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ABC7/WABC-TV NEW YORK NAMES SANDRA BOOKMAN AS NEW NOON ANCHOR AND WELCOMES NEWS ANCHOR/ REPORTER PEDRO RIVERA TO THE EYEWITNESS NEWS TEAM

ABC7/WABC-TV is announcing today key additions to its anchor lineups for weekdays at noon and weekend mornings.

[Sandra Bookman](#), who has been a weekend anchor at WABC for more than two decades, moves to Eyewitness News At Noon where she'll anchor weekdays with [David Novarro](#). Bookman – who is a three-time local Emmy® Award winner – joined Eyewitness News in 1998 as a reporter and shortly after was named a weekend anchor.

Since joining WABC, Bookman has covered several important stories ranging from the 2008 Democratic National Convention to the inauguration of President Trump as well as the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. Bookman will continue to host ABC7's Emmy Award-nominated Community Affairs program, "Here and Now."

"Sandra's leadership in the newsroom has been critical to our success with Eyewitness News, earning her the respect of our viewers and the entire New York City community," said Marilu Galvez, president and general manager of ABC7/WABC-TV New York. "Her warmth and humanistic approach to journalism are hallmarks of what it means to be an Eyewitness News anchor."

Eyewitness News is also welcoming anchor/reporter Pedro Rivera, who will join [Michelle Charlesworth](#) as a co-anchor for WABC's weekend morning programs beginning Saturday, Feb. 3. Before joining WABC, Rivera was an anchor for KTLA in Los Angeles, where he anchored the 5 p.m. news and reported for the 10 p.m. and 11 p.m. newscasts.

"Pedro's passion, versatility and quick reactions to breaking news make him an excellent choice to round out the ABC Eyewitness News team," added Galvez.

Rivera is an Emmy and LA Press Club Award-winning journalist, who has reported on such nationally significant stories as the Robb Elementary School mass shooting in Uvalde, Texas; the aftermath of the Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy; the Boston Marathon bombing; and the Camp Fire in northern California, the deadliest and most destructive wildfire in the state's history.

This is a homecoming for Rivera who is a New York native. He was born in the Bronx and graduated from Pace University, where he completed an internship in the WABC Sports Department.

About ABC7/WABC-TV New York

ABC7 has been the leader in local news and entertainment programming in the New York City area for 75 years. Producing more than 45 hours of live local news and weather each week, Channel 7 “Eyewitness News” is the most-watched local news in New York and the United States. WABC-TV also produces “Live with Kelly and Mark,” weekdays at 9:00 a.m., which is seen in more than 200 markets across the U.S. Quality news and programming, cutting-edge technology, and ongoing community outreach are the hallmarks of excellence that have consistently kept WABC-TV New York’s No. 1 station and the most-watched television station in the nation.

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