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**CALIFORNIA** 

# Indoor mask mandate is back

**Newsom:** Face coverings to be required across the state until at least mid-January

By Adam Beam The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO » California is ministration announced bringing back a rule requir- the new mandate will start doors, a move aimed at con- 15. The order comes as the per coronavirus as people gather

with family and friends during the holidays.

Gov. Gavin Newsom's ading people to wear masks in- Wednesday and last until Jan.



taining a new type of the capita rate of new coronavirus Gov. Gavin Newsom said a mandate requiring CORONAVIRUS » PAGE 8 masks be worn indoors will start Wednesday.

**L.A. County:** State is just catching up to where region has been for months

**SOUTH BAY** 

By Ryan Carter

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California's renewed universal indoor masking mandate issued Monday will affect much of the state's County, where public health population, including in officials issued a universal Orange and San Bernardino

counties, where face coverings will now be required for all residents in such places as restaurants and retail shops.

But for Los Angeles MASKS » PAGE 8

**Carson HR** 

chief fired

amid staff

upheaval

By Kristy Hutchings khutchings@scng.com

human resources was fired and its city manager was placed on administrative leave last

No one at City Hall would discuss Monday whether

were related, but

any of the actions Moseley

the latest moves Thursday resulted in the termination of Faye Moseley as director of human resources and risk management and an indefinite leave for City Manager Sharon Landers.

At a special meeting Monday night, the City Council appointed Khaleah Bradshaw, the associate director of external and community relations at Cal State

**USA GYMNASTICS** 

**Organizations** 

to pay victims of sex abuse

\$380 million

USA Gymnastics and the U.S.

Olympic and Paralympic Commit-

tee reached a \$380 million settlement Monday with more than 500 women who were sexually abused

by former U.S. Olympic and na-

tional team physician Larry Nas-

tle that highlighted the organiza-

tions' roles in enabling Nassar's

behavior and then covering it up

ern District of Indiana Judge Robyn Moberly's confirmation

of the agreement comes almost

three years to the day after USA

U.S. Bankruptcy Court South-

The agreement ends a legal bat-

By Scott M. Reid

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week.

City manager placed on leave after city clerk quits

Within a day after Carson's city clerk resigned, after just hours on the job, the city's director of

**WEATHER** 

# TORNADO VICTIMS STRUGGLE IN COLD



Martha Thomas stays warm with a bed comforter Monday in Mayfield, Ky., as volunteers help her salvage possessions from her destroyed home in the aftermath of tornadoes that tore through the region. At least 88 people, including 74 in Kentucky, were killed in the outbreak.

Many in Kentucky may be without heat, power or water for weeks in freezing temperatures

#### By Bruce Schreiner and Claire Galofaro

The Associated Press

MAYFIELD, KY. » Residents of Kentucky counties where tornadoes killed dozens of people could be without heat, water or electricity in frigid temperatures for weeks or longer, state officials warned Monday, as the toll of damage and deaths came into clearer focus in five states slammed by the swarm of

Kentucky authorities said the sheer level of destruction was hindering their ability to tally the damage from Friday night's storms. At least 88 people, including 74 in Kentucky, were killed by the tornado outbreak that also destroyed a nursing home in Arkansas, heavily damaged an Amazon distribution center in Illinois and spread its deadly effects into Tennessee and Missouri.

In Kentucky, as searches continued for those still missing, efforts also



turned to repairing the power grid, Crews clear the rubble at the Mayfield Consumer Products candle factory on Monday in TORNADOES » PAGE 7 Mayfield, Ky., after it was destroyed by a tornado three days earlier.







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# Good morning! START VOUR DAY HERE Cool fact: In 2011, President Obama saluted troops returning from Iraq, asserting that the conflict was ending honorably.

#### Star report

#### Best performance by an announcer: Snoop Dogg

When it comes to pronouncing a bunch of names early in the morning, it's kind of hard being Snoop D-O-double G.



The rapper/actor and arguably the best Olympics commentator ever was a surprise guest Monday at the announcement of the nominations for the Golden

Snoop Dogg Globe Awards.

Rocking a red cap and a pair of shades indoors, Snoop read off the names with smooth flair and a few pretty funny mispronun-

After referring to best supporting actor in a motion picture nominee Ben Affleck as "Been Aff-fleck," Snoop was quick to apologize to the Academy Award winner. "My fault," Snoop said. "Sorry about that, Ben."

Affleck was nominated for his role in "The Tender Bar."

Snoop also struggled a bit with pronouncing Ciarán Hinds, who was nominated for best supporting actor in the film "Belfast."

"Work with me now," Snoop quipped as he tried to get it together.

#### 'Dr. Oz' show will end as star runs for Senate

U.S. Senate candidate Mehmet Oz will end his "Dr. Oz" syndicated talk show next month, and producers will replace it with a cooking show featuring his daughter.

The "Dr. Oz" show, in its 13th season, will air its last episode

#### Hot shot



Holiday forest: This house has a virtual forest in the front yard with a dozen fully decorated Christmas trees in Lakewood, recently. A winter storm advisory with rain and winds is in effect until 3 p.m, today.

Jan. 14, Sony Pictures Television



The heart surgeon and talk show host is running for the U.S. Senate as a Republican in Pennsylvania. In many parts

of the country,

"Dr. Oz" will be replaced by "The Good Dish," a combination talkcooking show where hosts Daphne Oz. Gail Simmons and Jamika Pessoa will serve up a dish of the day. Producers boasted it would

be "the most fun vou can have in the kitchen without having to do the dishes." "The Good Dish" begins Jan. 17, Sony said.

#### James Brown's estate sold after years of strife

Since James Brown's death 15 years ago, a plan by the soul- and funk-music icon to leave the bulk of his estate to scholarships for needy children has been delayed by torrents of litigation. But the mission of financing those scholarships has taken a major step forward under the terms of a new business deal

Primary Wave Music, a New York company that specializes in marketing estates and song catalogs, is buying the assets of the Brown estate, including music rights, real estate and the control over Brown's name and likeness.

The company envisions an array of new projects to honor Brown's legacy and promote his music to new generations of fans. Those may include a Broadway musical, television shows and the creation of a Graceland-like museum attraction at Brown's mansion in South Carolina.

# **Birthdays**

Singer-actor Abbe Lane is 90. Actor Hal Williams is 87.

Actor/singer Jane Birkin is 75.

Singer Joyce Vincent-Wilson (Tony Orlando and Dawn) is 75.

Entertainment executive Michael Ovitz is 75.

Actor Dee Wallace is 73. R&B singer Ronnie McNeir (The Four Tops) is

Actor/comedian T.K. Carter is 65.

Singer/musician Peter "Spider" Stacy (The Pogues) is 63.

Actor Cynthia Gibb is 58. Actor Nancy Valen is 56. Actor Natascha McElhone is 52.

Actor/comedian Michaela Watkins is 50. Actor/comedian Miranda Hart is 49. Actor Vanessa Hudgens is 33.

#### **TODAY IN HISTORY**

#### 1964

The U.S. Supreme Court, in Heart of Atlanta Motel v. United States, ruled Congress had the authority to enforce the Civil Rights Act of 1964 against racial discrimination by private businesses (in this case, a motel that refused to cater to Blacks).

A 20-year-old gunman with a semi-automatic rifle killed 20 first-graders and six educators at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, then took his own life as police arrived: the shooter also killed his mother at their home before carrying out the attack on the school.

The Electoral College confirmed Joe Biden as the nation's next president, in a state-by-state repudiation of President Donald Trump's refusal to concede.

#### **LOTTERY**

WINNING NUMBERS Daily 3 Afternoon: 5, 2, 6 **Daily 3 Evening:** 0, 9, 8

Daily 4: 8, 2, 0, 6 Fantasy 5: 19, 21, 29, 34, 36

**DAILY DERBY** 

1st: 10, Solid Gold 2nd: 11. Money Bags

3rd: 2, Lucky Star Race time: 1:43.45

SUPER LOTTO PLUS Saturday's drawing: 6, 7, 10, 20, 25

Mega number: 26 Wednesday's estimated jackpot: \$11 million

**MEGA MILLIONS** Friday's drawing:

23, 25, 40, 42, 60 Mega Number: 8

Today's estimated jackpot: \$148 million

POWERBALL Monday's drawing:

10, 30, 37, 53, 59

Powerball: 4 Monday's estimated jackpot: \$320 million

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#### **CORONAVIRUS**

# Vaccine mandates could be expanded

**L.A. Unified:** Board will vote today on whether to add requirements to charter school students and employees

By Linh Tat ltat@scng.com

rized charter schools.

L.A. Unified currently The same day that authorizes 277 charter the Los Angeles Unified schools, of which 51 are of COVID-19 including school board will discuss affiliated with the dis- emerging variants, it is whether to postpone en- trict while another 226 forcement of its COVID-19 are considered "indepen- and employee vaccine vaccination mandate for dent" schools with their mandate expands to instudents, elected officials own governing bodies, but clude all LAUSD authoare scheduled to vote on which still must rely on rized charter schools," disa proposal to expand both the LAUSD school board trict staff wrote in a report its staff and student vac- to approve their charters.

"Based on ongoing as-

clude all district-autho- sessment of state and local conditions, risk factors and statistics regarding the pervasive impact critical that the student to the board, which is ex-

**MANDATES** » PAGE 9

Pandemic: L.A. County surpasses 15 million COVID-19 shots, but officials say more people need to be reached

By City News Service

more than 15 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in the people still resistant to the

As of last Thursday, residents across every

doses of vaccine have county Public Health Di-Los Angeles County been administered in the rector Barbara Ferrer said health officials marked a county, a number that in a statement. "While we significant milestone on rose dramatically in re- are proud of the work col-Monday announcing that cent weeks thanks to the lectively done to adminexpanded availability of ister 15 million vaccines booster doses.

county, but they said more lion vaccines required a tinue to support vaccinaneeds to be done to reach network of hundreds of tion efforts for months to providers willing to ex- come as we try to reach tend their services to serve those still unvaccinated,

more than 15.2 million community in the county," in L.A. County, it is clear "The delivery of 15 mil- that we will need to con-

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#### **MANHATTAN BEACH**

cination mandates to in-

# Holiday fireworks light up the beach city skies



PHOTOS BY CHUCK BENNETT

The skies over Manhattan Beach lit up with fireworks on Sunday, a yearly non-Fourth-of-July tradition in the beach cities. A snow hill opened earlier in the day as the Mira Costa Jazz band entertained quests.

#### By Tyler Shaun Evains

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It was not the Fourth of July. But there were fireworks, as Manhattan Beach residents mark the official start of the holiday season every mid-December with a pyrotechnic show above city's iconic pier.

It was the 33rd annual Manhattan Beach Holiday Fireworks Show, which typically draws about 40,000 people to the beach city.

The skies lit up on Sunday with many of the fireworks perfectly timed to lyrics from music played at the base of the pier on the Skechers stage.

Earlier in the day, families took little ones sledding in the snow park and took pictures with Santa Claus while listening to the Mira Costa Jazz band, Mira Costa Choir Carolers and other live entertain-

The only difference in the return of the beloved winter holiday tradition was people couldn't sit on a stretch of Manhattan Beach Boulevard where temporary dining decks blocked access.

Instead, folks were encouraged to watch the show from the beach.

## 33rd annual mid-December tradition was back after a year off due to the pandemic



Attendees take pictures with Santa Claus during the 33rd annual Manhattan Beach Holiday Fireworks Show.

#### L.A. COUNTY

# Homeless count resumes in January after hiatus

By City News Service

LOS ANGELES » Los Angebetween Jan. 25-27, the first and Urban Development. since 2020 due to the COceled this year's count.

less Count, is essential to untion jumped by 14.2%.

derstanding how large the region's homelessness crisis has become. The count must les Homeless Services Au- be conducted by Continuum thority officials and volun- of Care providers to receive teers will conduct the an- federal funding through the nual 2022 homeless count U.S. Department of Housing

According to the 2020 VID-19 pandemic that can- count, the county's homeless population increased The effort, known as the by 12.7% over the previous point-in-time count or 2020 year, while the city of Los Greater Los Angeles Home- Angeles' homeless popula-

people experiencing homelessness, but by January 2020 the number rose to 66,433. The city of Los Angeles counted 36,165 in 2019, and 41,290 in 2020.

The county received an exemption from the U.S. and Urban Development to the pandemic. The deci- org.

In January 2019, Los An-sion was made after LAHSA geles County had 58,936 determined it was not safe to gather 8,000 volunteers, given guidance from the Los **Angeles County Department** of Public Health and taking into account stay-at-home orders and curfews due to COVID-19.

The Los Angeles Home-Department of Housing less Services Authority is seeking volunteers for the and was not required to 2021 count. People can regconduct a 2021 count due ister at theycountwillyou.

#### **REDONDO BEACH**

# Meeting to focus on King Harbor

Wednesday's forum will seek public input on various recreational uses for waterfront

By Daniella Segura Correspondent

For the first time in four years, the city of Redondo Beach is asking for community input on the decades-old waterfront debate.

Only this time, instead of tackling a massive \$400 million revitalization project, the city is doing it one piece at a time, with a focus on recreational uses in King Harbor.

Redondo Beach, calling the step-by-step project The King Harbor Amenities Plan, will gather community input virtually Wednesday at 6:30

It's the first public input on waterfront issues since voters in 2017 passed a measure that blocked a developer, limited waterfront uses and spawned a series of lawsuits.

Mayor Bill Brand said he's getting the public involved early in the planning process, and he's dedicated to implementing what the majority of residents want.

"This is a great opportunity for the public to give input about what they'd like to see and where," Brand said. "It doesn't mean some changes can't be made, but this is where we're

The goal of the King Harbor Amenities Plan, according to the city's waterfront and economic development director Stephen Proud, is to put recreational areas, such as Seaside Lagoon and the Sport Fishing Pier, at the forefront of the revitalization of the harbor.

**AMENITIES** » PAGE 9

## Fee for ships with lingering containers is again put on hold

By City News Service

The ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach announced on Monday that a container excess dwell fee on companies whose containers linger at marine terminals will be delayed again, now scheduling it to take effect, if necessary, on Dec. 20.

The fee, which was announced Oct. 25, has been delayed due to progress in reducing the number of port containers at the terminal, with the ports reporting Monday a 47% decline in aging cargo on the docks, up from the 37% decline announced the previous week. Over the next week, port officials will monitor and reassess the fee's implementation.

'There's been significant improvement in clearing import containers from our docks in recent weeks," Port of Los Angeles Executive Director Gene Seroka said Nov. 15, when the fee was first delayed.

The fee was delayed again on Nov. 22 and Nov. 29 and Dec. 6.

"I'm grateful to the many nodes of the supply chain, from shipping lines, marine terminals, trucks and cargo owners, for their increased collaborative efforts," Seroka added

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# Storm dumps snow, douses parched northern regions

By Janie Har and Christopher Weber The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO » Motorists spun out on whitened mountain passes and residents wielded umbrellas that flopped in the face of fierce winds as Northern California absorbed even more rain and snow on Monday, bringing the possibility of rock slides and mudslides to areas scarred by wildfires following an especially warm and dry fall across the U.S. West.

Kirkwood Mountain Resort was closed Mon-

winds. A California Highbruises but no real inju-Perez said.

"It's just so bad and casters said. so thick," he said of the around this area, they caused by climate change. ice and snow on the roads, probably shouldn't travel." The latest U.S. drought strong winds and limited stop Oakland resident and

day, saying on social media that it was not safe powerful "atmospheric Montana, Oregon, Cali-Weather Service meteo-walking her neighbor's from the Pacific Ocean, way Patrol car in Truckee raised the threat of floodnudged a big-rig up a ing and was expected to snowy hill while smaller dump more than 8 feet of vehicles spun out, result- snow on the highest peaks ervoirs that deliver water ing in minor bumps and in California and Nevada to states, cities, tribes, and drench other parts of ries, CHP Officer Carlos the two states before it on melted snow in the moves on midweek, fore-

pected Monday night. the broader region that's

to open with 17 inches of river" weather system that fornia, Nevada and Utah rologist Anna Wanless in dog, a short-legged corgi. overnight snow and high is sucking up moisture are classified as being in exceptional drought, which is the worst category.

> Most western U.S. resfarmers and utilities rely springtime.

This week's storm is The storm will bring typical for this time of the necting the city to Oaksnowfall, with more ex- much-needed moisture to year but notable because land and warned drivers until today. it's the first big snow that of campers and trailers "We're telling people that been gripped by drought is expected to signifiif they don't need to be that scientists have said is cantly affect travel with late Sunday.

Sacramento.

Meanwhile, gusts were so strong in and around San Francisco that state transportation officials issued a wind advisory for the Bay Bridge conto avoid the 4.5-mile span

The welcome rain didn't

I decided to stay 'Most of California, if home today and not not all, will see some sort go anywhere, which is of rain and snow," she nice," she said. "And I'm really happy for the rain. I think we needed it

> The storm prompted officials to shut down a 40-mile stretch of the iconic Highway 1 in California's Big Sur area

a lot.'

The scenic coastal route south of the San Francisco Bay Area frequently experiences damage during wet weather.

# **Gymnastics**

FROM PAGE 1

Gymnastics, facing decertification proceedings and hundreds of lawsuits, filed for Chapter 11 protection.

The settlement protects USA Gymnastics, the USOPC, former USA Gymnastics CEO Steve Penny, former U.S. Olympic and national team coordinators Martha and Bela Karolyi, former USA Gymnastics board chairman Paul Parilla and Twistars, the Michigan club owned by former U.S. Olympic team head coach John Geddert, from future litigation related to Nassar's sexual abuse.

The agreement, however, did not silence the demand among survivors and their supporters for Congress to remove the current USOPC board and strip USA Gymnastics of its national governing body status.

'Congress needs to remove the USOPC's leadership and completely revamp that organization," said John Manley, an Orange County attorney who represents hundreds of Nassar survivors. "These organizations are utterly corrupt. They only care about their junkets and money and medals. Athletes are just commodities to them and Larry Nassar is the result of that culture."

Maggie Nichols in June 2015 became the first U.S. national team member to Gymnastics. Top USOPC officials, including then-CEO Scott Blackmun, were made aware of the allegations shortly thereafter but did not take action. The USOPC board did not call for an investigation of the Nassar matter until February 2018.

Hirshland, in a statement, acknowledged the organization's failure in the Nassar case.

"We are grateful to have reached a resolution with the athlete survivors," Hirshland said. "We have the deepest respect for the tremendous strength and bravery these women have shown. We recognize our role in failing to protect these athletes, and we are sorry for the profound hurt they have endured. ... Our resolve to make Olympic and Paralympic sport safe for all guides everything we do. This is our pledge, today and every day."

The USOPC, like USA Gymnastics, had repeatedly argued during the contro-



ministration and Olym-

pic relations, also revealed

in the deposition that em-

USA Gymnastics not to re-

port sexual misconduct

ment or Child Protective

Services, even though they

mandated reporters.

United States gymnasts Aly Raisman, left, Simone Biles, McKayla Maroney and Maggie Nichols prepare to leave the chamber after testifying at a Senate Judiciary hearing on Capitol Hills on Sept. 15 about the Inspector General's report on the FBI's handling of the Larry Nassar sexual abuse investigation. A \$380 million settlement was announced Monday.



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against Nassar to USA member of Michigan State University's sports medicine staff, listens to the judge during one of his court sentencing hearings in Michigan in 2017. He is now in prison in Florida.

> versy that it did not have a Group. Nassar continued legal obligation to protect to treat young athletes at young athletes from sexual and physical abuse by coaches, officials and other

organization members. USA Gymnastics agreed USOPC CEO Sarah to include at least one survivor on the NGB's board of directors, SafeSport committee and the athlete health and wellness council. The Indianapolis-based organization also said it will strengthen its SafeSport and complaint adjudi-

cation policies. Mitchell A. Kamin, an attorney for the USOPC, suggested in a June hearing nization that we jointly filed that the organization did not have a legal responsibility to alert authorities at Michigan State after top USOPC officials were made aware of sexual abuse allegations against Nassar in 2015, a year before the allegations became public, according to a court transcript obtained by the Southern California News

Michigan State's sport medicine clinic until September

Judge Moberly during that same hearing accused the USOPC of not "playing ball" in lawsuits filed by the Nassar survivors.

"USA Gymnastics is deeply sorry for the trauma and pain that Survivors have endured as a result of this organization's actions and inactions," USA Gymnastics president and CEO Li Li Leung said in a statement. "The Plan of Reorgareflects our own accountability to the past and our

commitment to the future." Nassar was sentenced to 60 years in prison in 2017 in the child pornography case. He was later sentenced to 40 to 175 years and 40 to 125 years in two Michigan state courts after pleading guilty to multiple sexual assault charges. He is currently an 2011 and later the orga-

inmate at a federal prison nization's director of ad-

The agreement, said Jessica Howard, a U.S. national team and Hall of Fame ployees were instructed by gymnast, was "validation that what we've been doing was the right thing."

Howard, a Nassar survivor, joined dozens of other gymnasts in expressing were informed by the orskepticism that USA Gymnastics and the USOPC will follow through on the agreed upon steps to protect future athletes.

ard said. "The USOPC spent \$100 million fighting us."

Still, Howard and other survivors view the settlement as a victory by a group of women who shared their stories of abuse by Nassar and others in congressional hearings and media interviews to keep the pressure on USA Gymnastics and the USPOC.

The survivors, Howard said, were driven by a sense of "obligation to future ath-

letes.' USA Gymnastics had a longstanding policy prior to the Nassar scandal of not warning member gyms or parents of athletes of sexual misconduct allegations against coaches or other individuals, a longtime top aide to the organization's former CEO acknowledged in a previously undisclosed sworn deposition revealed

by the SCNG in June. Renee Jamison, the administrative assistant to former USA Gymnastics CEO Penny from 2005 to Dame athletic director. Himsel is now an associate political science professor at Wabash.

Top USOPC officials were aware of allegations that Nassar had sexually abused Nichols and other U.S. national team members in the summer of 2015 but took no action to report the abuse to law enforcement or discipline Nassar and continued to be briefed on efforts by Penny to conceal the allegations from the public and potential future victims.

USOPC officials were also briefed on discussions between Penny and W. Jay Abbott, the special agent in charge of the FBI's Indianapolis office, about Abbott receiving a top level security position with the USOPC.

The Justice Department's Office of Inspector General recently determined that Abbott lied to DOJ investigators about applying for the USOPC post. The OIG investigation found that Abbott also lied to investigators about the initial steps he took in the days and weeks after he learned of allegations against Nassar in July 2015.

Abbott retired from the FBI in January 2018.

The Justice Department, complaints to law enforcehowever, has issued no indictments in the FBI case.

"The federal government has completely let the survivors down," Manly said. ganization that they were The DOJ, the attorney gen-Instead, USA Gymnaseral have altogether failed tics employees prior to these women. They know 2015 were told to forward what happened and they've "I have absolutely no sexual misconduct com- listened to some of the finsense of closure and I'm plaints to attorneys rep- est athletes ever to reprecompletely skeptical," How- resenting the organiza- sent this country testify tion — first Jack Swarbrick (before Congress) and they and later Scott Himsel, still will not hold their tor-Jamison said. Swarbrick mentors accountable. And is the University of Notre that is an obscenity."

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Moseley

FROM PAGE 1

Dominguez Hills, to replace Myla Rahman as city clerk. Neither Rahman nor city leaders would explain why she stepped down after just one day on the job.

Moseley, who has been with the city since 2018, was fired the day that a Los Angeles Superior Court judge signed off on an arbitration award for a nonprofit headquartered in Atlanta that filed a lawsuit accusing Moselev and her husband of embezzlement. Clifton Moseley was identified as chairman and president of the National Sales Network's Los Angeles chapter, and Fave Moseley served as

a board member. National Sales Network has 20 chapters whose mis-

sion is to "meet the professional and developmental needs of sales management professionals and individuals who want to improve their professional

sales skills." An audit of the Los Angeles chapter in 2018 revealed that the Moseleys had "willfully and fraudulently embezzled from the L.A. Chapter" by writing checks to themselves and using a company debit card upward of 80 times without providing any explanation or documentation.

more than seven months to produce documentation of their necessity to use the company funds, but failed to do so. Finally, the National Sales Network filed suit against the couple March 24, 2020, and the case ultimately went to arbitration.

On Thursday, Judge Timothy Dillon ordered Clifton Moseley to pay National Sales Network nearly \$62,000 and Faye Moseley to pay more than \$21,000 in restitution. As president, Clifton Moseley was entrusted with the management of all money and financial contributions received by the sales group's L.A. chapter. He was the dedicated signer of the chapter's bank account and was authorized to use the organization's debit cards.

The Moseleys could not The Moseleys were given be reached for comment and city officials declined comment because it is a personnel matter.

City officials also would not comment on Landers' placement on administrative leave.

Assistant City Manager David Roberts was named interim city manager dur-

ing a special council meeting Thursday. 'My question is ... I know we just put our city man-

ager on leave and we have our new acting city manager," Councilman Cedric Hicks said during the meeting. "My biggest concern is we were told that he didn't want it.'

Roberts confirmed that he was not asked whether he had any interest in taking the job. 'We have a new acting

city manager. We put the city manager on administrative leave with pay," Councilman Jim Dear responded. "If you want to muck it up, you can keep talking about it."

Mayor Lula Davis-Holmes declined to comment on Rahman's resignation, Faye Moseley's firing or Landers' placement on administrative leave.

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#### WASHINGTON

# Diplomat hearings to start for L.A.'s Garcetti

Senate Foreign Relations committee today will consider appointment of mayor as ambassador to India

By Margaret **Shuttleworth** 

City News Service

Five months after Mayor Eric Garcetti's nomination as ambassador to India was announced by President Joe Biden, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee will consider the matter today.

Garcetti left Los Angeles for Washington, D.C., on Monday and plans to return Wednesday. People can watch the hearing, starting at 7 a.m. Pacific time at bit.ly/3GAHyXo.

During the hearing, the

current ambassador to Tuas ambassador to Pakistan, and University of Pennsylvania President Amy Gutmann as ambassador to Germany.

Biden July 9. Garcetti is entersince he is unable to run again due to term limits. He is scheduled to leave office in December 2022, unless he leaves earlier for the ambassador post.

committee will also con- announcement about the sider the appointments of nomination cited Garcetti's responsibilities overnisia, Donald Armin Blome seeing the Western Hemisphere's busiest container port, the Port of Los Angeles; the largest municipal utility in the country, the Los Angeles Department announced of Water and Power; one Garcetti's nomination on of the busiest airports, Los Angeles International Airing his final year as mayor, port; and his time as chair of the second-busiest transit agency, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan ment in a lawsuit filed by a the COVID-19 pandemic. Transportation Authority.

The White House also credited Garcetti with The White House's July leading the city's success- Garcetti witnessed the that every day I am your June 2022.

Olympics and co-founding Climate Mayors, a coalition of 400 U.S. mayors that adopted the Paris Climate agreement.

Garcetti also served as national co-chair of Biden's presidential campaign.

The nomination in July and the hearing on Tuesday come amid accusations of misconduct and the mayor's office, which Garcetti claims he has not witnessed. His former adviser, Rick Jacobs, has been accused of sexual harass-Los Angeles Police Department officer.

denied the allegation.

A representative for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's chairman, Sen. Robert Menendez, D-New Jersey, told the Los Angeles Times in November the committee was reviewing the lawsuit.

Rumors began in early May that Biden was cona culture of silence within sidering Garcetti for the ambassadorship, but the mayor's office initially said it was speculative and the mayor was focused on guiding the city through

will always be an Ange-The officer claims leno. I want you to know

ful bid to host the 2028 misconduct but turned a mayor, I will continue to blind eye to it. Garcetti has lead this city like it is my first day on the job, with passion, focus, and determination," Garcetti said after his nomination was announced.

The city charter assigns the City Council president, currently Nury Martinez, to serve as acting mayor when the mayor is out of the state. If confirmed by the U.S. Senate, Martinez would become acting mayor until an interim mayor is appointed by the council or a special election is held.

The council is unlikely 'I love Los Angeles and to schedule a special election, since the mayoral primary is already set for

#### **CORONAVIRUS**

# LAPD union's request denied for injunction against vaccine rule

By City News Service

The union representing LAPD officers lost a round on Monday in its lawsuit alleging unfair labor negotiations related to the COVID-19 vaccination mandate for municipal employees — with a judge denying its members' request for a preliminary injunction against the directive.

The Los Angeles Police Protective League alleges the city failed to negotiate in good faith by withholding information about the city's testing contractor, Bluestone. According to the union, the city did not disclose information about the company's contractual obligations, experience level, selection process and other

Court Judge Mitchell L. Beckloff issued a tentative ruling denying the LAP-PL's request for the injunction and heard arguments on Wednesday, but said

sues further and took the case under submission. In Today as COVID cases are his tentative ruling, the judge had said the balancing of harms weighed in favor of protecting the health of the public and the city's work force over considerations for any pending labor issues.

Beckloff issued his 17page final decision Monday. On Nov. 10, he denied the union's request for a temporary restraining order.

City Attorney Mike Feuer issued a statement praising the ruling, noting that the firefighters' union on Dec. 4 was also denied a request for a preliminary injunction in a separate legal action before Judge Mary H. Strobel.

