

Valentine's jewelry rescues last-minute shoppers

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If you are a typical man, you are probably in a cold sweat knowing Valentine's Day is bearing down on you like a 300-pound linebacker. Before you panic and do something rash like buying \$5 flowers for your wife of 25 years from the checkout line at the supermarket, consider this one word: jewelry.

Jewelry has been a last-minute lifesaver since St. Valentine founded this sometimes dreaded holiday. But take heart men, there is hope for the last-minute Romeo in each of us.

The Prince Rainier of Monaco gifted American beauty Grace Kelly with priceless pearls from Van Cleef & Arpels, Prince Charles wooed Diana Spencer with a solid-gold charm bracelet and Richard Burton stunned Elizabeth Taylor with a flawless diamond weighing 68 carats.

Reed & Sons Jewelers of Sedalia has rescued countless men from the jaws of Valentine's Day disasters by providing gifts that don't wilt like flowers, convey cheesy emotion like cards or disappear like candy.

"Being men we just kind of procrastinate on things and jewelry is a good, quick, easy way to give a gift," said Ryan Reed. "Jewelry is forever. If you get a diamond it's at least 200 million years old, so it's going to last well past

what we will."

Reed & Sons has been getting Sedalia's men out of hot water for five generations and they have witnessed the permanence of jewelry firsthand.

"We've seen jewelry that we sold back in the '50s come back for us to repair or to remount or to set it into something else because the styles change, but with jewelry, the meaning is still there," Reed said.

In short, while often more expensive than other gifts, you can give jewelry once and reap the benefits every time your sweetheart wears it around her girlfriends or family — it's like perennial bragging rights.

"They will have something they can cherish; it could be something that she just loves every day and wears every day, or it could be something that she only brings out for special events like an anniversary dinner, even a simple night out or a movie," Reed said. "It's just kind of a gift that they just always cherish."

If you don't have the deep pockets to afford the million-dollar diamond Burton bought for Elizabeth Taylor, Reed has gifts for movie stars and home-movie stars alike. Reed stresses there is something for everyone's budget, from \$15 to several thousand.

"It doesn't always have to be very expensive," he said. "Freshwater pearls aren't necessarily expensive,



On Wednesday, Ryan Reed of Reed & Sons Jewelry shows off a \$19,000 Riviera necklace available at the store, 825 Thompson Blvd.

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but a nice set of pearls is something wonderful to own. We carry pieces of Sterling jewelry that's not going to be expensive, but still will be cherished forever."

Any reasonable spouse would get weak-kneed over Reed & Sons' 12-carat Riviera necklace. "It's very similar to what a diamond tennis bracelet would be except it's just a nice necklace. This is something that you wouldn't wear with jeans every day, this would be best

with a little black dress for special events.

Don't worry about the \$19,000 price tag either — Reed offers financing. If that doesn't get your blood racing, Ryan offers a majestic string of silver-grey Tahitian pearls, naturally tinted by the waters of the South China sea. Price? A mere \$9,000. Still too much? A rainbow of amethysts set into a silver bracelet is a steal at only \$940.

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Ryan Reed said pearls are a popular, less-expensive choice when selecting a jewelry gift. For those willing to spend a little more, Reed & Sons also offers this \$9,000 Tahitian pearl necklace.

Snow, low temps force cancellation of classes

Sedalia superintendent offers insight into snow day decisions

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Sedalia School District 200 students are experiencing a second winter break, as classes have not been in session since Monday due to inclement weather.

Students across Pettis County have experienced snow days every day this week with below-freezing temperatures and almost constant snowfall. Due to a previously scheduled no-school day on Friday, President's Day on Monday and a Professional Development Day for staff on Tuesday, Sedalia 200 students will not return to school until Wednesday, Feb. 17.

Superintendent Steve Triplett is the person responsible for deciding whether Sedalia 200 will have school, a late start, or dismiss early.

"Ultimately, that's my decision," Triplett said. "They can blame me," he added.

