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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 with family and friends during the holidays.

SACRAMENTO » California is ministration announced bringing back a rule requir- the new mandate will start ing people to wear masks in- Wednesday and last until Jan. doors, a move aimed at con- 15. The order comes as the per taining a new type of the capita rate of new coronavicoronavirus as people gather

Gov. Gavin Newsom's ad-



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

By Ryan Carter rcarter@scng.com

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

WEATHER TORNADO VICTIMS STRUGGLE IN COLD



REVITALIZATION Norwalk pushing forward on project

City and developer sign a negotiating pact for plans to renovate town's center

By Mike Sprague

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Norwalk officials have entered into an exclusive negotiating agreement with a company to develop a vacant bank in the center of town as part of an overall plan to develop the oldest section of the city.

The 12-month agreement with Primestor Development Inc. of Culver City — approved on a 5-0 vote last week — calls for the developer and city to reach an agreement on a plan to develop 323,384 square feet of land at the southeastern corner of Firestone Boulevard and San Antonio Drive.

Mayor Jennifer Perez called the agreement, which gives exclusive rights to develop the area, "exciting."

"I'm looking forward to seeing how it transforms our area," Perez said.

The agreement is a step forward on implementing what city

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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 twisters.

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,

TORNADOES » PAGE 7 Mayfield, Ky., after it was destroyed by a tornado three days earlier.



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NORWALK » PAGE 4 **USA GYMNASTICS**

Organizations to pay victims of sex abuse \$380 million

By Scott M. Reid sreid@scng.com

USA Gymnastics and the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee reached a \$380 million settlement Monday with more than 500 women who were sexually abused by former U.S. Olympic and national team physician Larry Nassar

The agreement ends a legal battle that highlighted the organizations' roles in enabling Nassar's behavior and then covering it up for more than a year.

U.S. Bankruptcy Court Southern District of Indiana Judge Robyn Moberly's confirmation of the agreement comes almost three years to the day after USA **GYMNASTICS** » PAGE 4

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Crews clear the rubble at the Mayfield Consumer Products candle factory on Monday in

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Hot shot

Good morning: START YOUR DAY HERE Cool fact: In 2011, President Barack Obama saluted troops returning from Iraq, asserting 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

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 mispronunciations.

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.

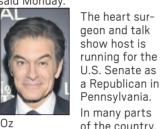
The "Dr. Oz" show, in its 13th season, will air its last episode



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

Jan. 14, Sony Pictures Television said Monday.



Oz 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 you 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 72.

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.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

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 Black people).



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

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10, 30, 37, 53, 59 **Powerball:** 4

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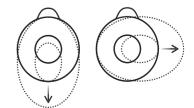
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WEATHER Powerful storm to arrive in SoCal

Flooding, rock slides and other trouble on roads could be possible through tonight

By Eric Licas elicas@scng.com

Darkening skies with patches of rain and howling winds forecast for late Monday will be a prelude to a powerful storm that should arrive in earnest overnight and could lead to flooding, rock slides and other havoc on roads across Southern California through this evening.

of the South and El Dorado fires were ordered evacuated, the San Bernardino County fire and sheriff's departments said.

The South fire burned this year in the north Fontana area. The El Dorado fire burned last year, and Monday's evacuation affected Angelus Oaks, Forest Falls, Mountain Home Village, Oak Glen and North Yucaipa.

Maps of the evacuation ar-On Monday, in advance of the eas and other information were storm, areas in the burn scars posted on the Fire Department's

Facebook page.

Temperatures were between 5 and 10 degrees cooler across Southern California on Monday morning, as clear conditions over the weekend were replaced by clouds building ahead of the storm, according to the National Weather Service.

Light showers were reported along the coast and in mountain areas Monday morning.

Precipitation spread into the valleys and was expected to grow more intense that evening as the first wave of the storm reached Los Angeles County overnight, STORM » PAGE 5



A heavy equipment operator builds a sand berm at Surfside in Seal Beach on Monday ahead of a strong storm forecast to arrive by the late evening.

JEFF GRITCHEN STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

WEST COVINA



Cub Scouts from Pack 724 walk in the Children's Christmas Parade at Old Town Center in West Covina on Saturday.

IT'S A CHRISTMAS ARADE FOR AL

PASADENA **Two are** accused of killing man

Hernandez and 16-year-old boy arrested in fatal shooting, and wounding another on Oct. 25

By Ruby Gonzales rugonzales@scng.com

A man and a teenager have been arrested for an Oct. 25 shooting in Pasadena that left one man dead and another wounded, police said on Monday.

On Dec. 7, detectives served search warrants



Members of the West Covina High School band add some familiar holiday music to the Children's Christmas Parade, the third of the city's big community holiday events.

By Robert Morales

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anta Claus came to town Saturday for a visit to West Covina and its Children's Christmas Parade and Santa's Village, held at Old Town Center at South Glendora Avenue and Walnut Creek Parkway. Food, a farmers market, petting zoo and en-



PHOTOS BY KEITH DURFLINGER

Santa Claus gives a wave during the procession. The gathering also offered food, a farmers market, a petting zoo and other entertainment.

tertainment were in the offing as well as pictures with Santa. Residents were able to walk in the parade.

It was the third of the city's three big holiday events. The first – Paskong Pilipino 2021 – took place Dec. 5 at the Sportsplex on Azusa Avenue. The second was held Friday at the Civic Center and was dubbed Let It Snow in West Covina.

CORONAVIRUS

L.A. County tops 15 million COVID-19 vaccine doses

By City News Service

officials marked a significant milestone Monday, announcing that more than 15 across every community million doses of COVID-19 in the county," county pubvaccine have been administered in the county, but they Ferrer said in a statement. said more needs to be done to reach people still resistant to the shots.

As of Thursday, more than 15.2 million doses of vaccine have been administered in the county, a number that rose dramatically to reach those still unvaccibooster doses.

"The delivery of 15 million vaccines required a net-Los Angeles County health work of hundreds of providers willing to extend their services to serve residents lic health Director Barbara "While we are proud of the work collectively done to administer 15 million vaccines in L.A. County, it is clear that we will need to continue to support vaccination efforts for months to come as we try



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in recent weeks, thanks to nated, those who need boost- The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine is administered at a pop-up the expanded availability of ers, and those that are newly clinic offering initial vaccinations and booster shots in VACCINE » PAGE 5 Rosemead on Nov. 29.

at several homes in Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties and, police said, took into custody Cecilio Hernandez, 24, of Pasadena and a 16-year-old Pasadena boy.

Investigators also seized three rifles, five handguns, body armor and ammunition, they said.

The case stems from the shooting in the 1000 block of Summit Avenue. A caller reported gunshots around 9:50 p.m.

Shortly after, a staff member at a local hospital called police when two critically wounded gunshot victims were brought in by a third person.

One of the injured men, Jamal Patterson, 24, died three days later from a gunshot wound to the head, according to the coroner's office.

Police said their investigation led to the identification of multiple suspects connected to a local street gang but didn't reveal details on how they pinpointed the suspects.

The teen has been charged with murder and attempted murder, police said. He was in custody without a chance for bail.

Court records show a prosecutor has charged Hernandez with murder, attempt murder and being a felon in possession of a gun; he was being SHOOTING » PAGE 5

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Homeless count will resume in January after COVID hiatus

By City News Service

LOS ANGELES » Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority officials and volunteers will conduct the annual 2022 homeless count between Jan. 25 and 27, the first since 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which forced the cancellation of this year's count.

The effort, known as the point-in-time count or 2020 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count, is essential to understanding how large the region's homelessness crisis has become. The count must be conducted by continuum of care providers to receive federal funding through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

According to the 2020 count, the county's homeless population increased by 12.7% over the previous year, while Los Angeles' homeless population jumped by 14.2%.

In January 2019, Los Angeles County had 58,936 homeless people, but by January 2020 the number rose to 66,433. Los Angeles counted 36,165 in 2019 and 41,290 in 2020.

The county received an exemption from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Develop-COUNT » PAGE 5

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 report allegations of abuse against Nassar to USA 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.

USOPC CEO Sarah 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 not have a legal responsi- ment. "The Plan of Reorgaand Paralympic sport safe bility to alert authorities nization that we jointly filed longstanding policy prior



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.



CARLOS OSORIO, FILE — THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Larry Nassar, a former doctor for USA Gymnastics and member of Michigan State's sports medicine staff, listens to the judge during one of his court sentencing hearings in Michigan in 2017. He is currently in prison in Florida.

and every day."

Gymnastics, had repeatedly argued during the controversy that it did not have a legal obligation to protect young athletes from sexual and physical abuse by coaches, officials and other organization members.

USA Gymnastics agreed 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 adjudication policies.

Mitchell A. Kamin, an attorney for the USOPC, sugfor all guides everything we at Michigan State after top reflects our own account-

aware of sexual abuse al-The USOPC, like USA legations against Nassar in 2015, a year before the allegations became public, according to a court transcript obtained by the Southern California News Group. Nassar continued to treat young athletes at Michigan State's sport medicine clinic until September 2016.

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 Gymgested in a June hearing nastics president and CEO that the organization did Li Li Leung said in a state-

commitment to the future." parents of athletes of sex-Nassar was sentenced to ual misconduct allegations 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 inmate at a federal prison in Florida.

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

Howard, a Nassar surviployees were instructed by vor, joined dozens of other gymnasts in expressing skepticism that USA Gymcomplaints to law enforcenastics and the USOPC ment or Child Protective will follow through on the agreed upon steps to protect future athletes

"I have absolutely no sense of closure and I'm completely skeptical," Howard 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 athletes."

USA Gymnastics had a to the Nassar scandal of not

sexual misconduct complaints to attorneys representing the organization - first Jack Swarbrick and later Scott Himsel, Jamison said. Swarbrick is the University of Notre 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, however, has issued no indictments in the FBI case.

"The federal government has completely let the survivors down," Manly said. "The DOJ, the attorney general have altogether failed these women. They know what happened and they've listened to some of the finest athletes ever to represent this country testify (before Congress) and they still will not hold their tortics employees prior to mentors accountable. And 2015 were told to forward that is an obscenity.'

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Norwalk

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officials are calling the "Heart of Norwalk." Eventually, a specific plan providing new zoning for the area north from Rosecrans Avenue on Firestone Boulevard to Imperial Highway and San Antonio Drive to the 5 Freeway will be developed.

The specific plan will implement the community's vision for the area that encompasses the oldest sections of the city, said John Ramirez, director of community development.

That could mean more restaurants and entertainment along Front Street, Phillip Burns, a principal for the Pasadena-based Arroyo Group, that put together the plan, said in a July presentation to the City Council.

Norwalk Square could become more of a gather- agreement gives Primestor



MIKE SPRAGUE - STAFE

The Norwalk City Council has approved an exclusive negotiating agreement with Primestor Development Inc. of Culver City to develop this former bank, which has been vacant for at least eight years, as shown on Monday.

ing place for the community, a jogging/bike/pedestrian trail might be placed next to the BNSF Railroad also might go up, Burns said.

The exclusive negotiating ment for Norwalk.

a year to purchase a former bank building, at 13400 San Antonio Drive, which has been closed for eight and mixed use of commer- years, and come up with cial and residential space a mixed-use development, said John Ramirez, director of community develop-

The agreement allows

for the developer to demonstrate its ability to undertake certain studies, begin planning efforts and other activities necessary to define the scope of the project and determine the feasibility of such development, City Manager Jesus Gomez said in a written staff report.

The city, which owns two adjacent parcels, currently used as parking by Front Street plaza businesses, could provide these as part of the deal, Ramirez said.