For the second time this Los Angeles Superior month, a court has rejected a shortsighted attempt to halt implementation of the city's vaccine mandate for first responders," Feuer

"Last week marked the dures are exhausted ... on

first COVID vaccination. on the rise in Los Angeles, it's more important than ever that all first responders get vaccinated. My office will continue to do everything we can to uphold the city's efforts to keep all

Angelenos safe.' Despite repeated inquiries, the city has refused to provide the LAPPL with the information it has requested, yet has insisted that testing of unvaccinated employees can only be administered by a city vendor of its choice and with the employee to pay the costs of such tests through paycheck deductions, the suit filed Oct. 29 states.

The union also sought to stop the city from requiring unvaccinated employees to pay for their COVID tests, at \$65 per test, twice a week.

"Moreover, the city has unlawfully refused to wait until local impasse proce-

an emergency which is not ... supported by the facts in employees who receive a this case," the union's court papers state.

Mayor Eric Garcetti called the mandate "critical to protecting the health and safety of our workforce and

the Angelenos we serve.' Through Dec. 18, unvaccinated employees have to submit to two COVID-19 tests per week, and \$65 per test will be deducted from their paychecks. Employees have to get tested during their free time, and has exceeded its authority testing has to be conducted by the city or a vendor ... of the city's choosing," accord- of the normal restriction to ing to the CAO's report ap- not unilaterally implement

he wanted to study the is- one-year anniversary of the grounds of the existence of proved by the City Council. changes of conditions of em-According to that report,

vaccination exemption are

required to test with Blue-

stone once a week, but those

tests will be paid for by the city and be allowed during paid time. Attorney Richard Levine. on behalf of the LAPPL, told the judge during Wednesday's arguments that the

have been the subject of mediation or fact-finding. "Consequently, the city in invoking the emergency exception to relieve itself

vaccine mandate should

ployment prior to exhaustion of impasse resolution proceedings," Levine wrote in his court papers.

Bluestone's parent company, PPS Health, is partially owned by Los Angeles Fire and Police Pensions Commissioner Pedram Salimpour, which prompted the LAPPL president to call for an investigation into potential corruption related to the \$3 million contract with

Bluestone Salimpour also donated \$1,000 to the mayoral campaign of City Attorney Mike Feuer, according to his campaign, which stated that it was an unsolicited donation.

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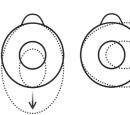
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#### **INFLUENCERS**

# Time magazine spotlights Musk

The founder of Tesla and SpaceX is named its Person of the Year

By the Associated Press

Calling him a "clown, genius, edgelord, visionary, industrialist, showman," Time magazine has named Tesla CEO Elon Musk as its Person of the Year for 2021.

Musk, who is also the founder and CEO of space exploration company SpaceX, recently passed Amazon founder Jeff Bezos as the world's wealthiest person as the rising price of Tesla pushed his Twitter, he offers outlandish assisnet worth to around \$300 billa's stock, which sold for almost mad by roiling markets. \$1,000 a share Monday.

Musk's endeavors, from his found- and away the world's most valu- to save our planet and get us a ing of SpaceX in 2002, to his hand able car company, at one point new one to inhabit."

dition to Tesla, the most valuable magazine emphasizes that its annual acknowledgment is not an award, but rather, "recognition of SpaceX will attempt to launch the person who had the most influence on the events of the year, for good or for ill."

sway Musk holds over an army of loyal followers (and investors) on social media, where he skewers the powerful and also regulators attempting to keep in check an executive that is far from traditional. Before his 66 million followers on tance to the world and drives even lain throne." In its profile of the lion. He owns about 17% of Tes- his own followers and investors

Time cited the breadth of able in recent years, Tesla is far ing: "This is the man who aspires

in the creation of the alternative this year crossing the \$1 trillion energy company SolarCity in ad- market capitalization threshold. Detroit heavyweights Ford and car company in the world. The General Motors are worth less than \$200 billion combined.

Musk said last month that its futuristic, bullet-shaped Starship to orbit in January. NASA has contracted with SpaceX to The magazine also noted the use Starship for delivering astronauts to the lunar surface as early as 2025. Musk said he plans to use the reusable ships to eventually land people on Mars.

Time highlighted Musk's recent admission to his 66 million Twitter followers that half his tweets were "made on a porceprovocative CEO, Time went on to chronicle one of those toilet tweet Though it only became profit- storms in detail before conclud-



Billionaire entrepreneur Elon Musk is shown on the cover of Time magazine's upcoming double issue naming its Person of the Year.

#### **CALIFORNIA**



A hog walks in a holding pen on Ron Mardesen's farm Thursday near Elliott, Iowa. A coalition of California restaurants and grocery stores has filed a lawsuit to block implementation of a farm animal welfare law, adding to uncertainty about whether bacon and other fresh pork products will be prohibitively expensive or available at all in the state when the new rules take effect on New Year's Day. Mardesen already meets the California standards for the hogs he sells to specialty meat company Niman Ranch, which supported passage of animal welfare initiative Proposition 12 and requires all of its roughly 650 hog farmers to give breeding pigs far more room than mandated by the law.

CHARLIE NEIBERGALL

# Will new pork law take effect an. 1? Grocers call for delay

#### **By Scott Mcfetridge** The Associated Press

A coalition of California restaurants and grocery stores has filed a lawsuit to block implementation of a new farm animal welfare law, adding to uncertainty about whether bacon and other fresh pork products will be much more expensive or in short supply in the state when the new rules take effect on New Year's Day.

The lawsuit is the latest step in a tumultuous, three-year process of enacting rules overwhelmingly approved by voters but that remain in question even as the law is set to begin. Since voters approved Proposition 12 by a 2-to-1 ratio in November 2018, state officials have missed deadlines for releasing specific regulations covering the humane treatment of animals that provide meat for the California market.

Most hog producers haven't made now a coalition of business owners right to impose standards on busiis seeking more than a two-year de-

"We're saying this is not going to work," said Nate Rose, a spokesman for the California Grocers Association.

While groups are working to delay the measure, the state has eased has allowed pork processed under the old rules and held in cold storage to be sold in California in 2022, which could prevent shortages for weeks or even months.

imal protection efforts at the Humane Society of the United States, put it, California residents need not fear "pork industry claims of the apocalypse.

Put simply, the law requires that breeding pigs, egg-laying chickens and veal calves be given enough space to stand and turn around. For pigs, that means they no longer can be kept in narrow "gestation crates" and must have 24 square feet of usable space.

Producers of eggs and veal appear able to meet the new law, but hog farmers argued the changes would be too expensive and couldn't be carried out until the state approved final regulations for the new standards. An estimate from North Carolina State University found the new standard would cost about 15% more per animal for a farm with 1,000 breeding

The National Pork Producers changes to comply with the law. And Council has challenged California's nesses in other states, but so far those efforts have failed.

California is the nation's largest market for pork, and producers in major hog states like Iowa provide more than 80% of the roughly 255 million pounds (115 million kilograms) that California's restaurants the transition to the new system. It and groceries use each month, according to Rabobank, a global food and agriculture financial services

> Without that supply, it's unclear if a state that consumes about 13%

As Josh Balk, who leads farm an- of the nation's pork supply will have all the meat it demands. The North American Meat Institute, an industry group, said packers and processors "will do their best to serve the California market.'

"What will happen in California? I don't know," said Michael Formica, the general counsel for the National Pork Producers Council. "One thing we know is there will be finite supplies to sell there.

Adding to the uncertainty is the lawsuit filed last month in Sacramento County by the California Grocers Association, California Restaurant Association, California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce, California Retailers Association and Kruse & Sons, a meat processor. The suit seeks a 28-month delay until final regulations for enforcement of the rules are officially adopted.

California's agriculture and health departments have said the voter-backed measure didn't give them enough time to approve final regulations. The agencies were still accepting public comments for revisions in December. That means it could be months before final rules are approved.

Given that delay, the groups claim in the lawsuit that they can't be sure they're complying and could be subject to penalties stipulated in the

"Our concern is the uncertainty," said Rose, of the grocers association. He said a judge has scheduled a hearing for March, but the group is pushing for an earlier date.

#### **Briefly**

#### Markets retreat from highs as investors await Fed meeting

Technology and energy companies helped pull stocks lower on Wall Street on Monday, a downbeat start to the week following the market's best weekly gain since Febru-

The S&P 500 fell 0.9%, giving back some of its gains after the benchmark index climbed to an alltime high Friday. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 0.9%, while the techheavy Nasdaq composite

Small-company stocks fared worse than the broader market in a signal that investors are concerned about economic growth. The Russell 2000 shed 1.4%.

The market's pullback, with the S&P 500 fresh off its 67th all-time high this year, comes as investors look ahead to the Federal Reserve's latest economic and interest rate policy update on Wednesday. Markets expect the central bank will announce plans to accelerate its timetable for reducing bond purchases aimed at keeping long-term interest rates low.

The S&P 500 fell 43.05 points to 4,668.97. The Dow slid 320.04 points to 35,650.95. The Nasdaq dropped 217.32 points to 15,413.28. The Russell 2000 gave up 31.31 points to 2,180.50.

Several big pharmaceutical companies, including COVID-19 vaccine makers Moderna and Pfizer were among the biggest gainers in the S&P 500 Monday. Moderna jumped 5.8% for the biggest gain in the index. Pfizer rose 4.6% following news it is buying Arena Pharmaceuticals.

More than 60% of the stocks in the S&P 500 fell, with technology stocks, banks and a mix of companies that rely on consumer spending weighing the index down most. Nvidia fell 6.8% for the biggest drop in the S&P 500. Bank of America dropped 2.1% and General Motors slid 6.5%.

Energy stocks took some of the heaviest losses as the price of U.S. crude oil fell 0.5%. Devon Energy slid 5.4%.

Automakers and travelrelated companies also fell. Ford lost 4.8% and Carnival dropped 4.9%.

Bond yields fell. The yield on the 10-year Treasury fell to 1.41% from 1.49% late Friday. That weighed on banks, which rely on higher bond yields to charge more lucrative interest on loans. Capital One fell 2.9%.

Harley-Davidson rose 4.7% after saying it will take its electric motorcycle division public through a blank-check company, valuing the enterprise that has been part of the motorcycle maker for 10 years at \$1.77 billion.

#### **OSHA** probes Amazon warehouse collapse

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration has opened an investigation into the collapse of an Amazon warehouse in Illinois, after a tornado caused major structural damage to the building Friday, a spokesman confirmed to CNN.

At least six Amazon workers died at the warehouse building collapse.

"I can confirm that OSHA has opened an investigation into the building collapse at the Amazon Warehouse in Edwardsville IL due to a tornado. OSHA has had compliance officers at the complex since Saturday, December 11 to provide assistance," said Scott Allen, regional director for public affairs and media relations for the US Department of Labor, in an email Monday.

OSHA, which investigates all workplace fatalities and catastrophes, "has six months to complete its investigation, issue citations and propose monetary penalties if violations of workplace safety and or health regulations are found," Allen added.

A spokesperson for Amazon said in an email Monday that the company is supporting OSHA's ef-

Forty-five people made it out of the Amazon facility, with one person airlifted to a regional hospital for treatment, Edwardsville Fire Chief James Whiteford said during a Saturday evening news conference.

The chief said approximately 150 yards of the building collapsed after the tornado touched down at 8:35 p.m. Friday.

 $Compiled\ from\ Associated$ Press and CNN reports.

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Activision Blizzard Inc	58.70	0.10	0.2
AECOM	73.46	0.44	0.6
AeroVironment Inc	60.03	-3.04	-4.8
Amazon.com Inc	3391.35	-52.89	-1.5
AMC Entertainment Inc	23.24	-4.20	-15.3
American Homes 4 Rent	42.18	0.73	1.8
Amgen Inc	211.39	0.50	0.2
AT&T inc	22.44	-0.40	-1.8
Avery Dennison Corp	210.63	-2.00	-0.9
Bank of America Corp	43.58	-0.94	-2.1
Beyond Meat Inc	63.42	-1.09	-1.7
Big 5 Sporting Goods Corp	19.36	-1.23	-6.0
BitNile Holdings Inc	-	-	-
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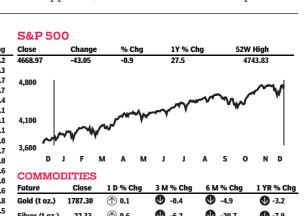
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Edison International 66.88	-0.18	-0.3
EntravisionCommunications 6.76	-0.25	-3.6
Green Dot Corp 34.82	-0.66	-1.9
Guess? Inc 23.37	-0.82	-3.4
Herbalife Nutrition Ltd 37.49	0.12	0.3
Hope Bancorp Inc 14.25	-0.11	-0.8
Jacobs Engineering Group 140.89	-2.55	-1.8
KB Home 43.86	-0.75	-1.7
Kennedy-Wilson Inc 22.34	-0.10	-0.4
Live Nation Entertainment 108.60	-3.27	-2.9
Lockheed Martin Corp 345.55	0.67	0.2
Lyft Inc 38.41	-1.10	-2.8
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Mattel Inc	20.15	-1.10	-5.
Mercury General Corp	52.27	-0.14	-0.
Molina Healthcare Inc	300.94	-2.04	-0.
Northrop Grumman Corp	377.33	6.27	1.
PacWest Bancorp	43.84	-1.08	-2.
Public Storage	355.21	7.21	2.
Raytheon Technologies	84.33	-1.83	-2.
Reliance Steel & Alum Co	156.49	-1.68	-1.
Semtech Corp	85.45	-1.76	-2.
Skechers USA Inc	43.66	-1.69	-3.
Tesla Inc	966.41	-50.62	-5.
TrueCar Inc	3.53	-0.13	-3.
Tutor Perini Corp	12.49	-0.38	-3.
Uber Technologies Inc	35.73	-0.94	-2.

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#### **Tornadoes**

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sheltering those whose homes were destroyed and delivering drinking water and other supplies.

"We're not going to let any of our families go homeless," Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear said in announcing that lodges in state parks were being used to provide shelter.

In Mayfield, one of the hardest hit towns, those who survived faced a high in the 50s and a low below freezing Monday without any utilities.

Our infrastructure is so damaged," Mayfield Mayor Kathy Stewart O'Nan said on "CBS Mornings." have no running water. Our water tower was lost. Our wastewater management was lost, and there's no natural gas to the city. So we have nothing to rely on there. So that is purely survival at this point for so many of our people.'

Across the state, about 26,000 homes and businesses were without electricity, according to poweroutage.us, including nearly all of those in Mayfield. More than 10,000 homes and businesses have no water, and another 17,000 are under boil-water advisories, Kentucky Emergency Management Director Michael Dossett told reporters.

Kentucky was the worst hit by far in the cluster of twisters across several states, remarkable because they came at a time of year when cold weather normally limits tornadoes. At least 74 people died in the state, Beshear said Monday, offering the first specific count of the dead.

Among them were a 2-month-old whose family tried to protect her by putting her in a car seat, a 94-year-old Korean War veteran from Arkansas, a longtime florist in Tennessee who recently "started on her new adventure" as an airport security worker and a Kentucky judge known for

his common sense. In Bowling Green, Ken-



tucky, 11 people died on the same street, including two infants found among the bodies of five relatives near a residence, Warren County coroner Kevin Kirby said.

Beshear warned that it could take days longer to pin down the full death toll, with door-to-door searches impossible in some places.

"With this amount of damage and rubble, it may be a week or even more before we have a final count on the number of lost lives," the governor said.

Initially as many as 70 people were feared dead in the Mayfield Consumer Products candle factory, but the company said Sunday that eight deaths were confirmed and eight people remained missing, while more than 90 others had been located. Bob Ferguson, a spokesman for the company, said many employees gathered in a torsite and were hard to reach because phone service was on Saturday.

Debris from destroyed buildings and shredded trees covered the ground in Mayfield, a city of about 10,000 in western Kentucky. Twisted sheet metal, downed power lines and wrecked vehicles lined the streets. Windows were blown out and roofs torn off the buildings that were still standing.

Five twisters hit Kentucky in all, including one with an extraordinarily long path of about 200 miles, authorities said.

Douglas Koon, his wife, Jackie, and their three children huddled in his mother-in-law's bathroom in Dawson Springs, Kentucky, as the storms approached. The tornado hit the house directly, flinging the family around and tossing a bathtub in the air that was shielding two of his sons. The couple put their infant daughter, Oaklynn, nado shelter, then left the in a car seat to protect her, and she appeared to be OK

thing I've been through, I felt like I was helpless in protecting my kids," Douglas Koon told MSNBC in an interview on Saturday. But by Sunday, the baby was place to stay. Volunteers having seizures, and doctors noticed a brain bleed after she was taken to the hospital. They believed she had a stroke, Koon said in a Facebook post.

Early Monday morning, the family posted that the infant had died.

In addition to the deaths in Kentucky, the tornadoes also killed at least six people in Illinois, where the Amazon distribution center in Edwardsville was hit; four in Tennessee: two in Arkansas, where the nursing home was destroyed and the governor said workers shielded residents with their own bodies; and two in Missouri.

Not far from Mayfield, 67 people spent Sunday night at a church serving as a shelter in Wingo, and 40 more were expected to

"It's the most traumatic arrive Monday. Organizers were working to find a mobile outdoor shower facility and a laundry truck, expecting many of the displaced to need a long-term were scrambling to meet more immediate needs, too, such as underwear and socks.

> Lifelong Mayfield resident Cynthia Gargis, 51, is staying with her daughter after the storm tore off the front of her apartment and sucked out almost everything inside. She came to the shelter to offer help and visit with friends who lost their homes.

"I don't know, I don't see how we'll ever get over this," she said. "It won't ever be the same."

Glynda Glover, 82, said she had no idea how long she would stay at the Wingo shelter: Her apartment is uninhabitable since the wind blew out the windows and covered her bed tion," he said. "There is an in glass and asphalt.

"I'll stay here until we that are 3 feet tall now."

get back to whatever normal is," she said, "and I don't know what normal is anymore."

On the outskirts of Dawson Springs, another town devastated by the storms, homes were reduced to rubble and trees toppled, littering the landscape for a span of at least a mile.

"It looks like a bomb went off. It's just completely destroyed in areas," said Jack Whitfield Jr., the Hopkins County judge-executive. He estimated that more

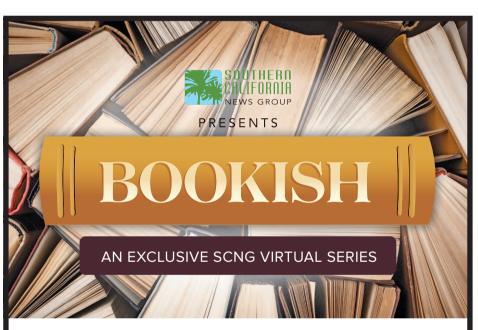
than 60% of the town, including hundreds of homes, was "beyond repair." "A full recovering is go-

ing to take years," he said. Tim Morgan, a volunteer chaplain for the Hopkins County Sheriff's De-

partment, said he's seen

the aftermath of tornadoes

and hurricanes before, but nothing like this. "Just absolute decimaentire hillside of houses



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# Coronavirus

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cases in California has jumped 47% in the past two weeks.

"We know people are tired and hungry for normalcy. Frankly, I am too," California Health and Human Services Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly said Monday. "That said, this is a critical time where we have a tool that we know has worked and can work."

California lifted its statewide mask mandate on June 15 for people who were vaccinated, a date Newsom heralded as the state's grand reopening. But since then, county governments covering about half of the state's population have imposed their own indoor mask mandates as case rates surged with new variants.

The new mask mandate will cover everyone else, but state officials on Monday were unclear about how it would be enforced. Ghaly said enforcement would likely be stronger in because California is still some places than others, operating under an emerbut he urged Californians to heed the warnings and wear masks.

"We know that there's gowho are tired, who aren't ture votes to end it. going to mask," Ghaly said. few and far between, that most people see the purpose tect them and their communities during a very tough time.'

Newsom has issued lots of other coronavirus mandates, including requir- are incredibly frustrated ing state employees, health with this notion that these care workers and, soon, choices should be made public school students and by one person rather than teachers to be vaccinated. in the way that our coun-



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on July 19.

Southern

masks inside

Signs with social distancing guidelines and face mask requirements are posted at an outdoor mall in Los Angeles on June 11. Gov. Gavin Newsom said Monday that his administration is bringing back the statewide mandate that requires people to wear face masks at indoor settings starting Wednesday. It will remain in effect until at least Jan. 15.

gency declaration Newsom issued at the beginning of the pandemic. That emergency declaration will reing to be people who don't main in place until Newsom necessarily agree with this, lifts it or the state Legisla-

Republican Assembly-"We hope that those are man Kevin Kiley, who ran against Newsom for governor during a an unsuccessof doing this over the next ful recall election, has roumonth as something to pro-tinely tried and failed to get the Democratic-dominated Legislature to end the state's emergency declaration.

"I think that people



together having a say and having the freedom to make choices for ourselves," Kiley said. "Gavin Newsom is tak-

to work which is all of us yond what any other gover- Washington, Oregon, Illinor or any other state has done."

California joins other

nois, New Mexico, Nevada, Hawaii and New York. But other Democratic governors states with similar indoor have resisted new restric-The governor can do this try and state are supposed ing actions that go far be-mask mandates, including tions, including Gov. Jared

Polis of Colorado who told Colorado Public Radio last week that "the emergency is over" and "public health (officials) don't get to tell people what to wear."

State officials are afraid of a repeat of last winter, when the state averaged more than 100 cases per 100,000 people during a monster winter surge of the virus when nearly 20,000 people died during an eightweek period.

But that surge was before vaccines were available. Today, more than 70% of California's residents who are eligible have been fully vaccinated against the coronavirus. Even with the recent increase in cases, the state is averaging a little more than 14 cases per day per 100,000 people.

Even so, Ghaly said hospitals in several counties with low vaccination rates are still struggling with lots of patients, including parts of Southern California in Riverside, San Bernardino, Mono and Invo counties. Ghaly warned coronavirus hospitalizations often increase in the weeks following a jump in new cases.

"We are proactively putting this tool of universal indoor masking in public settings in place to ensure we get through a time of joy and hope without a darker cloud of concern and despair." Ghaly said. "Californians have done this before, and we of course believe we can do it again."

California also is tightening existing testing requirements by ordering unvaccinated people attending indoor events of 1,000 people or more to have a negative test within one or two days, depending on the type of test. The state also is recommending travelers who visit or return to California to get tested within five days of their ar-

## Masks

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indoor mask order in July, it was just more of the same.

Take the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, for example: "We will continue to support local and state guidelines and comply with all mandates," read a statement.

Cities, schools and businesses echoed that point.

Restaurants in the county already require masks, except when people are eating. And the state requires students on campus to don face coverings.

But Monday's decision will affect about half of the state's counties. San Bernardino County, for example, had exempted restaurants from its masking requirements. And in Orange County, only unvaccinated patrons were required to wear a mask indoors.

sponses to the move. As the impact of Gov. Gavin Newsom's latest health order ficials fear will be another effective Wednesday spread, it amplified a mix

for the Long Beach Restaurant Association.

Back on July 17, with than 14 per 100,000. concern swirling about health officers implemented essentially the same order the state issued Monday.

Back then, the county had weekend. been "reopen" for roughly 30 days, with a stunning The delta variant was runtrying to get its people vaccinated.

comes as a new variant catch the disease. omicron — threatens pears to be fast-moving, it of vaccination status: remains to be seen if it is as virulent as delta. But the planes, ships, trains, taxis, order also comes as delta buses, ride-shares. continues to swirl during a holiday season that inches closer each day to what of- and child care/youth set- for people, coming from



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Nonetheless, some in Bartender Guy Klender, right, shares a light moment with masked-up customers while celebrating Star Wars Day on L.A. County had strong re- May 4 at Scum and Villainy Cantina, a bar on Hollywood Boulevard in Los Angeles.

seasonal surge.

After a plateau in late of simmering frustration November to early Decemin the county with a sense ber, hospitalizations are on that at least now everyone is the rise again in the county, in the same boat in a fight up another 20 from Sunday against a relentless disease. to 718 on Monday, accord-'While some may be dis- ing to the state. And statecouraged personally with wide, officials cited a 47% this new state mandate, we increase in coronavirus indo believe — at a minimum fection rates since Thanks-- it puts Long Beach res- giving. California Health taurants on an even play- and Human Services Secing field with our peers in retary Dr. Mark Ghaly said neighboring counties," said that over that period, the and long-term care facili-Alex Cherin, spokesperson statewide rate of daily new ties. cases went from 9.6 per 100,000 residents to more ties.

L.A. County saw another the swiftly spreading delta 11 new deaths and 1,123 variant, the county's public new confirmed coronavirus cases, and that was likely a low number reflecting delays in reporting from the

The city and county of L.A. already require masks rise in confirmed cases in in all indoor public setthe period — from 210 on tings and businesses. The June 15 to 1,537 on July 15. county leans on federal and months. state guidance that recomning wild in a county still mended universal masking mask mandate, but honbecause it's clear fully vaccinated people, though in Newsom's latest order much fewer numbers, can

The county requires to take hold. While it ap- masks be worn, regardless

- On public transit air-
- At transit terminals.

"While some may be discouraged personally with this new state mandate, we do believe — at a minimum — it puts Long Beach restaurants on an even playing field with our peers in neighboring counties."

-Alex Cherin, spokesperson for the Long Beach Restaurant

■ In health care settings

• At correctional facili-In homeless and emer-

gency shelters. At all indoor public settings such as theaters, restaurants, bars and concert

and sports venues. As word spread of the mandates, L.A. County and city businesses appeared as seasoned veterans of the health orders, which they've now had to live with for

"We're already under the estly, the new rule will probably make our job a little bit easier because people still argue with us about putting on a mask," said Camila End in Hollywood and The Oaks Tavern in Sherman Oaks. "The rules are silly, but if the whole state is under the same mandate, it ■ Indoors at K-12 schools will create less confusion

other counties. ... At least, there's some consistency."

Then again, there were those who continued to resist the county's orders, let alone anything from the state.

"This mandate will not change anything for West Covina," said West Covina Mayor Dario Castellanos, whose city has not enforced the county mandate, he added. "We will not be enforcing any such mandate. We need to keep our resources on the uptick in crime throughout the state. We will rely on residents to do whatever they feel is best, most comfortable, and safest for themselves and their families."

Locallly, proprietors themselves are tasked with children." ensuring that people are Perry, owner of The North complying with county rules, though inspectors visit establishments conhealth order is punishable by fine or citation.

The resumption of a on Monday.

statewide indoor masking mandate won't have much of an impact on schools, which, under current state and county rules, already require staff and students to mask up while inside a building.

L.A. County Superintendent of Schools Debra Duardo said in a statement that mask mandates "go a long way" toward keeping everyone safe.

"The L.A. County Office of Education has required the use of masks in all indoor spaces, regardless of vaccination status, since went into place in mid-July," Duardo stated. "We know that masks are one of the most powerful tools to keep students safe and schools open. By partnering with the L.A. County Department of Public Health to distribute accurate information about masks, vaccines, testing and other safety protocols, we are helping families and communities across our 80 school districts be confident about the decisions they are making for their

Not everyone applauds such rules, however.

Let Them Breathe, a group which in July filed tinually. Failure to comply a lawsuit against the state with the county's public over its masking requirements for K-12 schools, again criticized the state Service contributed to this

"California is in a race with itself to be the most tyrannical state in the nation, and they are outdoing even themselves," the group tweeted in response to the universal indoor masking mandate.

But many schools have long adopted the county's K-12 mandate, coupled with a strong belief that masks are a known, effective tool to prevent spread.

It was an approach echoed across the county, where indoor mask mandates have been in effect since school started.

"This policy will not change anything at AUSD because we have been mandating masks inside for everyone since school year began," said Alhambra Unified Superintendent Denise Jaramillo. "We have high compliance from students and staff following the indoor mask requirements. Sometimes they need reminders to have the mask over their nose if it slides down, but noncompliance has been minimal."

County Department of Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer has long praised schools for having risen to the occasion, implementing rules aimed to stem the spread of the virus in complex school settings.

Jaramillo said it's been a matter of caution, awareness and common sense.

"I attended a school today, and the kids had been sitting for a presentation for an hour," she said. "Afterwards, teacher gave them a mask/water break. They went outside, removed the mask, drank some water [socially distanced] and the countywide mandate after a little while, they returned to class. All went very smoothly. For the most part, students are used to wearing masks and part of the messaging is for teachers to allow for relief/ breaks as needed.'

One fact that all appear to agree on: They want this pandemic to be over, including the state's health chief.

"We know people are tired and hungry for normalcy," Ghaly said Monday. "Frankly, I am, too. That said, this is a critical time where we have a tool that we know has worked and can work."

Mike Sprague, Olga Grigoryants, Linh Tat, Harry Saltzgaver, Robert Morales and City News report.

## L.A. County

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those who need boosters, and those that are newly eligible.

"We have also learned that this network is not just focused on ensuring access, rather, this network needs to engage in outreach, provide culturally respectful information, and connect residents to additional needed supports.'

According to the county, there are roughly 3.4 million people currently eligible for a booster shot who have not vet received one, and 2.2 million people aged 5 and over who have not yet received their first dose.

The news came on a day the state announced a 47% increase in COVID infections rates statewide in the weeks since Thanksgiving prompting the implementation of a statewide indoor mask-wearing mandate, mirroring the one that has remained in place in Los Angeles County.

