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Going for the yellow



February 10, 2025: Photos taken over the past two years from the same spot, diagonally across Market Street from the “OY/YO” sculpture outside the Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History in the Historic District.
Tom Galish / Staff Photographer

by Tom Galish

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When doing assignments over the past two years in Philadelphia’s Historic District or visiting the paper’s newsroom on Independence Mall, as a photographic exercise and a way to clear my mind, I would set a timer on my phone for 7.6 minutes (you know, for our big 1776 anniversary next year). Standing at the exact spot, diagonally across Market Street from the “OY/YO” sculpture by artist Deborah Kass outside the Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History, I watched the pedestrians and traffic.

Inspired by the yellow car version of the classic kids-in-car driving game Punch Buggy, I wanted to see if I could get a picture of a yellow car — or umbrella or taxi cab — passing in front of the sculpture.

I didn't want to spend all day doing it (I've done that before) so the 7.6 minutes seemed a good way to make the effort manageable. Every so often when I was in the neighborhood, which is a lot.

There have been plenty of close-but-no-cigar encounters. Once I saw a yellow car coming, but there was another car in front of it as it passed.

Another time, a sporty little yellow convertible zipped by but my spot that day was behind barricades set up for the Trump-Harris debate at the nearby National Constitution Center.



One that got away. I saw it just as I was walking toward my "spot."
Tom Gralish / Staff Photographer

I have made a few other images, not all around my spot.



I waited, longer than 7.6 minutes, just hoping someone would push this grocery cart anywhere near the sculpture.

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Now this is where you're naturally expecting to see my payoff. The picture I got as a reward for patiently standing (for 7.6 minutes at a time) for the past 24 months. Nope. Instead I present an excellent image made just last week — a weather photo by my colleague Alejandro A. Alvarez.

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PHILLY & REGION

After jet crash, a family engulfed in trauma

Steven Dreutt was killed as his car went up in flames. His fiancée and son are fighting for life. Those close to them are "suffering ... hurting."

By **Aubrey Whelan** and **Wendy Ruderman**
Staff Writers

Steven Dreutt, the Mount Airy man killed when flames from a Northeast Philadelphia plane crash engulfed his car, was a devoted father whose fiancée and son, also injured in the crash, are now fighting for their

lives, family members told The Inquirer.

Dreutt, 37, was returning from a trip to the Macy's store at Roosevelt Mall when a medical flight plummeted from the sky onto Cortman Avenue. His fiancée, Dominique Goods-Burke, and his 9-year-old son, Ramesses, were also in the car.

Both were severely burned and are among the most critically injured of the at least 24 surviving victims of the crash.

Ramesses is battling for his life, still unable to breathe on his own, with burns covering 90% of his body, said Yahaira Morales, his aunt. Her brother, Luis Morales, is Ramesses' stepfather.

Ramesses' mother shared on Facebook on Monday a photo of

TOWN HALL B2

Mayor Cherrille L. Parker met with N.E. Philadelphia community members to discuss the aftermath of the deadly plane crash.

her son wrapped in blankets, with white bandages covering most of his face. He appeared to be using a breathing tube. "I ask for prayers," she wrote, noting her family's wishes for privacy and expressing gratitude for the love being shared on social media and beyond.

He is being treated at a Boston hospital that specializes in caring for pediatric burn patients, relatives said.

Family members described Steven Dreutt as kind, quiet, and

humble.

"He was a good father — a great father. A great man. Everybody cared and loved him," Yahaira Morales said.

Dreutt and Goods-Burke also have a teenage son, who is devastated by his mother's injuries and his father's death, said Annie Proctor, Goods-Burke's cousin.

"His father is deceased and his mother is in the hospital with burns. How would a teenager respond to something like that?" she said.

Yahaira Morales said her brother, Ramesses' stepfather, is similarly struggling with the aftermath of the crash.

"My brother is going through a lot right now. He can't sleep at
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Steven Dreutt's son Ramesses, 9, is being treated at a Boston hospital that specializes in pediatric burn patients. Courtesy of Yahaira Morales



Oy ride

A bicyclist in a yellow rain slicker pedals past the color-coordinated "OY/YO" sculpture outside the Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History on a rainy Thursday morning. Alejandro A. Alvarez / Staff Photographer

TENSIONS RISING IN RACE TO LEAD GOP IN PA.

State Sen. Greg

A candidate for Pennsylvania GOP chair is accusing his opponent's

Greg, we'll make sure your chairman's reinstated.

election, announced he was vying for the job and has positioned him-

Former Pa. legislator hired for city job

Kevin Boyle, who lost his 2024 reelection bid under unusual circumstances, will work on substance-use issues.

By **Anna Orso** and **Ryan W. Briggs**
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Former State Rep. Kevin Boyle — a Northeast Philadelphia Democrat who lost a reelection bid last year amid extraordinary circumstances, including his family publicly expressing concerns about his mental health — has landed a new job working for the City of Philadelphia.

Mayor Cherrille L. Parker's administration hired Boyle to work in the managing director's office as a deputy director of external affairs. He will work in the agency advancing the administration's initiatives for people with substance-use disorder, including through a new city-operated recovery house in Northeast Philadelphia.

Managing Director Adam Thiel said in a statement that Boyle "will bring an important perspective to work under our new Wellness Ecosystem Initiative." He will make \$110,000 a year.

The new job represents a return

The front of the PHILLY & REGION section of The Philadelphia Inquirer Friday, Feb. 7, 2025.
Alejandro A. Alvarez

I'll keep trying. I realized while writing this that I've never stood there for my 7.6 minutes after dark. Stay tuned.

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