As part of the deal, after 12 months should Primestor purchase the bank property and be unable to come up with a development plan, the city will purchase the site for about \$2.7 million.

If after the 18-month anniversary of Primestor acquiring the bank building and no agreement having been reached, Norwalk will pay a \$10,000 per month reimbursement fee – up to \$24,000 - to the developer.

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CALIFORNIA

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 Monday, saying on social media that it was not safe to open with 17 inches of overnight snow and high winds. A California Highway Patrol car in Truckee nudged a big-rig up a snowy hill while smaller vehicles spun out, resulting in minor bumps and bruises but no real injuries, CHP Officer Carlos Perez said.

"It's just so bad and so thick," he said of the snowfall, with more expected Monday night. "We're telling people that if they don't need

probably shouldn't travel."

The multiday storm, a powerful "atmospheric river" weather system that is sucking up moisture from the Pacific Ocean, raised the threat of flooding and was expected to dump more than 8 feet of snow on the highest peaks in California and Nevada and drench other parts of the two states before it moves on midweek, forecasters said.

The storm will bring much-needed moisture to the broader region that's been gripped by drought that scientists have said is caused by climate change. The latest U.S. drought monitor shows parts of Montana, Oregon, California, Nevada and Utah are classified as being in exceptional drought, which is the worst category.

Most western U.S. reservoirs that deliver water to states, cities, tribes, farmers and utilities rely on melted I think we needed it a lot." snow in the springtime.

This week's storm is typical for this time of the year but notable because it's the

to be around this area, they first big snow that is expected to significantly affect travel with ice and snow on the roads, strong winds and limited visibility, said National Weather Service meteorologist Anna Wanless in Sacramento.

"Most of California, if not all, will see some sort of rain and snow," she said.

Meanwhile, gusts were so strong in and around San Francisco that state transportation officials issued a wind advisory for the Bay Bridge connecting the city to Oakland and warned drivers of campers and trailers to avoid the 4.5-mile span late Sunday.

The welcome rain didn't stop Oakland resident and artist Zhenne Wood from walking her neighbor's dog, a short-legged corgi.

"I decided to stay home today and not go anywhere, which is nice," she said. "And I'm really happy for the rain.

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

area until today.

The scenic coastal route south of the San Francisco Bay Area frequently experiences damage during wet weather. Nearby Monterey County residents who live close to burn scars from last year's Dolan Fire were warned to be prepared to evacuate if rains loosen hillsides and cause debris flows while in Southern California, Los Angeles County fire officials urged residents to be aware of the potential for mud flows.In coastal Santa Barbara County, residents of mountain communities near the Alisal Fire burn scar were ordered Monday to evacuate over concerns that heavy rains might cause flooding and debris flows that could inundate hillside homes. Officials didn't say how many people were affected by the orer. A similar order was issued for people living in several communities near another burn scar in the San Bernardino Mountains, more than an hour's drive east of Los Angeles.

UPLAND Former financial adviser gets 14 years in prison

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By City News Service

A one-time Upland financial adviser with a history of violating securities laws was sentenced Monday to 14 years behind bars and ordered to pay more than \$12.5 million in restitution for running a real estate fraud scheme that conned victims into investing in his businesses and then spending their money on himself.

Paul Ricky Mata, 58, of Oceanside, was ordered into federal custody immediately following the hearing, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

He pleaded guilty in of his victims are currently July to over a dozen federal counts of mail fraud, wire fraud and making false statements in a bankruptcy proceeding.

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ment and was not required to conduct a 2021 count due to the pandemic. The decision was made after LA-HSA determined it was not safe to gather 8,000 volunteers, given guid- org.

Shooting

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held at the North County Correctional Facility in Castaic in lieu of a \$5.12 million bail. From the same in-

vestigation, Angel Martinez, 40, of Phelan was arrested on suspicion of being a felon in possession of a firearm and unlawful possession of ammunition, police said. Booking records show he posted a \$35,000 bond and was released on Dec. 8.

Vaccine

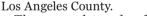
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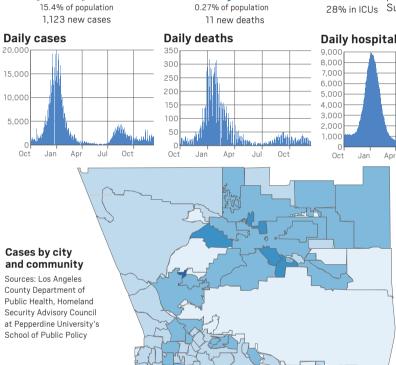
We have also learned that this network is not just focused on ensuring access, rather, this network needs to engage in outreach, provide culturally respectful information, and connect residents to additional needed supports."

According to the county, there are still roughly 3.4 million people currently eligible for a booster shot who have not yet 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



L.A. County coronavirus cases CASES DEATHS 1,540,200



HOSPITALIZATIONS Nine new patients since Sunday **Daily hospitalizations**

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the University of Toronto School of Pharmacy in 1949. Mary was the youngest daughter in a family of 5 and the only one to attend and graduate from college. At that time in Canada only about 3% of the population were college educated. Of that, only a very small fraction were women. This drive and

determination were just two of the tools she used in her long

and accomplished life. While working at Inches Pharmacy

in Weston. Ontario she met and eventually married Harry L.

After attending Loretto Abbey for her

early schooling she graduated from

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.

She said that on Dec. 1. the county's seven-day average daily number of new cases topped 1.000 - a 19%increase from the previous week.

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 seven-day 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 re-



cumulative seven-day trans- cases of the Omicron vari- that have undergone gemission rate of less than 100 cases per 100,000 residents.

On Monday, the county reported another 11 CO-VID-19 deaths, lifting its overall virus-related death toll to 27,341.

also reported, for a cumulative pandemic total of ease Control and Preven-1,540,200.

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

So far, the county has quires a county to have a confirmed a total of seven of all COVID-19 specimens

ant of COVID-19, while netic testing in the county, Long Beach – which has its own health department – has confirmed one.

The Omicron variant has been deemed a "variant of concern" by the World Another 1,123 cases were Health Organization and the U.S. Centers for Distion. However, it remains unclear if the variant is more easily transmitted or can cause more severe illness. The previously identifor the most recent surge in cases nationwide - remains the dominant mutation in circulation, representing more than 99%

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%.

at high elevations.

Thunder and high winds will accompany heavy rainfall. Gusts ranging from $6\bar{0}$ 45to mph were expected by Monday evening in mountain and desert regions.

The storm will leave Southern California this evening, but gusty conditions will linger into Wednesday and temperatures for the remainder of the week will remain cool.

Worthington who proceeded her in death in 1995. Mary and Harry moved their family of 5 (Laura, Suzanne, Lorne, Marina and Severio) to Covina, California in 1962. Shortly after that a sixth child, Harry, made the family complete. In order to accommodate the larger family, they moved the clan to West Covina where Mary would stay for over 50 years. Her Catholic faith was very important to her and she made sure that all her children were grounded in that faith. While she missed her native Canada, she quickly grew to love the beach. Sitting by the ocean was one of her greatest pleasures. Sea shells soon became a staple accent in her home decorating. Mary also loved taking care of her many clocks. Especially the big wall clock that was with her throughout her life. She even took Adult Education classes in clockworks so she could baby it as if it was her seventh child. In addition to clocks, she was a deft hand at reupholstering furniture which, with such a large family, needed to be done with some regularity. Quilting was another skill Mary managed to master along the way. As the daughter of farmers, she took to gardening naturally and always had something growing in the backyard. In amongst all these other activities Mary found time to study Art History as an adult. Noted for being intelligent and well-spoken she also had an affection for a good quote. You could find clippings of them taped to the refrigerator or a mirror. Many got stuffed into cubby holes in her desk. Those around her always commented on her grace and dignity. Relatives described her as loving and a wonderful role model. Mary is survived by her brother Basil Pacini, her children Laura Toledo, Suzanne Pickering, Lorne Worthington, Marina Worthington Smith, Severio Worthington and Harry Worthington. Included in her legacy are 16 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren (with 4 more on the way). In lieu of flowers please make a donation to St. Jude Children's Hospital (Stjude.org). Funeral services

will be held at Sacred Heart Church in Covina on Friday, December 17th at 10:00 am. Interment to follow at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Rowland Heights. Please sign the guestbook at legacy.com/

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Storm

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meteorologists said.

The storm will dump 1 to 3 inches of rain in the valleys and on the coast, and possibly upwards of 5 inches of precipitation in the mountains beginning Monday night and through tonight.

Mudslides near areas scorched by recent wildfires are possible, as rain loosens exposed soil and boulders. Voluntary evacuation warnings were also issued for people living near the burn scars left last year by the Bond fire in Orange County and the Apple fire in San Bernardino County.

California Highway Pa-

take place due to flooding, ocgov.com/residents/health/ falling boulders and other hazards. Motorists should for issues along their route by visiting roads.dot.ca.gov or quickmap.dot.ca.gov

Flooding on low-lying roads and highways with poor drainage will be likely and will make it possible for fast-moving vehicles to hydroplane.

reason people lose control," CHP officer Dan Olivas said. Officials in Riverside County advised people living in encampments along washes and drainage channels, such as the Santa Ana River bed, to get to higher ground.

The combination of rain, wind and low temperatures may be dangerous to those exposed to the elements overtrol and Caltrans officials night. People in need of shelexpect road closures to ter during the storm can visit

homeless-services to learn about emergency facilities in plan ahead, and can check Orange County, or lahsa.org/ winter-shelter to find a place to stay indoors in Los Angeles County.

Snow is expected to fall at heights as low as 4,500 ft. above sea level by this afternoon. Tire chains may be required on the 5 Freeway along the Grapevine, Speeding is the biggest the Cajon Pass on the 15 Freeway, and other roads

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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 net worth to around \$300 billion. He owns about 17% of Tesla's stock, which sold for almost mad by roiling markets. \$1,000 a share Monday.

energy company SolarCity in addition to Tesla, the most valuable car company in the world. The General Motors are worth less magazine emphasizes that its an- than \$200 billion combined. nual acknowledgment is not an award, but rather, "recognition of 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 Twitter, he offers outlandish assistance to the world and drives even lain throne." In its profile of the his own followers and investors

Though it only became profit-Time cited the breadth of able in recent years, Tesla is far ing: "This is the man who aspires 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."

in the creation of the alternative this year crossing the \$1 trillion market capitalization threshold. Detroit heavyweights Ford and

Musk said last month that SpaceX will attempt to launch 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 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.

Gas price

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TIME VIA AP

CALIFORNIA



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

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.

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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 February.

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 slid 1.4%.

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.

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 changes to comply with the law. And Council has challenged California's now a coalition of business owners is seeking more than a two-year delay.

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

While groups are working to delav the measure, the state has eased the transition to the new system. It 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 pigs

The National Pork Producers right to impose standards on businesses 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 and groceries use each month, according to Rabobank, a global food and agriculture financial services company.

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 law.

"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.

"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 effort.

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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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." "We 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.



embrace amid tornado damage after extreme weather hit the region on Sunday, in Mayfield, Kv. Dozens of tornadoes roared through five states Friday, destroying a nursing home in Arkansas, heavily damaging an Amazon distribution center in Illinois and

People

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 tornado shelter, then left the in a car seat to protect her, site and were hard to reach In Bowling Green, Ken- because phone service was on Saturday.

Debris from destroyed buildings and shredded trees covered the ground in Mavfield, 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.

out.