The upward trends affecting the state have been noticeable in L.A. County, with Ferrer last week saying the rising numbers are indicative of a post-Thanksgiving spike that could lead to a feared winter surge in infections.

the county's seven-day average daily number of new cases topped 1,000 - a 19%increase from the previous

The county's average daily rate of new infections rose to 13 per 100,000 residents in early December, up from 8 per 100,000 residents the previous week. The sevenday cumulative rate of infections rose to 113 per 100,000, moving the county back into the category of "high" transmission as defined by U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The county was previously in the less-severe "substantial" transmission category. That category requires a county to have a cumulative seven-day transmission rate of less than 100 cases per 100,000 residents.

On Monday, the county reported another 11 COVID-19 deaths, lifting its overall virus-related death toll to

Another 1,123 cases were also reported, for a cumulative pandemic total of

According to state figures, there were 718 people hospitalized with COVID-19 in the county as of Monday, up from 698 on Sunday. Of those patients, 190 were being treated in intensive care. up from 179 on Sunday.

So far, the county has

She said that on Dec. 1, confirmed a total of seven cases of the Omicron variant of COVID-19, while Long Beach — which has its own health department — has confirmed one.

> The omicron variant has been deemed a "variant of concern" by the World Health Organization and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. However, it remains unclear if the variant is more easily transmitted or can cause more severe illness. The previously identified Delta variant blamed for the most recent surge in cases nationwide – remains the dominant mutation in circulation, representing more than 99% of all COVID-19 specimens that have undergone genetic testing in the county, Ferrer said this week.

> According to the most recent figures, 83% of county residents aged 12 and over have received at least one dose of vaccine, and 75% are fully vaccinated. Of all eligible residents aged 5 and over, 77% have received at least one dose, and 69% are fully vaccinated.

> Of the more than 6.15 million fully vaccinated people in the county, 84,931 have tested positive, or about 1.38%. A total of 2,798 vaccinated people have been hospitalized, for a rate of 0.046%, and 537 have died, for a rate of 0.009%.

### L.A. County coronavirus cases

**1,540,200** 15.4% of population

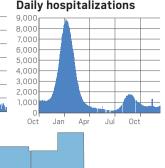
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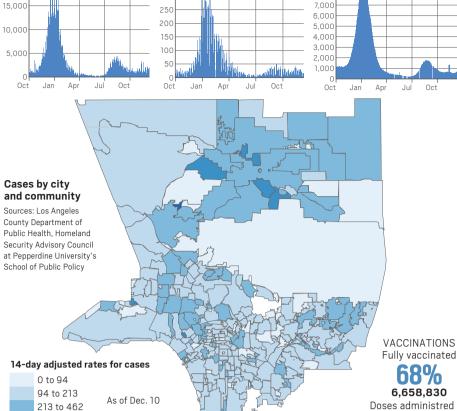
**Daily cases** 

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HOSPITALIZATIONS Nine new

patients since 28% in ICUs Sunday **Daily hospitalizations** 





### **Mandates**

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pected to vote on the proposal today.

"The goal of public safety, including the safety of those in school communities, is to be reached by implementing comprehensive and uniform school-wide, District-wide and community-wide measures to ensure the safety of students and employees within our teaching and learning environments," the report goes on to say.

It's critical, the report states, that vaccination policies be consistent throughout the community, since students transfer between LAUSD and non-district schools and some families have children enrolled in both types of schools.

Under district policy, students 12 and older, with limited exceptions, must be vaccinated against the coronavirus. Until last week, district officials had insisted that students must comply before the start of second semester in January.

But officials are reconsidering the deadline.

Both the possible delay in enforcing the student mandate as well as a proposal to extend the district's vaccinaLAUSD-authorized charter schools are listed under the same agenda item.

The vaccination mandates already apply to charter schools that operate on a district site. This week's proposal would expand the policies so that they would apply to all other charter schools authorized by the LAUSD school board, including ones that don't operate on district properties.

It was unclear Monday how many additional charter schools - and, for thatmatter, how many more school employees and students — would be impacted by the mandates should the LAUSD board extend its policies. The vaccination requirement would apply to contractors and other adults who provide services on campuses as well.

Ricardo Soto, the California Charter Schools Association's general counsel, indicated in a statement that the association supports extending the vaccination mandates to more schools.

"The fast-spreading omicron variant of the coronavi-COVID cases since Thanksgiving, is vet another reminder that we need to work together to ensure L.A.'s public school campuses are safe,

tion mandates to include all and kids are ready to learn," he stated.

> "COVID-19 vaccines and boosters have been shown to be safe and effective," Soto added. "I hope that all who are medically able will choose to be vaccinated, it is an important tool in our toolkit to bring an end to this terrible pandemic and keep students in schools and mitigate further learning loss."

> If the school board extends the mandates, district officials would obtain input from charter school operators to establish a timeline for when their employees would have to be fully vaccinated, the district said in the staff report.

> School employees who work for LAUSD or for charter schools that already must comply with the mandate were to have received their second COVID-19 vaccine dose by Nov. 15. Nearly 500 LAUSD employees were fired last week for failure to comply with the mandate, and additional firings or settlements are expected in the future.

As for the student vaccinarus, and the recent surge in tion mandate, 86.5% of students 12 and older attending LAUSD schools appeared on track to comply with the requirement as of last week, the district reported.

But that still leaves more rate. than 30,000 students who have yet to provide proof of compliance and who potentially could be forced to transfer to City of Angels, the district's online independent study program, if they're not fully vaccinated by the start of second semester in January.

462 to 1,074

1,074 to 2,675

The logistical nightmare of enrolling such a large load of students to City of Angels — a program that's already struggling to provide services to the more than 16,000 students currently enrolled there — has been top of mind for many.

In announcing that officials will consider holding off on enforcing its student mandate, the district never said explicitly it had to do with the high volume of students who have vet to comply. But many — including an attorney representing families opposed to the mandate — have claimed that's exactly the reason officials are reconsidering forcing students to transfer to the independent study program

Instead, the district framed the upcoming board discussion about pushing back the enforcement deadline in a more positive way, saying it's in response to the already high vaccination

"Supporting families who may not have had access to the COVID-19 vaccines, or who have not received information enabling them to make an informed choice about vaccinations, remains the top priority for Los Angeles Unified," the staff report to the board states. "Accordingly, the District is delay-

ing the transfer of students to online independent study instruction until the beginning of the Fall semester 2022.

15,817,528

Tuesday's discussion is scheduled for the board's 2 p.m. meeting. Parents opposed to the mandate are expected to rally outside the district office during the meeting.



#### AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS Celebrating Lives & Legacies Visit dailybreeze.com and sign the online registry expressing condolences for friends and loved ones who have passed away.

**Angelene Michelle Esposito Burch** May 28, 1928 -**December 5, 2021** 

Angelene (Angie) Michelle Esposito Burch was born on May 28, 1928 in San Pedro, California, to Leslie and Rachel Esposito. She passed peacefully at



home on December 5, 2021, at the age of 93. She is survived by two children, Robin Thurber (husband Glenn), David Burch (wife Diana) and three grandchildren, Amanda Adams (husband Chris), Hannah Burch and Jimmy Burch. Angie loved growing up in San Pedro. She told stories of how she loved going to the "show" with her Grandmother Angelina Esposito at various theatres in town. While growing up, two of her best friends were her Uncle Jimmy Esposito and Lucy Curci. Angie was very proud that she brought her two friends together, later they married and spent many happy years together. She graduated from San Pedro High School in W'47, and remained close friends throughout the years with four of her classmates. After graduating from high school Angie went to work for Mesa General Contractor. Shortly after she began working, a red head from Hot Springs Arkansas also came to work there by the name of R.G. Burch. Every day the two of them would sit out in the sunshine and have lunch together. They were married on May 13, 1951 at the old Mary Star of the Sea Church. In 2021, they celebrated their 70th year anniversary. Later Angie began working for Gerken Florist on Nineth Street, just two doors down from her parents' house. This began her 35-year career as a florist and business owner. She loved bringing joy to people through flowers. In her spare time, Angie enjoyed collecting antiques, collector plates, and bears. In 1989, R.G. and Angie moved from her beloved San Pedro to Desert Hot Springs to join her father and sister living there. She especially enjoyed spending time with her sister. They loved cruising around the

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neighborhood in their golf cart, the wind in their hair. In 2004,

they moved to Grapeview. Washington to be closer to their

children and grandchildren. Angie loved spending time with

her family, especially her grandchildren. Angie was a devoted

wife, mother, and grandmother. She will be greatly missed by her husband and family. Service will be held at Green Hills

Memorial Park on December 15th, 2021 at 2:00pm.

# **Amenities**

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"The idea is to look at all the different components that are recreational or visitor oriented, waterfront related, and start to put together a comprehensive framework," Proud said.

It's been nearly a decade since Redondo Beach launched its most recent waterfront revitalization campaign. In 2013, the city voted to approve the EIR with commercial developer CenterCal Properties.

However, the plan for a \$400 million waterfront makeover was thrown off course when Redondo Beach voters passed Measure C in 2017, limiting development on the city's waterfront. Additionally, the city council canceled its lease agreement with CenterCal.

In response, Redondo Beach Waterfront LLC, a subsidiary of Center-Cal Properties, sued the city, seeking \$15 million in damages. The commercial developer argues the city breached its contract by canceling the lease agreement. That case is set for cording to Los Angeles front. County court records.

Redondo Beach and president of Rescue Our Waterfront, said focusing future waterfront development on recreational uses is the right thing to do.

'We're actually putting the amenities first," Craig said. "The last time we did this, we had a developer come in, slam in their development, and they were going to shoehorn in amenities around it.'

The nonprofit R.O.W., formed in 2015, has a mission of preserving King Harbor as a recreational area. The group was instrumental in the passing of Measure C in 2017.

Among the recreational facilities to be addressed in the new plan include the Sportfishing Pier, Seaside Lagoon, Moonstone Park and the international boardwalk, according to Proud. The plan will also include details about the construction of a public boat launch and dinghy dock.

the planning process, this time, said Proud, is the city is looking to create a holis-

a trial in August 2022, ac- tic experience on the water-

In the past, we've done Wayne Craig, a native of individual planning for certain pieces, but we've never really taken a comprehensive approach to looking at all of the different amenities and how they relate to

one another," Proud said. Proud said the King Harbor Amenities Plan also improves the pedestrian experience.

'So one of the goals of the plan is to hopefully connect all of these pieces together and ultimately create some kind of an experience that gets you from point A to point B, more cohesively than exists today," Proud said.

This includes creating a framework that connects Mole C to the Horseshoe Pier, Proud said.

price tag for individual projects, Proud said. Instead, the city will assess each one and ultimately determine costs.

And, according to Proud, there's not one specific funding source. Rather, the projects would be paid for The key difference in from multiple sources, including some as part of the city's regular capital improvement program.

The city is also looking at outside funding sources, Proud said.

For example, in July the state awarded Redondo Beach \$10 million in a special allocation to revamp the Seaside Lagoon. The popular attraction would require an additional \$10 million to enclose it for year-round use, said Brand at the time.

Craig said he is looking forward to getting as much public input as possible at the community planning meetings

"This time around, we now have a seat at the table, which will allow the public to have a say in how their harbor is going to look for the future," Craig said. "And it's going to be a good future."

The King Harbor Ame-Currently, there is no nities Planning community meeting will be held virtually via Zoom on Wednesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

There will be at least two additional community planning meetings, as well as additional outreach to the community, according to Proud.

For more information about the King Harbor Amenities Plan, go to khamenitiesplan.com.

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# Fees

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The fee is one of several efforts aimed at speeding the processing of cargo at the San Pedro Port Complex and eliminate a backlog of ships trying to deliver merchandise. Port of

when the policy was announced that about 40% of import containers were idling at terminals for at least nine days.

Los Angeles' harbor commissions unanimously approved the policy on Oct. if they are at the port for 29, to be in effect for 90 three days or more.

per container, increasing by \$100 per container each day. Containers set to be transported by truck will incur fines if they remain Both Long Beach and at the port for nine days or more. For rail containers, fines will be assessed

Fees collected from the The fines, if imple-policy will be reinvested Los Angeles officials said mented, will begin at \$100 into programs that aim to stakeholders.

enhance efficiency, accelerate cargo velocity and address congestion impacts. The policy to implement

fees was developed in co-

ordination with the Biden-Harris Supply Chain Disruptions Task Force, the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Port of Long Beach and supply chain

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#### **RACIAL INJUSTICE**

#### Chauvin expected to plead guilty in Floyd civil rights case

MINNEAPOLIS » Former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin appears to be on the verge of pleading guilty to violating George Floyd 's civil rights, according to a notice sent out Monday by the court's electronic filing system.

The federal docket entry shows a hearing has been scheduled for Wednesday for Chauvin to change his current not guilty plea in the case. These types of notices indicate a defendant is planning to plead guilty. The court system also sent out instructions for media to attend the hearing. Chauvin has already been convicted of state murder and manslaughter charges for pinning his knee against Floyd's neck as the Black man said he couldn't breathe during a May 25, 2020 arrest. He was sentenced to  $22\frac{1}{2}$  years in that case.

He and three other former officers — Thomas Lane, J. Kueng and Tou Thao — were set to go to trial in late January on federal charges alleging they willfully violated Floyd's rights.

- The Associated Press

#### RACE AND ETHNICITY



Honoring victims of racial violence: A section of two handcrafted quilts adorned with more than 115 cross-stitched portraits honoring African Americans who lost their lives to racial violence, is photographed while on display at the Margaret Walker Center on the Jackson State University campus, Nov. 30, in Jackson, Miss.

#### UNITED KINGDOM

#### Surging omicron variant sparks a rush on booster vaccinations

LONDON » Long lines formed Monday at vaccination centers across England as people heeded the government's call for all adults to get booster shots to protect themselves against the omicron variant, and as the U.K. recorded its first death of a patient infected with omicron.

In a televised announcement late Sunday, Prime Minister Boris Johnson said everyone 18 and older would be offered a third vaccine dose by Dec. 31 - less than three weeks away, and a month earlier than the previous target. Johnson said boosters would "reinforce our wall of vaccine protection" against an anticipated "tidal wave of omicron."

U.K. health authorities say omicron cases are doubling every two to three days in Britain, and that the variant will replace delta as the dominant coronavirus strain within days. Health Secretary Sajid Javid told lawmakers Monday that omicron will be dominant in London within 48 hours.

– The Associated Press

#### **MINNESOTA**

#### Pathologist: Wright's gunshot wound wasn't survivable

MINNEAPOLIS » The trial of a Minnesota police officer charged in the shooting death of Daunte Wright opened its second week of testimony on Monday with an assistant medical examiner telling jurors that the gunshot wound was not survivable and caused Wright's death.

Prosecutors also highlighted the differences between the Officer Kim Potter's handgun and the Taser that her lawyers say she had intended to

Wright, 20, was killed on April 11 after being pulled over in the Minneapolis suburb of Brooklyn Center for having expired license plate tags and an air freshener hanging from his rearview mirror. Potter, 49, is charged with manslaughter.

Potter, a 26-year police veteran who resigned two days after the shooting, said she meant to draw her Taser to stop Wright after he pulled away and got back in his car as officers tried to arrest him on a warrant for a weapons charge.

- The Associated Press

#### **AFGHANISTAN**

#### No troops disciplined in U.S. strike killing Afghan civilians

**WASHINGTON** » No U.S. troops involved in the August drone strike that killed innocent Kabul civilians and children will face disciplinary action, U.S. defense officials said Monday.

Officials said that Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin has approved recommendations on the disciplinary matter from the generals who lead U.S. Central Command and Special Operations Command, based on the findings of an independent Pentagon review released last month.

The review, done by Air Force Lt. Gen. Sami Said and endorsed by Austin in November, found there were breakdowns in communication and in the process of identifying and confirming the target of the bombing, which killed 10 civilians. But he concluded that the strike was a tragic mistake. The Aug. 29 drone strike on a white Toyota Corolla, killed Zemerai Ahmadi and nine family members, including seven children. Ahmadi, 37, was a longtime employee of an American humanitarian organization.

- The Associated Press

#### **ENVIRONMENT**

#### Russia vetoes resolution that links climate change, security

NEW YORK » Russia on Monday vetoed a first-of-its-kind U.N. Security Council resolution casting climate change as a threat to international peace and security, a vote that sank a years-long effort to make global warming a more central consideration for the U.N.'s most powerful body.

Spearheaded by Ireland and Niger, the proposal called for "incorporating information on the security implications of climate change" into the council's strategies for managing conflicts and into peacekeeping operations and political missions, at least sometimes. The measure also asked the U.N. secretary-general to make climate-related security risks "a central component" of conflict prevention efforts and to report on how to address those risks in hot spots.

Stronger storms, rising seas, more frequent floods and droughts and other effects of warming could inflame social tensions and conflict. Some 113 of the U.N.'s 193 member countries supported it.

The Associated Press

#### SUPREME COURT

#### Justices won't block vaccine mandate for NY health workers

**WASHINGTON** » The Supreme Court refused Monday to halt a COVID-19 vaccine requirement for health care workers in New York that does not offer an exemption for religious reasons.

The court acted on emergency appeals filed by doctors, nurses and other medical workers who say they are being forced to choose between their jobs and religious beliefs.

As is typical in such appeals, the court did not explain its order, although it has similarly refused to get in the way of vaccine mandates elsewhere.

Justices Neil Gorsuch, Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito dissented. "Now, thousands of New York healthcare workers face the loss of their jobs and eligibility for unemployment benefits," Gorsuch wrote in a 14-page opinion that Alito joined.

New York is one of just three states, along with Maine and Rhode Island, that do not accommodate health care workers who object to the vaccine on religious grounds.

- The Associated Press

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#### **BOY SCOUTS**

# Insurer agrees to \$800M settlement

By Randall Chase The Associated Press

**DOVER, DEL.** » Attorneys in the Boy Scouts of America bankruptcy case have reached a tentative settlement under which one of the organization's largest insurers would contribute \$800 million into a fund for victims of child sexual abuse.

agreement an-The nounced Monday calls for Century Indemnity Co. and affiliated companies to contribute \$800 million into the fund in return for being released from further liability for abuse claims. The payment would bring the amount of money in the proposed trust to more than \$2.6 billion, which would be the largest sexual abuse settlement in U.S. history.

The settlement comes as more than 82,000 sexual abuse claimants face a Dec. 28 deadline to vote on a previously announced Boy Scouts reorganization plan.

That plan called for the Boys Scouts and its roughly 250 local councils to contribute up to \$820 million in cash and property into a fund for victims. They also would assign certain insurance rights to the fund. In return, the local councils and national organization would be released from further liability for sexual abuse claims. The plan also includes settlement agreements involving another one of the Boy Scouts' major insurers, The Hartford, and the BSA's former largest troop sponsor, the Mormon church. The Hartford has agreed to pay \$787 million into the victims' fund, and the Mormons have agreed to contribute \$250 million. In exchange, both entities would be released from any further liability involving child sex abuse claims.

#### **CORONAVIRUS**

# In two years, 1 of every 100 older Americans has perished

By Julie Bosman, Amy Harmon and Albert Sun The New York Times

As the coronavirus pandemic approaches the end of a second year, the United States stands on the cusp of surpassing 800,000 deaths from the virus, and no group has suffered more than older Americans. All along, older people have been known to be more vulnerable, but the scale of loss is only now coming into full view.

States — or about 600,000 have perished so far in 100 older Americans younger Americans. has died from the virus. 65, that ratio is closer to 1 in 1,400.

older people has dominated life for many, partly our services.'

younger age groups and of younger people among United States increased and are dining out less. this year, but, in the past of older people has risen once again, according to Disease Control and Prevention. More than 1,200 working – and considered are dying from COVID-19 to get the virus, some exeach day, most of them 65

or older. In both sharp and sub- direct, indirect — that we ease or dementia.



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Seventy-five percent of Coffins hold Maria Serrano, 98, and her son Victor, 67, people who have died of who both died after complications from COVID-19, at Park the virus in the United Lawn Cemetery in Los Angeles in February 2021.

have been 65 or older. One divide between older and

For people younger than country, older Americans say they have continued to endure the isolation and The heightened risk for fear associated with the pandemic long after tens of millions of younger and as friends and family try middle-aged people have to protect them. "You get gone back to work and kind of forgotten," said Pat school and largely resumed Hayashi, 65, of San Fran- normal lives. Older people cisco. "In the pandemic, are still falling seriously the isolation and the lone- ill in great numbers, parliness got worse. We lost ticularly if they are unvacour freedom and we lost cinated, and hospitals in the Midwest, New England have been vaccinated at Worried about their risks, three months. a much higher rate than and the ongoing warnings from health officials about yet the brutal toll on them the added dangers for older mer 2020, then quickened has persisted. The share people, many of them are throughout the fall and still curtailing travel and

> At the same time, the to workplaces is also creatwho are older — but still these ways - subtle, overt, accidents, Alzheimer's dis-

of the nearly 800,000 who tle ways, the pandemic are not taking the needs of has amplified an existing older people in this pandemic into account," said Louise Aronson, a geriatri-In interviews across the cian at UC San Francisco and author of "Elderhood."

The pandemic is no longer in the early, dark days of spring 2020, when the mysterious virus was sweeping through nursing homes and assisted living facilities and killing people in staggeringly high numbers, particularly those with preexisting health is-

After the first known coronavirus death in the United States in Febru-Since vaccines first be- and the Southwest have ary 2020, the virus's death came available a year been strained with an in-toll in this country reached ago, older Americans flux of patients this month. 100,000 people in only

The pace of deaths slowed throughout sumwinter, and then slowed all virus deaths in the visits with grandchildren, again this spring and summer.

By now, COVID-19 two months, the portion push by many companies has become the thirdto have employees return leading cause of death among Americans 65 and data from the Centers for ing new tension for adults older, after heart disease and cancer. It is responsible for about 13% of all people in the United States at higher risk if they were deaths in that age group since the beginning of perts said. "There's all 2020, more than diabetes,

#### **CAPITOL INSURRECTION**

### Panel votes for contempt charges against Meadows

By Mary Clare Jalonick violence and Farnoush Amiri The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** » The House panel investigating the Jan. 6 Capitol insurrection voted Monday to recommend contempt charges Meadows against former White House chief of staff Mark Meadows as lawmakers revealed a series of frantic texts he received as the at-

tack was underway. The texts, provided by Meadows before he ceased cooperating with the committee, revealed that members of Congress, Fox News anchors and even President Donald Trump's own quickly to stop the siege by his supporters.

breaking into the Capitol, sending lawmakers running for their lives and interrupting the certification of President Joe Biden's victory. "He has to lead now. It has gone too far and gotten out of hand."

got to condemn this s-ASAP."

Cheney of Wyoming, the panel's vice chairwoman, gling him out for crimidetailed the texts obtained by the committee as the panel voted to tions about what he knows recommend the contempt charges against Meadows, who did not show up for a deposition last week after his lawyer said he would stop cooperating.

charges. The House is ex- cause Meadows was one of pected to vote Tuesday to Trump's top aides and all refer the charges to the Justice Department, which forded executive privilege will decide whether to to shield their private conprosecute the former Republican congressman.

show Trump's "supreme dereliction" as he refused to strongly condemn the burdensome."



of his supporters, and also raise questions about whether he sought to obstruct the congressional certification

through inaction. "These texts leave no doubt," Cheney said. "The White House knew exactly what was happening at the

Capitol." The vote comes as the panel has already interviewed more than 300 witnesses, and subpoenaed more than 40 people, as son were urging Mead- it seeks to create the most ows to push Trump to act comprehensive record yet of the lead-up to the insurrection and of the violent "We need an Oval adsiege itself. The commitdress," Donald Trump Jr. tee's leaders have vowed texted Meadows as his to punish anyone who father's supporters were doesn't comply, and the Justice Department has already indicted longtime Trump ally Steve Bannon after he defied his subpoena this fall.

"Whatever legacy he thought he left in the House, this is his legacy Trump Jr. added, "He's now," committee Chairman Bennie Thompson, D-Miss., said of Meadows Republican Rep. Liz ahead of the vote. "His former colleagues sinnal prosecution because he wouldn't answer quesabout a brutal attack on our democracy. That's his legacy."

In a Monday letter to Thompson, Meadows' attorney George Terwil-The panel voted 9-0 to liger said the contempt recommend the contempt vote would be "unjust" bepresidents should be afversations. Meadows himself sued the panel, asking Cheney said the texts a court to invalidate two subpoenas that he says are "overly broad and unduly

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**Editorial** 

# Biden falling approval isn't a real surprise

According to a recent aggregate of polls by FiveThirtyEight, President Joe Biden's approval rating has plunged nearly 12 percentage points since May to just 43%. This is no surprise. Biden vowed as a candidate to restore norms disregarded by President Trump and at his inauguration emphasized the value of unity. Since then, he has prioritized a costly legislative agenda further to the left than what most Americans want.

Back in April, after Biden rammed through a \$1.9 trillion spending bill without a single Republican vote and began entertaining ideas on court-packing, this editorial board wondered, "The question is how far Biden is actually willing to go and how much longer he can shift policy discussions to the left without running into the inevitable backlash.'

Eight months later, it looks like that backlash is in full swing. Zooming in, it's clear most Americans aren't satisfied with Biden's leadership on key issues.

According to a recent survey by ABC and Ipsos, 69% of Americans disapprove of how Biden is handling inflation.

For the one-year period leading to November, consumer prices surged 6.8%, the highest annual rate since 1982.

This is effectively a tax on all Americans, with the harshest effects falling on lower-income Americans.

On top of this, 57% of Americans disapprove of Biden's handling of the ongoing economic recovery.

President Biden has been all-in on federal profligacy as the key to getting America's economy moving again.

His key legislative package. so-called Build Back Better, would increase the federal deficit by \$3 trillion, according to a recent analysis by the Congressional Budget Office, if its

provisions were made perma-

The sprawling package, while touted by self-avowed democratic socialist Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vermont, as supported by most Americans, isn't even well-supported.

On Dec. 9, a NPR/Marist poll found that just 41% of Americans support the Build Back Better bill. Just 46% think the package will help create jobs that pay better, but even fewer (42%) think it will help people like themselves.

Meanwhile, the NPR/Marist poll indicates that 61% of Americans, including 65% of independents, think the country is heading in the wrong direction.

Add to that the impressively low approval ratings of Vice President Kamala Harris (as low as 28%, according to a USA Today/Suffolk poll), and it's clear President Biden is promoting unity, of sorts, against his administration and his priorities.

It is unfortunate that President Biden hasn't been the collaborative, centrist force he was as a senator. Heading into an election year that increasingly favors Republicans, Biden and the Democratic leadership in Congress show little signs of adapting to the reality that just because a majority of Americans were understandably tired of President Trump, that doesn't mean they'll just go along with anything.

#### **ECONOMICS**

# Left-leaning economists undercut premise of BBB

#### By Scott A. Hodge

As the Senate considers the House-passed version of the Build Back Better Act (BBB), which promises to make Washington's tax-and-spending systems more progressive, lawmakers should consider the findings of a new study by the Paris-based World Inequality Lab. That's the organization codirected by progressives' favorite French economists, Thomas Piketty, of the Paris School of Economics, and Emanuel Saez and Gabriel Zucman of the University of California at Berkeley.

Titled "Why is Europe More Equal Than the United States?' the study finds that the U.S. tax system is more progressive than Europe's. In fact, the U.S. redistributes more to the bottom 50% of taxpayers than any country in Europe. Yet, we somehow remain one of the most unequal countries.

This begs the question: is the solution more of the same taxand-spend policies found in the BBB?

The study finds that since 1980, income inequality has risen faster in the U.S. than in Europe. Although the U.S. may be richer overall, our poor are found to be poorer than Europe's poor and our rich are found to be richer than Europe's rich. This wasn't always the case. In 1980, our bottom 50%'s share of pretax national income was slightly higher than in Europe and has declined fur ther and faster since.

While the U.S. collects less in taxes and social contributions as a share of national income (28%) than Europe (47%), the study finds "the taxation pro-file is unambiguously more progressive in the United States." They say that "the top 1% face a tax rate higher than 30% in the US," while "bottom income groups are taxed at an average rate that is nearly twice as small in the US as in Europe."

Despite progressives' claims that the those at the top aren't paying their fair share, the study finds that "the US stands out as the country with the highest level of progressivity: the top decile faces a tax rate that is more than 70% higher than that of the poorest half of the population." And while



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Vice President Kamala Harris applauds as President Joe Biden addresses a joint session of Congress on April 28, 2021. Some economist have concerns of the president's Build Back Better Act.

BBB would make our income tax system even more progressive, these economists note that the U.S. already stands out "as one of the countries where the top 10% pay the largest share of their pretax income in the form of income and wealth taxes.'

Looking at the net impact of taxes and transfers on inequality, the "US tax-and-transfer system appears to be unequivocally more progressive" than in European countries. The top 10% saw their average incomes decrease more after taxes and transfers than their counterparts in Europe. Meanwhile, "the US stands out as the country that redistributes the greatest fraction of national income to the bottom 50%."