There are several factors for calling off school, including temperature guidelines and monitoring the weather. Triplett communicates with other people such as other superintendents and the district's transportation director, Connie Miller. On occasion, he and his staff will communicate with the Missouri Department of Transportation and local emergency ser-

vices. Triplett explained that he and other Pettis County superintendents try to make the same choices regarding whether to keep schools open, but each school district is "separate in its own entity" and sometimes they make different decisions.

Triplett said if the decision is not a cancellation is not "obvious" the night before, he will set his alarm for 3:45 a.m. and will try to get on the road by 4 a.m. Part of Triplett's duties, along with other school faculty such as assistant superintendents and Miller, is driving on local roads during early mornings to see if they are safe.

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Knob Noster alderwoman files lawsuit against city

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KNOB NOSTER — Knob Noster Ward 1 Alderwoman Misty Thomas filed a lawsuit against the City of Knob Noster, the city clerk and the city administrator Jan. 22 regarding her ability to access city records.

A news release from the City of Knob Noster states the lawsuit requests the court declare she has the right to copy city records without having to pay the charges ordinary citizens would pay, due to her position as an elected official.

Representing Thomas in the case is Doug Harris of the law firm Harris, Harris & Sommer.

Harris said Thomas seeks access to the city's finances and operations in order to fill her

oversight function as an elected official.

"What we're challenging in the lawsuit is a denial of her ability as an elected official, who has oversight responsibility to the citizens, to be able to have access to the city's records," Harris told the Star-Journal.

Knob Noster City Clerk Amy Schouten told the Star-Journal that during the July 21, 2020, Board of Alderman meeting, Thomas had expressed that she had been routinely denied access to financial information that as an alderman, she should have access to.

Schouten said the board then held a discussion on the matter.

A motion was made by Ward 3 Alderman Tom Charrette to allow Thomas to receive any information she needed within three days, which was seconded by Thomas.

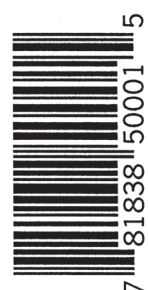
The motion failed after a 2-3 vote.

Knob Noster City Administrator Scott Peterson said by a majority vote, the Board of Aldermen decided that individual alderpersons should be charged the fees associated with Sunshine Law requests.

"The majority of the Board of Aldermen believes an individual alderman acting on their own accord should follow the same rules that any normal citizen would follow," Peterson told the Star-Journal.

Peterson said that at the most recent Board of Aldermen meeting, the board adopted a policy stating that if the board as a whole votes in favor of viewing a city record, the information would be provided to the entire board at no cost.

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DEATH NOTICE

Bartlett

PILOT GROVE — Ronald Bartlett, 72, of Pilot Grove, died Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2021, at Katy Manor Nursing Home in Pilot Grove.

There will be no formal services. Arrangements are under the direction of Rea Funeral Chapel.

FUNERALS

Bly, William Andrew "Bill,"

1 p.m. today at Heckart Funeral Home. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home in Sedalia.

Wilson, Sue Ann

8:30 to 11 a.m. Friday sign the guestbook at Heckart Funeral Home. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home in Sedalia.

Gamber, Harlan I.

11 a.m. Friday at Wilson & Triplett Funeral Home. Arrangements are under the direction of Wilson & Triplett Funeral Home in Kahoka, Iowa.

Rice, Flora Marie

2 p.m. Friday graveside services at Highland Park Cemetery in Pittsburg, Kansas. Arrangements are under the direction of McLaughlin Funeral Home in Sedalia.

Byrd, David Wayne

11 a.m. Saturday graveside service at Crown Hill Cemetery in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home in Sedalia.

Young, Susan Arlene

1 p.m. Saturday at Abundant Life Christian Center near Cole Camp. Arrangements are under the direction of Fox Funeral Home in Cole Camp.

Bridges, Martha A.

2 p.m. Saturday at Wesley United Methodist Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home in Sedalia.