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, 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 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 by Sunday, the baby was place to stay. Volunteers 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 in glass and asphalt.

spreading their deadly power into Tennessee and Missouri. BRENDAN SMIALOWSKI AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES 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 going to take years," he said.

Tim Morgan, a volunteer chaplain for the Hopkins County Sheriff's Department, said he's seen the aftermath of tornadoes and hurricanes before, but nothing like this.

"Just absolute decimation," he said. "There is an entire hillside of houses "I'll stay here until we that are 3 feet tall now."



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Coronavirus

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rus 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 some places than others, but he urged Californians to heed the warnings and wear masks.

"We know that there's going to be people who don't necessarily agree with this, who are tired, who aren't going to mask," Ghaly said. "We hope that those are few and far between, that most people see the purpose of doing this over the next month as something to protect them and their communities during a very tough time.'

Newsom has issued lots of other coronavirus mandates, including requiring state employees, health care workers and, soon, public school students and teachers to be vaccinated.



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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 adminstration 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.

because California is still operating under an emergency declaration Newsom issued at the beginning of the pandemic. That emergency declaration will remain in place until Newsom lifts it or the state Legislature votes to end it.

Republican Assemblyman Kevin Kiley, who ran against Newsom for governor during a an unsuccessful recall election, has routinely tried and failed to get the Democratic-dominated Legislature to end the state's emergency declaration.

"I think that people are incredibly frustrated with this notion that these by one person rather than in the way that our coun-The governor can do this try and state are supposed ing actions that go far be- mask mandates, including tions, including Gov. Jared

to work which is all of us yond what any other gover- Washington, Oregon, Illitogether having a say and choices should be made having the freedom to make choices for ourselves," Kiley said. "Gavin Newsom is tak-

nor or any other state has done."

nois, New Mexico, Nevada, Hawaii and New York. But California joins other other Democratic governors states with similar indoor have resisted new restric-

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 Inyo 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 arrival.

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



"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

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.

L.A. County had strong responses to the move. As the impact of Gov. Gavin Neweffective Wednesday spread, it amplified a mix of simmering frustration in the county with a sense that at least now everyone is in the same boat in a fight against a relentless disease.

'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," said Alex Cherin, spokesperson for the Long Beach Restaurant Association.

Back on July 17, with concern swirling about variant, the county's public health officers implemented essentially the same order the state issued Monday.

Back then, the county had been "reopen" for roughly 30 days, with a stunning rise in confirmed cases in the period - from 210 on June 15 to 1,537 on July 15. The delta variant was running wild in a county still trying to get its people vaccinated.

Newsom's latest order comes as a new variant omicron - threatens to take hold. While it appears to be fast-moving, it remains to be seen if it is as virulent as delta. But the order also comes as delta buses, ride-shares. continues to swirl during a holiday season that inches

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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 May 4 at Scum and Villainy Cantina, a bar on Hollywood Boulevard in Los Angeles.

seasonal surge.

After a plateau in late November to early Decemthe rise again in the county, up another 20 from Sunday to 718 on Monday, according to the state. And statewide, officials cited a 47% increase in coronavirus in- Association fection rates since Thanksgiving. California Health and Human Services Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly said that over that period, the and long-term care facilistatewide rate of daily new cases went from 9.6 per 100,000 residents to more than 14 per 100,000.

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

The city and county of L.A. already require masks in all indoor public settings and businesses. The now had to live with for county leans on federal and state guidance that recommended universal masking mask mandate, but honbecause it's clear fully vaccinated people, though in much fewer numbers, can catch the disease.

masks be worn, regardless of vaccination status:

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• At transit terminals.

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-Alex Cherin, spokesperson for the Long Beach Restaurant

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• In health care settings

ties. • At correctional facilities.

 In homeless and emergency 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 months.

"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 The county requires on a mask," said Camila Perry, owner of The North complying with county 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 closer each day to what of- and child care/youth set- for people, coming from

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

Then again, there were those who continued to resist the county's orders, let door spaces, regardless of alone anything from the

"This mandate will not Covina," said West Covina Mayor Dario Castelenforced the county manmandate. 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."

themselves are tasked with children." ensuring that people are 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 invaccination status, since the countywide mandate went into place in midchange anything for West July," Duardo stated. "We know that masks are one of the most powerful tools lanos, whose city has not to keep students safe and schools open. By partnering date, he added. "We will with the L.A. County Denot be enforcing any such partment 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 Locally, proprietors 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

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 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.

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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. provisions were made permanent.

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

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 further 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 profile 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 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 ĥelp.

Sometimes it is possible to help people too much.

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 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.

Question 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 celebrate?

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 future.

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 unstudy 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 Scott A. Hodge is president of the Tax Foundation, a nonpartisan research organization in Washington, D.C.

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 the citizens.

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

– Kaley Rice, Covina

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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 221/2 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



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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.

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 fire

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

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

AFGHANISTAN

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

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

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 \$**800**M

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

CAPITOL INSURRECTION Panel votes for contempt charges against Meadows

By Mary Clare Jalonick violence

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.

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

CORONAVIRUS

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.

people who have died of the virus in the United States - or about 600,000 of the nearly 800,000 who have perished so far have been 65 or older. One in 100 older Americans has died from the virus. 65, that ratio is closer to 1 in 1,400.

The heightened risk for older people has dominated life for many, partly as friends and family try to protect them. "You get kind of forgotten," said Pat Hayashi, 65, of San Francisco. "In the pandemic, the isolation and the loneliness got worse. We lost our freedom and we lost our services.'

Since vaccines first became available a year ago, older Americans have been vaccinated at a much higher rate than younger age groups and yet the brutal toll on them has persisted. The share of younger people among all virus deaths in the United States increased this year, but, in the past two months, the portion of older people has risen once again, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. More than 1,200 people in the United States are dying from COVID-19 each day, most of them 65 or older.

In both sharp and sub-



ISADORA KOSOFSKY - THE NEW YORK TIMES

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

> tle ways, the pandemic are not taking the needs of has amplified an existing older people in this pandivide between older and vounger Americans. In interviews across the

For people younger than country, older Americans say they have continued to endure the isolation and fear associated with the pandemic long after tens of millions of younger and middle-aged people have gone back to work and school and largely resumed normal lives. Older people are still falling seriously ill in great numbers, particularly if they are unvaccinated, and hospitals in the Midwest, New England and the Southwest have been strained with an influx of patients this month. Worried about their risks, and the ongoing warnings from health officials about the added dangers for older mer 2020, then quickened people, many of them are throughout the fall and still curtailing travel and visits with grandchildren, and are dining out less.

At the same time, the push by many companies to have employees return leading cause of death to workplaces is also creating new tension for adults older, after heart disease who are older - but still working – and considered at higher risk if they were to get the virus, some experts said. "There's all 2020, more than diabetes, these ways - subtle, overt, accidents, Alzheimer's disdirect, indirect – that we ease or dementia.

demic into account," said Louise Aronson, a geriatrician 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 issues.

After the first known coronavirus death in the United States in February 2020, the virus's death toll in this country reached 100,000 people in only three months.

The pace of deaths slowed throughout sumwinter, and then slowed again this spring and summer.

By now, COVID-19 has become the thirdamong Americans 65 and and cancer. It is responsible for about 13% of all deaths in that age group since the beginning of and Farnoush Amiri The Associated Press

washington » The House panel investigating the Jan. 6 Capitol insurrection voted Monday to recommend contempt charges against former White House chief of staff Mark Meadows as lawmakers revealed a series of frantic texts he received as the attack 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 son were urging Meadquickly to stop the siege by his supporters.

"We need an Oval ad-dress," Donald Trump Jr. 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."

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

recommend the contempt charges. The House is expected to vote Tuesday to refer the charges to the Justice Department, which will decide whether to to shield their private conprosecute the former Republican congressman.

dereliction" as he refused to strongly condemn the burdensome."



Meadows

of his supporters, and also raise questions about whether he sought to obstruct the con-

gressional certification through inaction.

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

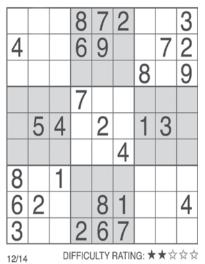
The vote comes as the panel has already interviewed more than 300 witnesses, and subpoenaed more than 40 people, as it seeks to create the most ows to push Trump to act comprehensive record yet of the lead-up to the insurrection and of the violent siege itself. The committee's leaders have vowed texted 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 questee as the panel voted to tions about what he knows about a brutal attack on our democracy. That's his legacy."

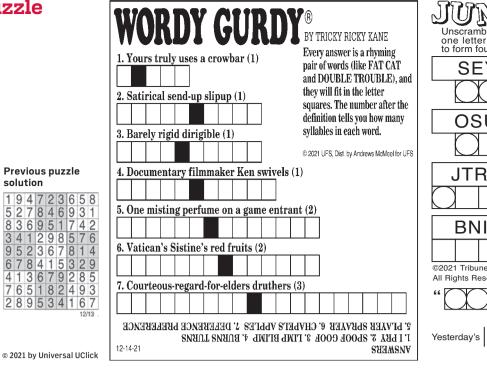
In a Monday letter to Thompson, Meadows' attorney George Terwil-The panel voted 9-0 to liger said the contempt vote would be "unjust" because Meadows was one of Trump's top aides and all presidents should be afforded executive privilege versations. Meadows himself sued the panel, asking Cheney said the texts a court to invalidate two show Trump's "supreme subpoenas that he says are "overly broad and unduly

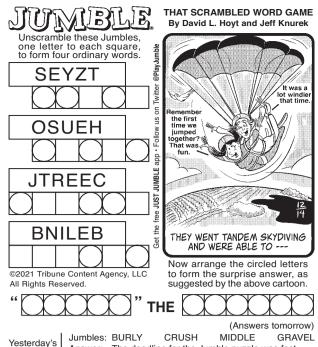












Answer: The deadline for the Jumble puzzle was fast approaching, so the creators - SCRAMBLED

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?"

Taurus (April 20-May 20): $\star \star \star \star \star$ The Moon is in your sign today and tomorrow. This happens for two days every month, and when it occurs, it increases your emotions about things and heightens your reactions to others. However, it slightly improves your luck. Tonight: Unexpected events.

Tonight: Guard your possessions

Gemini (May 21-June 20): ★★★ While you are focused on partners and close friends today, especially someone who might be a bit challenging to deal with lately, you will welcome a chance 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): ★★★★ Today a heart-to-heart conversation with a friend, perhaps a female, will be meaningful

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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): $\star \star \star \star$ 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

dear abby » Myhusband 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

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?

Wife's activities exclude husband

DEAR SAD FATE » If the situation were reversed, is this the way you would like 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 de-Pennsylvania cided 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 should I do?

– Starting To Lose Faith

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.

Contact Dear Abby at DearAbby.com.

The New York Times Crossword

41 Places with

By Jennifer Lee and Victor Galson

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Dear Abby Columnist and immobility make intimacy impossible.

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.

DEAR READERS »

When you pur-

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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.

DEAR READERS » 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.

 $\hat{2}$. Forward it – Items that are scattered around should be moved to where they belong.

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4. Fill it in – Fill out any forms.

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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 » Dur-

ing 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 launder as usual.

 $\operatorname{\textbf{dear readers}} * \operatorname{Most}$ likely, after your holi-

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.

DEAR READERS » 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.

Write to Heloise at P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5000; Fax 210-HELOISE; or email Heloise@Heloise. com.

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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.

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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE: By Chris Browne





BEETLE BAILEY: By Mort, Greg and Brian Walker



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ASK DR. ROACH

/ID and vaccination

DEARDR.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 dimin-

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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

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

-L.A.