By the authors' estimates, "taxes and transfers reduce inequality more in the US than in Europe." But they conclude, it is the starting point, pretax inequality, that explains why the U.S. has a bigger gap between the rich and poor than does Europe. Thus, in their view, more study is needed of how "predistribution policies such as access to education and healthcare or labor market regulations" can

impact pretax incomes. Progressives will claim that BBB addresses such issues. But we have been playing this game for years: raise taxes, increase spending, blame the other side for the failures. Perhaps the reason the U.S. has persistent inequality is seeded in issues outside the scope of our tax code. Limited public school options, an unreliable Medicaid system and freezing workers out of selfhelp jobs by occupational licensing regulations have removed the ladder of opportunity for too many.

We can address those issues without job-killing tax hikes and in fact could use our tax code to truly help low-income Americans. Indeed, a recent study found that full expensing of capital investments led to greater hiring of lowskilled workers, while another study found that the economic burden of the corporate income tax is disproportionately borne by low-skilled, young and female workers, suggesting that the corporate tax hikes in the BBB plan would harm the very people the plan is intended to help.

Sometimes it is possible to help people too much.

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#### **Ouestion of the Week**

# What are you doing on New Year's Eve?

Last year at "the holidays" – Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, Boxing Day, New Year's Eve and Day - we knew the answer to the question, What are you doing to cele-

Nothing. Nada. Bupkis. Oh, we did mark the holy and the merely fun occasions. But, pre-vaccinations for the novel coronavirus, the vast majority of us did so either alone or in the little family pods that responsible people had to stick to, gatheringswise, in order to lessen the spread of the deadly virus that causes COVID-19 and led to a worldwide pandemic.

Then, in January — just 11 months ago! - the first Americans were vaccinated, and within months the highly effective preventative was available to almost all of us. First shot. Second shot. Then came the boosters. Yes, it's still possible to come down with the disease. But its serious effects are usually dramatically lowered, and far fewer lives are in danger. What a blessing.

But the viral variants are concerning. Delta is still with us, and so is the omicron. Practical masks in public are making a comeback, not that they ever went entirely away. So we're not quite where we

thought we might be.

That said, What are you doing New Year's Eve? And all of the other holidays in our near

That's our Question of the Week for readers.

Post-vaccines, did you have big plans for the holidays that included all of your family and friends, but that are now being adjusted a tad? Or even ratcheting down to very small plans indeed, out of caution?

Or are you instead going full speed ahead, attending and giving large parties, just as in the Before Times?

Are you going on a holiday trip — airplanes, ships, a long and relaxing train ride - and feeling good about it? Or is there some trepidation?

If you are throwing a bash, are you making it a fully-vaccinated-only event? Or is it come as you are — vaxed or not?

When you're on the town, do you feel more comfortable entering venues asking for proof of vaccination? Or is that an annoying bureaucratic intrusion? Is the mask easy by now, or a further annoyance?

Email your thoughts to opinion@scng.com. Please include your full name and city or community of residence. Provide a daytime phone number (it will not be published).

#### Letters

Readers respond to **Question of the Week:** Is press too hard on **President Joe Biden?** 

#### Of course the press is too hard on President Biden

Is the press too hard on Biden? Of course. Instead of giving the new president the benefit of support for new policies and time to build them, the press continues a war of incivility and pre-election sniping. Perhaps they subscribe to the "Faux News" concept of using shrill hysteria to sell papers? Opinion pages (this newspaper is an excellent example) regularly print divisive letters of unsubstantiated rumor and vitriol against the president, those who voted for him and social policies proposed to benefit schools, women and other under-served groups. This constant "anti-liberal" slant is un-

doubtedly one reason subscriptions have diminished. I won't pay to read constant propaganda by a permanently biased editorial staff.

— Pam Wright, Pasadena

#### Absolutely not

The press treats President Biden with kid gloves. Biden supporters think he is being picked on over the issues of inflation, immigration, supplychain blockages and his handling of COVID-19. Well, maybe if the press and, more importantly, the public could get some answers, maybe they wouldnb stop hounding him. It's a joke to compare the way the press handled Trump and now Biden. The press was relentless hammering Trump. Now they want to know what kind of ice cream cone Biden's eating. No, no, no one can question the president on Hunter Biden who has a shady reputation but let one of the Trump kids mispronounce a word and the press was all over them. And as for Dana Milbank of the Washington Post who thinks the press has been harder on Biden than Trump, he needs his head examined.

– Terry Winn, Lomita

#### Press is not hard on Biden

Of course the press is always going to exaggerate the truth to draw attention but the press is simply stating facts on our leader.

Liberals are quick to justify hard press on former President Trump but will find any way to contradict negative press on Biden. President Biden has made a lot of mistakes in office and the press is just informing

This is why I feel the press is not being too hard on President

- Kaley Rice, Covina

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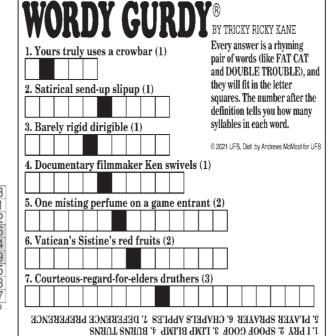
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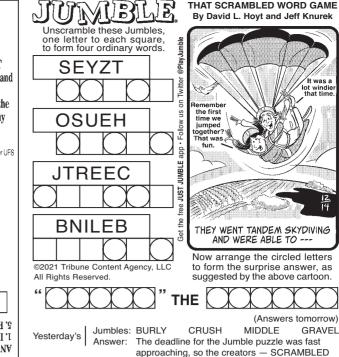
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#### Horoscope

Moon Alert: After 12:30 a.m., there are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions. The Moon is in Taurus

Happy birthday for Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2021: You are a sensitive person who is versatile and ambitious. You're fair, impartial and thoughtful. You are a seeker who wants to learn more about many things. This year is a time of work and building both physically in an external way as well as internal structures in your life. This will

prepare you for change next year. Aries (March 21-April 19): ★★★ Financial matters are on your mind today. You might be contemplating a major purchase. At a deeper level, you also might be thinking about your values today. Something might prompt you to ask yourself, "What really matters?" Tonight: Guard your possessions.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): ★★★★ The Moon is in you sign today and tomorrow. This happens for two days every month, and when it occurs, it increases your emotions about things and heightens your

Tonight: Unexpected events. Gemini (May 21-June 20):

partners and close friends today, especially someone who might be a bit challenging to deal with to hide or work alone or behind the scenes. You need a breather; perhaps some time off. Tonight: Quiet time.

Cancer (June 21-July 22):

reactions to others. However, it slightly improves your luck.

★★★ While you are focused on lately, you will welcome a chance

★★★★ Today a heart-to-heart conversation with a friend, per-

haps a female, will be meaningful

to you. In fact, this discussion might prompt you to change or modify your future goals. You also might rethink your relationship to a club or a group. Tonight: Be friendly.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): ★★★ You are high-viz today, which means people notice you more than usual. Since this is happening, it's good for you to be aware of this in case you have to do some damage control. Today you will feel sympathetic to others, especially co-workers. If you can help someone, you will. Tonight: Expect something different.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): ★★★★★ Your sense of adventure is heightened today, which is why you want to go places. meet new faces and discover exciting things. You want to learn more about your world! If you can travel, by all means, do so. Take a course or study to expand your knowledge. Tonight: Check travel plans.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): ★★★ Today your feelings are intense. Ironically, you might attract emotionally intense people to you as well! You might envy something that someone else owns. Or you might have a desire to have greater control over something or a particular situation. Tonight: Something unexpected.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): ★★★ Once a month, for two days, the Moon is opposite your sign. Today that time has arrived. This means that when you're dealing with others, you have to be cooperative and show largess and be accommodating. Let someone else go first. In two

weeks, when the Moon is in your sign, you're the star! Tonight: Someone will surprise you.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): ★★★ You might have to work on behalf of someone else today or do something to provide a service for someone. You also might be focused more than usual on your health. Meanwhile, some of you will be involved with a situation related to your pet. Tonight: An interruption

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): ★★★★ This is a favorable day because the Moon in Taurus is supportive to your Sun in Capricorn, Furthermore, for you this Moon makes you feel more playful, more sociable and more inclined to enjoy sports, fun outings and pleasant activities with kids. Hurrah! Tonight: Socialize!

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): ★★★★ If possible, you will prefer to cocoon at home among familiar surroundings today. This is because you want to seek comfort and refuge, and escape the demands of your outside world. Some of you also might be involved with a parent today. Tonight: A surprise at home.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): ★★★★ Today you need to talk to someone because you have something you want to say. You won't be satisfied with superficial chitchat. You want to get something off your chest, and you want someone to listen to you. Tonight: Unexpected news

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#### **ADVICE**

# Wife's activities exclude husband

Pennsylvania

DEAR SAD FATE » If

the situation were

reversed, is this the

way you would like

 $\mathbf{DEAR} \mathbf{ABBY} \mathbf{w} \mathbf{My}$ husband is in his 40s and permanently disabled from injuries received in a recent automobile accident. He is in pain, on pain medicine 24 hours a day and basically sleeps his days away. His pain and immobility make inti-

macy impossible. He doesn't object when I go out with friends or participate in activities he is unable to do, like hiking, biking or kayaking, yet I feel guilty for leaving him home alone five days a week, and sometimes the entire weekend. His mother thinks I'm a terrible person for doing this, but I can't just sit home with him after I get home from work because he falls asleep watching TV.

We both know this will be the situation for the rest of our lives. This selfcare is very important to my physical and mental well-being, as the financial stress is also overwhelming. How do I continue to live an active life and

still be the wife he needs?

Dear Abby Columnist

your husband to treat you? This is an honest discussion you should be having with him. I will be frank. Leaving a disabled spouse five days (nights?) a week or for an entire weekend on a regular basis seems

excessive. You promised to love, honor and cherish this man in sickness and in health. Would it be possible to include him on an occasional outing — if he can handle it - so he can have some fresh air and a change of scenery? If you must go out to preserve your sanity, it would be compassionate to arrange for someone to stay with him so he's not alone in case there is an emergency.

DEAR ABBY » I'm a woman of 28. I have started falling in love with a girl I

met recently. We talked for a while, expressed feel-- Sad Fate in ings for each other and decided to start dating. She lives in Minnesota and I'm in Texas. She's also in college. I think she's 18 or 19.

I know our age span is a

little wide, but we didn't

care about that. Recently she hasn't been talking to me as often. She said she just needs some time to herself and that she's having some second thoughts about all of this. I talked with her about it, and she told me she still loves me and wants me to come visit her. What

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should I do?

**DEAR STARTING** » You are ready for a serious commitment to someone. She's a college student who isn't yet out of her teens. If she needs time to herself so she can figure out whether she is ready for the kind of relationship you have in mind, give it to her. Do not force it. If that means postponing your visit, so be it.

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#### **HINTS FROM HELOISE**

# Make your tree last longer

When you purchase a live Christmas tree, ask the seller to make a fresh cut, straight across the base of the trunk, re-school permission slips moving around an inch from the bottom, to be sure that there's plenty of water absorption.

As soon as you get the tree home, put it in a tree stand. Add water right away, and be sure it covers the cut end of the trunk. The tree needs lots of water. Check it daily.

Place the tree away from fireplaces, wood stoves, direct sunlight or other heat sources, because the heat will make the tree droop and might create a fire hazard.

**DEARREADERS** » During the festive and busy holidays, your house can get messy, and you might need to spiff it up in a hurry. Here are five quick ways to do this:

1. File it - Sort and file bills, coupons and paperwork.

2. Forward it -Items that are scattered around should be moved to where they belong.

3. Fix it - Collect any items that need to be repaired and fix them.

4. Fill it in — Fill out any forms. or bills that must be completed.

5. Forget about it — Throw out, donate to charity, give away or take to the recycle bin any unwanted items.

**DEAR READERS** » During holiday meals, it's inevitable that some of the delicious food will end up on the tablecloth, particularly gravy. Here's what to do for a washable tablecloth: Spoon up as much of the gravy as you can and try to treat it as soon as possible. Blot the stains with paper towels. Then put the tablecloth in a sink. Soak with a mixture of 1 teaspoon of a mild, colorless liquid detergent to each cup of lukewarm water. If the stain is still there, put a full-strength liquid laundry detergent on the fabric and rub it well, then

**DEAR READERS** » Most likely, after your holi-

launder as usual.

day dinners, there will be leftovers, and you don't want to toss out good food that can be transformed into other tasty meals. Instead, use heavy plastic plates with compartments. Scoop leftover portions into them. You can add spices or seasonings to jazz them up. Then put the filled dinner plates into freezer-safe zip-top bags and label and date it. When you are in a rush for a fast dinner, you can grab these and reheat in the microwave.

**DEARREADERS** » After you slice apples, isn't it annoying when they start to turn brown? It's not an appetizing look. Here's how to prevent this from happening. Squeeze lemon, orange or grapefruit juice on the cut slices, or you can dip the slices in lightly

salted water. Here's a quick treat: Mix a teaspoon of sugar with a bit of lemon juice and toss the apples.

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#### The New York Times Crossword By Jennifer Lee and Victor Galson

#### **ACROSS**

- Analyze grammatically Extreme devotee,
- informally 11 Org. for Pistons
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- **14** Overact 15 Egypt's Sadat
- 16 Common street name in the Northeast
- "God in his wisdom made the fly / And then forgot ...
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- game) 20 Card in Uno
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- / Is those things arms ...?
- 28 Festival that awards the Palme d'Or
- 31 Best possible
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- lent, but never returned
- **38** Eve of (part of
- a witch's brew) 39 Poet Nash, who
- wrote the lines in 17-, 24-, 47- and 58-Across
- 40 Long part of a horse, short part of a giraffe

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- frontline workers, for short
- 42 Vibes
- 43 Parts of a Facebook feed
- 44 Bring out
- 46 "Let's be real"
- "The cow is of the bovine ilk; / One
- end is moo, ...' 51 Alternative to Google or AOL
- 52 One-named singer born Gabriella Sarmiento Wilson
- 53 Straw, basically Thanksgiving dinner ending
- **58** "The trouble with a kitten is that / Eventually it ...'
- 62 Flub **63** They protect the
- 64 Beth Harmon's weakness in "The
- Queen's Gambit" 65 "Yes, captain"
- 66 Ocean's motions 67 Like a good biscuit

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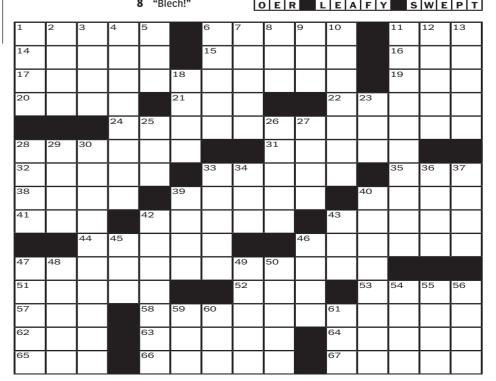
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- recommendation 39 "That's gotta
- hurt! 40 Shirley Temple, e.g.
- Εl \_\_ (Spanish hero) 61 UV blocking

**59** 

### Answers to yesterday's puzzle

D O N N A S U M M E N A S A L O O F F T E X T L I S A A R E T H A F R A N K L I N
A V O I D D D R E S S B R O
C A P N S M I T H L O K I
H I E A K I T A N E W E R E L L A F I T Z G E R A ORETTA



#### AXYDLBAAXR

is LONGFELLOW One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words

are all hints. Each day the code letters are different. 12-14 **CRYPTOQUOTE** 

NXDL YSBOZULBYL GNXG ZO

ASE NXDL USBL X MZGGML GNZBV OLMM, ASE YXB

IZVVLF GNZBV QLMM, GSS. UXDZU PGSFLA

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: WHAT YOU DON'T SEE

WITH YOUR EYES, DON'T WITNESS WITH YOUR MOUTH. — YIDDISH PROVERB

UH-OH.

#### FOR BETTER OR WORSE: By Lynn Johnston









WIZARD OF ID: By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart I WILL SAY, IT DOES MAKE IT A LOT MORE 6 S BEARABLE AROUND HERE

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE: By Stephan Pastis





BABY BLUES: By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott SO, I WENT TO THE TOV STORE AND ASKED THE CLERK IF THEY HAD ANY WHAT DID WHAT DID THEY SAY? BABY-PONY-FACE Dous.



**LUANN:** By Greg Evans







**ZITS:** By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman







MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM: By Mike Peters



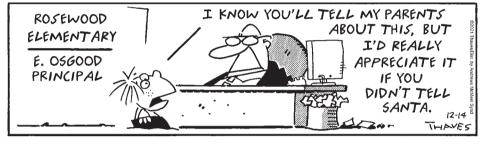
**BLONDIE:** By Dean Young & John Marshall



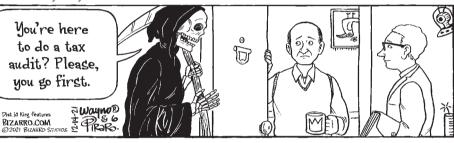




FRANK & ERNEST: By Bob Thaves



BIZARRO: By Wayno and Piraro



**MARVIN:** By Tom Armstrong







PICKLES: By Brian Crane







THE BORN LOSER: By Chip Sansom









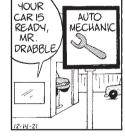
"The vet said Marmaduke needs less exercise."

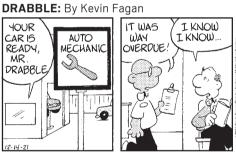
**ZIGGY:** By Tom Wilson

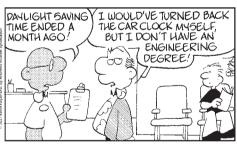


DRABBLE

**BALDO:** By Cantú and Castellanos













FAMILY CIRCUS: By Bil Keane



"Let's get one that's real wide at the bottom so there'll be room for lots of presents."

#### **GARFIELD:** By Jim Davis









ROSE IS ROSE: By Pat Brady & Don Wimmer







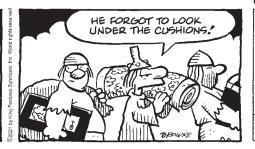






HAGAR THE HORRIBLE: By Chris Browne





BEETLE BAILEY: By Mort, Greg and Brian Walker



#### The Daily Commuter

#### **ACROSS** 1 Joint nearest the

- waist 4 Part of HUD
- 9 Party giver
- 13 \_\_ a test; passed easily
- 15 \_\_ Haute, IN
- 16 Linear measure
- 17 Precious 18 Excludes
- 19 Stickum
- 20 Most ready for a nap
- 22 Mass song
- 23 Narrow cut
- 24 Whopper 26 TV screen display
- 29 Mixing with a spoon
- 34 \_\_ up; slackens 35 Express gratitude
- 36 By way of 37 Uses a chair
- 38 Pitchfork tine
- 39 Ukraine's capital
- 40 TV's "\_\_ Tree Hill"
- 41 Expands 42 Portion
- 43 Calmness
- 45 Graduation cap feature 46 Piña colada
- ingredient 47 Understands
- 48 Enormous
- 51 Capture
- 56 Gaping 57 Fortune-teller's
- deck 58 Has remorse for
- 60 Verboten topic 61 Wed without
- fanfare \_ at; answer
- sharply & irritably 63 Had down pat
- 64 Underground
- drain 65 Deceitful

#### **DOWN**

- 1 "If I Only a Brain"
- Scarecrow's song 2 Decorates petits

fours

#### Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews 3 Chime loudly 4 Perfect society

- 5 Send in payment 6 Oscar-winner
- Larson
- and crafts
- 8 Newly hatched bird
- 9 Further up 10 Exclusively
- 11 Slimy film
- 12 Following that
- 14 Puts on clothes 21 Sprawling trees
- 25 Aggravate 26 Colombia's
- dollars
- 27 Singer Frankie 28 Fall flower
- 29 Flamboyant 30 Fawn colors
- 31 Twining vines 32 Caroline, to RFK
- 33 Court mallet 35 Turkey ragtime dance
- 38 Apes and monkeys 39 Mouths, slangily

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Monday's Puzzle Solved МОМ SCRAP SLOW MOVE THAISCODE REPRIMANDS FDRBESTS ANGST WRIST SIT POLYPS SCOURS LUREDALIASAAHA IRKSCREEPBRAG

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- 41 African antelope 42 Walkway
- 44 Before this, to a poet
- 45 Wobble 47 Feel about blindly
- 48 Tap the horn
- 49 Sneak \_\_\_; approach

#### stealthily 50 Cowboy Autry 52 Light in color

STY

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- 53 Bow of a ship 54 Poor Clares & others
- 55 Great buy

#### 59 \_\_ on; watch from hiding

#### **ASK DR. ROACH**

# Long COVID and vaccination

DEAR DR. ROACH » Is it safe for an unvaccinated person experiencing long-term symptoms after a **COVID-19** infection to get the vaccination, or must they wait until the typical 90-day period for symptoms to diminish or disappear?



Columnist

**DEARREADER** » In general, people can expect to have symptoms of acute CO-VID-19 infection for up to four weeks after the onset of symptoms. Beyond four weeks, people with persistent symptoms are considered to have post-COVID conditions, also called "long COVID." The most typical symptoms are fatigue, shortness of breath and difficulty thinking or with memory, often called "brain fog." Other symptoms may include chest pain, cough, loss of taste and smell, and many more. Roughly a third of people with symptomatic COVID-19 symptoms will

have persistent symptoms. I do recommend vaccination after COVID-19 infection, with or without persistent symptoms. People should get vaccinated only after they have met criteria for stopping isolation. This usually means waiting until 10 days after symptom onset; after resolution of fever for at least 24 hours; and after improvement of other symptoms. People with severe disease or with an immune system condition

should consult their physicians, as they may need more time. There is no rush to giving the vaccine. The risk of being infected again within three months of CO-VID-19 infection is very low. People who received monoclonal antibodies should not

-P.M. get vaccinated for 90 days. Vaccination has not been associated with worsening of symptoms in people with persistent COVID symptoms. There have been some cases of symptoms improving with vaccine. So, for a person who is well past their acute phase, getting the vaccine is safe and may possibly help reduce long COVID symptoms, but is not urgent since immunity is reliable for at least 90

days after infection.

**DEAR DR. ROACH** » I'm a healthy 66-year-old woman who experienced a "gush" of vaginal bleeding a few days ago. It subsided fairly quickly, and I have not experienced any bleeding or spotting since. I immediately saw my OB/GYN. Her visual assessment of my cervix showed no inflammation and a healthy appearance. She then recommended we do a uterine biopsy to rule out cancer. I was informed that no sedation is used and to expect sharp pain and cramping. I was perplexed. Why, with modern medicine, am I to be subject to medieval torture? Why isn't sedation of-

fered to alleviate pain and discomfort? Would an ultrasound be a more prudent first step?

**DEARREADER** » Uterine bleeding in a woman after menopause always raises the concern for endometrial (uterine) cancer, although only about 10% of cases turn out to be cancer. Still, a thorough evaluation is called for in any woman with postmenopausal uterine bleeding.

Either ultrasound or biopsy is a reasonable first step in excluding uterine cancer in women with postmenopausal bleeding. Most experts recommend the biopsy, since the ultrasound often does not give enough information to exclude cancer, and the biopsy will be necessary any-

way. If a biopsy is needed, you have options. Take a pain reliever ahead of time to prevent or at least reduce pain. Sedation is perfectly reasonable, although you will need someone to help you home after the procedure. I did also read about using anesthetic for the procedure, but it is not routinely done. Most women do not have severe pain (certainly not "medieval torture" level), according to studies, but speak to your gynecologist about the op-

To Your Good Health@med.cornell.edu.

Contact Dr. Roach at

#### **BROOM HILDA:** By Russell Myers

















# WONDERWORD

#### **Bv DAVID OUELLET**

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

**ECO-FRIENDLY PRODUCTS** 

Solution: 7 letters

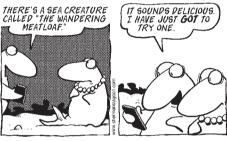
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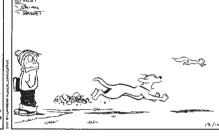
#### SHERMAN'S LAGOON: By Jim Toomey











#### Universal Crossword

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#### **ACROSS**

- 1 Ease up 6 Blown away 10 Word after
- "welcome" or "yoga"

  13 Early wake-
- up time Pink like
- a steak "Rocks"
- \*Goes too far 16 19 Baby seals
- Sell 21 Express lane
- unit 22 Slice of
- history 23 Mr. Rogers' first name
- 25 Enjoy some egg rolls \*Herding dog with rough
- 29 Factions Ticket parts that might be

hair

- Get ready, for short 37 Be behind
- on bills 38 " \_ I'm a Cheerleader" (1999 satirical
- comedy Thome to the Mets)
- 40 Chess pieces Boxer Ali 43 Train a
- boxer? 44 Common retirement spot? **45** \*Chalk

people

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- chalkboard 69 Caesar's words to Brutus
- 70 "You've your match!' DOWN
- Makes certain Cameo role
- Things that might be on the chopping block? 4 (Is this thing
- 5 Middle of
- summer? 6 Curved like a rainbow Advise of

danger

leg day

Wear away
\_\_\_ Plaines, Illinois 10 Catcher's drawings on pavement catcher Feeling after Legendary

- 49 Knee part: 12 Abound Abbr. 17 State Leave confidently
- speechless 18 Location -cone 19 Cat or ferret, 53 Painter e.g. **23** Calf bones whose name 24 Begin again anagrams
- pill Creator of 55 Bluish green Girl in 28 Edinburgh a 3D puzzle \*Caused a cube 30 Sandwich, feeling of
- irritation chips and 65 Hash browns drink, e.g. 11- or ingredient, 12-vear-old informally
  - Competed 32 Puts in the Music genre mail Classic IBM 34 that might give you the feels products
- 35 68 Wipe from a 36 "Wheels down" info: Abbr.
  - a green crocodile logo 42 Not just

41 Brand with

51 Audacity 52 Cold

skirt

Young

stallion

46

45 Move like a

dog's tail

Ballerina's

- boy!" **56** Butting
- heads 58 "Uh .. excuse me" 59 Places More Than Others'
- (Renee Watson 60 Little
- twerp 62 Word that establishes
- consent Get a lode of this! Campus

email

ender

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1	Answers to yesterday's puzzle														
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# **Define Your Boundaries** by Paul Coulter

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	16					17					18			
19						20					21			
22				23	24				25	26				
27			28							29		30	31	32
	33						34	35	36			37		
			38				39					40		
	41	42					43					44		
45						46				47	48			
49				50			51		52					
53			54			55		56			57	58	59	60
	61			62	63					64				
	65						66					67		
	68						69					70		

44 Note taker

49 Accident

50 Russian

54 External

46 Tijuana aunt

reminder

"icebox"

boundary

57 Beth's sister

58 Come clean

60 Nature (pref.)

61 Financial wiz

**DOWN** 

1 Ell preceder

3 Talking bird

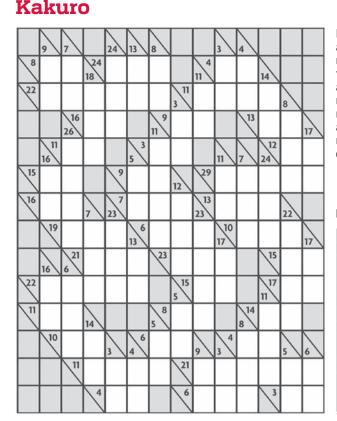
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5 Kofi's org.

2 Feminine

ending

**Word Scrimmage** 



 $B_6(O_2)(E_1)(N_2)(A_2)(Y_7)$ 

 $(\mathbf{D}_3)$ 

TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN AVERAGE GAME 185-195 PTS

Directions: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters on each yardline. Add points

to each word or letter using scoring directions. Seven-letter words get a 60-point bonus. All words can be found in Webster's New World College Dictionary

 $M_6$   $E_1$ 

How to solve: Kakuro is acrossword that uses numbers. The "clues" are in the small triangles. The answers contain the numbers 1 through 9. The numbers in an answer must add up to the clue. However, no number can be duplicated in an answer.

