train, causing you to be late for work? Sure, the conductor apologizes for the delay, but has anybody ever tried solving the problem?!

That's why, when I'm elected mayor, I'll be introducing the brand new Z train: the world's first subway that travels on the

z-axis. Think of it like an elevator that can only go about six feet. But that's all you need to make subway congestion a thing of the past.

Yes, I'm aware that there's already a Z train. To prevent confusion, that Z train will be closed, effective immediately. It was just an express train, anyway, unable to do even the most basic floating.

Stuck behind a broken-down N train? The Z train can hover up and over, getting you to Herald Square on time. Pesky 7 train having trouble getting you across town? With the Z train, now you can go uptown! Not uptown like to Washington Heights, uptown like up towards the street. Up, the direction. But again, only six feet up. The Z train doesn't go above ground. That would, by definition, make it more of a trolley than a subway, and that just doesn't make any sense. No, instead, the Z train just briefly hovers above other trains before plummeting back down

Please note that the Z train will only be traveling from Times Square to Herald Square for the foreseeable future, and each car is going to have a weird smell to it—think hot piss and an old hard-boiled egg. Also, your standard Metro Card won't work on the Z Train—you'll have to purchase a “Z Card” with BitCoin at a kiosk inside the Times Square Bubba Gump Shrimp. To prevent turnstile-jumping, NYPD will be out in full force, with their brand new ZRifles that shoot bullets up and down (and they said Silicon Valley couldn't re-purpose their tech!).

onto the rails. And when I say plummet, I mean plummet—this thing hits the track HARD and FAST. Every day is like riding the Tower of Terror in Andrew Yang's New York City!

Some of you MTA union types might be screaming, “the thrust required to lift a subway underground is dangerous and would kill hundreds of people,” and “the subway tunnels aren't built to have a train go above them.” And to that I say, “where's your imagination?” I've been meeting with Elon Musk once a week at Tavern on the Green (we bring our own Soylent), and he claims that for a mere eleven trillion dollars, he can have a working prototype in six months. New Yorkers can look forward to the “Zlaunch” sometime this fall.

I'll see you at the Zlaunch, NYC (I will not be there as my transition team has advised me there is a high probability something might blow up)! 🤖

ANDREW YANG'S FIRST 100 DAYS

ANDREW YANG'S CAMPAIGN HAS LAID OUT A BOLD VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF NEW YORK CITY, PROMISING AN AGGRESSIVE AGENDA FOR HIS FIRST 100 DAYS IN OFFICE. HERE ARE JUST A FEW HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YANG CAMPAIGN WEBSITE:

- ✓ Successfully ice every single member of his cabinet and videotape them as they chug a Smirnoff Ice
- ✓ Successfully complete an interview with an MSNBC columnist that's not completely cringe
- ✓ Appear more authentic by actually moving into the city with his family into a rapidly-gentrifying area like a true technocrat
- ✓ Live in New York City for 100 consecutive days
- ✓ Directly combat the displacement of gig workers by automation by installing iOS in the brain of every New Yorker
- ✓ Fill Times Square with shoulder to shoulder cops at all times. Crimes can't happen if people can't even walk through!
- ✓ Once filled with cops, throw weekly city-wide \$1 pizza parties in Times Square, incentivizing New Yorkers to reenter the post-COVID economy
- ✓ Make Electric Zoo a weekly music festival
- ✓ Equip all NYC school buses with a Boston Dynamics child-monitoring dog to ensure our children's safety
- ✓ Create a more holistic approach to equitable school admissions by including *Fortnite* scores alongside SHSAT scores, grades and essays
- ✓ Ride his bike through rush hour traffic and dodge taxi drivers, as we should expect a mayor to understand how most cyclists get around the city
- ✓ Recommend the *Tiger King* doc every time he gets up to a podium
- ✓ Dress up as the Scarecrow from *The Wizard of Oz* during the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade, and attempt to join all the floats
- ✓ Successfully get the Board of Elections to replace all paper and pens at voting sites with iPads
- ✓ Turn volunteering for Open Streets into a compulsory work program for the incarcerated
- ✓ Create a second island for a bigger Riker's that has wi-fi (for the prison guards)
- ✓ Create a "Homeless Holiday" to raise awareness, where all currently housed New Yorker's can camp out in the parks for the night, sponsored by HGTV's new hit show *Glamping*
- ✓ Put \$1,000 directly in the pocket of people who already work in STEM
- ✓ Sand outside of a NYCHA building and point at it
- ✓ Surf during the next Superstorm
- ✓ Reopen CBGB and put on a rockin' Twenty One Pilots concert
- ✓ Stop all trains from going into the Bronx *Spider Man* 2-style, like when Tobey McGuire stopped that train with his webs and stuff and then all the people carried him when he almost died. Yang will do that.