DEAR READER » Uterine bleeding in a woman after menopause always raises the concern for endometrial (uterine) cancer, al-

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ish or disappear?

DEAR READER » 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

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.

> deardr.roach » I'm a healthy 66-year-old woman have options. Take a pain 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-

though 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 anyway.

If a biopsy is needed, you 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 options.

Contact Dr. Roach at ToYourGoodHealth@med. cornell.edu.

BROOM HILDA: By Russell Myers I'M GOING TO THE HARDWARE STORE! WHAT



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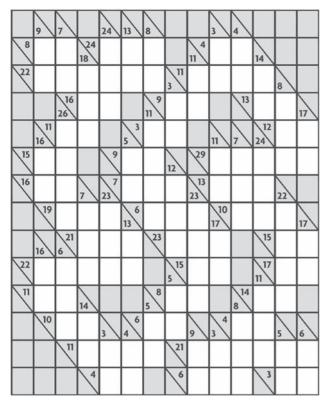
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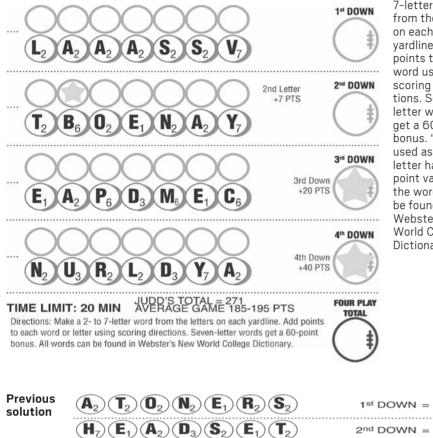
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Kakuro



Word Scrimmage



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.

Previous solution

> Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters on each yardline. Add points to each word using scoring directions. Sevenletter words get a 60-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words can be found in Webster's New World College Dictionary.

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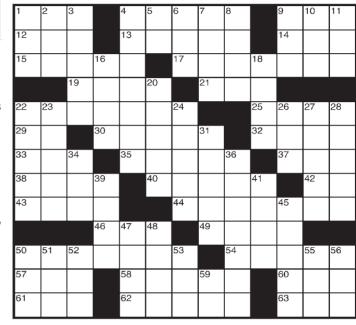
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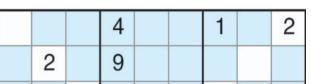
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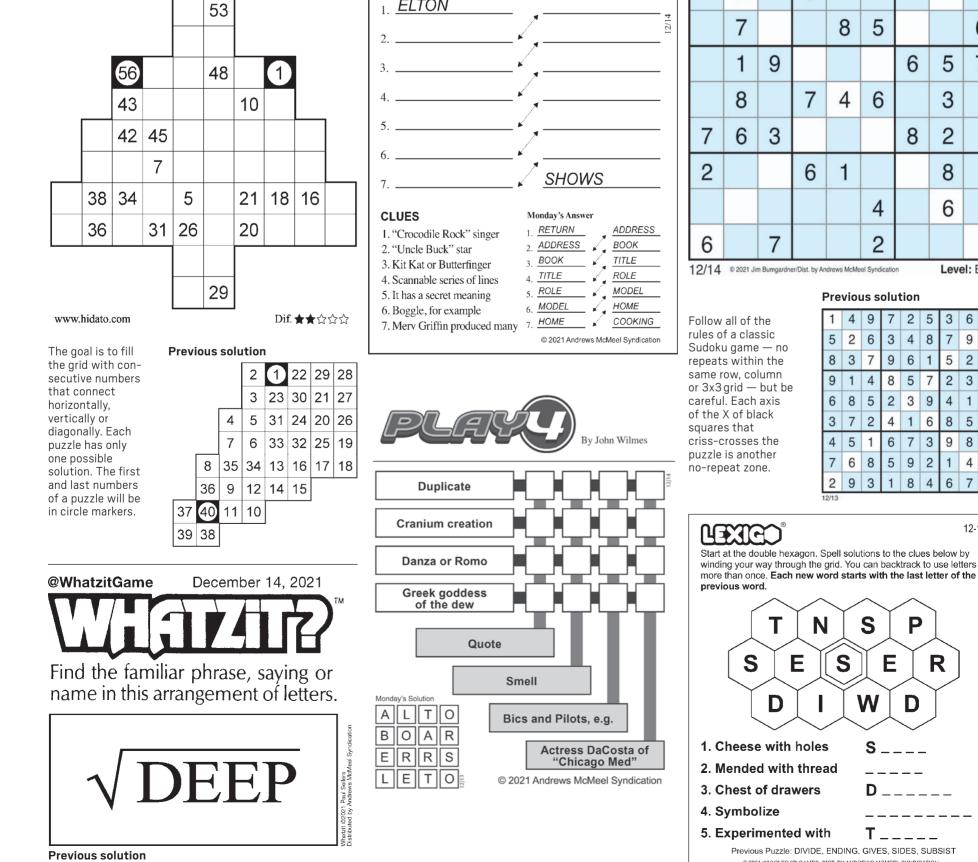
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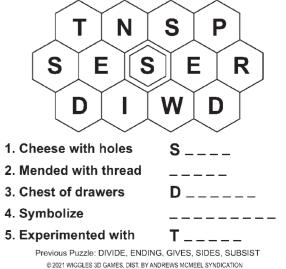
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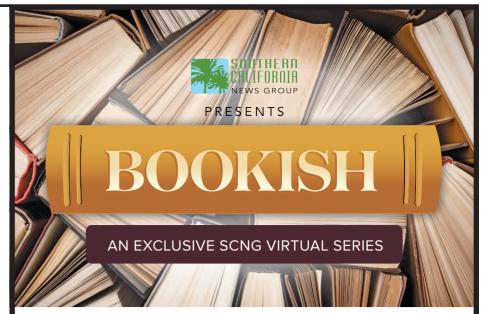
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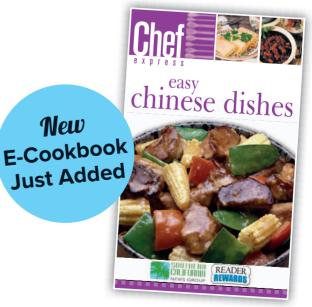


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Morris' 24 points lead six L.A. players in double figures in a 111-95 victory over the Suns. PAGE 4

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RAMS



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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 kmodesti@scng.com @kevinmodesti on Twitter

GLENDALE, ARIZ. » The Rams' game against the Arizona Cardinals on



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 relize 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-Whicker 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 games.

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 said.

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 out.

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

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

CHRISTIAN PETERSEN - GETTY IMAGES

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



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

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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USC FOOTBALL

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

By Adam Grosbard a grso bard@scng.com

@adamgrosbard on Twitter

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 starter at USC, taking over fer the following off-seathe job in 2019 following a son 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 Slovis made a statement performance by throwing for touchdowns to nine inter-377 yards and three touch- ceptions. He was named downs without an interception in a win over a ranked Freshman of the Year. Stanford team.

rate, 3,502 yards and 30 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-

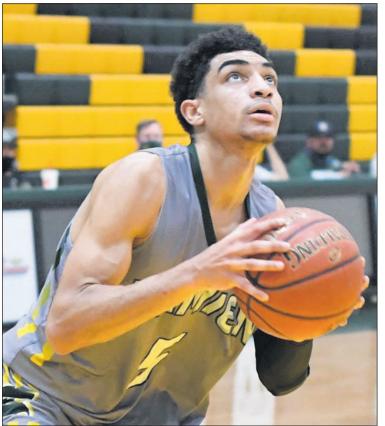


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quarter rally to beat UCLA USC guarterback Kedon Slovis entered the transfer portal **USC » PAGE 5** Monday, looking to finish his college career elsewhere.



HIGH SCHOOLS



KEITH BIRMINGHAM - STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Damien and RJ Smith won the St. John Bosco Tournament last week and are ranked No. 1 in the MaxPreps Southern Section list

BOYS BASKETBALL RANKINGS

The high school boys basketball rankings include teams from the areas covered by the San Gabriel Valley Tribune, Pasadena Star-News and Whittier Daily News.

1. Damien (12-0) Previous: 1

The Spartans are off to an incredible start, and they're doing it with several players averaging double figures. They won the St. John Bosco tournament and are ranked No. 1 in MaxPreps' Southern Section rankings. Coach Mike LeDuc is two wins away from 1,000 for his career. It could come Monday, Dec. 20 against Sacramento at home.

2. Los Altos (7-2)

Previous: 2

After losing to Serra in its opening game of the St. John Bosco tournament, the Conquerors won three straight to take the consolation title. Junior Jazz Gardner has been on a tear, notching three straight triple-doubles during that stretch.

3. St. Francis (9-2) Previous: 3

The Golden Knights haven't played since losing to Clovis West in the championship of the Rocklin/ Whitney Tournament in Sacra-

GIRLS BASKETBALL RANKINGS

mento a week ago. It will return to action against La Cañada on Friday

4. South Pasadena (5-3) Previous: 4

The Tigers continue to play a tough schedule. They lost to Alemany and followed it up with a victory over Montebello. It's obvious they might be the favorites to win what is shaping up to be a very competitive Rio Hondo League.

5. Glendora (8-4) Previous: 5

After winning the San Dimas tournament last week, the Tartans advanced to the finals of their own tournament before falling to Los Osos, 44-38, in the championship

6. Bosco Tech (10-1) Previous: 9

game.

Won its own tournament on Saturday by defeating Rowland, 70-59. Jaden Erami was named the tournament MVP after scoring 32 points in the championship game.

7. San Marino (10-1) Previous: NR

The Titans are the area's biggest surprise so far, as they won the

Pasadena Poly tournament with a 53-47 victory over the host Panthers on Saturday. Michael Azinge led the way with 12 points and 10 rebounds and Aidan Hoang and Jayden Tse had 11 points each.

8. Whittier Christian (8-3) Previous: 6

The Heralds continue to play well, winning three straight tournament games last week before losing to South Torrance. The Heralds will be a factor in the CIF-SS playoffs.

9. La Cañada (7-3) Previous: NR

The Spartans lost a Pacific League game to Crescenta Valley, but also swept a pair of games against Flintridge Prep. They have a big game Friday against St. Francis.

10. Rowland (11-2)

Previous: 10

The Raiders are much improved this season. They advanced to the finals of the Bosco Tech tournament before losing in the championship game to Bosco Tech. They have a nonleague game against Baldwin Park on Dec. 20 and then open the Hacienda League against Walnut in January.

- Fred Robledo

The high school girls basketball rankings include teams from the areas covered by the San Gabriel Valley Tribune, Pasadena Star-News and Whittier Daily News.

1. South Pasadena (13-1) Previous:]

The Tigers' dominant start continued during the Arroyo tournament. They defeated La Salle in a battle of area top teams and then beat Redondo. 53-49, in the tournament championship game. They will take a break this week and will be back in action after Christmas.

2. St. Paul (8-0) Previous: 3

Not only are the Swordsmen undefeated, they haven't had a close game as they've won two tournaments. They have blowout wins over Northview and Flintridge Prep.

3. Los Altos (7-1) Previous: 7

A week after losing in the championship of the Glenn/ Norwalk tournament, the Conquerors marched to the finals of the Artesia tournament and beat Artesia in the final, 49-33. Looks like the Hacienda League favorites.

4. Glendora (7-4) Previous: 6

Marched to the semifinals against a competitive field in the Covina tournament before losing to Summit in the semifinals. Bounced back to defeat host Covina in the third-place game, 38-31.