1st DOWN

2<sup>nd</sup> DOWN

3rd DOWN

4th DOWN

**FOUR PLAY** 

3rd Down

+20 PTS

4th Down +40 PTS

	4	12			3	11				8	1		
1,	1	3	29	15	1	4	7		/3	2	1	10	
19	3	9	7	200	2	7	1	10	12	6	3	1	16
		15	8	7		176	2	1	3		12	3	9
	6	19	5	2	422	1	4	9	8	12	671	4	7
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10	2	8	18	10	3	2	1	19	10	8	2	7	10
50	3	9	8	12	18	5	4	9	5	1,	1	4	2
		11	9	7	13	B	2	7	4		10/	1	3
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#### **Previous solution**

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		15	8	7		176	2	1	3		12	3	9
	6	19	5	2	422	1	4	9	8	12	671	4	7
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		11	9	7	13	B	2	7	4		10	1	3
	16	2	1	5	3	15	24	2	1	77	4	2	1
12	9	3		18	4	6	7	1	13	2	1		
8	7	1	1	123	6	9	8	12	12	9	3	1	16
	10	5	1	4		150	9	8	3	10	2	1	7
		711	3	8			15	4	1		71	2	9

Make a 2- to

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yardline. Add

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tions. Seven-

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bonus. "Blanks"

letter words

used as any

letter have no

point value. All

the words can

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be found in

Dictionary.

on each

from the letters

#### **ACROSS**

Kipling classic D'Artagnan's

**Puzzler Crossword** 

- creator Tool set
- 12 Some 13 Unmoving
- 14 Livy's eggs
- 15 Pulls 17 Having more
- content 19 Mr. Greenspan
- glance
- 22 Come into Small scouts
- 29 Daphne – Maurier
- 30 Quiz-show host
- 32 Fuel cartel
- 33 Rap-sheet
- letters
- 35 Elm offering Way back when
- 38 Next in line
- 40 Slur together 42 Ogden's st. 43 Fjord port
- 13th Hebrew letter Survey finding
- 8 Ballpark figure Garden-pond fish

#### 62 Overly trusting 63 Apply henna



**Answer to Previous Puzzle** 

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- 10 "- been
- robbed!'
- 11 Mammoth entrapper

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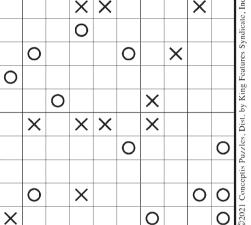
- - 16 MOMA artist 18 Kind of salad
- 22 Pocatello's state 23 Cooks in the
  - 24 Mallard cousins — tree

20 Recess

27 Underway 28 "Rob Roy"

microwave

- author 31 Prepares for
- print 34 Feel under par
- 36 Train 39 By repetition
- 41 Wax-coated
- cheese 45 Flowed back
- 47 Where Tabriz
- 48 Verdi's
- princess 50 USAF unit
- 51 Sitter's handful 52 Lose
- whisker 53 Mademoiselle's
- date 55 Covered with
- frost 56 Finger
- counterpart 59 Livy's quartet
- Conceptis Tic-Tac-Logic By Dave Green



No more than two X's or two O's can be next to each other on any line, across or down. There must be five X's and five O's in each row and column. No two rows or columns can be the same.

#### **Previous solution**

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×	0	×	0	×	0	0	×	X
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0	×	0	0	×	0	×	0	X
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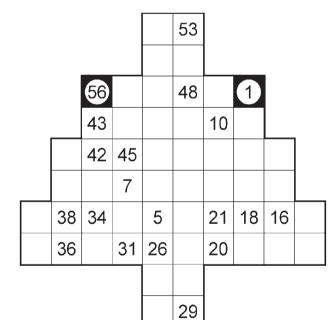
# **Previous**

solution

$(\mathbf{A}_2) (\mathbf{T}_2) (0_2) (\mathbf{N}_2) (\mathbf{E}_1) (\mathbf{R}_2) (\mathbf{S}_2)$	1 <sup>st</sup> DOWN =	73
$(\mathbf{H}_7)(\mathbf{E}_1)(\mathbf{A}_2)(\mathbf{D}_3)(\mathbf{S}_2)(\mathbf{E}_1)(\mathbf{T}_2)$	2 <sup>nd</sup> DOWN =	108
$(\mathbf{A}_2) (\mathbf{C}_6) (\mathbf{U}_3) (\mathbf{M}_6) (\mathbf{E}_1) (\mathbf{N}_2)$	3 <sup>rd</sup> DOWN =	23
	4 <sup>th</sup> DOWN =	75
AVERAGE GAME 190-200 PTS	JUDD'S TOTAL =	279

FIND THE PATH - SOLVE THE PUZZLE

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The goal is to fill the grid with consecutive numbers that connect horizontally, vertically or diagonally. Each puzzle has only one possible solution. The first and last numbers of a puzzle will be in circle markers.

#### Previous solution

ev	ious	SOIL	ition	ı			
			2	1	22	29	28
			3	23	30	21	27
		4	5	31	24	20	26
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	8	35	34	13	16	17	18
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37	40	11	10				
39	38						

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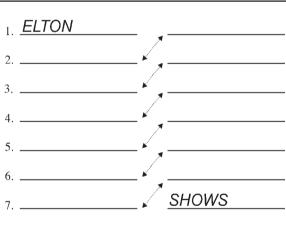
Find the familiar phrase, saying or name in this arrangement of letters.



**Previous solution** Step back in time

# **TP& DOWN Words™** By David L. Hoyt and Russell L. Hoyt

Difficulty Level ★★



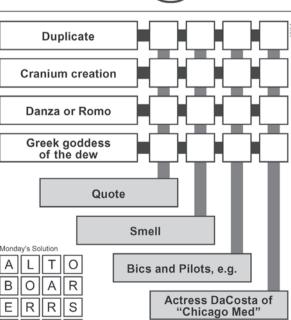
#### **CLUES**

- 1. "Crocodile Rock" singer
- 2. "Uncle Buck" star 3. Kit Kat or Butterfinger
- 4. Scannable series of lines
- 5. It has a secret meaning
- 6. Boggle, for example
- 7. Merv Griffin produced many 7. HOME
- 1. RETURN <u>AD</u>DRESS 2. ADDRESS <u>B</u>OOK 3. <u>BOOK</u> TITLE 4. TITLE ROLE 5. ROLE MODEL 6. MODEL HOME

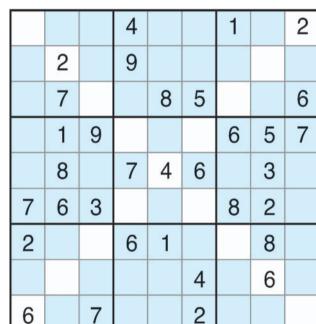
Monday's Answer

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# By John Wilmes



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#### Level: Easy

Follow all of the rules of a classic Sudoku game — no repeats within the same row, column or 3x3grid — but be careful. Each axis of the X of black squares that criss-crosses the puzzle is another no-repeat zone.

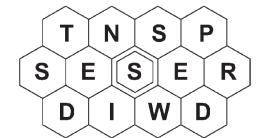
Sudoku X

# **Previous solution**



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Start at the double hexagon. Spell solutions to the clues below by winding your way through the grid. You can backtrack to use letters more than once. Each new word starts with the last letter of the previous word.



1. Cheese with holes

2. Mended with thread

4. Symbolize

3. Chest of drawers

5. Experimented with Previous Puzzle: DIVIDE, ENDING, GIVES, SIDES, SUBSIST © 2021 WIGGLES 3D GAMES, DIST. BY ANDREWS MCMEEL SYNDICATION

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#### RAMS



Rams wide receiver Cooper Kupp, left, who had 13 receptions Monday night, celebrates his touchdown catch with guard Austin Corbett.

# HEALTHY BOOST

Short-handed Rams beat the Cardinals to close in on lead in the NFC West

#### By Kevin Modesti

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GLENDALE, ARIZ. » The Rams' game against the Arizona Cardinals on Monday night was always going to be a test of their place in the playoff pecking order. But in the hours before kickoff, it became something more. A test of their resources, resourcefulness and resolve.

Taking the field at State Farm Stadium without five important players lost to the COVID-19 reserve list, the Rams got big games from Matthew Stafford and Cooper Kupp on offense and Aaron Donald and Leonard Floyd on defense - and a cast of understudies all over the field.

The Rams beat the Cardinals, 30-23, to silence a red-clad crowd that wanted to cheer the home team closer RAMS » PAGE 6



Greg Gaines, left, tackles the Cardinals' Kyler Murray for one of the Rams' four sacks of the Arizona quarterback.

#### THE SCORE

**RAMS 30, CARDINALS 23** 

Up next: Seahawks at Rams, Sunday, 1:25 p.m., Ch. 11

Inside: Ramsey, Higbee placed on COVID-19 reserve list before Monday night's game. PAGE 6

#### As COVID-19 strikes, the Rams pull together for an unlikely win vs. Cardinals

GLENDALE, ARIZ. » The NFL is not going to 7-on-7. The NFL will not be postponing games into time slots to be named later.

On field level, they re-

lize this. They know from experience that COVID-19 and its variants will be viewed the same as pulled hamstrings. The Rams certainly grasped it Mon-Columnist day night. Unlike every other business, pro football features a surplus of players and a shortage of jobs. Their stand-ins plugged the holes well enough to let the stars stand tall, and created an unlikely 30-23 victory, the Cardinals' third loss in 13

The Rams are 9-4 and should feel somewhat reassured, going into a WHICKER » PAGE 6

#### **CHARGERS**

# Chargers' Slater in **COVID** protocol

Rookie lineman could still play Thursday

By Gilbert Manzano

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The Chargers placed rookie left tackle Rashawn Slater on the COVID-19 reserve list Monday.

Slater tested positive for COVID-19, but Chargers coach Brandon Staley didn't rule out Slater for Thursday night's showdown against the Kansas City Chiefs at SoFi Stadium.

"He has a chance that he can play Thursday," Staley

Staley said the team is still working on the contingency plan for Slater possibly not playing against the Chiefs. Offensive tackle Trey Pipkins, the Chargers' 2019 third-round selection, would likely get the start at left tackle if Slater is ruled

Slater, the 13th overall draft pick, is in the midst of a Pro Bowl-worthy rookie season and has provided ample time for quarterback Justin Herbert to operate.

This is the third time in the past month that the Charges have entered a game week with uncertainty surrounding their star players because of CO-VID-19.

Wide receiver Keenan Allen didn't play Sunday against the New York Giants because he tested positive for COVID-19, and wide receiver Mike Williams and cornerback Chris Harris Jr. were required to quarantine for five days before being cleared to play because they were deemed close contacts of Allen.

Edge rusher Joey Bosa also had to quarantine for five days before being cleared to play against the Pittsburgh Steelers in Week 11 because he was a close contact of defensive tackle Jerry Tillery.

Linebacker Drue Tranquill, backup center Scott Quessenberry and defensive tackles Linval Joseph and Christian Covington have also tested positive for CO-VID-19 in the past month.

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Thursday: Chiefs at Chargers, 5:20 p.m., Ch. 11

#### **USC FOOTBALL**

# Slovis, facing a diminished role under Riley, enters transfer portal

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Kedon Slovis' time at USC is coming to an end.

The junior quarterback has entered the transfer portal, according to multiple reports, allowing him to find a new school at which he can finish his collegiate career.

Slovis was a three-year the job in 2019 following a Slovis made a statement per-377 yards and three touchdowns without an interception in a win over a ranked Freshman of the Year. Stanford team.

starter at USC, taking over fer the following off-season after Slovis established season-ending knee injury to himself as USC's man with JT Daniels in the first game a freshman stat line that of the season. The next week, read 71.9% completion rate, 3,502 yards and 30 formance by throwing for touchdowns to nine interceptions. He was named the 2019 Pac-12 Offensive

But Slovis never again

Daniels went on to trans- reached those heights at USC, as confidence issues lingered in 2020 while he recovered from an elbow injury suffered in the 2019 Holiday Bowl.

The former three-star prospect led several frantic comebacks as a sophomore, including a fourth-



 $quarter\ rally\ to\ beat\ UCLA\quad USC\ quarterback\ Kedon\ Slovis\ entered\ the\ transfer\ portal$  $\textbf{USC » PAGE 5} \quad \text{Monday, looking to finish his college career elsewhere.}$ 



# HIGH SCHOOLS

# Serra completes grueling journey as state champ

By Damian Calhoun

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Each season adds its own chapter to a football coach's

For Serra coach Scott Altenberg, the 2021 season might need its own book.

'We suited up 35 guys and then we just had injury after injury ... the longest season ever," he said. "We probably had four days off in 16 months. The guys battled. It took a village in the

Getting to the end was a challenge for Serra.

In September, quarterback Maalik Murphy left the Cavaliers' game against Warren with a clavicle injury. In October, their scheduled Mission League opener against Alemany was canceled due to CO-VID-19 protocols.

The Cavaliers returned to the field on Oct. 8 with Murphy back in the lineup but limited by his injury, and they managed to win three consecutive games before losing to Bishop Amat.

Serra then reeled off six consecutive wins to close the season, earning three titles - CIF-Southern Section Division 3, CIF Southern California Regional Division 1-A and CIF State

Leading the way was the defense. In the final six games of the season, Serra allowed 14 points a game. The defense was made up of predominantly underclassmen.

"Our defensive was dynamic," Altenberg said following Saturday's CIF State title game win against Libally young. I think we only play three seniors.

rested on our defense and they did it. They don't play like they're young. They just get out there and they just

won under Altenberg, who you have to do is you have said he only applied for the to go to Serra and at least job at the suggestion of his interview there," Scott Alfather, Kurt, who was a tenberg recalled. "I went



erty of Bakersfield. "It is re- Coach Scott Altenberg holds up the championship plaque as he gets a hug from quarterback Maalik Murphy after Serra won the CIF State Division 1-A title.

"In the end, we kind of first All-American in 1961. Scott played at Bishop Montgomery.

"When I left college, I was part-time coaching at Bishop (Montgomery) and I It is the third CIF State wanted to coach and teach championship Serra has and my dad said, one thing

Serra grad and the school's there and applied and I got question: Why stay? a job as an assistant and a teacher.

ture on the Serra sideline from everywhere, Manhatsince 1997, initially as assistant and then as head coach tral (L.A.). ... It's small and since 1999. In the SoCal Regional win over Long Beach Poly, he recorded his 200th career win. He also has four

CIF-SS titles.

"I love it," he said. "I tell everyone it's got like magic Altenberg has been a fix- to it. It's strange. I have kids tan Beach, PV, South Ceneverybody that goes there falls in love with it.

"I've had lots of offers (to leave), but I'm happy. I love it. It's part of my life, it's Many have asked him the part of my everything, and ber of the team a pair of red berg said.

get us from Division 12 or 13 to where we are now, I'm so excited."

There's also the tradition that has been established. Former Serra star receiver Robert Woods, who now plays for the Rams, visited the team before the playoff game against Poly. Saturday, he gave every mem-

to get 200 wins and kind of Beats By Dre headphones with their number on them. 'You asked why do I stay,

that's why," Altenberg said.

"That was pretty cool." Next year another Altenberg joins the Serra family as his son Nate, a tight end and defensive end, begins

his high school career. "I'll be here for a couple more years," Scott Alten-

#### **OLYMPICS**

# On road to fifth Olympics, White finds risk worth it

By Eddie Pells The Associated Press

COPPER MOUNTAIN, COLO. » One of Shaun White's greatest fears is finding himself upside down above a halfpipe with no idea where he's going to land.

Time and again over two decades, he has decided the risk is worth it.

As he embarked this month on the quest to make his fifth Olympics, the world's most famous halfpipe rider says living a life full of calculated risks is still part of his DNA a mindset that, these days, is less taken for granted in all-or-nothing sports such as his than it was a mere 12 months ago.

"I've been lost in the air before, and it's terrifying," White said in an interview with The Associated Press. "You're flying around and you don't know where you a name for that. I was in-

Simone Biles' decision even he wasn't sure was posto pull out of the wom- sible. en's team final at the Tothroughout the elite world, advanced the conversation health challenges Olympi- she stepped away. ans face.

ersaulting over a vault can when you go out and do be a life-threatening en- that, you want it to be your deavor, doing the same choice. You don't want to over an icy, rock-hard half- feel like you have to do this gerous of Olympic pursuits. other than, 'Hey, I want to White was famously heli- do this." coptered off the halfpipe in

the best. The sky color zly wreck in the run-up to matches the color of the the 2018 Olympics. When he snow. We never really had overcame the 62-stitch injury to his face and won the trigued when I heard they gold medal in Pyeongchang, call it the 'twisties' in gym- it marked a stunning crescendo to a comeback that

White believes the key to kyo Games earlier this year an athlete putting him or resonated with athletes herself at risk over and over again is knowing you're doincluding White, and also ing it for the right reasons — a key component missing about many of the mental- from Biles' mindset when

"It's scary to be out there Just as twisting and som- alone," White said. "And

are and you're hoping for New Zealand after a griz- bit as high, if not higher, a traumatic head injury. His and say, 'You know, look, this year. A triple cork jump - involving 1620 degrees of progress but has a long jourspin above the halfpipe could very well be the trick needed to win the Olympics. It involves another half revolution of spin than the back-to-back 1440s that White used to win in Korea. White used to practice the triple cork into an air bag, but nobody has yet pulled it off in a high-stakes contest.

> Meanwhile, at the season's first Olympic qualifying event this week, everyone saw the risks involved. In Saturday's final of the U.S. Grand Prix, Japanese rider Raibu Katayama had to be taken by sled off the course after hitting his

family said Ladd has made nev ahead.

Kenworthy, pulled out of the contest. He said it's not uncommon for action-sports athletes to get lost in the air.

"I didn't have a sense of where the sky and the ground and everything was, and that's why I pulled out," said Kenworthy, who won the silver medal in slopestyle in 2014.

White withdrew from snowboarding's Olympic slopestyle contest in 2014 part of a Russian adventure that turned out nothing like he'd hoped.

head and neck on the lip harsh," White said. "I got is in a relationship with acpipe is among the most dan- because of some reason of the halfpipe. Earlier in a bunch of backlash from tress Nina Dobrev, who he and I'm feeling like I can," the week, freeskier Connor other competitors saying Ladd was taken to a hospi- I chickened out. But I had inar, Now 35 and with the feeling but the drive and the

this is the comfort level, and it's not there."

White also finished Another freeskier, Gus fourth in the halfpipe that year. The setbacks forced him to step back and rethink what made him love risk that comes with it, in outside of Beijing. the first place.

back to the top, and do it without so much noise come up short. from the outside - sponsors, business projects and

time around, but with an even tighter-knit feel.

He's working with his 'It was hard and it was brother, Jesse, again, and met at a motivational sem-The stakes will be every tal in Denver after suffering to be confident with myself end of his career much motivation is there.'

closer than the beginning, White says he's entering this Olympic journey with a refined perspective on what's really important. In his teens and 20s, he

battled against cynics who wondered why he was devoting his life - putting his life on the line, in fact for a sport that was not accepted in the mainstream. He coupled that with a desire to show that not only was he in a legit sport, but that he was the best at it, and that, yes, you could become rich and famous doing it.

"After a while, drawing from that same fuel of motivation isn't sustainable," he said. "So then, you go, 'OK, cool, what else is there? And then I look and see things that are important to me: Being a good friend. Being someone who others can count on. I had to take this hard look at what I was doing, and now, this understanding of who I am in the greater picture has really helped me with everything. With feeling content."

Don't get him wrong. He'd still like to win on Feb. 11, the day the gold medal is snowboarding, and all the awarded on the mountains

If he does, it will add to Part of the mission be- an already legendary trophy tween 2014-18 was to get case. If he doesn't - well, it won't be the first time he's

Perhaps the biggest triumph, he says, has already been secured. He's still do-It's like that again this ing this at age 35, and he's ready to give everything in a quest for a fifth Olympics because he's doing it for the right reasons.

> "I'm feeling motivated White said. "It's a different



Shaun White bites his gold medal during a ceremony at the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

On the air

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5 p.m.	South Carolina St. at Duke	ACCN
5 p.m.	Arizona St. at Creighton	FS1
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4 p.m.	Kings at Lightning	BSW
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Wednesday	Saturday	Monday	Dec. 22	Dec. 26
Jazz	Thunder	Spurs	Kings	Nuggets
7 p.m	5 p.m	7:30 p.m	7 p.m.	6 p.m.
BSSC, ESPN	BSSC	BSSC	BSSC	BSSC

NHL

Ducks: 830 AM, nhl.com/ducks

Wednesday	Friday	Monday	Dec. 21	Dec. 23
Kraken	Coyotes	Oilers	Flames	Canucks
7 p.m. TNT	7 p.m. ESPN+	6:30 p.m. BSW	6 p.m. BSSC	7 p.m. BSSC

#### Kings: 570 AM, nhl.com/kings

Today	Thursday	Saturday	Sunday	Dec. 22
Lightning	Panthers	Hurricanes	Capitals	Oilers
4:30 p.m.	4 p.m.	4 p.m.	4 p.m.	7 p.m.
BSW	BSW	BSW	BSW	TNT

Chargers: vs. Kansas City, Thursday, 5:20p.m., Ch. 11, NFL Network Rams: at Seahawks, Sunday, 1:25 p.m., Ch. 11

**COLLEGE FOOTBALL** 

UCLA: vs. NC State, Holiday Bowl in San Diego, Dec. 28, 5 p.m., Ch. 11

**COLLEGE BASKETBALL** USC: vs. UC Irvine, Wednesday, 6 p.m., Pac-12 Network

UCLA: vs. Alabama St., Wednesday, 8 p.m., Pac-12 Network

**HORSE RACING** 

Santa Anita: Dec. 26, 11 a.m.

#### **COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

# Baylor is fourth No. 1 in as many weeks

By The Associated Press

Baylor won the national championship last season 1 in the AP Top 25.

The Bears are there now. Baylor took advantage of Purdue's last-second loss to Rutgers last week ferent team at No. 1 in the past four weeks. The Bears earned every vote from a first time since a four-week run ended on Feb. 17, 2020.

that the goal is at the end of State. They were followed the year to be No. 1," Baylor coach Scott Drew said, "but Houston and Ohio State I will tell you that it always with Seton Hall, Texas, Tenmeans something. It means nessee, LSU and UConn in something to your fans. It the top 20. means something to your coaches, your players and everybody. It's a great sign Texas Tech rounded out of respect for other people the poll. that have come before you, the work they put in."

losses to the Blue Devils and day night. Alabama in a span of three games.

games, none by fewer than Dame on Saturday. victory on Sunday.

The Crimson Tide led the No. 14 Houston on Saturday. this week.

They were followed by Kansas, unbeaten Arizona, Villanova and undefeated USC.

"I can't be too upset if we without ever reaching No. haven't lost, but there's always things to clean up and get better at," Trojans coach Andy Enfield said. "Our goal is to be an elite defensive team, but we're not to become the fourth dif- there yet. I'm happy with the team. We're excited to

Iowa State, another of 61-member national media the seven remaining Divipanel Monday to reach the sion I unbeatens, climbed top spot in the poll for the six spots to No. 11 after the Cyclones romped past Iowa and avoided a let-"Every coach tells you down against Jacksonville by Michigan State, Auburn,

> Kentucky, Xavier, Colorado State, Arkansas and

RISING AND FALLING » Michigan State and Seton Hall The Bears (9-0) were made the biggest moves this followed by former No. 1s week, the Spartans climb-Duke and Purdue along ing seven spots to No. 12 with UCLA and Gonzaga, after wins over Minnesota which began the season and Penn State and Seton atop the poll and spent the Hall jumping to No. 16 affirst two weeks there before ter beating Texas on Thurs-

The Longhorns dropped 10 spots to No. 17. Ken-Baylor has won a na- tucky fell 11 to No. 21 after tion-leading 15 consecutive the Wildcats lost to Notre

eight points, including its **HELLO, GOODBYE** » Xavier memorable 86-70 win over entered the poll at No. 22 Gonzaga in April for the na- with Colorado State right tional title. The Bears also behind after the Rams ran had wins over Stanford, their record to 10-0 for the Arizona State and Michi- second time in program gan State to start this sea- history. The Red Raiders son before suffocating then- moved into the poll at No. No. 6 Villanova in a 57-36 25 after their overtime win over Tennessee.

Wisconsin was No. 22 second five in the AP poll last week but lost to Ohio Monday, climbing three State and was first outside spots after beating then- the Top 25 receiving votes

#### **MOTORSPORTS COMMENTARY**



Red Bull team chief Christian Horner, right, celebrates with driver Max Verstappen after winning the Formula One Abu Dhabi Grand Prix in the UAE on Sunday. Verstappen ripped the title away from Lewis Hamilton with a pass on the final lap.

# Is it racing or entertainment? Formula One teeters at finale

By Jenna Fryer The Associated Press

Tennis

Away

ABU DHABI, UNITED ARAB **EMIRATES** » The one

thing Max Verstappen requested — over and over and over again — was that the race stewards not interfere with the Formula One title-deciding finale with any questionable or inconsistent calls.

He didn't get his wish. Yet it played directly in his favor.

How you felt about it Monday depended on your view of racing. Is it sport? Or is it entertainment?

Verstappen won his first world championship Sunday at the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix with a pass of Lewis Hamilton on the final lap of a riveting season. His 10th win of the vear made Verstappen the first Dutch champion and denied Hamilton a record-breaking eighth

But it will forever be a controversial victory - Mercedes might call it tainted — because of the role race director Michael Masi played in the messy outcome. Hamilton had a lead of nearly 12 seconds and Red Bull conceded Verstappen's only chance was from "some luck from the racing gods" when a crash by Nicholas Latifi with five laps remaining put the ending in Masi's con-

With the world watching, - thanks Netflix! -Masi tried to figure out

what to do next. "You only need one racing lap!" Red Bull team principal Christian Horner said in urging Masi to get Latifi's mess cleaned up in time

to give Verstappen one final shot at Hamilton.

"Michael, this isn't right," Toto Wolff of Mercedes objected as Masi deliberated.

Masi could have sided with Wolff and let the race end behind the safety car with Hamilton cruising past Michael Schumacher into history under yellow. Or, he could have thrown a red flag, allowed all drivers to pit for new tires, and then gone green for a final shootout.

The race director waffled during his decisionmaking process and in that time, Verstappen indeed pitted for fresh, faster tires while Hamilton stayed out to maintain the lead. Masi then moved the lapped traffic out of Verstappen's way and gave him and Hamilton one final lap over 3.2 miles to decide the championship.

Verstappen caught Hamilton in Turn 5 "No, Mikey, no!" screamed Wolff, "that was so not right!" - and held him off on his soft, fresh Pirelli tires for the title. The final lap was the only lap Verstappen led all day. Hamilton led 51 of the 58 trips around Yas Marina Circuit.

Wolff was furious but was rebuked time and again by Masi and the FIA.

Masi scolded him over the radio: "Toto, it's called a motor race, OK? We went car racing," and Mercedes lodged a pair of protests. It took almost five hours for the FIA to deny them both and rule the race official, and Mercedes has now asked for reconsideration from the International Court of Appeal.

Entertained yet? F1 was already the top motorsports series in the

world but its popularity has exploded in North America over the threeyear run of the "Drive to Survive" behind-thescenes Netflix docuseries. The show has removed the velvet rope for viewers and given them access like never before to teams, drivers and drama. The racing just happens to be what the stars of the show do for a living.

Few television producers would greenlight any script that called for an enthralling backand-forth season that spanned 22 races across four continents to end under vellow. People want to be entertained and that's what Masi gave the viewers Sunday night with the officiating decision.

But in ensuring a climactic finale to the upcoming fourth installment of "Drive to Survive," a decision was made that ran afoul of the purity of Formula One. The lack of gimmicks — think playoffs, green-white-checkered flag finishes, stage racing — is what open wheel racing fans love.

IndyCar declined in 2020 to throw a red flag for a late crash at the Indianapolis 500 and Scott Dixon didn't get a final challenge on Takuma Sato, who became the 11th winner in more than a century to collect the checkered flag under caution. Conversely, since NASCAR implemented in 2007 its green-whitecheckered flag rule of using multiple restarts to ensure a green-flag finish, eight of 15 Daytona

500s have been decided in overtime.

NASCAR tweaked its rules to give fans the finish they paid for, while IndyCar has resisted attempts to push it down a similar path of instant gratification. Formula One was supposed to be above manipulations and would follow its thick rulebook, boring races and all.

That's changed since American-owned company Liberty Media became F1's parent company in 2017 and "the way it's always been done" no longer reigns supreme. This year saw the introduction of sprint qualifying in three races, which will be doubled to six in 2022, a late red-flag followed by a final standing restart at the Azerbaijan Grand Prix, and the awarding of only half points for the sixth time in F1 history when rain allowed for a measly one lap run behind the safety car in Belgium.

And yet there was still consternation in the paddock over the ending.

"THIS IS UNACCEPT-ABLE!!!!" tweeted George Russell, who will be Hamilton's teammate next year at Mercedes.

"Max is an absolutely fantastic driver who has had an incredible season and I have nothing but huge respect for him, but what just happened is absolutely unacceptable. I cannot believe what we've just seen," added Russell, who retired from the race and was a spectator for the finish.

Maybe it wasn't pure racing and, in the end, unacceptable for F1 standards. But it sure was entertaining and will be talked about forever.

#### **USC MEN'S BASKETBALL**

# Trojans move up to No. 10 in AP Top 25

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The USC men's basketball program is a top-10 team.

The Trojans moved up sociated Press poll released on Monday following wins over Eastern Kentucky and Long Beach State.

It is the highest the Tro-2017-18, when USC began NBA pick Evan Mobley in Memphis.

pects, but have come to- No. 4 UCLA.

Wednesday: UC Irvine at USC, 6 p.m., Pac-12 Network

gether under head coach Andy Enfield to produce six spots to No. 10 in the As- the fourth-lowest fieldgoal percentage defense in the nation.

Junior Isaiah Mobley is leading the team in scoring and rebounding and is twojans have been in a regu-tenths of a rebound away lar-season AP Top 25 since from averaging a doubledouble. Transfers Chevez the season at No. 10. USC Goodwin and Drew Peterfinished No. 9 in the AP poll son have thrived in their following an Elite Eight second seasons at USC, run last season, but topped while Boogie Ellis has been out at No. 17 during the reg- a strong offensive option ular season with top-three since transferring from

USC is one of three Pac-This year's Trojans aren't 12 teams in the AP Top-10, as highly-touted as pros- joining No. 8 Arizona and



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USC's Max Agbonkpolo celebrates his 3-pointer in the Trojans' 73-62 win over Long Beach State on Sunday.