Flagor, Virgil Edward

11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16 a graveside service at High Point Cemetery in Hughesville. Arrangements are under the direction of the Ferry Funeral Home in Nevada.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Care Connection sponsoring online support group for caregivers

Care Connection for Aging Services is sponsoring a free, virtual support group for caregivers of adults with Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia.

The group meets from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month via Zoom.

This support group is designed to provide emotional, educational, and social support for caregivers through regularly scheduled meetings online.

To register, participants may call 1-800-748-7826, email information@goaging.org or visit goaging.org/events. Registration is required to receive a Zoom link.

People who are unsure of how to use Zoom may call 1-800-748-7826 to get a lesson or a try-out session.

Care Connection for Aging Services is a nonprofit area agency on aging serving people 60 and older in 13 West Central Missouri counties, including Bates, Benton, Carroll, Cedar, Chariton, Henry, Hickory, Johnson, Lafayette, Pettis, Saline, St. Clair, and Vernon.

American Legion announces Eagle Scout of Year Program

The American Legion Department of Missouri Boy Scouts Committee announced that the Eagle Scout of the Year program for 2021 is underway. The program at the national level grants

the winner a \$10,000 college scholarship and three other Eagle Scouts each receive a \$2,500 college scholarship. The Eagle Scout who wins the competition from Missouri will receive a \$750 college scholarship.

Prospective nominees must be a registered, active member of a Boy Scout of America unit chartered to an American Legion post, American Legion Auxiliary unit or a Sons of the American Legion squadron or be a registered, active member of a Boy Scouts of America unit and have a parent or grandparent possessing up-to-date membership in The American Legion or Sons of The American Legion or American Legion Auxiliary. In the case of a recently deceased member, their membership for the year immediate prior to the current year may be used. They must have received the Eagle Scout Award, received a Scouts BSA or Venturer Religious Emblem, have demonstrated practical citizenship in church, school, Scouting and community. They must have reached their 15th birthday and be enrolled in high school at the time of selection, and applied through the department (state) in which their Scout unit is chartered.

Application for the Eagle Scout of the Year can be obtained from the local Boy Scout Council or the local American Legion Post. The form must be submitted to the American Legion Department of Missouri, P.O. Box 179, Jefferson City, Mo. 65109, no later than March 1.

POLICE REPORTS

This list is a sampling of crime in Sedalia and the surrounding area. Information is taken from official police reports, which do not necessarily contain statements from all parties involved in each case.

Sedalia Police Department Arrests Feb. 9

2:27 p.m.: Karnes B. Mosock, 28, of Sedalia, was arrested on a charge of second-degree domes-

tic assault after officers were dispatched to the 2500 block of Bristol Lane in reference to a domestic disturbance. The victim stated Mosock punched her, pulled her hair, and threw her against the wall. The victim was transported to Bothwell Regional Health Center by ambulance. The suspect was arrested for domestic assault and placed on a 24-hour hold pending state charges.

3:05 p.m.: Christo-

pher D. Cowells, 46, of Sedalia, was arrested on a charge of third-degree felony assault after officers responded to a business in the 300 block of West Broadway Boulevard in regard to an assault that had just occurred. After an investigation, the suspect was arrested at their residence and taken to the Pettis County Jail to be booked and held for 24 hours while charges are being submitted.

Pettis County Sheriff's Office Incidents Feb. 9

10:30 p.m.: A deputy responded to the 20000 block of state Route H in Pettis County on a report of stealing. The caller reported that someone had entered his shop and a house under construction overnight and had stolen several items. The investigation continues.

Compiled by Chris Howell.

S-C vocal music students selected for WCMMEA honor choirs

Smith-Cotton High School had 20 students earn slots on 2020-21 West Central Missouri Music Educators Association District Honor Choirs. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the honor choirs this year are named only and the choirs will not perform.

9/10 District Honor Choir: Rehleigh Curry, Emily Eschbacher, Madelyn Bell, Olivia Dimidenko, Ziek Barth-Fagen, David Reed, Gabe Hire, Dominic Seltzer.