5. Sonora (8-3) Previous: NR

Ended the week with an impressive 45-35 victory over El Dorado in the championship of the Sunny Hills tournament. Jazmin Sheikh was named the tournament MVP.

6. Bonita (4-2) Previous: 3

Had solid wins over San Dimas and Walnut during its own tournament before losing to a strong Eastvale Roosevelt squad. Still hard to tell how strong Bearcats will be this season. Need to see more games, but they do have talent. 7. La Salle (9-2) Previous: 5

The Lancers are young and talented. They lost to area No. 1 South Pasadena during the Arroyo tournament, but they bounced back and beat Temple

City to finish third. They should continue to improve. 8. San Dimas (6-2)

Previous: 8

Lost a nonleague game to rival Bonita, 46-38, but also had wins against California and Gladstone. Should be considered the Valle Vista favorites along with Northview and Covina.

9. La Canada (5-2) Previous: 5

The Spartans split a pair of nonleague games, beating Maranatha and then falling to a deep Hart team, 55-22. They're the best chance to give South Pasadena a competitive game in the Rio Hondo League.

10. Arcadia (8-3) Previous: 9

Had a shocking loss to Pasadena, 60-56, during a Pacific League contest. Until that point, the Apaches had looked really strong.

Fred Robledo

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South Pasadena's Alyssa Chan (3) drives to the basket against Ryann Riddle of La Salle in the Arroyo Tournament. South Pasadena won the tournament.

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 are and you're hoping for New Zealand after a grizthe best. The sky color matches the color of the snow. We never really had a name for that. I was intrigued when I heard they call it the 'twisties' in gymnastics.'

Simone Biles' decision to pull out of the women's team final at the Tokyo Games earlier this year resonated with athletes throughout the elite world, including White, and also advanced the conversation about many of the mentalhealth challenges Olympians face

Just as twisting and somersaulting over a vault can be a life-threatening endeavor, doing the same over an icy, rock-hard halfpipe is among the most dangerous of Olympic pursuits. White was famously helicoptered off the halfpipe in



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

zly wreck in the run-up to the 2018 Olympics. When he overcame the 62-stitch injury to his face and won the gold medal in Pyeongchang, needed to win the Olymit marked a stunning crescendo to a comeback that even he wasn't sure was possible

White believes the key to an athlete putting him or herself at risk over and over again is knowing you're doing it for the right reasons – a key component missing from Biles' mindset when she stepped away.

"It's scary to be out there alone," White said. "And of the U.S. Grand Prix, Japthat, you want it to be your choice. You don't want to other than, 'Hey, I want to do this."

this year. A triple cork jump - involving 1620 degrees of spin above the halfpipe – could very well be the trick pics. 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 when you go out and do anese rider Raibu Katayama had to be taken by sled off the course after hitting his feel like you have to do this head and neck on the lip the week, freeskier Connor

family said Ladd has made progress but has a long journey ahead.

Kenworthy, pulled out of the year. The setbacks forced contest. He said it's not un- him to step back and recommon for action-sports think what made him love athletes to get lost in the air. snowboarding, and all the "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.

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

The stakes will be every tal in Denver after suffering to be confident with myself end of his career much motivation is there.'

bit as high, if not higher, a traumatic head injury. His and say, 'You know, look, this is the comfort level, and it's not there."

White also finished Another freeskier, Gus fourth in the halfpipe that risk that comes with it, in the first place.

tween 2014-18 was to get back to the top, and do it without so much noise from the outside - spon-White withdrew from sors, business projects and the like.

> It's like that again this time around, but with an even tighter-knit feel.

He's working with his 'It was hard and it was brother, Jesse, again, and harsh," White said. "I got is in a relationship with acbecause of some reason of the halfpipe. Earlier in a bunch of backlash from tress Nina Dobrev, who he other competitors saying met at a motivational sem-Ladd was taken to a hospi- I chickened out. But I had inar, Now 35 and with the feeling but the drive and the

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 awarded on the mountains outside of Beijing.

If he does, it will add to Part of the mission be- an already legendary trophy case. If he doesn't – well, it won't be the first time he's come up short.

Perhaps the biggest triumph, he says, has already been secured. He's still doing 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 and I'm feeling like I can," White said. "It's a different

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL



MOTORSPORTS COMMENTARY



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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 Frver The Associated Press

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

title.

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

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 yellow. 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 install-

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

in as many weeks

By The Associated Press

Baylor won the national championship last season without ever reaching No. 1 in the AP Top 25.

The Bears are there now.

Baylor took advantage of Purdue's last-second loss to Rutgers last week to become the fourth different team at No. 1 in the past four weeks. The Bears earned every vote from a 61-member national media the seven remaining Divipanel Monday to reach the top spot in the poll for the first time since a four-week run ended on Feb. 17, 2020.

Every coach tells you that the goal is at the end of the year to be No. 1," Baylor coach Scott Drew said, "but I will tell you that it always means something. It means something to your fans. It means something to your coaches, your players and everybody. It's a great sign of respect for other people that have come before you, the work they put in."

The Bears (9-0) were followed by former No. 1s Duke and Purdue along with UCLA and Gonzaga, which began the season atop the poll and spent the first two weeks there before losses to the Blue Devils and Alabama in a span of three games.

Baylor has won a nation-leading 15 consecutive games, none by fewer than eight points, including its memorable 86-70 win over Gonzaga in April for the national title. The Bears also had wins over Stanford, Arizona State and Michigan State to start this season before suffocating then-No. 6 Villanova in a 57-36 victory on Sunday.

The Crimson Tide led the second five in the AP poll last week but lost to Ohio Monday, climbing three spots after beating then- the Top 25 receiving votes 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 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 there yet. I'm happy with the team. We're excited to be 10-0.'

Iowa State, another of sion I unbeatens, climbed six spots to No. 11 after the Cyclones romped past Iowa and avoided a letdown against Jacksonville State. They were followed by Michigan State, Auburn, Houston and Ohio State with Seton Hall, Texas, Tennessee, LSU and UConn in the top 20.

Kentucky, Xavier, Colorado State, Arkansas and Texas Tech rounded out the poll.

RISING AND FALLING » Michigan State and Seton Hall made the biggest moves this week, the Spartans climbing seven spots to No. 12 after wins over Minnesota and Penn State and Seton Hall jumping to No. 16 after beating Texas on Thursday night.

The Longhorns dropped 10 spots to No. 17. Kentucky fell 11 to No. 21 after the Wildcats lost to Notre Dame on Saturday.

HELLO, GOODBYE » Xavier entered the poll at No. 22 with Colorado State right behind after the Rams ran their record to 10-0 for the second time in program history. The Red Raiders moved into the poll at No. 25 after their overtime win over Tennessee.

Wisconsin was No. 22 State and was first outside

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 control.

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

USC MEN'S BASKETBALL

Trojans move up to No. 10 in AP Top 25

By Adam Grosbard

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The USC men's basket-

six spots to No. 10 in the Associated Press poll released on Monday following wins over Eastern Kentucky and Long Beach State.

It is the highest the Trojans have been in a regu-2017-18, when USC began the season at No. 10. USC following an Elite Eight tow.

This year's Trojans aren't 12 teams in the AP Top-10, as highly-touted as pros- joining No. 8 Arizona and pects, but have come to- No. 4 UCLA.

"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.

ment 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

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.



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

UP NEXT

Network

the nation.

at USC, 6 p.m., Pac-12

gether under head coach

Andy Enfield to produce

goal percentage defense in

Junior Isaiah Mobley is

USC is one of three Pac-

Wednesday: UC Irvine

ball program is a top-10 team.

The Trojans moved up the fourth-lowest field-

leading the team in scoring and rebounding and is twotenths of a rebound away lar-season AP Top 25 since from averaging a doubledouble. Transfers Chevez Goodwin and Drew Peterfinished No. 9 in the AP poll $\,$ son have thrived in their $\,$ 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 NBA pick Evan Mobley in Memphis.

Standings

WESTERN CONFERENCE

| | 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 | 6 ¹ /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 | 11½ | 5-5 | L-3 | 5-8 | 6-9 |
| SOUTHWEST DIV | 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 | 2 ¹ /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 | 9 ¹ /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 | 5½ | 5-5 | W-2 | 8-4 | 6-9 |
| Minnesota | 12 | 15 | .444 | 71/2 | 4-6 | W-1 | 7-9 | 5-6 |
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ATLANTIC DIVISION

Portland

Oklahoma City

| | w | L | Pct | GB | L10 | Str | Home | Away |
|----------------|-------|----|------|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| Brooklyn | 19 | 8 | .704 | _ | 7-3 | W-2 | 8-5 | 11-3 |
| Philadelphia | 15 | 13 | .536 | 4½ | 5-5 | L-1 | 6-6 | 9-7 |
| Boston | 14 | 14 | .500 | 5½ | 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 |
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|-----------|----|----|------|-----|------|------|------|------|
| Chicago | 17 | 10 | .630 | - | 5-5 | L-2 | 8-4 | 9-6 |
| Milwaukee | 18 | 11 | .621 | - | 7-3 | L-1 | 9-4 | 9-7 |
| Cleveland | 17 | 12 | .586 | 1 | 8-2 | W-4 | 8-7 | 9-5 |
| Indiana | 12 | 17 | .414 | 6 | 4-6 | L-1 | 9-7 | 3-10 |
| Detroit | 4 | 22 | .154 | 12½ | 0-10 | L-12 | 2-11 | 2-11 |
| | | | | | | | | |

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.

Minnesota at Denver, 6 p.m.

Memphis at Portland, 7 p.m

Clippers at Utah, 7 p.m.

Indiana at Milwaukee, 5 p.m. New Orleans at Oklahoma City, 5 p.m.

Charlotte at San Antonio, 5:30 p.m.

Washington at Sacramento, 7 p.m.

Monday's results

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 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.

HIGHLIGHTS

Curry closes in on record, Warriors win

By The Associated Press

one 3-pointer shy of tying 23 of his points in the secthe 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 Indi- ter and Boston beat Milana Pacers.

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

CAVALIERS 105, HEAT 94 » Kevin Love made five Stephen Curry finished 3-pointers and scored all wankee

Curry is closing in on Ray ROCKETS 132, HAWKS 126

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

By Mirjam Swanson

5-6 1-11

4-9

10-5

CLIPPERS

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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 performances up and down the had a three-game winning lineup, the starters and reserves both - none of them more consequential than in a regular-season home Marcus Morris'.

Against his former team, the Clippers' Morris twin was aggressive, efficient 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 play.

The Suns came in having won 20 of 21 games and two consecutive since Golden 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.

spurt to their credit – and not having lost to the Suns game since 2013.

On Monday, both teams ness). were following the leaguewide 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 and ultimately contagious it and it's a bit more of an adjustment but we've just 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 – defense that held the Suns to just 44 points on 42.6% it without fouling, limiting shooting (20 for 47), including just 3 for 14 from behind 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, **FSPN**

BOX SCORE

| Phoenix | Min | FG | FT | Reb | A | PF | Pts |
|-----------|-------|------|-----|------|---|----|-----|
| 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 Bridges 2, Crowder Shamet'i Techni-3, Bridges 2, Crowder, Shamet); Techni-cal fouls: Paul, 3:44 second.

| Clippers | Min | FG | FT | Reb | A | PF | Pts |
|-------------|-------|-------|-----|------|---|----|-----|
| 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 8-45 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); nar censtern, Morris Sr., Winslow);
 Steals: 5 (Bledsoe 2, Zubac 2, Hartenstein); Technical fouls: None.