LET'S GET STRAIGHT TO IT: I like Andrew Yang for Mayor of NYC.



Now, my boys in blue are probably shocked straight through to their sphincter to see me support a cop-hating Democrat. I mean, aren't I the guy who behaves like he's the Jimmy Hoffa of the police if Jimmy Hoffa was a proud narc and significantly shorter? That's still me, guys. I bleed blue (double meaning due to colloidal silver poisoning), I support the right of the police to beat the shit out of agitators (protestors, activists, queer people), and I ground beef-load every single day like I'm training for a heart-attack marathon. I am still the foaming-at-the-mouth PBA President you know and love.

The thing is, I've met guys like Andrew Yang before. You know the type: sort of nice, easy-going dunce, definitely wore Google Glasses in public, read half of a Malcolm Gladwell book once. If you start any sentence in front of him with "did you know," he'll 100% believe it even if it is an obvious lie. These guys are easy to manipulate. He won't even know I'm waging psychological warfare on his fragile mind.

Let's say it's his first month in office and Black Lives Matter decides they need to protest due to so-called "blatant police brutality that was clearly captured on video." Now, Yang may find himself saying something anti-police like "we should look into having these officers prosecuted and we need reform." All I have to do is send a Twitter direct message and say, "Hey Mister Mayor, did you know that when you prosecute officers, they get sad? They talked about it on an episode of *Freakonomics*." And he takes it back the next day, guaranteed.

Now, obviously this man will be under constant pressure from external forces attempting to influence him, including radical communists who want to turn our pensions into a community vegan garden (Kale only! No tomatoes!). There will be calls to cut the police budget, and if Andrew Yang even *hints* that he's "open" to making changes to our budget that don't double it? Well, that's an easy one. I comment on his latest Venmo payment for cheeseburgers at Dave & Busters with, "I hope you understand that if you cut our budget, the first thing we stop protecting is the Times Square Dave & Busters, a place that is a known high-value target of radical, leftist anti-gaming terrorists. Be smart. Be safe. Eat, drink, play."

It's that simple, my friends. Who needs meetings, hearings, lobbying, etc., when we could have a mayor that is so easily swayed by anything he could qualify on Twitter as "people are saying defunding the police could be dangerous and I hate danger. I love to eat, drink, play with my friends." I urge my fellow officers: vote for Andrew Yang if you want to see the status quo continue in New York City. He may not explicitly condemn these dog shit socialist ass lickers, but he'll do our bidding. Also he'll probably give us the money to buy a Robocop without having to even ask for it. I've always wanted a Robocop.

PBA President, Pat Lynch

● We Can Game ● Ranked Choice by ● Not Ranking Yang ● to Victory

//BRADY O'CALLAHAN

WE ALL LOVE ANDREW YANG for the same reasons. The man's a legend. He's unlike any establishment politician out there, both because he has no experience in politics besides a failed presidential campaign AND his ideas are generally seen as pretty misguided in the most generous sense of the term... which is where his *genius* lies. People can't stop talking about him! He's an affable idiot, which America loves! It's like Andrew always says, "Progress be damned if total n00bs can haz pwnded ;)"

Andrew Yang is gaming politics. We owe it to this KING (insert Mario you dropped this dot JPG here lol) to game ranked choice voting.