#### Standings WESTERN CONFEDENCE

PACIFIC DIVISION	l							
	w	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Golden State	22	5	.815	_	7-3	W-1	14-2	8-3
Phoenix	21	5	.808	1/2	8-2	L-1	12-2	9-3
Clippers	16	12	.571	61/2	6-4	W-4	12-7	4-5
Lakers	15	13	.536	71/2	6-4	W-2	10-7	5-6
Sacramento	11	17	.393	111/2	5-5	L-3	5-8	6-9
SOUTHWEST DIVI	ISION							
	w	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Memphis	17	11	.607		8-2	W-3	11-6	6-5
Dallas	14	13	.519	21/2	4-6	W-2	7-6	7-7
San Antonio	10	16	.385	6	6-4	W-1	6-8	4-8
Houston	9	18	.333	71/2	8-2	W-1	7-6	2-12
New Orleans	8	21	.276	91/2	5-5	L-1	4-9	4-12
NORTHWEST DIV	ISION							
	w	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Utah	19	7	.731	_	8-2	W-7	9-4	10-3
Denver	14	13	.519	51/2	5-5	W-2	8-4	6-9
Minnesota	12	15	.444	71/2	4-6	W-1	7-9	5-0
Portland	11	16	.407	81/2	2-8	L-5	10-5	1-1
Oklahoma City	8	18	.308	11	2-8	L-2	4-9	4-9

EASTERN CO	NFERE	NCE						
ATLANTIC DIVIS	ION							
	w	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Brooklyn	19	8	.704	_	7-3	W-2	8-5	11-3
Philadelphia	15	13	.536	41/2	5-5	L-1	6-6	9-7
Boston	14	14	.500	51/2	4-6	W-1	7-4	7-10
Toronto	13	14	.481	6	5-5	W-2	6-9	7-5
New York	12	15	.444	7	3-7	L-3	5-9	7-6
SOUTHEAST DIV	ISION							
	w	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Miami	16	12	.571	_	4-6	L-1	8-4	8-8
Washington	15	13	.536	1	4-6	L-2	8-4	7-9
Charlotte	15	14	.517	11/2	4-6	L-1	8-4	7-10
Atlanta	13	14	.481	21/2	5-5	L-2	8-6	5-8
Orlando	5	23	.179	11	1-9	L-5	2-8	3-15
CENTRAL DIVISI	ON							
	w	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Chicago	17	10	.630	_	5-5	L-2	8-4	9-6
Milwaukee	18	11	.621	_	7-3	L-1	9-4	9-7

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Clippers 111, Phoenix 95 Toronto 124, Sacramento 101 Cleveland 105, Miami 94 Golden State 102, Indiana 100 Boston 117, Milwaukee 103

Houston 132, Atlanta 126

Memphis 126, Philadelphia 91 Dallas 120, Charlotte 96

Cleveland

Denver 113, Washington 107 Today's games Golden State at New York, 4:30 p.m. Toronto at Brooklyn, 4:30 p.m. Phoenix at Portland, 7 p.m.

Detroit at Chicago, ppd. **Wednesday's games** Atlanta at Orlando, 4 p.m. Houston at Cleveland, 4 p.m. Miami at Philadelphia, 4 p.m. Lakers at Dallas, 4:30 p.m. Indiana at Milwaukee, 5 p.m. New Orleans at Oklahoma City, 5 p.m. Charlotte at San Antonio, 5:30 p.m. Clippers at Utah, 7 p.m. Memphis at Portland, 7 p.m Washington at Sacramento, 7 p.m.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

# Curry closes in on record, Warriors win

By The Associated Press

Stephen Curry finished one 3-pointer shy of tying the NBA career record on ond half, leading Cleveland Monday night, making five to its fourth straight win. 3-pointers and scoring 26 CELTICS 117, BUCKS 103 » Jaypoints to help the Golden son Tatum scored 16 of his State Warriors rally late for 42 points in the fourth quara 102-100 win over the Inditer and Boston beat Milana Pacers.

against the New York

MAVERICKS 120, HORNETS GRIZZLIES126,76ERS91» Dil-96 » Kristaps Porzingis had 24 points, 13 rebounds and season-high 19 3-pointers than 50% in a dominating as the Mavericks routed the Charlotte to sweep a back- BULLS' NEXT TWO GAMES guard Luka Doncic.

RAPTORS 124, KINGS 101 » Chris Boucher matched his next two games, with 10 season high with 17 points, Yuta Watanabe had a season-best 12 points and 10 rebounds, and Toronto used a 70-point first half to rout Sacramento.

CAVALIERS 105, HEAT 94 » Kevin Love made five 3-pointers and scored all 23 of his points in the secwaukee.

Curry is closing in on Ray ROCKETS 132, HAWKS 126 Allen's record of 2,973. The » Eric Gordon scored 32 chase resumes tonight on points, D.J. Augustin added the NBA's grandest stage 22 and Houston rallied from Madison Square Garden 19 points down and handed Atlanta its fifth straight home loss.

lon Brooks scored 23 points. Jaren Jackson Jr. added 22 five blocks, and Dallas hit a and Memphis shot better win over Philadelphia.

to-back without All-Star POSTPONED DUE TO PRO-TOCOLS » The NBA postponed the Chicago Bulls' of the team's players in the league's health and safety protocols. The Bulls' next game is now scheduled for Sunday against the Lakers at home.

# Morris, Clippers find way to cool off red-hot Suns

By Mirjam Swanson

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LOS ANGELES » Sure, the Phoenix Suns have won 20 of their past 22 games. But they're 2-2 in their past four - with recent losses to the Golden State Warriors and, on Monday, a 111-95 defeat against an ever-game Clippers contingent.

In their first meeting since Phoenix closed the Western Conference finals with a 130-103 victory over a drained Clippers team in June, coach Tyronn Lue's undermanned squad looked like the streaking squad, controlling the contest the whole way.

With impactful perfor-Marcus Morris'.

Against his former team, and necessarily creative. He finished with a seasonhigh 24 points. He pulled down 11 rebounds and shot 10 for 16, including draining turnaround 19-footer late in the shot clock, effectively a cherry on the victory as it put the Clippers (16-12) ahead 100-79 with 4:37 to

won 20 of 21 games and two State interrupted their 18game winning streak.



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Clippers guard Reggie Jackson (1) controls the ball against Suns forward Mikal Bridges on Monday at Staples Center.

mances up and down the had a three-game winning lineup, the starters and respurt to their credit — and serves both — none of them not having lost to the Suns more consequential than in a regular-season home game since 2013.

On Monday, both teams the Clippers' Morris twin were following the leaguewas aggressive, efficient wide trend, making due as best they could without their full complement of players.

"Everybody's dealing with it, I saw Chicago had like nine guys the other night and teams are dealing," Suns coach Monty Williams said. "This is the time of the year that you would typically see this atmosphere but then you add COVID to The Suns came in having it and it's a bit more of an adjustment but we've just consecutive since Golden got to figure it out as we go along.

The Clippers, however, fans at Staples Center, the Suns were forced to figure it out without Devin Booker (hamstring), Deandre Ayton (non-COVID illness) and Jalen Smith (non-COVID ill-

> Their hosts weren't exactly in better shape; the Clippers were without Kawhi Leonard (ACL), Paul George (elbow) and Nicolas Batum (ankle).

And yet, the Clippers opened with perhaps their most encouraging half of the season in the win of the season so far.

That included inspired and ultimately contagious defense that held the Suns to just 44 points on 42.6% it without fouling, limiting On Monday before 17,909 the arc. And the Clippers did made one).

#### THE SCORE

CLIPPERS 111, SUNS 95

Up next: Clippers at Jazz, Wednesday, 7 p.m., BSSC,

#### **BOX SCORE**

Phoenix	Min	FG	FT	Reb	Α	PF	<u>Pts</u>
Bridges	32:42	6-10	3-3	2-3	0	4	16
Crowder	24:39	3-7	0-0	0-2	1	4	6
McGee	25:09	5-13	3-4	6-13	1	3	13
Paul	33:18	4-14	1-2	0-2	8	3	9
Shamet	25:59	3-11	0-0	0-2	1	1	6
C.Johnson	34:11	5-11	4-4	1-6	1	3	17
Payne	28:35	5-15	2-2	0-4	4	0	12
Payton	17:58	2-8	1-2	2-3	5	1	6
Wainright	14:49	3-7	0-0	2-6	1	4	8
Hutchison	2:38	0-0	2-2	0-0	0	0	2

Totals 240:00 36-96 16-19 13-41 22 23 95 Percentages: FG. 375, FT. 842; 3-Point Goals: 7-29, .241 (C.Johnson 3-7, Wainright 2-5, Payton 1-2, Bridges 1-3, Crowder 0-2, McGee 0-2, Paul 0-2, Payne 0-3, Shamet 0-3); Team rebounds: 10; Team turnovers: 1; Blocked shots: 3 (Crowder, Payne, Payton); Turnovers: 10 (Payne 3, McGee 2, Paul 2, Payton 2, C.Johnson); Steals: 10 (C.Johnson 3, Paul 3, Bridgas 2, Crowder, Shamet); Techni-3, Bridges 2, Crowder, Shamet); **Technical fouls:** Paul, 3:44 second.

Clippers	Min	FG	FT	Reb	Α	PF	<u>Pts</u>
Mann	38:23	7-10	2-2	2-9	3	5	17
Morris Sr.	33:25	10-16	2-3	1-11	1	0	24
Zubac	24:34	4-7	0-0	4-5	1	5	8
Jackson	30:23	6-13	5-5	0-3	2	1	19
Kennard	34:24	5-9	3-3	0-9	4	2	16
Bledsoe	24:11	4-8	1-4	0-0	4	2	10
Hartenstein	23:01	5-7	2-2	1-5	7	5	12
Boston Jr.	16:13	0-4	0-2	0-3	1	0	0
Winslow	12:40	1-2	1-2	0-0	1	0	3
K.Johnson	2:45	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	2
Totals 240	:00 43	-78 16	-23 8	3-45 2	24	20	111

Percentages: FG .551, FT .696; 3-Point Goals: 9-21, .429 (Kennard 3-5, Jackson 2-4, Morris Sr. 2-4, Bledsoe 1-2, Mann 1-3, Boston Jr. 0-3); **Team rebounds:** 9; **Team** turnovers: 1; Blocked shots: 7 (Zubac 4, Hartenstein 2, Winslow); Turnovers: 16 (Bledsoe 4, Zubac 4, Kennard 3, Jackson 2, Hartenstein, Morris Sr., Winslow); Steals: 5 (Bledsoe 2, Zubac 2, Hartens-

21 23 25 26 - 95 27 29 23 32 - 111 **A:** 17,909 (18,997); **T:** 2:12.

shooting (20 for 47), includ- Phoenix to just just two free ing just 3 for 14 from behind throws (of which Chris Paul

#### **CLIPPERS**

# Ibaka is healthy, but playing time shrinking

By Mirjam Swanson mswanson@scng.com

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have been thrown at coach trouble in Portland. Tyronn Lue's team.

one thing Clippers fans can just about bank on seeing: A steady diet of Ivica Zubac and Isaiah Hartenstein in the post.

And something they shouldn't expect as much, at least for the time being: Serge Ibaka sightings.

Lue hasn't had much insight to offer recently in rethe 32-year-old center, who has been available but had not played in the Clippers'

night's matchup against the ing back and returned late but hey, things happen. Now

The game before that, Ibaka played only when LOS ANGELES » It's hard to Hartenstein — the 23-yearpredict who might be in old German-American cenand who will be out for any ter who is having a breakgiven game for the Clippers out season off the bench in ods and Nicolas Batum's bounds and 1.7 assists enbout with COVD-19 that all tering Monday — got in foul

"Yes, he's available," Lue But there appears to be confirmed when asked about Ibaka before the Clippers' victory over Orlando on Saturday.

Did something happen to take him out of the rotation? "No, ma'am."

What have his conversations been like with the big man about his role?

"Keep that between us." Lue said Monday. "But we've sponse to questions about had conversations and that's all about all I can go into."

Ibaka missed most of

played two playoff games but couldn't go any further. The veteran, floor-spacing big man underwent back surgery on June 10 - a prothis season, with the inju- L.A., averaging 7.2 points on competition for the Clippers' Lue if he could ramp up ries, injury recovery peri- 65.3% shooting and 4.7 re- first eight games this season. in the G League. The Clip-

in the regular season and

plained Ibaka — who opted year of his contract with the Clippers this offseason – on media day in late Sep-

"That's it. I think it wasn't that bad, I just be dealing with the pain for so long for almost a year," Ibaka said then. "That's the hard part ... I thought like if I just keep working, keep taking the baths, strengthening my core, I'm going to be fine, but it was not the case. I wish his first season with the I could get surgery earlier, two games prior to Monday Clippers because of an ail- earlier during the season, 12 seconds.

I'm going to focus on it for the next season." But after he played lim-

ited minutes — and was limited, production-wise in his first two games back cedure that kept him out of from the injury, he asked "They had to clean up my pers' coach liked the idea, disc because that's where the so Ibaka checked in with nerves come in and out," ex- the Agua Caliente Clippers for whom he averaged 15.5 into the \$9.7 million second points, 9.3 rebounds and 2.5 assists in 27.3 minutes in a four-game stint.

When Ibaka joined the big-league Clippers again, Lue experimented, plugging in Ibaka beside Hartenstein with the second unit for significant minutes in a couple of games and then starting him with Zubac in three games (those lineups both were plus-one in 48 and 22 minutes, respectively).

Since then, though, Ibaka had played only 7 minutes,

#### **LAKERS**

# Horton-Tucker has confidence ahead of trade season

#### By Kyle Goon

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If LeBron James' passes are a vote of confidence, kinda in my back that's givbe feeling good about him-

Embedded in James' triday night were 10 assists. Half of them went to Horton-Tucker, the Lakers' youngest player, on a variety of looks: catch-anddunk. It showcased the to lift him up.

every bit of advice that I can get from him has been great," Horton-Tucker said open to me, trying to help

# **UP NEXT**

Wednesday: Lakers at Mavericks, 4:30 p.m., SpecSN

Talen Horton-Tucker has to ing me that push is always gonna be good and I appre-

In his third NBA season, ple-double stat line against Horton-Tucker hasn't gotthe Orlando Magic on Sun- ten off to a smooth start. Thumb surgery sidelined him for the first month of games. He returned to immediate fanfare in his first three games, but when shoot 3-pointers, curls for James returned from an ablayups, and a transition dominal injury, the young wing was suddenly lost in breadth of what Horton- the star-driven mix. In the Tucker, 21, can do on the of-next eight games, he shot fensive end — and served as under 30% from the field a sign that James is working as he struggled to find a fit alongside James, Anthony "Just trying to give me Davis and Russell West-

brook. The last four games have seen a slight pick-up for of James' influence. "So I Horton-Tucker, who has avfeel like he's always been eraged 13 points and 3.5 assists in the last week. It's me get the ball, use him for important for the Lakers screens and using him as a to get their young, freshly decoy also to try to get open. paid wing going — Hor-Just being able to have him ton-Tucker has arguably

but whatever happens, it will require him to play up to his potential.

"He had a couple games of finding his rhythm," coach Frank Vogel said. "The way he's defending right now, the way he's shooting it and shooting 3s and the way he's always a threat to knife through the defense and get a layup or a paint-to-great (pass), those are attributes that we did see in him and why we invested in him and the role that we thought we would have for him.

There are two roads for Horton-Tucker, and the Lakers have fleshed out the first. They envision him as a versatile scorer if he can add more secondary playmaking and a consistent 3-point shot to his already impressive off-the-dribble game. On the defensive end, they want him to take big assignments — Javson Tatum, Luka Doncic and other dynamic wings — and use his length to harass them. Horton-Tucker's six steals

opponents off guard.

But the other unspoken path for Horton-Tucker lies beyond Los Angeles: He is, by far, the team's most important trade chip. Lacking most of their first-round picks for the coming years, the Lakers (15-13) can best incentivize other teams by dangling Horton-Tucker as a young, up-and-coming wing. His \$9.5 million salary makes him an essential building block if the Lakers hope to construct a trade for a more established role player. If their reported interest in players such as Detroit's Jerami Grant is real (via The Athletic), the only way they can even come close to matching a number like Grant's \$20 million salary is by using Horton-Tucker's contract, among others.

It's an awkward dynamic, but the numbers game of NBA trades all but plaster Horton-Tucker on the trading block starting on Dec. 15, after which newly signed free agents can be dealt. The Lakers let a big opporthere and be someone that's the most unsettled future the upside of his 7-foot-1 forgoing a trade for Toron-play on this team — no mat-same thing back.'

luctance to deal Horton- ure is. Tucker, a former second-

round pick, on the cheap. Now Horton-Tucker is paid, and from General Manager Rob Pelinka on down, the franchise has pumped up his potential to be an elite defender. But he's not there yet, and how fast he gets there might define which path the Lakers take. If he plays well enough to develop interest and the Lakers can find a tidy deal for a veteran, it might clear the path for him to get traded. But if he plays so well that the Lakers see him as an asset in a playoff series, it might cement his future in L.A.

The most Horton-Tucker can do is focus on the present, something he's been good at since he was a weteared rookie who Vogel threw into a playoff game against James Harden. Only about a year-and-ahalf later, Horton-Tucker is being counted on as a versahe has a strong understand-

of any player on the roster, wingspan, which can catch to's Kyle Lowry out of re-ter how long his Lakers ten-

"They think that I can be a great defender with my length," he said. "I just try to use that. And I feel like tonight it was working."

#### **Honor for James**

For a record 65th time, LeBron James has been deemed the best player in his conference by the NBA over a one-week stretch of the regular season.

It was a strong four-game slate for James last week, as he averaged 28.3 points, 8 assists, 7.5 assists, 1.8 steals and 1.8 blocked shots while the Lakers went 3-1. James, 36, has scored at least 30 points in his last six games, and he recorded a pair of triple-doubles in his past

Vogel said he's been most impressed by the effort that James has been playing with, which is spurring his teammates to match it. Horton-Tucker agreed.

"It gives me energy betile threat in the lineup, and cause you see him doing it at 36," he said. "It gives me against the Magic represent tunity pass by last season, ing of the role he needs to no excuse to kind of do the

#### **COLLEGE FOOTBALL**



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Alabama quarterback Bryce Young (9) won the Heisman Trophy and led the Crimson Tide to the CFP semifinals.

# Alabama puts three players on AP All-America first team

By The Associated Press

Bryce Young and Alabama teammates Will Anderson Jr. and Jameson Williams have been selected All-Americans by The Associated Press, giving the topranked Crimson Tide more players on the first team than any other school.

The AP All-America team presented by Regions Bank, selected by a panel of Top 25 college football poll voters, was released Mon-

Young became the fourth Alabama player, and first Tide quarterback, to win the Heisman on Saturday night. Anderson, who leads the nation in sacks with 15.5, was fifth in the Heisman voting.

Alabama (12-1) will face No. 4 Cincinnati (13-0) in the College Football Playoff semifinals Dec. 31.

The Tide will bring five players who received AP All-American honors into Evan Neal made the sec- DeMarvin Leal, junior, Texas A&M.

Cincinnati is represented on the first team by cornerback Ahmad Gardner, who was a second-team All-American last season. Fellow Bearcats cornerback Coby Bryant made the sec-

ond team. The other playoff semifinal on New Year's Eve, No. 2 Michigan (12-1) against No. 3 Georgia (12-1), will feature four more first-team All-Americans.

Defensive end Aidan Hutchinson, the Heisman runner-up, and kicker Jake Moody are All-Americans for the Wolverines. Georgia's top-ranked defense is represented by defensive tackle Jordan Davis and linebacker Nakobe Dean.

Michigan linebacker David Ojabo was chosen for the second team and running back Hassan Haskins was a third-team selection.

Georgia matched Alabama with five players across the three teams. Defensive tackle Devonte Wyatt and freshman tight end Brock Bowers made the second team and safety Lewis Cine was a third-team

Pittsburgh quarterback Kenny Pickett made the second team and fellow Heisman finalist C.J. Stroud from Ohio State was the third-team QB.

#### **ALL-AMERICA TEAM**

Heisman Trophy winner The 2021 Associated Press All-America team presented by Regions Bank, selected by a panel of Top 25 poll voters.

#### **FIRST TEAM OFFENSE**

Quarterback: Bryce Young, sophomore,

Running backs: Kenneth Walker III, junior, Michigan State; Breece Hall, junior, Iowa

Tackles: Ikem Ekwonu, sophomore, North Carolina State; Darian Kinnard, senior,

Guards: Kenyon Green, junior, Texas A&M; Zion Johnson, senior, Boston College.

Center: Tyler Linderbaum, junior, Iowa. Tight end: Trey McBride, senior, Colorado

Receivers: Jordan Addison, sophomore, Pittsburgh; David Bell, junior, Purdue; Jameson Williams, junior, Alabama.

All-purpose player: Deuce Vaughn, sophomore, Kansas State.

Kicker: Jake Moody, senior, Michigan.

Edge rushers: Aidan Hutchinson, senior, Michigan; Kayvon Thibodeaux, junior,

their playoff game. Tackle Linemen: Jordan Davis, senior, Georgia;

ond team and safety Jordan Linebackers: Will Anderson, Jr., sopho-Battle was a third-team se- more, Alabama; Nakobe Dean, junior, Geor-

gia; Devin Lloyd, junior, Utah. Cornerbacks: Ahmad Gardner, junior, Cincinnati; Roger McCreary, senior, Auburn.

Safeties: Verone McKinley III, sophomore, Oregon; Jalen Pitre, senior, Baylor. Defensive back: Marcus Jones, senior,

Houston. Punter: Matt Araiza, junior, San Diego State.

player to repeat as a firstteam AP All-American this

season. Iowa center Tyler Linderbaum and Texas A&M guard Kenyon Green each were first-team selections this season after making the second team in 2020.

Kentucky tackle Darian Kinnard and Oregon edge rusher Kayvon Thibodeaux went from third-team in 2020 to first-team in 2021.

The AP added two players, one on each side of the ball, to the teams this year, the first change to the All-America structure since 2006. To reflect a game that features more passing than ever before — plus more schools playing major college football — the offenses now feature three receivers and the defenses include an extra defensive back.

With more receiver spots to fill, Ohio State became the first school to have three wideouts earn All-America honors in the

**SECOND TEAM** 

**OFFENSE** 

Quarterback: Kenny Pickett, senior, Pittsburgh. Running backs: Sean Tucker, freshman,

Syracuse; Tyler Badie, senior, Missouri. Tackles: Evan Neal, junior, Alabama;

Nicholas Petit-Frere, junior, Ohio State. Guards: Thayer Munford, senior, Ohio State; William Dunkle, junior, San Diego

Center: Alec Lindstrom, senior, Boston College

Tight end: Brock Bowers, freshman,

Receivers: Chris Olave, senior, Ohio State; Garrett Wilson, junior, Ohio State; Jerreth

Sterns, junior, Western Kentucky. All-purpose player: Jahmyr Gibbs, sopho-

more, Georgia Tech. Kicker: Noah Ruggles, senior, Ohio State.

Edge rushers: Jermaine Johnson, senior, Florida State; Cameron Thomas, junior, San Diego State.

Linemen: Devonte Wyatt, senior, Georgia; Haskell Garrett, senior, Ohio State.

Linebackers: Malcolm Rodriguez, senior, Oklahoma State; Leo Chenal, junior, Wisconsin; David Ojabo, junior, Michigan

Cornerbacks: Coby Bryant, senior, Cincinnati; Ja'Quan McMillian, junior, East Carolina.

Safeties: Jaquan Brisker, senior, Penn State; Kyle Hamilton, junior, Notre Dame. Defensive back: JoJo Domann, senior,

Nebraska. Punter: Adam Korsak, senior, Rutgers.

Iowa State running back same season. Chris Olave with the Cavaliers for the Breece Hall is the only and Garrett Wilson made first time on Sunday night, the second team and Jaxon and Armstrong - who Smith-Njigba was a third-

team pick. Add in Alabama's Williams, an Ohio State transfer, and four receivers who tionally - said Monday afplayed for the Buckeyes ter Elliott's introductory in 2020 made the AP All-America teams.

The Buckeyes led all schools, placing eight players on the three teams. Join- excited to see it," said Arming the three receivers and Stroud were offensive linemen Thayer Munford and Nichola Petit-Frere, defensive lineman Haskell Garrett and kicker Noah Rug- seven seasons as the offengles, who all made the sec-

#### **Virginia QB Armstrong** says he's staying put

Virginia's new coach achieved the first big victory of his tenure on Monday when quarterback Brennan Armstrong said hall, who surprisingly anhe's given no thought to nounced his resignation aftransferring.

Coach Tony Elliott met a 6-6 regular season.

threw for 4,444 yards in 11 games this season for an average of 404 per game, which ranks second nanews conference that he's staying put.

"I think he's going to run a great program. I'm really strong, who has two years of eligibility remaining. "I'm not going to transfer. It's either here or the NFL."

Elliott spent the past sive coordinator at Clemson, a stint that included two national titles and the spectacular three-year career of quarterback Trevor Lawrence, who was the top pick in this spring's NFL

At Virginia, Elliott takes over for Bronco Mendenter the Cavaliers concluded

arm felt strong and ready the Cougars. Once Dart re- USC hiring Lincoln Riley, covered from meniscus it was considered unlikely terback, with Dart being threat Dart is a better fit

with two seasons of eligibil-

ers like defensive end Jake There was reason to spec- Lichtenstein, linebackers against Washington State ulate on whether Slovis Juliano Falaniko and Raywould follow his original mond Scott and outside lineman Jaxson Dart, who led intention to turn pro after backer Hunter Echols in the

# Kings leave for challenging trip with confidence

By Andrew Knoll

Correspondent

With victories against competitive teams in three of their last four games and a sweep of a two-game homestand in their rearview mirror, the Kings tonight begin a four-game road trip during which they will face four of the Eastern Conference's top

The Kings' three victories came against an Edmonton team that had jockeyed around the top three spots in the Pacific Division and boasted the NHL's two top scorers; a Dallas squad that had surged after a wobbly start; and conference-leading Minnesota, which had entered their matchup on an eight-game tear.

The Wild had defeated the Kings in their second game weight around and domineering in the greasy areas of the ice. Since then, the Kings had strung together a sevengame win streak but sandwiched it between skids of six and five games, respectively.

"I think that we're just a better hockey team than we were," said winger Brendan Lemieux, who scored the game-winning goal on Saturday before taunting the Minnesota bench. "We've come a long way. We've been able to string some wins together in bunches and now it's just a matter of finding some consistency and being able to win games with our 'B' game, win games tired and win games when the pucks aren't bouncing."

The Kings will face the two-time defending Stanley Cup champion Tampa Bay Lightning today. They'll also play the Metropolitan Division-leading Washington Capitals, as well as the Carolina Hurricanes and Florida Panthers on the trip, four of the East's top five teams by point percentage. So do their recent big wins against formidable foes give the Kings a bit of swagger going into a tough trip?

"For us, any type of mo-

#### **UP NEXT**

Today: Kings at Lightning, 4:30 p.m., BSW

best winning streaks," Kings coach Todd McLellan said. "So, to head out on the road, it gives us a little bit of confidence, but it doesn't allow us to relax though."

The Kings will have to confront the challenges ahead without the services of defenseman Alex Edler, who was placed on injured reserve with a lower-body injury he sustained in the opening moments of the Minnesota game. McLellan described Edler's absence as "long-term."

Veteran defenseman Olli Maatta seems most likely to draw in for Edler. Defenseman Christian Wolanin, who was lost on waivers to of the season, throwing their the Buffalo Sabres earlier this season but then reclaimed on Dec. 1 after Buffalo also waived him, was recalled from the Kings' top minorleague affiliate to provide defensive depth.

Tampa Bay won the Stanley Cup in the bubble in 2020 and then again after last year's truncated regular season. This season, the Lightning have remained in contention despite playing in a ruthlessly competitive division and conference, as well as persevering through injuries to key players.

Right wing Nikita Kucherov, a former scoring champion and MVP, and clutch-performing center Brayden Point have both missed significant time with injuries. Center Anthony Cirelli has joined them in the press box recently.

Center Steven Stamkos, Tampa's captain, leads the Lightning with 32 points in 26 games. He and defenseman Victor Hedman have been the foundation of a fruitful era in Tampa.

Hedman, a former Norris Trophy winner, has stepped up his offensive game with 27 points in as many games, and winger Alex Killorn is having a career-best campaign at age mentum is really good. We 32. Goalie Andrei Vasilevskiy played probably two of the has led the NHL in wins for hottest teams in the league four straight seasons and is right now (that) had the tied for second this season.

#### **NHL HIGHLIGHTS**

### Flames have COVID-19 outbreak

By The Associated Press

The NHL has postponed the Calgary Flames' next three games after six players and a staff member entered the league's COVID-19 protocol over a 24-hour period.

The Flames announced Monday that forwards Elias Lindholm, Andrew Mangiapane, Brad Richardson and Adam Ruzicka and defensemen Chris Tanev and Nikita Zadorov were in the protocol.

Postponed games include Monday night's game at Chicago, Tuesday's game at Nashville and Thursday's home game against Toronto.

Later Monday, the Carolina Hurricanes announced star center Sebastian Aho, rookie center Seth Jarvis and a member of the training staff have entered the COVID-19 pro-

The team said all three would remain in Vancouver. The Hurricanes lost there 2-1 on Sunday, with Aho missing the game with what the team originally said was an illness. Carolina played at Calgary on Thursday, winning 2-1 in overtime.