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

Phoenix to just just two free throws (of which Chris Paul

CLIPPERS

Ibaka is healthy, but playing time shrinking

By Mirjam Swanson

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LOS ANGELES » It's hard to predict who might be in and who will be out for any ter who is having a break-surgery on June 10 - a progiven game for the Clippers out season off the bench in cedure that kept him out of from the injury, he asked this 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 Clipods and Nicolas Batum's bounds and 1.7 assists enbout with COVD-19 that all tering Monday – got in foul have been thrown at coach trouble in Portland. Tyronn Lue's team.

Phoenix Suns

The game before that, Ibaka played only when Hartenstein – the 23-yearold German-American cen- big man underwent back

in the regular season and played two playoff games but couldn't go any further. The veteran, floor-spacing

"They had to clean up my pers' coach liked the idea,

night's matchup against the ing back and returned late but hey, things happen. Now I'm going to focus on it for the next season."

But after he played limited minutes - and was limited, production-wise in his first two games back

- Madison Square Garden 19 points down and handed against the New York Knicks.

MAVERICKS 120. HORNETS 96 » Kristaps Porzingis had 24 points, 13 rebounds and five blocks, and Dallas hit a and Memphis shot better season-high 19 3-pointers as the Mavericks routed the Charlotte to sweep a backto-back without All-Star **POSTPONED DUE TO PRO**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 Sunday against the Lakers Sacramento.

Atlanta its fifth straight home loss.

GRIZZLIES126,76ERS91 » Dillon Brooks scored 23 points Jaren Jackson Jr. added 22 than 50% in a dominating win over Philadelphia.

BULLS' NEXT TWO GAMES 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 at home.

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 response to questions about the 32-year-old center, who has been available but had not played in the Clippers' two games prior to Monday

"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 tember. 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 had conversations and that's all about all I can go into."

his first season with the I could get surgery earlier, Clippers because of an ail- earlier during the season, 12 seconds.

nerves come in and out," explained Ibaka – who opted into the \$9.7 million second 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 Ibaka missed most of it was not the case. I wish

disc because that's where the so Ibaka checked in with the Agua Caliente Clippers for whom he averaged 15.5 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, Talen Horton-Tucker has to be feeling good about himself.

Embedded in James' triple-double stat line against the Orlando Magic on Sunday night were 10 assists. Half of them went to Horton-Tucker, the Lakers' youngest player, on a variety of looks: catch-andshoot 3-pointers, curls for layups, and a transition dunk. It showcased the breadth of what Horton-Tucker, 21, can do on the offensive end – and served as a sign that James is working to lift him up.

"Just trying to give me every bit of advice that I can get from him has been great," Horton-Tucker said of James' influence. "So I feel like he's always been open to me, trying to help me get the ball, use him for screens and using him as a decoy also to try to get open.

UP NEXT

Wednesday: Lakers at Mavericks, 4:30 p.m., SpecSN

kinda in my back that's giving me that push is always gonna be good and I appreciate it."

In his third NBA season, Horton-Tucker hasn't gotten 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 James returned from an abdominal injury, the young wing was suddenly lost in the star-driven mix. In the next eight games, he shot under 30% from the field as he struggled to find a fit a versatile scorer if he can alongside James, Anthony Davis and Russell Westbrook.

seen a slight pick-up for Horton-Tucker, who has averaged 13 points and 3.5 assists in the last week. It's important for the Lakers to get their young, freshly paid wing going – Hor-Just being able to have him ton-Tucker has arguably against the Magic represent there 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.'

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 add more secondary playmaking and a consistent 3-point shot to his already The last four games have impressive off-the-dribble game. On the defensive end, they want him to take big assignments – Jayson Tatum, Luka Doncic and other dynamic wings – and use his length to harass them. Horton-Tucker's six steals

opponents off guard.

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 oppor-

of any player on the roster, wingspan, which can catch to's Kyle Lowry out of re- ter how long his Lakers tenluctance to deal Horton-But the other unspoken Tucker, a former secondround 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 versatile threat in the lineup, and cause you see him doing it he has a strong understandtunity pass by last season, ing of the role he needs to no excuse to kind of do the

ure is.

"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 three.

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 beat 36," he said. "It gives me

COLLEGE FOOTBALL



BUTCH DILL — THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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 FIRST TEAM 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 Monday.

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

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.

OFFENSE

Quarterback: Bryce Young, sophomore, Alabama

Running backs: Kenneth Walker III, junior, Michigan State; Breece Hall, junior, Iowa State.

Tackles: Ikem Ekwonu, sophomore, North Carolina State; Darian Kinnard, senior, Kentucky.

Guards: Kenyon Green, junior, Texas A&M; Zion Johnson, senior, Boston College.

Center: Tyler Linderbaum, junior, Iowa. Tight end: Trey McBride, senior, Colorado State.

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. DEFENSE

Edge rushers: Aidan Hutchinson, senior, Michigan; Kayvon Thibodeaux, junior, Oregon.

their playoff game. Tackle Linemen: Jordan Davis, senior, Georgia; Evan Neal made the sec- DeMarvin Leal, junior, Texas A&M. ond team and safety Jordan Linebackers: Will Anderson, Jr., sopho-

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 State.

Center: Alec Lindstrom, senior, Boston College

Tight end: Brock Bowers, freshman, Georgia

Receivers: Chris Olave, senior, Ohio State; Garrett Wilson, junior, Ohio State; Jerreth Sterns, junior, Western Kentucky.

All-purpose player: Jahmyr Gibbs, sophomore, Georgia Tech.

Kicker: Noah Ruggles, senior, Ohio State. DEFENSE

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, Wis-

KINGS

Kings leave for challenging trip with confidence

By Andrew Knoll Correspondent

UP NEXT

Today: Kings at Lightning, 4:30 p.m., BSW

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 teams.

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 eight-game tear.

The Wild had defeated the Kings in their second game of the season, throwing their 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 momentum is really good. We right now (that) had the tied for second this season.

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 entered their matchup on an Maatta seems most likely to draw in for Edler. Defenseman Christian Wolanin, who was lost on waivers to 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 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

lection.

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 second 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 choice.

Pittsburgh quarterback Kenny Pickett made the second team and fellow Heisman finalist C.J. Stroud from Ohio State was the third-team QB.

Battle was a third-team se- more, Alabama; Nakobe Dean, junior, Georgia; 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.

Breece Hall is the only and Garrett Wilson made first time on Sunday night, player to repeat as a firstteam AP All-American this season.

Iowa center Tyler Linderbaum and Texas A&M liams, an Ohio State transguard 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

consin; 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.

which ranks second na-

news conference that he's

a great program. I'm really

excited to see it," said Arm-

strong, who has two years

of eligibility remaining.

"I'm not going to transfer.

It's either here or the NFL."

sive coordinator at Clem-

son, a stint that included

two national titles and the

spectacular three-year ca-

reer of quarterback Trevor

Lawrence, who was the top

pick in this spring's NFL

over for Bronco Menden-

nounced his resignation af-

ter the Cavaliers concluded

At Virginia, Elliott takes

draft.

Elliott spent the past

"I think he's going to run

staying put.

Iowa State running back same season. Chris Olave with the Cavaliers for the the second team and Jaxon and Armstrong – who Smith-Njigba was a thirdthrew for 4,444 yards in 11 team pick. games this season for an average of 404 per game,

Add in Alabama's Wilfer, 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. Joining 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 second team.

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 transferring.

Coach Tony Elliott met a 6-6 regular season.

USC

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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 He spoke in the preseason

for the season.

But Slovis again struggled, 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 touchdowns to eight interceptions.

A neck injury in Week 2 high-end NFL draft pick. against Washington State ulate on whether Slovis Juliano Falaniko and Ravopened the door for freshwas restored and that his USC to a comeback win over this season or transfer. With transfer portal.

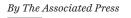
ter with USC holding onto a pocket-passer Slovis. one-possession lead against

Arizona. A lower leg injury shut down Slovis' season, causing him to miss the final three games.

arm felt strong and ready the Cougars. Once Dart re- USC hiring Lincoln Riley, covered from meniscus it was considered unlikely that Slovis would remain a Trojan, given that the dualterback, with Dart being threat Dart is a better fit for Riley's offense than the

> But now Slovis will get to test out the transfer market, ity remaining.

NHL HIGHLIGHTS Flames have COVID-19 outbreak



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 protocol.

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

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| Edmonton | 26 | 16 | 10 | 0 | 32 | 90 | 80 |
| Vegas | 27 | 16 | 11 | 0 | 32 | 95 | 85 |
| San Jose | 28 | 15 | 12 | 1 | 31 | 75 | 77 |
| Kings | 26 | 12 | 10 | 4 | 28 | 70 | 68 |
| Vancouver | 29 | 12 | 15 | 2 | 26 | 72 | 85 |
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| St. Louis | 28 | 15 | 8 | 5 | 35 | 96 | 79 |
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| 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 |
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| N.Y. Rangers | 27 | 18 | 6 | 3 | 39 | 79 | 68 |
| Pittsburgh | 27 | 14 | 8 | 5 | 33 | 80 | 70 |
| Columbus | 26 | 14 | 11 | 1 | 29 | 86 | 86 |
| New Jersey | 26 | 10 | 11 | 5 | 25 | 74 | 86 |
| Philadelphia | 26 | 10 | 12 | 4 | 24 | 65 | 88 |
| N.Y. Islanders | 23 | 7 | 11 | 5 | 19 | 50 | 70 |
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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.

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He joins former USC players like defensive end Jake There was reason to spec- Lichtenstein, linebackers would follow his original mond Scott and outside lineabout how his confidence man Jaxson Dart, who led intention to turn pro after backer Hunter Echols in the



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 hearing Monday morning

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SUMMARY

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Missed field goals - None

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gressed, the Rams have been confronted more and more by injuries, none bigger than wide receiver Robert Woods³ season-ending knee injury.

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 Monday afternoon when the Rams announced that Ramsey and Higbee were going on the COVID-19 list too. Asked what his reaction to

the Ramsey and Higbee news was, McVay said: "My initial reaction was, 'You gotta be s--g me."

That left the Rams without four starters because of coronavirus protocols, in addition to injured starting center Brian Allen.

Tight end Kendall Blanton, tackle Bobby Evans, and defensive backs David Long shift secondary was holdthe Rams stepping into bigger roles.

As the season has pro- ing with Rams offensive coordinator Kevin O'Connell about what the offense would 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 Jacksonville Jaguars. The makeand Kareem Orr were among ing the league's completionpercentage leader below his

RAMS NOTES

Ramsey, Higbee hit COVID-19 list before game

By Kevin Modesti

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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 free agent in November, they activated from the practice squad running Miller, acquired in a trade back Javian Hawkins, tight earlier that month, both end Jared Pinkney and defensive backs Grant Haley and Kareem Orr, as well as wide receiver and kickoff returner Brandon Powell, up role with Henderson 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 Jeremiah Kolone from the practice squad.

The loss of Ramsey, generally considered the NFL's best cornerback, further thinned out a secondary that also lost Robert Ropast week.

dall Blanton and Brycen Hopkins, as well as Pinkey, available to play tight end.

breakers.

Next game

The Rams host the Seat-GLENDALE, ARIZ. » Rams tle 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 Angeles.

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 season.

Wide receiver Odell Trying to fill holes, the Beckham Jr., signed as a and outside linebacker Von are coming to the end of their contracts.