Women's District Honor Choir: Trinady Klemme.

All-District Honor Choir: Caroline Beard, Eliza-

beth Beard, Lucy Mahalovich, Arden Schupp, Chloe Fiet, Kayla Holloman, Olivia Poteet, Claudia Weese, McCade Curry, Riley Wyatt, Kaden Green.

Students who made the All-District Honor Choir are eligible to audition for the All-State Choir.

S-C Director of Vocal Music Bryce Hesterman said: "It is great to have this many students make the ensembles with the uniqueness and challenges of this year. Even though the students won't get to perform as part of these ensembles it is great for them to still receive the accolades."

Missouri officials say vaccine rollout will expand soon

By Margaret Stafford

Associated Press

LIBERTY, Mo. (AP) — Despite complaints about Missouri's vaccination efforts, state health officials offered an optimistic outlook Wednesday, saying significantly more vaccines are expected soon and more sites will be distributing the doses.

On Wednesday, state health officials said 9.2% of the state's population has received at least one vaccine dose, with 2.9% receiving two doses. A total of 741,108 vaccine doses have been administered, according to the health department's dashboard.

The positive focus came on the same day that Gov. Mike Parson urged Missouri mayors to help spread a more positive outlook because he said he was getting "pounded" by daily criticism in the media over the state's vaccine response.

Dr. Randall Williams, director of the Missouri Department of Health and Human Services, said during a virtual media conference the state expects to receive a "fairly significant" amount of the newly approved Johnson & Johnson vaccine, which requires only one shot, next month.

Johnson & Johnson has asked for emergency approval of its vaccine. Williams said Gen. Gustavo Perna, head of the national Operation Warp Speed vaccination program, told him Wednesday the authorization is expected this month, and Missouri should receive an "ample" supply in March.

Moderna and Pfizer also plan to increase their supply of their two-shot vaccines to about 200,000 million by June, he said.

And as part of a new federal program, 81 Walmart and Sam's Club pharmacies across Missouri will begin administering COVID-19

vaccines, beginning Friday. Additionally, 21 Health Mart independent pharmacies across the state will receive vaccine allocations soon.

The vaccines require registrations and will follow the state's tiered system of who qualifies for the shots. The 102 Missouri retail pharmacies are scheduled to receive a total of more than 18,000 doses per week from the federal government, not from the state's allocation of vaccines.

The state also announced this week that health care workers who have retired in the last five years and health care workers who are licensed in other states will be allowed to administer the vaccine in Missouri.

Adam Crumbliss, director of the division of community and public health, urged Missourians to consider how far the state has come since the vaccination process began in early December, saying both the

state and the county have made significant progress in a few weeks. He said the progress will continue if Missourians stick with basic guidelines such as wearing masks and social distancing.

"If you look at where we are in the COVID pandemic now, we're really in about the fifth inning," he said. "We've still got a ways to go."

During a video meeting Wednesday, Parson told a group of mayors called Missouri Mayors United that the state is doing its best given the limited vaccine it is receiving from the federal government, The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported.

"The media's just pounding me every way that they can pound any of us, saying 'we don't have enough vaccine, you're not doing a good enough job, we're not getting to the African-American community.' I mean it just goes on down the list." Parson said.

S-C Cadet of the Month



PHOTO COURTESY OF SMITH-COTTON JROTC

From left, Don Barbour, Jenesis May, and Cliff McBride, Commander of the local 40 & 8 organization. On Jan. 28, four Smith-Cotton JROTC Cadets competed in the January Cadet of the Month competition. These cadets are selected for their academic performance and potential for leadership and service within the JROTC program. They are scored on their knowledge of military history, current events, and the curriculum of the JROTC program. The panel of upper-level cadets selected Cadet Pfc. Jenesis May of Alpha Company as the January Cadet of the Month.