The league said in a news release that the Flames games were postponed due to concern with continued spread and the likelihood of additional positive cases. The Flames' training facilities were also closed.

Calgary is the third NHL team this season to have games postponed due to a COVID-19 outbreak.

#### **NHL** standings

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE PACIFIC DIVISION GP W L OT Pts GF GA Ducks 30 16 28 15

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ashville	28	17	10	1	35	81	75
t. Louis	28	15	8	5	35	96	79
olorado	25	16	7	2	34	109	84
/innipeg	27	13	9	5	31	82	76
allas	25	13	10	2	28	69	70
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#### **EASTERN CONFERENCE**

#### ATLANTIC DIVISION

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Toronto	29	19	8	2	40	93	75	
Tampa Bay	27	17	6	4	38	89	74	
Boston	24	14	8	2	30	69	62	
Detroit	28	13	12	3	29	78	96	
Buffalo	27	8	15	4	20	73	97	
Ottawa	25	8	16	1	17	67	93	
Montreal	29	6	20	3	15	62	102	
METROPOLITAN DIVISION								

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Vashington	28	17	5	6	40	97	71
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I.Y. Rangers	27	18	6	3	39	79	68
ittsburgh	27	14	8	5	33	80	70
olumbus	26	14	11	1	29	86	86
lew Jersey	26	10	11	5	25	74	86
hiladelphia	26	10	12	4	24	65	88
I.Y. Islanders	23	7	11	5	19	50	70
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#### Calgary at Chicago, ppd. Today's games Kings at Tampa Bay, 4 p.m.

Montreal at Pittsburgh, 4 p.m. New Jersey at Philadelphia, 4 p.m Ottawa at Florida, 4 p.m. Vegas at Boston, 4 p.m. N.Y. Islanders at Detroit, 4:30 p.m. Buffalo at Winnipeg, 5 p.m. Calgary at Nashville, 5 p.m. Carolina at Minnesota, 5 p.m. St. Louis at Dallas, 5:30 p.m. N.Y. Rangers at Colorado, 6 p.m Toronto at Edmonton, 6 p.m. Columbus at Vancouver, 7 p.m. Seattle at San Jose, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday's games Washington at Chicago, 5 p.m. N.Y. Rangers at Arizona, 6 p.m. Seattle at Ducks, 7 p.m.

#### Thursday's games Detroit at Carolina, 4 p.m. Kings at Florida, 4 p.m.

Ottawa at Tampa Bay, 4 p.m. Philadelphia at Montreal, 4 p.m. Vegas at New Jersey, 4 p.m. Boston at N.Y. Islanders, 4:30 p.m Buffalo at Minnesota, 5 p.m. Colorado at Nashville, 5 p.m. Columbus at Edmonton, 6 p.m. Toronto at Calgary, 6 p.m Vancouver at San Jose, 7:30 p.m.

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in the Rose Bowl. But Slovis finished with a 67% completion rate and a 17-7 touchdown-to-interception ratio. Still, he was named to the 2020 All-Pac-12 first team.

Slovis entered 2021 hoping to shake off those issues and establish himself as a high-end NFL draft pick. He spoke in the preseason about how his confidence was restored and that his

for the season.

But Slovis again strug-

gled, with three of the four NFL receivers from his freshman year off to the pros along with the two NFL linemen from 2019, too. Slovis' completion percentage dropped to a career low of 65%, and he threw 11

A neck injury in Week 2 opened the door for fresh-USC to a comeback win over this season or transfer. With transfer portal.

surgery, he and Slovis began splitting time at quartrusted in the fourth quarter with USC holding onto a pocket-passer Slovis. one-possession lead against Arizona.

A lower leg injury shut down Slovis' season, caustouchdowns to eight intering him to miss the final three games.

that Slovis would remain a Trojan, given that the dualfor Riley's offense than the But now Slovis will get to

test out the transfer market, ity remaining. He joins former USC play-



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Rams wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr. (3) celebrates his touchdown catch as Cardinals cornerback Marco Wilson reacts.

# Rams

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to an NFC West division title. "This was the sign of a mentally tough team," said Rams coach Sean McVay, who had to juggle lineups and game plans between Friday and Monday. "I'm really proud of these guys."

The win by the Rams (9-4) — their most notable victory since a September home win against Tampa Bay cut Arizona's (10-3) lead to one game and gave them a chance at the division title with four games left in the regular season, while also solidifying their position at the top of the conference wildcard race.

Stafford passed for 287 yards and three touchdowns, without an interception. Kupp caught a careerhigh 13 of Stafford's 23 completions for 123 yards and a touchdown. Arizona's Kyler Murray was intercepted twice, sacked a season-worst four times and held without a scoring pass.

Stafford said it was tough
Stafford said it was tough hearing Monday morning Missed field goals - None that the Rams would be without two more of their ferson at the goal line came best players as All-Pro cor- one play after the Rams bennerback Jalen Ramsey and efited from an unnecessarystarting tight end Tyler Higbee went on the COVID-19 reserve list.

"Sometimes when your inspired performance by inback's against the wall, you've got less guys than you Rams took over at the Cardithought you were going to have going into a game, it brings us together a little bit," Stafford said.

Tied at halftime, in danger of wearing down as the undermanned team, the Rams instead came out and got touchdown passes from Stafford on their first two series of the third quarter, helped by the defense's second take-

away of the night. A 52-yard strike to Van Jef-

#### **SUMMARY**

(Gay kick), 12:53. LAR - FG Gay 55, 7:23.

Third quarter

kick), 9:45.

Fourth quarte

First downs

Total net yards

Rushes-yards

Passing yards

Punt returns-yards

Int-return yards

Sacked-yards lost

Comp-att-int

Fumbles-lost

Penalties-yards

Time of possession

INDIVIDUAL STATS

13-31. Moore 2-11.

Kickoff returns-yards 1-27

(Gay kick), 13:36.

LAR - FG Gay 35, :35

Ari - FG Prater 53, :00

**LAR** - FG Gay 33, 7:20.

Ari - FG Prater 49, :37.

Ari - Conner 1 run (Prater kick), 3:18.

LAR - Jefferson 52 pass from Stafford

LAR - Kupp 4 pass from Stafford (Gay

Ari - Conner 8 run (Prater kick), 13:38.

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23-30-0

Rushing - Rams, Michel 20-79, Jefferson

1-10. Arizona, K.Murray 7-61, Conne

Passing — Rams, Stafford 23-30-0-287. Arizona, K.Murray 32-49-2-383.

Receiving — Rams, Kupp 13-123, Beckham 6-77, Jefferson 2-58, Blanton 2-29, Arizona. Conner 9-94, Green 7-102,

roughness penalty following

tercepting a Murray pass, the

nals' 19-yard line and went

up, 27-13, when Kupp went

down and caught a 4-yard

pass inside the right end-

back on James Conner's second touchdown run.

consecutive successful field-

goal attempt, made it a two-

score game again with 7:20

The Cardinals got one

a catch by Kupp.

zone pylon.

gressed, the Rams have been confronted more and more First quarter by injuries, none bigger than Ari - FG Prater 53, 10:58. wide receiver Robert Woods' Second quarter season-ending knee injury. LAR — Beckham 2 pass from Stafford

But they had been unscathed by COVID-19 going into this week. Then, Friday, Rams leading rusher Darrell Henderson went on the list for players who test positive or have close contact with someone who did. And Saturday, right tackle Rob Havenstein and cornerback Dont'e Deayon were placed on the list.

The body blow came ing on the COVID-19 list too.

--g me."

That left the Rams without four starters because of coronavirus protocols, in addition to injured starting cen-

ger roles.

If the team's confidence was frayed, they began to stitch it together as the first half proceeded.

After Floyd continued an to repeat their 37-20 victory at SoFi Stadium in October, had scored first on a nineplay drive to a field goal. The Rams went three and out on their first series, and they were about to fall behind 10-0 when Arizona made another sustained drive inside their 10. Murray targeted tight end

Zach Ertz in the end zone. But Matt Gay's third field goal of the night, and 18th

> From the sideline, it felt like a moment of magic to Stafford, who had been talk-

about what the offense would

Monday afternoon when the Rams announced that Ramsey and Higbee were go-

Asked what his reaction to the Ramsey and Higbee news was, McVay said: "My initial reaction was, 'You gotta be s-

ter Brian Allen.

Tight end Kendall Blan-

The Cardinals, seeking

But Donald got a hand on the pass, and linebacker Ernest Jones intercepted it near

the goal line.

As the season has pro- ing with Rams offensive coordinator Kevin O'Connell

> do if the Cardinals scored. "Not three seconds before that play happened," Stafford said, "I'm (talking) about, 'All right, let's answer back after this,' and he goes, 'Well, you don't know. (Murray) could throw one in there, it could be tipped and picked,' and as he's finishing the sentence, the damn thing happened."

> After Jones' 31-yard return, the Rams went 68 yards to go in front for the first time on a 2-yard pass from Stafford to Odell Beckham Jr., giving the wide receiver touchdowns in three consecutive games.

> The kickers were trading long field goals, Gay producing a season-best 55-yarder and later 35-yarder.

The Rams' defense was doing better against Murray this time around. Donald recorded two of his sacks in the first half, giving him three in the past three quarters after he got to Trevor Lawrence in the fourth quarter of the Rams' victory over the Jackton, tackle Bobby Evans, and sonville Jaguars. The makedefensive backs David Long shift secondary was holdand Kareem Orr were among ing the league's completionthe Rams stepping into big- percentage leader below his norm.

Murray did pull out a signature play by running for 16 yards and stepping out of bounds at the Rams' 36 with one second left before halftime, allowing Matt Prater to kick a 53-yard field goal and make it 13-13.

The Rams got a scare at the end of the second half too when Prater kicked his third field goal with 37 seconds left, and the Cardinals recovered an on-side kick.

But Donald, who had started the game with a sack, ended it with his season-high third sack of the game with Arizona at its own 42-yard

"He stepped up," Floyd said, "like a lot of (Rams) players."

#### **RAMS NOTES**

# Ramsey, Higbee hit COVID-19 list before game

By Kevin Modesti

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GLENDALE, ARIZ. » Rams cornerback Jalen Ramsey and tight end Tyler Higbee were placed on the CO-VID-19 reserve list Monday afternoon as the team continued to be hit hard by the virus before its game against the Arizona Cardinals.

Running back Darrell Henderson was put on the list Saturday, and right tackle Rob Havenstein and cornerback Dont'e Deayon were placed on it Sunday.

Ramsey, Higbee, Henderson and Havenstein are the first Rams starters since the start of the regular season.

All of them missed the 8-4 Rams' game against the 10-2 Cardinals on Monday night.

The COVID-19 reserve list, instituted as part of the NFL's coronavirus protocols, is for players who test positive for the virus or are found to have had close contact with someone who did.

Rams announced Monday they activated from the back Javian Hawkins, tight end Jared Pinkney and defensive backs Grant Haley and Kareem Orr, as well as wide receiver and kickoff returner Brandon Powell, all designated as replacements for players sidelined by COVID-19 protocols.

The Rams activated linebacker Justin Hollins from injured reserve.

In another move, the team elevated guard Jerpractice squad.

The loss of Ramsey, generally considered the NFL's best cornerback, further thinned out a secondary that also lost Robert Ropast week.

Rams were left with Ken- and Ogbonnia Okoronkwo. dall Blanton and Brycen Hopkins, as well as Pinkey, available to play tight end.

#### Where they stand

The Rams went into Monday night's game two games behind the Cardinals in the NFC West title race, but feeling secure about their position as far as making the playoffs is concerned.

They remain the No. 1 wild card and No. 5 seed overall with four games to play, ahead of the 7-6 49ers and 6-7 Washington, with the 6-7 Vikings, Eagles, Falcons and Saints currently outside of playoff position based on tiebreakers.

#### Next game

The Rams host the Seattle Seahawks at SoFi Stadium on Sunday at 1:25 p.m., trying to sweep the teams' regular-season series for the second time in the six years since the Rams returned to Los An-

They won both games in 2018 and split the two in 2016, 2017, 2019 and 2020, before beating the Seahawks in a first-round playoff game last season.

This year, the Rams won at Lumen Field 26-17 in Week 5.

The Seahawks (5-8) are one of the NFL's most disto go on the COVID-19 list appointing teams but are on their first winning streak of the season after beating the 49ers 30-23 and the Texans in Houston 33-13.

#### **Unclear futures**

The past few weeks have brought an increase in the number of Rams in important roles who can become free agents after this sea-

Wide receiver Odell Trying to fill holes, the Beckham Jr., signed as a free agent in November, and outside linebacker Von practice squad running Miller, acquired in a trade earlier that month, both are coming to the end of their contracts.

Running back Sony Michel, playing a steppedup role with Henderson out, also can be an unrestricted free agent. Center Coleman Shelton, who has been playing in place of injured Brian Allen, can be a restricted free agent.

Other potential 2022 free agents on the Rams' emiah Kolone from the offense include right guard Austin Corbett, tackleguard Joe Noteboom, tight end Johnny Mundt and backup quarterback John Wolford.

Others on defense inchell to an injury in the clude cornerbacks Darious Williams and Deayon, and Without Higbee, the linebackers Troy Reeder

Kicker Matt Gay, leading the league in fieldgoal percentage going into Monday's game, can be a restricted free agent.

The subject must be on players' minds, but it's not something they're talking about publicly with a month to go in the regular season.

Noteboom, who has been groomed as an eventual successor to Andrew Whitworth at left tackle and can also play guard, was asked in November if he has thought about next

"I try to stay in the moment with all that stuff," Noteboom said.

#### Whicker

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late scheduling whirlwind that features Baltimore, Minnesota, San Francisco and Seattle. The defense couldn't restrain Kyler Murray for four quarters, but it kept batting down his passes and intercepted two, which the Rams turned into touchdowns.

Aaron Donald was monumental, from his sack on the first play until the end of the fourth quarter, when he stood above a fallen Murray. The Cards had recovered an onside kick and Murray made a dash that was called back by Sean Harlow's holding penalty — on Donald.

Donald also tipped the pass that Leonard Floyd intercepted as Murray was trying to put the Cardinals up, 10-0.

"You're hot," Floyd told Donald. "Keep staying hot."

"I've seen it from afar, and I've seen it up close and personal," Matthew Stafford said with a grin. "Great players do that kind of thing. I was standing on the sideline and (offensive coordinator) Kevin O'Connell said, well, you never know. He (Murray) might try to fit one in there, and we might pick it. And, holy (mackerel), that's what hap-



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Rams outside linebacker Leonard Floyd (54) celebrates his interception against the Cardinals on Monday in the second half in Glendale, Ariz.

13 lead.

pened."

Defensively the Rams held Murray to a 72.1 passer rating, and cornerbacks Darius Williams and David Long hung in there against a mega-gifted receiving group. DeAndre Hopkins, a rival of Jalen Ramsey's for so long, caught only five passes for 54 yards in his absence.

Stafford, protected well, put so much oomph into one pass that he looked like an Olympian javelin man, and Van Jefferson turned it into a 52-vard touchdown. On the next door he got hit by Chandler Jones and the ball squirted away to his right, and as 21 other guys looked up and down and around for it, Stafford sprinted to cover it. "I was screaming while I was

running," he said. That meant he could connect with Cooper Kupp for a 27-

"I thought the leadership of

this team really came through," coach Sean McVay said.

But it was difficult to take all the drives and kicks and penalties seriously, in the face of a problem that is bearing down on jeopardized again. two years without a solution, let alone a face.

On Monday, 37 NFL players were reported to test positive. The Rams lost Ramsey and Tyler Higbee and were already missing Darrell Henderson and Rob Havenstein. That's four prominent starters.

The Detroit Lions went to Denver on Sunday and lost 38-10. They were missing six players who had tested positive and were forced to go back to virtual meetings

The Calgary Flames of the NHL had their Monday game with Chicago postponed, thanks to variants inside their locker room. Ten of the NBA's Chicago Bulls have tested positive during the past 13 days, and two of their games have been pushed back.

The Bulls were double-vaccinated and received boosters, and their symptoms have been negligible. Joel Embiid of the Philadelphia 76ers caught a stronger version of the variant and said he wasn't sure he would survive.

The NFL is expected to make the booster shot mandatory by

Dec. 27. But as all the sports begin to take full houses and crowded beer lines and cheekby-unmasked-jowl seating for granted, their seasons are being

It would not be surprising if an alpha quarterback like Tom Brady demanded that his Tampa Bay Buccaneers go into lockdown during the run to the postseason concludes. It also wouldn't surprise anyone if the NHL got disrupted by crossborder concerns, or if the college basketball season went haywire again. Washington already has punted games with Gonzaga and UCLA.

One assumes the NCAA is looking for contingencies for its tournament, which was entirely confined to Indianapolis last year. The Los Angeles area has the hotels and the arenas to play host, if it comes to that.

Unfortunately, pandemic fatigue has given way to pandemic denial through much of the country. The NFL plowed through it all in 2021 as if it was trying to show that football and the virus were co-existing facts of our lives. That theory is becoming gospel.

The Rams showed they know the rules. The show, accompanied by the casting calls, goes on.

# Meyer's turbulent tenure with Jags hits new low

By The Associated Press

Urban Meyer's tenure in Jacksonville is nearing a new low, and no one could have thought that was possible 2 1/2 months ago.

The Jaguars (2-11) were shut out for the first time in more than a dozen years Sunday, a 20-0 drubbing at Tennessee that showed just how far the team's offense has regressed in the past seven weeks.

Although it's unlikely billionaire owner Shad Khan would fire Meyer after one season — Khan despises the notion of paying people to not work and has been adamant he finally "got it right" by hiring Meyer — he has to, at the very least, have growing concerns about his latest debacle in Jacksonville.

The Jaguars have failed to top 200 total yards in three games, including in back-toback weeks, and now have two five-game skids. Neither had happened in the team's previous 26 years.

They have the league's longest current losing streak to go along with a 15-game road skid and eight consecutive losses in AFC South play.

The only thing that's improved since Meyer took over one-on-one meeting in Nash-

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Jaquars head coach Urban Meyer, in his first year in the NFL, watched Jacksonville get shut out for the first time in more than a dozen years on Sunday.

in January is the team's defense, and Meyer has mostly left that side of the ball to longtime NFL assistant and first-time coordinator Joe

Meyer's first year with the Jaguars will be remembered for public embarrassments and weekly confusion about what's happening in games and seemingly inside the locker room.

Khan and Meyer had a

ville for roughly 15 minutes for fraudulently obtaining following the latest loss, the team's 32nd in its past 37 games.

have to make to get this thing cooking," Meyer said. FORMER JETS PLAYER SEN-TENCED TO 3 YEARS IN COVID **SCAM** » Former NFL player Josh Bellamy has been sentenced to three years and

over \$1.2 million in CO-VID-19 relief funds.

Bellamy, 32, of St. Pe-"Our focus is to finish the tersburg, Florida, was senseason strong and to make tenced Friday in Tampa whatever adjustments we federal court, according to court records. He pleaded guilty in June to conspiracy to commit wire fraud. Besides serving prison time, Bellamy must also pay restitution.

Bellamy most recently one month in federal prison played for the New York Jets,

play list in Sept. 2020, just days before his arrest.

RAVENS HOPE JACKSON IS A January. QUICK HEALER » This was the absence Baltimore could least afford. The Ravens are hopeful it won't linger.

Lamar Jackson missed most of Sunday's loss at Cleveland after spraining his ankle, but a day later, coach John Harbaugh said the star quarterback did not have a high ankle sprain. Harbaugh said he's planning for Jackson to play this week, but it's too early to tell for sure.

"We'll see where it goes this week," Harbaugh said. "If he can go, he'll go. If not, Tyler (Huntley) will be the quarterback."

Huntley threw for 270 yards and a touchdown and showed some impressive scrambling ability, but it wasn't enough as the Ravens fell 24-22 to the Browns. It was Baltimore's second consecutive loss, but the Ravens (8-5) remained in sole possession of first man. It's been fun to see." place in the AFC North.

BRONCOS MAKING A SUR-Denver Broncos this time of

who released him from the year is seeing what's under reserve/physically unable to the Christmas tree and envisioning what sunny locale they'll be jetting off to come

Not now.

The Broncos (7-6) thrust themselves into the thick of the AFC playoff scramble with a 38-10 blowout of the Detroit Lions on Sunday.

The postseason hasn't been a possibility for the Broncos in mid-December since 2015 when Peyton Manning was hollering "Omaha!" at the line of scrimmage instead of bantering with baby brother Eli from the broadcast booth on "Monday Night Football."

This is the first time we've been in this position this late in the season where we have everything right in front of us," fourthyear linebacker Bradley Chubb said Monday. "So, it feels different, guys coming in at 10 o'clock, the first lift option we've got, trying to get it in, watching the film.

"Everybody's locked in,

The Broncos haven't had a winning record in Decem-**PRISING POSTSEASON PUSH** ber since 2016, when they » What usually drives the finished 9-7 and missed the playoffs.

#### **ANALYSIS**



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Two Seahawks break up a pass intended for Houston's Brandin Cooks (13) during the Texans' 33-13 loss Sunday.

# Bad teams getting blown out is a common theme in NFL

By Rob Maaddi The Associated Press

TAMPA, FLA. » Josh Allen wouldn't let Tom Brady and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers cruise to a lopsided victory after the Buffalo Bills fell behind by 21 points at half-

Allen led an impressive comeback with his arm and legs to force overtime before Brady connected with Breshad Perriman for a 58vard catch-and-run touchdown to win it.

didn't show Buffalo's fight on Sunday. Most had less at stake.

Seven games were decided by 15 or more points, including five by at least 20.

Considering the teams on the losing end, it wasn't a surprise.

The Lions (1-11-1), Jaguars (2-11), Texans (2-11), Jets (3-10) and Giants (4-9) were outscored 158-53. They'll spend the final four weeks fighting for draft po-

side of more routs. coach Robert Saleh promised after a 30-9 loss to 13 games. New Orleans. "This crappy

young guys getting a lot of promise you they're learn- in the NFL. ing from all this."

York will miss the playoffs for the 11th straight year and has had only one winning season in that span.

Coming off its first win season. of the season, Detroit stayed close for a half in Several other teams Denver. The Broncos then pulled away for a 38-10 win.

"It just wasn't good enough," Lions coach Dan Campbell said.

same thing for decades in and eighth in nine years af-Detroit. The Lions haven't ter a 37-21 loss to the Charwon a playoff game since

The dysfunctional Jaguars lost 20-0 at Tennessee following a report that rookie coach Urban Meyer and his staff aren't getting along. Jacksonville has sitioning, and on the wrong just one winning season that. I do not make any exers on the bad teams that in the last 14 years yet has "It's going to flip," Jets suffered more embarrass- from that either. I am not

part is part of the process, terialized the way I ex- thing. In terms of the direc- report.

good playing time. And I learned it's not easy to win aging all the way.

Jets fans can't be blamed Seahawks 33-13, their 23rd are the key foundational for being skeptical. New loss in 29 games. They couldn't win with Deshaun Watson last year. They ing lots of progress going can't win with him getting forward." paid to sit out games this

> ville next week. The win- about. ner may be the real loser draft order.

away from securing their They've been saying the fifth straight losing season gers. The biggest question in New York will be coach anywhere. Joe Judge's job security after only two seasons.

everything in this program Carr said. reflects on me," Judge said. cuses and I do not hide were blown out. ment under Meyer in only  $\,$  a finger pointer. I am not  $\,$   $AP\ pro\ football\ writers$ an excuse maker and I am Dennis Waszak and Mark "It hasn't exactly man never trying to deflect any Long contributed to this

but at the same time it's pected it to have, the expe-not discouraging by any rience of winning games," there is a lot of things that sense of the imagination said Meyer, a three-time I see week after week with because we've got a lot of national champion at Flor- our players and where we ida and Ohio State who has are going that I am encour-

> "Sometimes that is tough The Texans fell to the to see externally, but these pieces that are being put in place and we are mak-

> Others may need a microscope to see the prog-Houston visits Jackson- ress Judge is talking

The worst loss of the day for dropping a spot in the belonged to Las Vegas. The Chiefs routed the Raiders The Giants are one loss for the second time in five games. Kansas City won this one 48-9. The Raiders (6-7) are clinging to playoff hopes, but they've lost five of six and aren't going

"I try my best to stay positive, but it sucks," Las "I am the head coach and Vegas quarterback Derek

He could've been speak-"I will never shy away from ing on behalf of many play-

# Chargers

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"It's just a part of life," Staley said about the CO-VID-19 spikes across the NFL. "It's just part of the world that we're living in. You just make your adjustments when things happen and you keep it moving.

"I know that we're doing our best within our ecosystem to make sure that our ecosystem here at the building is safe and that we follow the protocols the best that we can and that we know how."

#### Chargers get rest, recovery for Thursday

The Chargers created an ideal situation heading into a short week by jumping to win at SoFi Stadium.

starters at that point to begin the rest and recovery plan that the team implemented to deal with the drawbacks that come from playing in a Thursday game.

The Chargers will play their first Thursday home game since 2016 and will get to face the Chiefs without having to travel the prior game.

"Luckily, this game (ver-Thursday game I can remember."

Staley had his players go sages, following the win against the Giants.

"We wanted to start that recovery process right now," Staley said Sunday. "We Monday. We have a bunch of people in there working right now. That's a big part of it, making sure that they take advantage of all the resources that we pour into them so that they can be at their best on Thurs-

day night." Bosa isn't a fan of Thurs-

day games, but he commended the recovery plans that Staley and his staff incorporated for this season.

"I've never really enjoyed having to play on Thursday," Bosa said. "Usually, by Thursday, I'm barely starting to feel a little bit better going into the weekend. It's kind of tough, but the team has been doing a great job. They really put an emphasis on recovery after the game. We were all back there doing the ice tub and getting some massages, flushes and all of that. We're doing our best to get ready for it."

Staley, who was hired as the team's head coach in January, has taken a cautious approach for players' safety when it comes to injuries. He has also added detailed pre-practice activ-

ities for warm-ups. Bosa said he wasn't a 30-point lead during the happy at the time with Stalfourth quarter of Sunday's ey's decision to sideline him for the final three quarters Staley pulled most of his against the Cincinnati Bengals in Week 13 after being evaluated for a concussion and cleared to return to the game. But Bosa, who sustained two concussions last season, appreciated Staley for prioritizing his

long-term health. "It's definitely easy to get caught up in the emotions in the moment and I definitely wanted to go back out there, but I'm trying to sus the Giants), I think a think long term for myself lot of us came out feeling and definitely for the team pretty good," Bosa said. as well," Bosa said. "Because "It's definitely the best I've if I take a few more bad felt, probably, going into a shots, then it's something I'm gonna have to consider, probably retiring. But that's not something I'm really through a recovery room thinking about. Luckily, I that had five stations, in- made the right decision and cluding ice tubs and mas- so did Coach Staley, so I had plenty of time to recover."

#### **Update on James**

Staley said safety Derwin James reported Mondid not want to wait until day that his hamstring in-

jury is improving. James didn't play in the win against the Giants because he felt tightness in his hamstring after Friday's practice.

"Derwin reported better today than he was yesterday," Staley said. "He's dayto-day."



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The Chargers' Joey Bosa isn't a fan of Thursday games but likes what the coaching staff has done to help players recover.

# Morgan heads home to California with NWSL's Wave

By Anne M. Peterson

The Associated Press

After nearly a decade of crisscrossing the country and the globe for her professional career, Alex Morgan is headed home to Southern California.

Morgan is joining the San Diego Wave, which will Women's Soccer League next season.

"I think something I'm remade a long-term commitment to this club," she told The Associated Press. "I see myself being in San Diego through my playing career. I see my family settling down in San Diego.'

and Angel City FC in Los An- Year 1." geles will bring the league to 12 teams in its 10th season. Former Manchester United coach Casey Stoney will lead San Diego in its inaugural

expansion Orlando Pride. She also had stints in Europe with Lyon and Tot- to back-to-back World Cup Pride said in a statement.

tenham Hotspur - and she took time off for the birth of her daughter, Charlie.

Morgan, who is from San Dimas, California, feels a bit bittersweet about leaving the Pride, which failed to make the playoffs this season for the third straight

'I really did love my time begin play in the National in Orlando, it was six years, give or take, with pregnancy and a couple of other hurdles, world championships ally excited about is that I've and things like that. But it was an incredible run and I just wish that we could have made more of an impact on the field," she said. "I wish I could have left with more of a grin on my face knowing that we had to accomplished The addition of the Wave what we set our minds to in

The trade sending Morgan to San Diego reunites her with former national team coach Jill Ellis, who is president of the Wave.

"This is an incredibly spe-Morgan was one of the cial moment for our club, our NWSL's original players fans, and our community to when the league launched welcome Alex and her family in 2013. She spent three to San Diego. She is an exseasons with the Portland traordinary person, a great Thorns before joining the talent and a leader on and off the field," Ellis said.

Ellis led the United States



DEAN MOUHTAROPOULOS — GETTY IMAGES

Alex Morgan is joining the San Diego Wave, which will begin play in the National Women's Soccer League in 2022.

titles in 2015 and 2019. Mor- "With the NWSL trade wingan was fixture on both

The terms of the deal NWSL trade window does not open until Friday, the day after the league's expansion draft.