Running back Sony Michel, playing a steppedout, 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' 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 Rams were left with Ken- and Ogbonnia Okoronkwo. Kicker Matt Gay, leading the league in fieldgoal percentage going into Monday's game, can be a restricted free agent.

that the Rams would be best players as All-Pro cornerback Jalen Ramsey and starting tight end Tyler Higbee went on the COVID-19 reserve list.

'Sometimes when your back's against the wall, you've got less guys than you thought 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 takeaway of the night.

A 52-yard strike to Van Jef-

without two more of their ferson at the goal line came one play after the Rams benefited from an unnecessaryroughness penalty following a catch by Kupp.

inspired performance by intercepting a Murray pass, the Rams took over at the Cardinals' 19-yard line and went up, 27-13, when Kupp went down and caught a 4-yard pass inside the right endzone pylon.

The Cardinals got one back on James Conner's second touchdown run.

goal of the night, and 18th consecutive successful fieldgoal attempt, made it a twoscore game again with 7:20 left.

norm.

If the team's confidence was frayed, they began to stitch it together as the first half proceeded.

The Cardinals, seeking 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 Donald got a hand on But Matt Gay's third field the pass, and linebacker Ernest Jones intercepted it near the goal line.

From the sideline, it felt like a moment of magic to Stafford, who had been talk-

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 line

"He stepped up," Floyd said, "like a lot of (Rams) players."

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 tie-

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 year.

"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.

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 27-13 lead.

"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 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 jeopardized again.

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 vear. 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.

NOTES

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 $\frac{1}{2}$ 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



KYUSUNG GONG - THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jaquars head coach Urban Mever, 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 Cullen.

Meyer's first year with the Jaguars will be remembered for public embarrassments and weekly confusion games and seemingly inside the locker room.

one-on-one meeting in Nash- one month in federal prison

following the latest loss, the team's 32nd in its past 37 games

season strong and to make whatever adjustments we have to make to get this thing cooking," Meyer said. FORMER JETS PLAYER SENabout what's happening in **TENCED TO 3 YEARS IN COVID SCAM** » Former NFL player Josh Bellamy has been sen-Khan and Meyer had a tenced to three years and

ville for roughly 15 minutes for fraudulently obtaining over \$1.2 million in CO-VID-19 relief funds.

Bellamy, 32, of St. Pe-"Our focus is to finish the tersburg, Florida, was sentenced Friday in Tampa 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 played for the New York Jets, Denver Broncos this time of

who released him from the year is seeing what's under reserve/physically unable to play list in Sept. 2020, just days before his arrest.

RAVENS HOPE JACKSON IS A January. OUICK 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-PRISING POSTSEASON PUSH » What usually drives the

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! 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 December since 2016, when they finished 9-7 and missed the playoffs.

ANALYSIS



Chargers FROM PAGE 1

"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 a 30-point lead during the happy at the time with Stalfourth quarter of Sunday's ey's decision to sideline him

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 activities for warm-ups.

Bosa said he wasn't

ERIC CHRISTIAN SMITH - THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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

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 halftime

Allen led an impressive comeback with his arm and legs to force overtime before Brady connected with Breshad Perriman for a 58down to win it.

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 positioning, and on the wrong just one winning season side of more routs.

coach Robert Saleh prom- ment under Meyer in only ised after a 30-9 loss to 13 games. New Orleans. "This crappy

TAMPA, FLA. » Josh Allen because we've got a lot of young guys getting a lot of good playing time. And I promise you they're learn- in the NFL. ing from all this.'

Jets fans can't be blamed for being skeptical. New 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 yard catch-and-run touch- of the season, Detroit stayed close for a half in didn't show Buffalo's fight pulled away for a 38-10 win.

"It just wasn't good enough," Lions coach Dan Campbell said.

won a playoff game since 1992.

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 in the last 14 years yet has "It's going to flip," Jets suffered more embarrass-

part is part of the process, terialized the way I ex- thing. In terms of the direc- report.

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 national champion at Flor- our players and where we ida and Ohio State who has are going that I am encourlearned it's not easy to win aging all the way.

> Seahawks 33-13, their 23rd are the key foundational 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 season.

ville next week. The win- about. Several other teams Denver. The Broncos then ner may be the real loser for dropping a spot in the belonged to Las Vegas. The draft order.

away from securing their They've been saying the fifth straight losing season same thing for decades in and eighth in nine years af-Detroit. The Lions haven't ter a 37-21 loss to the Chargers. The biggest question five of six and aren't going 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. that. I do not make any excuses and I do not hide were blown out. from that either. I am not a finger pointer. I am not AP pro football writers an excuse maker and I am Dennis Waszak and Mark "It hasn't exactly ma- never trying to deflect any- Long contributed to this

there is a lot of things that

"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 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

"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 players on the bad teams that

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 (versus the Giants), I think a think long term for myself lot of us came out feeling pretty good," Bosa said. "It's definitely the best I've if I take a few more bad felt, probably, going into a shots, then it's something Thursday game I can remember."

Staley had his players go through a recovery room that had five stations, including ice tubs and massages, following the win against the Giants.

'We wanted to start that recovery process right now,' Staley said Sunday. "We did not want to wait until 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 Thursday night."

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 and definitely for the team as well," Bosa said. "Because I'm gonna have to consider, probably retiring. But that's not something I'm really thinking about. Luckily, I made the right decision and so did Coach Staley, so I had plenty of time to recover."

Update on James

Staley said safety Derwin James reported Monday that his hamstring injury 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."

Bosa isn't a fan of Thurs-



KEITH BIRMINGHAM — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Chargers' Joey Bosa isn't a fan of Thursday games but likes what the coaching staff has done to help players recover.

SOCCER

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 begin play in the National Women's Soccer League next season.

"I think something I'm really excited about is that I've made 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."

The addition of the Wave and Angel City FC in Los Angeles will bring the league to 12 teams in its 10th season. Former Manchester United coach Casey Stoney will lead San Diego in its inaugural year.

Morgan was one of the NWSL's original players when the league launched in 2013. She spent three seasons with the Portland Thorns before joining the expansion Orlando Pride. She also had stints in Eu-

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 time

"I really did love my time in Orlando, it was six years, give or take, with pregnancy and a couple of other hurdles, world championships 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 what we set our minds to in Year 1.'

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 special moment for our club, our fans, and our community to welcome Alex and her family to San Diego. She is an extraordinary person, a great talent and a leader on and off the field," Ellis said.

rope with Lyon and Tot- to back-to-back World Cup Pride said in a statement.



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 teams.

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 Ellis led the United States 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 fipenalty kicks. At the 2019 World Cup in France, she scored five goals in the sive behavior.

The United States went on Benstiti was dismissed over to win the title with a 2-0 victory over the Netherlands.

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 Riley

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 hanal, which Japan won on rassment policy after former player Kaiya McCullough leveled allegations of abu-

the summer after an incident at practice, Racing Louisville's Christy Holly She has 115 career goals in 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 the NWSL's long offseason and international breaks so teams aren't depleted durl 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

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.

DIVING

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

| t. opener against Thailand. | | ing national team absences |
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| Odds | | NFL |
| FANDUEL SPORTSBOOK | Nevada 31/2 (59) W. Michigan | AMERICAN CONFERENCE |
| | Military Bowl Boston College 3 (511/2) East Carolina | WEST DIVISION |
| College basketball | Tuesday, Dec. 28 | W L T Pct PF P |
| Favorite Line Underdog | Birmingham Bowl Auburn 3 (51½) Houston | Kansas City 9 4 0 .692 351 26 |
| at North Carolina 11½ Furman at Wake Forest 16 VMI | First Responder Bowl | Chargers 8 5 0 .615 351 20 |
| at Clemson 8 Miami (Ohio) | Louisville 1½ (55½) Air Force | Denver 7 6 0 .538 275 22 |
| at Towson 81/2 UNC-Greensboro | Liberty Bowl | Las Vegas 6 7 0 .462 283 36 |
| Monmouth 1 at Yale at So. Florida 6 Austin Peay | Mississippi St. 81/2 (591/2) Texas Tech Holiday Bowl | EAST DIVISION |
| at S.F. Austin 11½ LaMonroe | N.C. State 1 (60) UCLA | New England 9 4 0 .692 350 20 Buffalo 7 6 0 .538 363 22 |
| at Creighton 7½ Arizona St. at Texas Tech 23 Arkansas St. | | Miami 6 7 0 .462 254 28 |
| at Texas Tech 23 Arkansas St. at Mississippi St. 91/2 Georgia St. | Minnesota 3½ (45) West Virginia Wednesday, Dec. 29 | N.Y. Jets 3 10 0 .231 226 39 |
| at Houston 23 LaLafayette | Fenway Bowl | SOUTH DIVISION |
| DePaul 9½ at UIC at North Texas 11½ Sam Houston | Virginia 2 (71) SMU | Tennessee 9 4 0 .692 324 29 Indianapolis 7 6 0 .538 371 28 |
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| at Boise St. 6 Santa Clara at Oregon St. 6 UC Davis | lowa St. 1 (45 ¹ / ₂) Clemson | NORTH DIVISION |
| UC Santa Barbara 2½ at Pacific | Alamo Bowl | Baltimore 8 5 0 .615 304 28 |
| NBA | Oklahoma 4½ (61½) Oregon OTHER BOWLS | Cincinnati 7 6 0 .538 354 29 Cleveland 7 6 0 .538 278 28 |
| Favorite Line (O/U) Underdog | Thursday, Dec. 30 | Pittsburgh 6 6 1 .500 272 32 |
| at Brooklyn 8½ (Off) Toronto | Peach Bowl | NATIONAL CONFERENCE |
| Golden State 51/2 (Off) at New York | Michigan St. 2 (60) Pittsburgh Friday, Dec. 31 | |
| at Portland Off Phoenix | Cotton Bowl — CFP semifinal | WEST DIVISION |
| College football | Alabama 13 ¹ / ₂ (58) Cincinnati | W L T Pct PF P |
| Friday | Orange Bowl – CFP semifinal | Arizona 10 3 0 .769 366 25 |
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| Cure Bowl | Ohio St. 6½ (66) Utah | EAST DIVISION |
| Co. Carolina 10½ (63½) N. Illinois | NFL | Dallas 9 4 0 .692 380 28 |
| Saturday | Thursday | Philadelphia 6 7 0 .462 337 29 |
| Boca Raton Bowl Appalachian St. 3 (68) W. Kentucky | Favorite Line (O/U) Underdog | Washington 6 7 0 .462 266 32 N.Y. Giants 4 9 0 .308 232 31 |
| New Mexico Bowl | Kansas City 4 (51) at Chargers | SOUTH DIVISION |
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| Liberty 9 (58½) E. Michigan | at Rams 6 ¹ / ₂ (47 ¹ / ₂) Seattle at Buffalo 10 ¹ / ₂ (43 ¹ / ₂) Carolina | NORTH DIVISION |
| LA Bowl Oregon St. 7 (67½) Utah St. | Dallas $10^{1/2} (44^{1/2})$ at N.Y. Giants | Green Bay 10 3 0 .769 328 27 |
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| Myrtle Beach Bowl Tulsa 9½ (53) Old Dominion | Tennessee $2(41\frac{1}{2})$ at Pittsburgh | Rams 30, Arizona 23 |
| Tuesday, Dec. 21 | at Denver 1 (43½) Cincinnati at San Francisco 8½ (46) Atlanta | Thursday's game |
| Famous Idaho Potato Bowl | Green Bay 51/2 (431/2) at Baltimore | Kansas City at Chargers, 5:20 p.m. |
| Wyoming 3 (59) Kent St. | at Tampa Bay 10½ (46½) New Orleans | Saturday's games Las Vegas at Cleveland, 1:30 p.m. |
| Frisco Bowl UTSA 2 ¹ / ₂ (50) San Diego St. | Monday Minnesota 4 (43½) at Chicago | New England at Indianapolis, 5:20 p.m. |
| Wednesday, Dec. 22 | NHL | Sunday's games |
| Armed Forces Bowl | | Arizona at Detroit, 10 a.m. Carolina at Buffalo, 10 a.m. |
| Army 3 ¹ / ₂ (58 ¹ / ₂) Missouri Thursday, Dec. 23 | | Dallas at N.Y. Giants, 10 a.m. |
| Frisco Football Classic | at Tampa Bay -205/+168 Kings at Florida -335/+265 Ottawa | Houston at Jacksonville, 10 a.m. N.Y. Jets at Miami, 10 a.m. |
| Miami (Ohio) 3 (54½) North Texas | at Pittsburgh -315/+250 Montreal | Tennessee at Pittsburgh, 10 a.m. |
| Gasparilla Bowl | at Boston -137/+114 Vegas at Philadelphia -132/+110 New Jersey | Washington at Philadelphia, 10 a.m. |
| Florida 7 (56½) UCF Friday, Dec. 24 | N.Y. Islanders -120/+100 at Detroit | Atlanta at San Francisco, 1:05 p.m. Cincinnati at Denver, 1:05 p.m. |
| Hawaii Bowl | at Minnesota -118/-102 Carolina | Green Bay at Baltimore, 1:25 p.m. |
| Memphis 7½ (59) Hawaii | at Winnipeg -280/+225 Buffalo at Nashville -131/+110 Calgary | Seattle at Rams, 1:25 p.m. |
| Saturday, Dec. 25 | at Dallas -162/+134 St. Louis | New Orleans at Tampa Bay, 5:20 p.m. |
| Camellia BowlGeorgia St. $4^{1/2}$ (50 $^{1/2}$)Ball St. | at Colorado -210/+172 N.Y. Rangers | Monday, Dec. 20 Minnesota at Chicago, 5:15 p.m. |
| Monday, Dec. 27 | Toronto -130/+108 at Edmonton at Vancouver -162/+134 Columbus | |
| Quick Lane Bowl | at San Jose -154/+128 Seattle | College football |
| College basketball | | SCHEDULE |

