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# In The News

## A Tribute to Teddy Balkind

Teddy Balkind, a tenth grade hockey player at St. Luke's High School, a private institution in New Canaan, CT, died in a freak accident on the ice. On Thursday night, in a game against Brunswick School, Teddy Balkind fell and collided with another player, who was unable to stop skating. Consequently, Balkind suffered fatal injuries. Despite efforts to save his life, he died at Greenwich Hospital later that night. Hockey players and official team accounts across the country are leaving their hockey sticks outside their houses and posting photos of the display on Instagram in a sweet tribute to Balkind.



# NFL Head Coach Firing Spree

As the NFL season came to a close, numerous NFL teams parted ways with their head coaches. The Broncos fired Vic Fangio in his third year after a 7-10 record. Matt Nagy of the Bears was fired along with the team's general manager. Mike Zimmer, who has been fairly successful in his eight seasons with the Vikings, was fired as well. Joe

Judge of the New York Giants was sent packing after an unsuccessful season. The most surprising of all of the firings, however, was the Dolphins' Brian Flores who has had a winning record in two of the past three seasons, which might be explained by rock relationship with Tua Tagovailoa.

#### **Robert Durst Death**

Robert Durst, a Scarsdale High School alumnus, was a millionaire convicted murderer. Durst is suspicious of the murder of his first wife, Kathie McCormack, who mysteriously disappeared just after Durst claimed he dropped her off at a train station in South Salem. Durst also killed his lifelong friend and confidante Susan Berman, who he allegedly shot because she knew too much about McCormack's disappearance (the one murder he was



ever convicted of in September 2021). At one point, Durst also ran away to Galveston Texas, where he disguised himself as a mute woman and befriended his neighbor Morris

Black. When pieces of Black's body were discovered floating in Galveston Bay, Durst admitted to dismembering the body but maintained that he killed Black in self-defense. While filming his documentary, "The Jinx," not knowing his microphone was on, Durst mumbled to himself, "Killed them all, of course." On Monday morning, 78-year-old Durst died of natural causes in a California prison hospital.

## **COVID Update**

"Virtually everybody is going to wind up getting exposed and likely get infected," Dr. Anthony Fauchi stated at a hearing on January 11th at Capitol Hill in Washington D.C. The CDC continues to discuss how N95 and KN95 masks are the most protective against Omicron and both masks need to be fitted properly in order to provide the best quality protection. The Pan

American Health Organization (PAHO) reported a 250%



increase of reported COVID cases in the US in 2022 compared to 2021. In Europe, Omicron is predicted to infect more than 50% of the region's population in the next six to eight weeks.

## **Bob Saget Dies**

Bob Saget, America's on-screen dad, was reported to have died on Sunday. Saget is best known for starring as Danny Tanner in the legendary sitcom *Full House*; also made guest appearances on the hit television series reboot, Fuller House. Saget was 65 years old when he was found dead at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Orlando on January 9th. At this time, he was traveling for his standup comedy performances. The Full House cast shared touching messages in remembrance of their beloved costar.