"The Pride are extremely appreciative of the professionalism and commitment that Alex has shown to the Club over the last six seasons, and respect her desire to play closer to family at this point in her career," the

dow currently closed, the Pride will continue to follow both Club and league poliwere undisclosed. The cies, and will make a formal announcement when the transaction is official and

timing is appropriate." Morgan first grabbed attention during the 2011 World Cup as the youngest player to make the U.S. squad. She scored in the final, which Japan won on penalty kicks. At the 2019 World Cup in France, she scored five goals in the opener against Thailand.

victory over the Netherlands.

She has 115 career goals in 190 matches for the United States.

In an interview ahead of San Diego's announcement, Morgan addressed the future of the league, which was thrown into turmoil this season.

Former players Sinead Farrelly and Mana Shim came forward with allegations of sexual harassment and coercion against longtime league coach Paul Ri-

The fallout was dramatic. Riley was immediately fired by the North Carolina Courage, NWSL Commissioner Lisa Baird stepped down, and both the league and U.S. Soccer commissioned outside investigations.

Riley was one of five coaches in the NWSL who were dismissed this season amid reports of misconduct. Richie Burke, coach of the Washington Spirit, was fired for violating the league's harassment policy after former leveled allegations of abusive behavior.

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-118/-102

-280/+225

-131/+110

-162/+134

-210/+172

-130/+108

-162/+134

Oklahoma St. 98, Cleveland St. 93, OT

No. 2 Duke vs. S.C. State, 5 p.m. No. 6 Alabama at Memphis, 6 p.m.

1. South Carolina (30) 10-0 2. North Carolina State 10-1

No. 13 Auburn vs. North Alabama, 6 p.m.

No. 17 Texas vs. Ark.-Pine Bluff, 6 p.m.

No. 18 Tennessee vs. S.C.-Upstate, 4 p.m.

No. 25 Texas Tech vs. Arkansas St., 5 p.m.

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St. Louis

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Maryland

Iowa St.

Alamo Bowl

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OTHER BOWLS

Friday, Dec. 31

**Orange Bowl** 

Saturday, Jan. 1

Georgia

Rose Bowl

**Kansas City** 

at Cleveland

Saturday

Sunday

at Rams

Dallas

at Buffalo

at Miami

Arizona

at Denver

Green Bay at Tampa Bay

Monday

**Favorite** 

at Tampa Bay

at Pittsburgh

at Philadelphia

N.Y. Islanders

at Minnesota

at Winninea

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at Vancouver

at San Jose

SOUTHWEST

AP TOP 25

WOMEN

AP TOP 25

3. Stanford

5. Baylor

10. Indiana

12. Iowa State

13. Michigan

17. Georgia 18. Georgia Tech 19. Kentucky

11. Texas

15. Duke

20. BYU

22. LSU

WEST

23. Texas A&M

25. North Carolina

MONDAY'S RESULTS

Oregon 109, McNeese St. 38

25. North Carolina 9-0 64 Others receiving votes: Oklahoma 6: Colorado 63, Florida Gulf Coast 52, DePaul 30, Nebraska 27, Oregon 13, Washington State 8, Oregon State 3, UCLA 2, West Virginia 1.

UC Davis 84. Cal State Stanislaus 55

6. Louisville

7. Tennessee

Connecticut

South Florida

25

at Dallas

Toronto

NHL

Minnesota

at Jacksonville

at Philadelphia

NFL

Thursday, Dec. 30

N.C. State

Mississippi St.

**Guaranteed Rate Bowl** 

Wednesday, Dec. 29

Military Bowl Boston College 3 (511/2)

Tuesday, Dec. 28

The United States went on Benstiti was dismissed over to win the title with a 2-0 the summer after an incident at practice, Racing Louisville's Christy Holly was terminated for cause and Chicago Red Stars coach Rory Dames stepped down last month just as allegations of inappropriate behavior came out.

Morgan said the NWSL needs to be held accountable for allowing misconduct to go unchecked.

"I think there were just a lot of steps missed, a lot of corners cut and you have to look back and go, 'We can't do that moving forward. We can't cut corners.' And so that's what I feel like the league needs to address moving forward, it needs to look itself in the eye and really ask for the players' trust by showing that they can do it the right way," Morgan said.

Morgan said a good start would be reaching a collective bargaining agreement with the NWSL Players' Association. In addition to player wages, safety and health, among the issues she would like to see tackled are player Kaiya McCullough the NWSL's long offseason and international breaks so teams aren't depleted dur-OL Reign coach Farid ing national team absences.

#### **SPORTSWIRE**

# U.S. Soccer, women's team players extend labor deal

News service reports

ation and the union for its women's national team agreed to a three-month extension of their labor contract through March, a move announced on the same day players filed a brief asking a federal appeals court to reinstate their equal pay claim.

As part of the extension, the sides agreed the federation will stop paying the salaries of national team players in the National Women's Soccer League. The allocation system of national team players had been in place since the league started play in 2013.

have no restrictions as to the everyone," the USSF said. league in which they play club soccer," the union for control the prize money give the women's national team to federations by FIFA, socsaid in a statement Monday. "Players who choose the NWSL will sign directly with the NWSL/an NWSL club and will be employed by the NWSL.

The NWSL Players Association is attempting to negotiate an initial labor contract with the league, which has been dealing with sexual harassment allegations that led to the resignation of Commissioner Lisa Baird in October.

The extension gives more time for negotiations during the leadup to regional qualifying for the 2023 Women's World Cup, scheduled for July 4-20.

Players led by Alex Morgan sued the USSF in March 2019, contending they have not been paid equitably under their collective bargaining agreement compared to what the men's team receives under its agreement, which expired in December 2018. The women asked for more than \$64 million in damages plus \$3 million in interest under the Equal Pay Act and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

U.S. District Judge R. Gary Klausner in Los Angeles granted a summary judgment to the federation on the pay claim in May 2020. The judge ruled the women rejected a pay-to-play structure similar to the one in the men's agreement with the USSF and accepted greater base salaries and benefits than the men. He allowed their allegation of discriminatory working conditions to go to trial, and the sides reached a settlement on that portion. The court asked the parties on Nov. 23 to review dates for possible oral ar-March through May. The case will be assigned to a

three-judge panel. than the men and additional ago Bernabéu.

benefits.

"U.S. Soccer remains com-The U.S. Soccer Feder- mitted to equal pay for our senior national team players and ensuring that they remain among the highestpaid in the world," the federation said in a statement.

The USSF said on Sept. 14 it had offered identical contracts to the men's and women's unions, which are separate and have no obligation under federal labor law to agree to similar terms. The federation met jointly with the unions on Nov. 29 and was set to meet with the women's union Monday.

"We'll continue to encourage both our USWNT and USMNT to come together around one table to agree on "USWNT players will a path forward that benefits

The USSF says it cannot Henninger and Hayden. cer's governing body.

FIFA awarded \$400 million in prize money for the 32 teams at the 2018 men's World Cup, including \$38 million to champion France. It awarded \$30 million for the 24 teams at the 2019 Women's World Cup, including \$4 million to the U.S. after the Americans won their second straight title.

FIFA has increased the total to \$440 million for the 2022 men's World Cup, and its president, Gianni Infantino, has proposed FIFA double the women's prize money to \$60 million for the 2023 Women's World Cup, in which FIFA has increased the teams to 32.

Warsaw soccer team were attacked by fans who forced their way onto the team bus, the club said. The defending league champions were heading back to their training base following a 1-0 loss to Wisla Plock on Sunday when the bus was attacked.

Legia did not say if anyone was injured. The club Morizot said Agnel "recogsaid the police dispersed the group.

Paris Saint-Germain will play Real Madrid in a star-studded Champions League Round-of-16 tie after fixtures were redrawn following a technical error.

European football's governing body UEFA declared the initial draw void earlier on Monday after Manchester United was drawn by mistake. United was initially drawn against PSG but will now face a slightly easier two-legged tie against Spanish side Atlético Ma-

But it means fans will be denied the mouthwaguments in Pasadena from tering prospect of watching Messi renew his rivalry with Ronaldo — for now at least. It will also see Messi, a The USSF said the women long-term enemy of Madrid accepted a labor contract throughout his time at Barwith greater guaranteed pay celona, return to the Santi-

#### Hayden makes history at nationals

Kristen Hayden became the first Black woman to win a U.S. national senior title when she paired with Quinn Henninger for a victory in mixed synchronized 3-meter at the USA Diving winter national championships at Bloomington, Ind. Hayden, a recent transfer to Indiana University, and freshman Henninger took the lead on their third dive of the competition. Their next two dives earned mostly 7.0s and 7.5s for a total score of 286.86 points, three points ahead of Carson Tyler and Anne Fowler.

It was the first synchro competition together for

Hayden joined Mike Wright as the only Black divers to win U.S. national titles. Wright won on 1-meter springboard in 2012.

#### **TENNIS**

#### Raducanu tests positive for COVID-19

U.S. Open champion Emma Raducanu tested positive for COVID-19 and pulled out of an exhibition match in the United Arab Emirates. Organizers of the Mubadala World Tennis Championship said the British teenager is isolating and following protocols.

#### **BITS & PIECES**

#### Players on the Legia Olympic swim champ denies coercion

Two-time Olympic swimming champion Yannick Agnel has admitted to having a relationship with an underage girl but denied coercion, the prosecutor in the Frenchman's rape case said.

Prosecutor Edwige Rouxnizes the materiality of the alleged facts" but she said he did not have "the feeling that there was coercion."

"If the facts constitute rape or sexual assault, it is because there is a significant age difference," Roux-Morizot said. Agnel was 24 when the alleged rape took place. The girl was reportedly 13. Agnel was arrested in Paris last week.

• World Triathlon imposed a package of sanctions on Russia after repeated doping cases, including one involving an athlete who competed at the Tokyo Olympics. World Triathlon's measures won't stop Russian triathletes competing, but they bar Russia from hosting world and Europeanlevel events until the end of 2022, suspend Russian officials from international positions, and mandate more drug testing.

### Odds

#### FANDUEL SPORTSBOOK College basketball Underdog **Favorite** at North Carolina 111/2 Furman at Wake Forest Miami (Ohio) at Clemson at Towson 81/2 at Yale Monmouth at So. Florida **Austin Peav** at S.F. Austin La.-Monroe Arizona St. at Creighton at Texas Tech at Mississippi St. Arkansas St. Georgia St. at Houston La.-Lafayette at North Texas Sam Houston at S. Alabama Tarleton at Memphis at Boise St Santa Clara UC Santa Barbara 21/2

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College football						
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Gasparilla Bow	I	
Florida	7 (56½)	U
Friday, Dec. 24		
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Saturday, Dec.	25	
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#### College basketball

**Quick Lane Bowl** 

#### MEN AP TOP 25 Record 1. Baylor (61) 1,429 3. Purdue 9-1 1.319 1,291 5. Gonzaga 6. Alabama 1.202 8. Arizona 9-0 1,172 9. Villanova 10. USC 11. Iowa State 10-0 798 707 693 12. Michigan State 19 18 9-2 8-1 13. Auburn 14. Houston 683 16. Seton Hall 9-1 635 23 17. Texas 6-2 7-2 583 18. Tennessee 390 376

15 10 7-2 21. Kentucky 22. Xavier 23. Colorado State 24. Arkansas 9-1 25. Texas Tech Others receiving votes: Wisconsin 156, North Carolina 8s, Providence 57, Oklahoma 46, USF 36, Illinois 31, West Virginia 24, Loyola Chicago 20, Michigan 8, St. Bonaventure 6, BYU 4, Minnesota 3, Creighton 1.

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CS Dominguez Hills 79, Westcliff 66 Portland 78, Cal Poly 77 Albany (N.Y.) 61, Boston College 57 George Washington 67, Radford 58 New Hampshire 92, Keene St. 54 Princeton 89, UMBC 77 Sacred Heart 79, Columbia 69

MONDAY'S RESULTS

19. LSU

20. Connecticut

Appalachian St. 69, Erskine 44 Liberty 95, Carver 36 Stetson 104, Johnson (Fla.) 58 MIDWEST

N. Dakota St. 77, Indiana St. 70 N. Illinois 70, Chicago St. 59 Rhode Island 82, Milwaukee 58

#### NFL

#### W. Michigan **AMERICAN CONFERENCE** East Carolina L T Pct PF PA 4 0 .692 351 268 5 0 .615 351 336 Houston Kansas City 11/2 (551/2) Air Force Denver Las Vegas 81/2 (591/2) Texas Tech **EAST DIVISION** New England 9 0 .538 363 229 0 .462 254 288 Buffalo West Virginia N.Y. Jets 3 10 0 .231 226 397 SOUTH DIVISION 0 .692 324 290 0 .538 371 283 Tennessee 9 Indianapolis 7 4 6 Houston 2 11 0 .154 177 356 Jacksonville 2 11 0 .154 180 340 Virginia Tech NORTH DIVISION Clemson 5 0 .615 304 284 41/2 (611/2) Oregon

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		Cleveland	7	6	0	.538	278	289		
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		Philadelphia	6	7	0	.462	337	291		
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		New Orleans	6	7	0	.462	304	285		
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Green Bay at Baltimore, 1:25 p.m. Seattle at Rams, 1:25 p.m. New Orleans at Tampa Bay, 5:20 p.m. Monday, Dec. 20 Minnesota at Chicago, 5:15 p.m

College football

#### SCHEDULE **NCAA FCS playoffs** Friday's game

No. 3 James Madison (12-1) at No. 2 North Dakota State (12-1), 6:15 p.m. Saturday's game South Dakota State (11-3) at No. 8

Montana State (11-2), 11 a.m. NCAA Division II championship In McKinney, Texas

Ferris St. (13-0) vs. Valdosta St. (12-1), 6 p.m. NCAA Division III championship Friday's game In Canton, Ohio

Mary Hardin-Baylor (Texas) (14-0) vs. North Central (III.) (14-0), 4 p.m. NAIA championship Saturday's game

In Durham, N.C. Grand View (Iowa) (14-0) vs. Morning-side (Iowa) (13-0), 3 p.m.

**Transactions** 

### BASEBALL

Chicago Cubs: Named Johnny Washington assistant hitting coach. Colorado Rockies: Named Reid Cornelius bullpen coach, Andy Gonzalez assistant hitting coach, P.J. Pilittere assistant hitting coach and Darryl Scott pitching coach.

#### FOOTBALL

#### **National Football League** Chargers: Placed LT Rashawn Slater on

Rams: Placed CB Jalen Ramsey and TE Tyler Higbee on the reserve/Covid-19 list. Activated LB Justin Hollins from the reserve/Covid-19 list. Placed RT Rob Havenstein and CB Donte Deayon on the reserve/Covid-19 list. Promoted G Jeremiah Kolone, Dbs Grant Haley, Kareem Orr, TE Jared Pinkney, RB Javian Hawkins and WR Brandon Powell from the practice squad to the active roster.

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- 19 Beef cuts 21 Sailor's
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- \$5 bill
- 24 Make a mistake **26** Enemy
- 27 Discovers, as a clue
- 31 Rude person 34 Encourage to act

- 41 Commando
- 42 Devoured 43 24-hr. bank
- nickname
- 51 Poisonous snake
- hero) 61 Shaquille of

# Eliminate gutter

# 62 Sci-fi being

- 63 One side of a debate

- **68** Flower stalk
- 1 Corporal and
- immigration
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  - 47 Avoid by going around
  - **49** Get to work 50 Stacks of
  - 51 "All kidding \_\_\_ . . . ."

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- **52** What radiators give off 53 Vessels for
- frying 54 Tire-changing device
- 55 Burn-soothing measures: Abbr. plant
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- - **64** Gaze (at) **65** Cola and ginger

#### 66 Beer barrel **67** Alphabetizes

- **DOWN**
- captain 2 Historic
- 4 Art on an arm

5 Sudden

- **6** Tops of heads
- (Big Dipper)
- 37 Clinton's vice president
- 40 Way of walking
- 46 Lincoln
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NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 6060-13
In the Matter of: TORRANCE
REFINING COMPANY LLC
Petition for a Short Variance and
Alternative Operating
Conditions Changing names as follows:
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Prevail Adepa Sarpong
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Section 42350 of the California Health and Safety Code and District Rule 518.2

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 5th day of JANUARY, 2022 at 9:00 a.m., the Hearing Board of the South Coast AQMD will hold a public hearing in the above entitled matter to determine whether or not a variance shall be granted from Rules 203, 2004, 2011, 2012 and 3002 of the South Coast AQMD Rules and Regulations for Reformer Heater 4F-1, Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) System, Aqueous Ammonia Tank, Continuous Emissions Monitoring System (CEMS), East Stack serving Reformer Heater 4F-1, and West Stack serving Reformer Heater 4F-1, The nature and extent of estimated excess emissions, if any, are to be determined by the Hearing Board. to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a

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Los Angeles
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On lead, West tries a low club, hoping to establish his long suit. That club eight is a tip-off to declarer, though. West would lead the club 10 from an honor-10-9-8 sequence, so the eight must be fourth-highest from A-K-9-8 or A-K-10-8.

GIVEN that the South Coast AQMD Hearing Board will hold a public hearing at 9:00 a.m. on WEDN ESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022, to consider establishing alternative operating conditions (AOC) pursuant to South Coast AQMD Rule 518.2 that would function as temporary modifications of Torrance Refining Company's Title V facility permit issued by the South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, as the permitting authority. The proposed AOC pertains to Reformer Heater 4F-1, Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) System, Aqueous Ammonia Tank, CEMS, East Stack serving Reformer Heater 4F-1, located at 3700 West 190th Street, Torrance, CA 90504, The facility's contact is Valerie Tse, 3700 West 190th Street, Torrance, CA 90504. The purpose of this AOC is to allow the replacement of the existing CEMS serving Heater 4F-1 with a new CEMS to measure oxygen and NOx concentrations at the new Stack, as provided in a South Coast AQMD-approved Permit to Construct and approved CEMS modification application.

Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, the Hearing Board will only be conducting hearings via videoconferencing and by telephone, with opportunities for Thus, declarer can safely put up dummy's club jack, retaining his queen as a stopper, and then run the diamond jack as an avoidance play against East. West wins the diamond king, and his best return is a diamond, leaving declarer to work out which major-suit finesse to take to conjure an extra trick. Declarer has a good picture of the hand by now, though, and when West shows out on the third diamond, the way

Assuming West would not lead a club from a broken four-card holding in preference to his side's agreed suit, West must have five clubs (backed up by East's count-showing club nine at trick one), four hearts and two diamonds, leaving room for only two spades. So, declarer now cashes two rounds of spades, in case the queen should drop from West. When it does not, declarer eventually finesses the heart queen for his contract.

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**♠** AJ64 **♥**73 ♦ J 10 7 5 2 ♣ J 4 EAST ♠ Q 9 7 5 **♥** K 8 5 4 ♦ 6 4 3

NORTH

♣ A K 10 8 2 SOUTH ♠ K 108 **♥** A Q 2 ♦ A Q 9 ♣ Q 6 5 3

Vulnerable: Neither Dealer: West

WEST

**♥** J 10 9 6

**★**32

**♦** K 8

The bidding: South West North East Pass 1 NT 2 🔻 Dbl. Pass 2 NT3 NT Pass All pass

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South West North East 1 NT Pass

ANSWER: This hand is quite

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF** MAKOTO YOSHIDA

Case No. 21STPB07929 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MAKOTO YOSHIDA

PETITION PROBATE has been filed by Aimee Yoshida in the Superior Court of California, LOS County ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Aimee Yoshida be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act.

in person or by your attorney.

YOU CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

> Attorney for petitioner: MARK E SWATIK ESQ SBN 269542

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF SANTA FE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D-101-CV-2021-01975

JOSEPHINE F. MAESTAS TRUST AGREEMENT, Lorraine Chavez, Trustee, and Joe Costa, Second Successor Trustee,

Petitioners,

JACKIE ARMIJO, Respondent.

Jackie Armijo

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that the above-named
Plaintiff filed a Petition on 9/13/2021
against the above-named
Respondent in the First Judicial
District Court, Santa Fe County,
New Mexico. The object of the
petition is to confirm the
appointment of Joe Costa as Second
Successor Trustee of the Josephine
F. Maestas Trust Agreement and to
confirm the declination of Jackie
Armijo to serve as Second
Successor Trustee.

Jackie Armijo is notified that she has 30 days from the last date of publication of this notice to date of publication of this notice to file an answer or other responsive pleading to the Petition. If Jackie Armijo does not file a timely responsive pleading, a judgment will be taken against her by default for the relief requested in the petition petition.

Petitioner's attorney is Dennis C. Romero, P.C., P. O. Box 1932, Taos, New Mexico 87571 (575) 758-2297.

Kathleen Vigil, Clerk of the District Court Deputy

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A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 12, 2022 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 9 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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Venus sets at 7:17 p.m. Jupiter sets at 9:54 p.m. Mars rises at 5:33 a.m. Saturn sets at 8:28 p.m. Source: Morrison Planetarium

MITADO			
Anaheim	. WSV	V 7-14	mph
Los Angeles	WSW	10-20	mph
Ontario			
Santa Monica	WSW	12-25	mph
Torrance	W	12-25	mph

**ALMANAC** 

LAX through 5 p.m. yesterday	
Temperatures	
High/low	61°/47°
Normal high/low	
Record high	83° (1952)
Record low	39° (1949)
Humidity noon today	84%
Precipitation	

24 hours through 5 p.m. yesterday. Normal month to date .0.74 Season to date Normal season to date

Inner L.A. Harbor									
Time	High	Time	Low						
6:10 a.m.	5.4 ft.	1:05 p.m.	0.5 ft.						
7:11 p.m.	3.5 ft.	none							
Outer L.A. H	arbor								
Time	High	Time	Low						
6:06 a.m.	5.5 ft.	1:03 p.m.	0.5 ft.						
7:07 p.m.	3.6 ft.	none							

**CALIFORNIA CITIES** 

	Today	Wednesday
City	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Avalon	58/49/r	55/45/pc
Bakersfield	51/36/r	49/35/pc
Barstow	55/35/r	49/31/pc
Bishop	43/14/sn	39/18/pc
Crescent City	47/40/sh	50/43/r
Death Valley	59/41/r	59/41/pc
Eureka	48/39/c	50/42/r
Fresno	49/35/r	50/41/pc
Lake Tahoe	26/9/sn	31/27/sn
Mammoth Mountain	30/5/sn	32/15/pc
Monterey	52/43/r	56/48/c
Napa	51/36/c	52/46/r
Needles	67/43/r	58/38/pc
Oakland	52/41/c	53/49/c
Oxnard	56/38/r	56/40/pc
Redding	48/35/c	44/40/sh
Sacramento	49/36/c	50/42/c
San Diego	61/47/r	58/43/pc
San Francisco	51/44/c	54/50/c
San Jose	51/40/sh	53/48/c
San Luis Obispo	52/36/r	58/43/pc
Santa Ana	60/43/r	58/44/pc
Santa Barbara	53/38/r	56/38/c
Ventura	58/40/r	52/38/pc
Yosemite Valley	35/16/sn	40/35/c

**TODAY** 



Windy and cool with rain, heavy at times

60/43

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Tucson

Washington, DC

73/50/c

56/38/pc

61/38/c

57/46/pc

60/49/0.01



Cool with periods of clouds and sunshine



clouds

Mostly sunny and cool

**SATURDAY** Plenty of sunshine, but cool

LERGY REPORT  rgy, dust and dander today: Neutral  len levels	Santa Clarita 53/33 53/37/0.00	Antelope Valley 54/31 51/43/0.00	<b>1</b> Palmdale <b>53/31</b> 54/34/0.00	AIR QUALITY FORECAST City Today's air quality Indu	/
ss Absent Weeds Absent es Low Mold Low rce: National Allergy Bureau	← Santa Paula 56/35 Simi Valley 59/42/Tr 55/39/Tr	San Fernando <b>54/37</b> • *54/45/Tr	60	Long Beach       Good       3         Metro LA       Good       3         Riverside       Good       3         San Fernando Valley       Good       3         What it means: 0-50: Good: 51-100: Moderate:	38/17
hest at 12 p.m. e higher the mber, the faster duru.)  11+: Extreme 8-10: Very high 6-7: High 3-5: Moderate 11+: Extreme 8-10: Very high 6-7: Ligh 4-7: Ligh 6-7: Ligh	<b>55/35</b> 62/39/0.01  Chatsworth <b>54/36</b> 54/44/Tr  Thousand Oaks <b>56/34</b> Woodland Hills	an Nuys <b>5/38</b> Glendale <b>5/438</b> 55/46/0.00 Burbank <b>54/39</b>	Pasadena <b>54/38</b> 54/44/0.00	101-150: Unhealthy for sensitive people; 151+: Unhealthy for all. Source: South Coast Air Quality Mgt. District  Glendora 53/38 rovia 54/46/0.00 Font	Lake Arrowhead 41/24 39/32/0.00
Sunrise         Sunset         Moonrise         Moonset           ay         6:50 a.m.         4:46 p.m.         2:08 p.m.         2:45 a.m.           Inesday         6:51 a.m.         4:46 p.m.         2:37 p.m.         3:42 a.m.	56/41/Tr <b>56/35</b> 55/42/0.00	57/45/0.00 Alhamb Los Angeles 56/38	2 34/2	45/Tr <b>54/38</b> 53/4 W. Covina 54/40/0.00	San Bernardino <b>54/35</b> 57/39/0.00
rs of sunlight ., 56 min. Dec 18 Dec 26 Jan 2 Jan 9  ANE'T WATCH bout 8:00 p.m., look high in the north for the constella- Cassiopeia the Queen, often described as a prominent 'However, at this time of the year, observers in the thern Hemisphere see it upside-down, making it look like an "M."	Santa Monio 60/39 62/46/0.01 SURF + SEA REPORT	55/39 59/47/0.00 Pico F 56/3	56/35 Rivera 57/44/0.0 9 6/0.00 Whittier	55/38 Ontario 52/38 Ontario 52/38 Ohino 55/41/Tr 55/38 55/38 58/36/0.00	Redlands 53/33 56/39/0.00 Yucaipa

SE NE Santa Monica 6-10 3-5 SW El Segundo 1-3 Hermosa Beach 5-9 2-4 10 ESE 1-3 SW

San Pedro 2-4 Surf forecast valid until 6 p.m. today. Swells (Sw.) and wind waves (W.W.) given in feet, period (Per.) given in seconds and (Dir.) is Direction.

57/38 57/48/0.00 58/45/0.01 Anaheim Long Beach **2** 56/40 Torrance 58/40 59/46/0.00 **61/46/0.01** 61/39 63/45/0.01 Seal Beach San Pedro 59/38 61/43 Huntington Beach \*62/43/0.04 \*60/49/0.01 61/42

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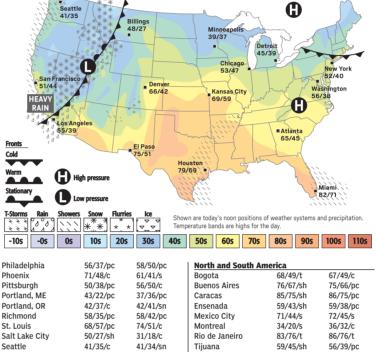
55/35 55/37/0.00 City name 75/43/0.5 \*60/50/0.01

50/30 52/36/0.00 Palm Springs → 58/45 65/42/0.00 Regional outlook HOW TO READ THIS MAP Today's Yesterday's High/low/precipitation \*Estimated Water temperature

#### National and world forecast

Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thundersto





**Toronto** 

Asia, Australia		
Baghdad	70/50/pc	74/54/pc
Beijing	45/17/pc	43/18/pc
Hong Kong	73/67/pc	75/70/pc
Jerusalem	68/51/pc	58/46/s
Kabul	51/22/s	46/20/pc
Manila	87/76/s	85/77/pc
Melbourne	72/55/pc	68/54/sh
New Delhi	70/48/pc	70/48/pc
Seoul	47/40/c	53/32/pc
Singapore	87/76/t	87/77/sh
Sydney	76/62/pc	81/68/s
Tehran	52/41/s	51/38/c
Tokyo	48/43/r	56/45/s
Europe		
Amsterdam	50/47/c	50/45/sh
Athens	50/47/r	53/46/sh
Belgrade	32/25/c	33/31/pc
Berlin	43/41/c	47/42/c
Budapest	37/27/pc	40/29/c
Dublin	46/41/c	52/45/pc
London	55/47/c	54/44/pc
Madrid	62/34/pc	61/32/s
Moscow	29/19/c	29/26/c
Paris	47/41/c	47/41/c
Rome	58/40/pc	57/41/pc
Stockholm	38/30/c	42/33/c
Vienna	44/39/pc	45/38/pc
Zurich	42/32/c	40/33/c
Africa	00 /51 /	00/51/
Cairo	69/51/pc	66/51/s
Casablanca	69/45/pc	71/50/c
Johannesburg	78/60/pc	76/57/t
Kinshasa	90/74/t	87/74/t
Lagos	89/77/c	89/77/pc
Nairobi	75/60/t	74/61/t
Tripoli	61/46/pc	62/47/s



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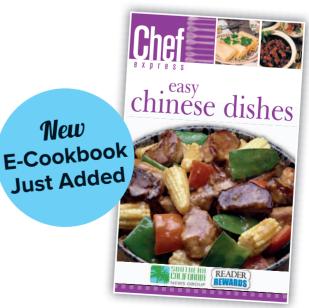
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