SOUTHWEST

AP TOP 25

WOMEN

AP TOP 25

3. Stanford

Arizona

6. Louisville 7. Tennessee

9. Maryland

12. Iowa State

16. South Florida 17. Georgia

18. Georgia Tech 19. Kentucky

21. Notre Dame 22. LSU

23. Texas A&M

24. Ohio State

25. North Carolina

MONDAY'S RESULTS

N. Arizona 88, Cal Poly 73

Oregon 109, McNeese St. 38

Others receiving votes: Oklahoma 6 Colorado 63, Florida Gulf Coast 52, DePaul 30, Nebraska 27, Oregon 13, Washington Chata 8, Oregon 13,

Washington State 8, Oregon State 3, UCLA 2, West Virginia 1.

UC Davis 84, Cal State Stanislaus 55

13. Michigan

10. Indiana

11. Texas

14. Iowa

15. Duke

20. BYU

WEST

Connecticut

5. Baylor

1. South Carolina (30)

2. North Carolina State 10-1

TODAY'S GAMES

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.

No. 14 Houston vs. Louisiana, 5 p.m.

No. 17 Texas vs. Ark.-Pine Bluff, 6 p.m.

No. 13 Auburn vs. North Alabama, 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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No. 19 LSU vs. Northwestern St., 4 p.m.

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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 arguments in Pasadena from March through May. The case will be assigned to a three-judge panel.

The USSF said the women accepted a labor contract than the men and additional ago Bernabéu.

club soccer," the union for control the prize money give 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.

 Players on the Legia 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 said 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 Madrid.

But it means fans will be denied the mouthwatering prospect of watching Messi renew his rivalry with Ronaldo – for now at least. It will also see Messi, a long-term enemy of Madrid throughout his time at Barwith greater guaranteed pay celona, return to the Santi-

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

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 Roux-Morizot said Agnel "recognizes 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.

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SCHEDULE

NCAA FCS playoffs

Semifinals 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 Saturday's game

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

11 15 13 12 **National League**

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 the reserve/Covid-19 list.

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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IN BRIDGE TERMS, WHAT IS LOL?

West What do the letters LOL mean to you? 🛧 A K 7 4 ♥ 9 8 7 6 4 No doubt "laughing out loud," but now we ♦ A K 9 have a bridge usage. A new book entitled "LOL" $\clubsuit 2$ has been written by James Marsh Sternberg and Danny Kleinman (AuthorHouse). The letters stand for "loser on loser." This is when declarer contrives to dump two losers on one trick. It is a play that was easy to overlook until this worthwhile book containing 132 loser-on-loser deals appeared.

In this example, how should South play in three spades after West leads the diamond ace and shifts to the club two? (A good idea is to lead the king from ace-king when you are thinking of switching to a singleton at trick two.)

Did West wonder about overcalling with three

no-trump? Maybe, but here that would have been unlucky because the diamond suit would not have generated six winners.

This deal arose during a team-of-four match. At the first table, South took the club shift in his hand and tried a sneaky low spade to dummy's nine. However, West, knowing his partner was void of spades, stepped in with his king, then led the heart nine (top of nothing). East won with his ace and returned a club for his partner to ruff: down one.

North muttered under his breath, "Even the parking attendant knew that club was a singleton."

At the other table, South realized it. He won trick two with dummy's club ace and led the diamond queen. Then, when East played low, declarer did not ruff -- instead, he made a loser-on-loser play, discarding his heart gueen. Now East could never get on lead to deliver the lethal club ruff.

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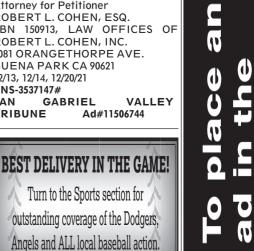
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SUMMARY OF PROPOSED EMERGENCY WATER CONSERVATION RESTRICTIONS AND REGULATIONS ON WATER USAGE

Industry Public Utilities Resolution No. IPUC 2021-11 Declaring Water Use Efficiency Practices and Water Conservation Measures For Users December 21, 2021

On July 8, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order No. N-10-21 directing all Californians voluntarily reduce their water use by 15 percent from their 2020 levels. A resolution adopting revised water conservation regulations for the City of Industry Waterworks System (CIWS) that takes into account state and current regional water supply conditions is proposed to be adopted by the Industry Public Utilities Commission at a special meeting on December 21, 2021, at 8:30 AM via teleconference

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A summary of the permanent water use efficiency practices and water conservation measures included in that proposed resolution is set forth below:

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- Limited Hours for Watering and Irrigating Prohibited Periods for Watering and Irrigating Prohibited Water Flows and Irrigation Runoff Prohibited Water Flows and Irrigation Runoff Prohibited Washing Down of Hard Surfaces and Paved Areas Obligated Responsibilities for Water Leaks, Breaks, or Malfunctions Limited Practices for Washing Motorized Vehicles and Non-Motorized Equipment Prohibited Installation of Non-Re-circulating Equipment in Commercial Car Wash and Laundromat Systems Prohibited Use of Non-Re-circulating Equipment for Water Fountains and Decorative Water Features Offered Option for Declining Daily Linen Services at Lodging Establishments Restricted Service for Drinking Water at Eating or Drinking Establishments Prohibited Installation of Single Pass Cooling Systems 8.
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A summary of the water supply emergencies, water use restrictions, and water conservation actions is set forth below:

Stage 1 Water Supply Emergency – Outdoor watering limited to three (3) times a week Stage 2 Water Supply Emergency – Outdoor watering limited to three (2) times a week Stage 3 Water Supply Emergency – Outdoor watering limited to three (1) times a week Stage 4 Water Supply Emergency – Outdoor watering prohibited

These conservation measures will be administered initially on an educational basis and escalate to fines for repeated violations. The regulations, if approved by the Industry Public Utilities Commission, shall take effect December 22, 2021, and shall remain in effect until otherwise repealed or amended by the Industry Public Utilities Commission.

A complete copy of the proposed Resolution No. IPUC 2021-11 is available for review at the City of Industry Waterworks System office located at 112 N. First Street, La Puente, California 91744.

Any person wishing to be heard regarding this matter may appear in person or telephonically at the above time and date. Written comments may be sent via US Mail or by hand delivery to the Industry Public Utilities Commission at the address listed above or via email to the email address listed above. All comments must be received at, or prior to, the date and time of the hearing listed above.

If you challenge the water conservation rules in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing. **Publish: December 7, 2021 San Gabriel Valley Tribune #11505483**

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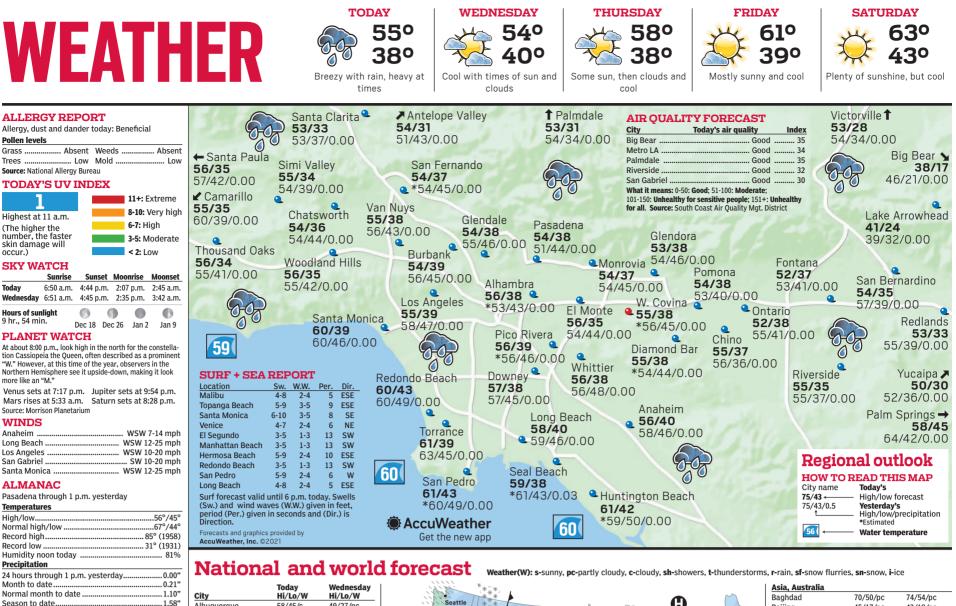
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| Time | High | Time | Low | |
| 6:10 a.m. | 5.4 ft. | 1:05 p.m. | 0.5 ft | |
| 7:11 p.m. | 3.5 ft. | none | | |
| Outer L.A. Ha | arbor | | | |
| Time | High | Time | Low | |
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| Avalon | 58/49/r | 55/45/pc | | | |
| Bakersfield | 51/36/r | 49/35/pc | | | |
| Barstow | 55/35/r | 49/31/pc | | | |
| Bishop | 43/14/sh | 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 | | | |

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| | Richmond | 58/35/pc | 58/42/pc | Mexico City | 71/44/s | 72/45/s |
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| | Hong Kong | 73/67/pc | 75/70/pc | |
| | Jerusalem | 68/51/pc | 58/46/s | |
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| | 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 | |
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| | Sydney | 76/62/pc | 81/68/s | |
| | Tehran | 52/41/s | 51/38/c | |
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