

Sports & Entertainment Spotlight

Sweet Beginnings and Shifting Seasons

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Welcome back to the Spotlight and Shana Tovah to those, like me, who celebrate Rosh Hashanah—the Jewish New Year. Here’s to hoping that the year ahead will be as sweet as apples and honey. The Spotlight will be off next week as I fast in observance of Yom Kippur (the Jewish day of atonement). For those who haven’t been around me when I am hungry, consider yourself lucky. For those who have, you’re welcome and I am truly sorry. While I am at it, I might as well atone for the words that I have said (or will say while stuck in Long Island traffic due to the Ryder Cup this weekend). I am SOOOO sorry for my sarcasm. And most of all, I am sorry that I am not sorry for my corny dad jokes (some of which appear below!).

- Actor Ben Stiller (who also observes Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur) launches his own low calorie soda brand called Stiller’s. At 30 calories per serving, it is a better-for-you option that even Derek Zoolander could indulge in. It also already has a huge NFL fanbase in Pittsburgh.
- Having portrayed the New York Yankees’ Assistant to the Traveling Secretary in his role as George Costanza (Ben Stiller’s father Jerry’s on-screen son) on Seinfeld, Jason Alexander is the face of lifestyle brand KITH’s New York Yankees collection. You might need to read this one a few times.
- Director Christopher Nolan was elected the new president of the Directors Guild of America—which means that he’ll probably hire Cillian Murphy as a union organizer.

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[NFL Wants to Accelerate TV Rights Renegotiations to as Early as Next Year, Commissioner Goodell Says](#)

September 24, 2025 via CNBC

[Ben Stiller’s Soda Campaign Uses Deadpan Humor to Skewer Celebrity Branding](#)

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Audacy Partners with MOGL on NIL Sports Marketing

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Kith, Yankees Tap 'Seinfeld' Star for Latest Collaboration

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Music Biz

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Amazon MGM Developing Private Eye Comedy Starring NFL's Marshawn Lynch From 'Dave' & 'Only Murders' Alum Max Searle

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Christopher Nolan Elected to Lead the Directors Guild of America

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