Here's how ranked choice voting works:

Voters will rank their top 5 candidates in order of preference. Candidates with the fewest number of votes will be eliminated (you ARE the weakest link! GOODBYE haha. What is that from?). Voters who listed those candidates first will have their votes shifted to their second choice. The process continues until a winner is decided.

Here's what we have to do to game the system:

Don't rank Yang in any of the 5 slots. Uhh... yeah. You read that right. Just don't rank him at all.



Here's what will happen:

Vote counters will see a list of 5 candidates that don't include Yang, think it's *really* funny, and wind up tallying Yang in all 5 of the slots because he's all they can think about. This way, even if Yang is eliminated, all of his votes will shift to... ANDREW YANG?! Cool!

This might sound really stupid at face value, but think about it: most of what Andrew Yang says does, too. Provide UBI for New Yorkers in need by cutting social programs whose benefits vastly outweigh the help the proposed \$167 a month could ever provide? Sounds dumb. Work with Elon Musk, an apartheid profiteer and anti-union billionaire, to further privatize NYC's already struggling and outrageously expensive public transit? Laughable. Get TikTok houses in NYC? What the fuck does that even *mean*, Andrew?

But people love this guy. He's popular because he says and does dumb stuff that crumbles under the slightest bit of scrutiny, but people don't seem to scrutinize it! There's just no way to lose.

We need to follow his bumbling example for this incredibly important election. Do something stupid that will wind up being genius. WE CAN WIN IF YOU DON'T RANK YANG! 💀

THE YANG GANG CONTINUES TO GROW!

Functionally Dead would like to welcome new Yang Gang recruits:

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DONALD TRUMP, JR.
T **TED CRUZ** **H**

...and many more radical right wing conservatives!

We would also like to thank them for their support of Andrew Yang's support of Israeli apartheid and the terrorist attack that resulted in the death of 55 Palestinian children (and counting)!

The attacks have proven to be a hot-button issue that has seen many politicians stay on the sidelines, but not Andrew Yang, whose moral clarity is beyond reproach. When white nationalists agree with your take, you know you're on the right side!

I Read This Zine, and Yang is Out There Buying Bushels of Bananas From Bodegas

What Do I Do Now?

//DAN LOPRETO

YANG SAYS “DEFUND THE POLICE is the wrong approach” and instead wants “focused deterrence,” “top-down and bottom-up reform,” and “intelligence-led policing.” That is to say, a nonsense word-soup that could have been pulled directly from Obama's neoliberal 2014 Task Force on 21st Century Policing. Here are some organizations to support that will actually make New York City more progressive.

Communities United for Police Reform

“An unprecedented campaign to end discriminatory policing practices in New York, bringing together a movement of community members, lawyers, researchers and activists to work for change.”

Sylvia Rivera Law Project

“Works to guarantee that all people are free to self-determine their gender identity and expression, regardless of income or race, and without facing harassment, discrimination, or violence. SRLP is a collective organization founded on the understanding that gender self-determination is inextricably intertwined with racial, social and economic justice.”

Equality for Flatbush

“Everyone is talking about the rapid gentrification of Brooklyn. Rents are going up, people are being displaced and small long-time mom and pop businesses are closing. Racial profiling and ticketing harassment due to Broken Windows policing grows worse every day... Help Us Change This!”


Emergency Release Fund

“The mission of the Emergency Release Fund is to ensure that no trans person at risk in New York City jails remains in detention before trial. If cash bail is set for a trans person in New York City and no bars to release are in place, bail will be paid by the Emergency Release Fund.”

Audre Lorde Project

“[A] Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Two Spirit, Trans and Gender Non Conforming People of Color center for community organizing, focusing on the New York City area. Through mobilization, education and capacity-building, we work for community wellness and progressive social and economic justice. Committed to struggling across differences, we seek to responsibly reflect, represent and serve our various communities.”

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