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'Young and the Restless' Actor Kristoff St. John Dead at 52

By The Associated Press



In this June 20, 2008, file photo Kristoff St. John accepts the award for outstanding supporting actor in a drama series for his work on "The Young and the Restless" at the 35th Annual Daytime Emmy Awards in Los Angeles. (AP Photo/Matt Sayles, File)

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Kristoff St. John, who played the struggling alcoholic and ladies' man Neil Winters for 27 years on "Young and the Restless," has died. He was 52.

Los Angeles police were called to his home Sunday and his body was turned over to the coroner. The cause of death was not immediately available Monday.

St. John had played Neil Winters on the CBS soap opera since 1991, earning nine daytime Emmy nominations. He won a Daytime Emmy in 1992 for outstanding younger actor in a drama series and won 10 NAACP Image Awards.

His business guy character wended his way through romances, deaths of loved ones

and other daytime travails that descended into alcoholism, until his Winters went to rehab.

St. John announced in September that he was engaged to model Kseniya Mikhaleva.

"So early...so early," she wrote in her Instagram Stories. "Why you are leave so early???? Why...you are always in my heart."

St. John was twice married and divorced and was the father of a son and two daughters. His 24-year-old son, Julian, died in 2014. On Jan. 21, St. John retweeted "Grieving the loss of a child is a process. It begins on the day your child passes, and ends the day the parent joins them."

CBS and Sony Pictures Television said in a

joint statement that St. John's death is heart-breaking.

"He was a very talented actor and an even better person. For those of us who were fortunate enough to work with him on 'The Young and the Restless' for the last 27 years, he was a beloved friend whose smile and infectious laugh made every day on set a joy and made audiences love him," the statement said.

Fellow cast members and friends were shocked and saddened.

"Sitting by myself in my car! It's raining outside, with dark clouds and wind outside... am reading your tweets about my friend KRISTOFF! Thank you all for your kind words! I have none right now! He was a hell of an actor

and simply one of the nicest guys ever! Can't believe it!" tweeted Eric Braeden, who plays Victor Newman on the show.

Viola Davis and Yvette Nicole Brown were among others. Brown tweeted: "No!!! This news has truly broken my heart. Kristoff was pure & so kind. I will never forget how wonderful he was to me and everyone else he came into contact with. He was just a good, good man."



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Coach McVay's lack of awareness regarding flow of game very perplexing



Los Angeles Rams Coach Sean McVay
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So what happened to all the offensive fireworks that prompted NFL owners to lose their minds this offseason in hiring clones of Rams' so-called boy genius coach Sean McVay, who showed his age in the biggest game of his life? New England's Bill Belichick, 66, outcoached the 33-year-old McVay by an embarrassingly wide margin. McVay admitted as much after the game, as well he should have.

McVay's decision to ignore star running back Todd Gurley for the second consecutive playoff game due to "concerns" over knee soreness was puzzling to say the least. Even if McVay decided against giving Gurley the ball, why not utilize him as a decoy whom the Patriots would have to account for? McVay's lack of awareness regarding the flow of the game was glaring.

It didn't help matters that the Rams' route to Super Bowl LIII was aided and abetted by a horrific no-call by officials against New Orleans in the NFL Championship Game. Saints' fans who dared to watch Super Bowl LIII - and there probably weren't that many - couldn't have been pleased at what they witnessed.

At times, Rams quarterback Jared Goff resembled a deer caught in the headlights before being crushed by an 18-wheeler as Patriots' defenders left Goff's carcass on the side of the road. Not only did Goff play poorly, he looked scared. Super Bowl LIII was too big not only for McVay, but also Goff, who never looked comfortable and instilled absolutely no confidence in his defense, which confused and disrupted New England quarterback Tom Brady and actually played well enough to win the game.

Why am I beating up on McVay and Goff, who are joined at the hip? For all the league-wide talk about offense taking over the NFL, defense still wins championships. New England's entire defense should have been named Super Bowl MVP and taken the trip to Disney World.

Notice that you did not notice CBS announcers Jim Nance and Tony Romo never mention the great job that former New England linebackers coach and defensive play caller Brian Flores did in flummoxing a Rams offense that averaged 30.8 points during the regular season. Now head coach of the Miami Dolphins, Flores, the son of Honduran immigrants and currently the fourth minority coach in the league, probably did more for blacks receiving NFL head coaching opportunities in the future than anyone has done in a long time. Flores, only 37, has been a part of three New England Super Bowl champions as a coach.

Instead of the Rooney Rule, let's start calling it the Flores Rule.

Carver Museum Bestows Amber Awards

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(AUSTIN, TX) - On Friday, February 1st, the George Washington Carver Museum, Genealogy and Cultural Center started Black History Month by honoring history makers and history keepers. The Amber Award, a Carver Museum program started over twenty years ago, recognizes members of the Austin/Travis County community who are maintaining the story of African Americans in central Texas. The program had been dormant for many years, but 2019 seemed like a great year to return to some old traditions and honor deserving community members.

The Amber Award was given to Tami and Lee Dawson, organizers of the Juneteenth Parade and Rosewood Activities, Company A-9th Cavalry- Buffalo Soldiers and First ladies of Texas, and to Tommy Wyatt, publisher of The Villager Newspaper. These



VILLAGER Publisher, Mr. T. L. Wyatt

awardees were selected because of their unending work in keeping African American culture relevant in Austin. In an age where so many are moving away from the city and traditions are put aside, these trailblazers continue to serve the community.

Dr. Gregory Vincent served as keynote speaker for the ceremony. He spoke of the Black Migration that has occurred in Austin,

and how the celebrants were making that migration less relevant with the work they have done and are doing. "We have to know where we've been, and we have to recognize the sacred places and tradition we have", Vincent told a captive audience.

The event was the first of many programs happening at the Carver during the month of February.

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