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UCM College receives public media awards

WARRENSBURG — The University of Central Missouri College of Education and UCM's public television station KMOS-TV were honored by public media professionals with two awards for the creation and broadcast of 72 lessons designed to help families in preparing their elementary school children for the fall 2020 semester, and to make up for the school closures last spring.

In a nationwide awards ceremony conducted during the virtual National Educational Telecommunications Association (NETA) Conference and Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) Public Media Thought Leader Forum, it was announced

that "KMOS Classroom: Summer School" earned awards in two categories — Community Engagement: Local Project, and Education: COVID-19 Education. Dr. Robert Lee, dean of the College of Education, joined KMOS staff safely gathered in a large classroom to participate in the awards ceremony.

The lessons were designed and taught by three UCM early elementary educators under the guidance of Dr. Angela Danley, UCM associate professor and undergraduate program coordinator for elementary education. KMOS-TV partnered with the college to facilitate, produce and broadcast the series, which will be

rebroadcast on KMOS in summer 2021.

KMOS received a third award, in the category Marketing/Communications: Promotion. This was for a special promotional video for the KMOS series on Missouri artisans titled "Making," which premiered in the fall of 2019.

"KMOS Classroom: Summer School" was nominated in two other categories: Overall Excellence: Excellence in Innovation and Content: Education/Schools. In addition, KMOS was nominated for a live call-in show broadcast last March: KMOS NOW: COVID-19 Health.

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KMOS Classroom: Summer School featured three graduates of the University of Central Missouri College of Education. UCM graduate Kamryn Williams is shown consulting with KMOS producer Roy Millen on lessons for students in grades 2-3. Other KMOS staff involved in the production were, from left: Engineers Kurt Parsons and Andy Avery (foreground), Christy Millen (seated), and Eric Boedeker.

Free heart score screenings offered in February

February is American Heart Month, and Bothwell Regional Health Center and the Bothwell Foundation have again partnered to provide free cardiac calcium or heart score screenings Feb. 13 and 20.

A cardiac calcium screening is a special type of noninvasive computed tomography (CT) scan that shows if calcium deposits are present and how many. Calcium deposits in the form of plaque build up in the arteries and restrict blood flow to the heart, putting people at risk for heart attacks and coronary artery disease.

Marc Dougherty, Bothwell Medical Imaging director, said the scan detects calcium deposits in, on or near heart vessels. The screening result is a "score" that reflects the total area of calcium deposits, and a higher score means a higher risk of heart disease.

"A zero score means there's a low chance of developing a heart attack in the future," he said. "A score of 100 to 400 means a relatively high risk of heart attack or other heart disease over the next three to five years, and a 400 and higher score is a sign of very high to severe disease and heart attack risk."

According to the

American College of Cardiology and the American Heart Association guidelines, a cardiac calcium scan is not recommended for people with low or high risk of heart disease. Low risk means no family history of early heart attacks, and high risk means heavy smokers and people with diabetes, high cholesterol, or an existing heart disease diagnosis.

"The guidelines recommend that men over the age of 40 and women over the age of 50 with a moderate risk of heart disease may benefit from a heart scan," Dougherty said. "Moderate risk could mean being a past or present smoker, being overweight or leading an inactive lifestyle. Or people in those age groups who just don't know their risk factors."

Dougherty noted that a cardiac calcium screening does expose the patient to radiation; however, "the scan uses sequential exposures and focuses on only the heart so the dose the patient actually receives is substantially less than a diagnostic chest CT scan."

People who get the screening will be given a report with their score before they leave the appointment.

"Anyone with a score of more than 100 should

follow up with their primary care provider," Dougherty said. "If someone doesn't have a provider, staff will help make an appointment for them. Scan results can help develop a plan that may include medication or lifestyle changes, such as quitting smoking, eating better and exercising more."

Lauren Thiel-Payne, Bothwell Foundation executive director, said the foundation is excited to offer the heart score screenings for the second year in a row and help raise awareness about heart disease during American Heart Month.

"The free screenings were well received last year," she said. "We're pleased to offer them again at no cost for people who may not otherwise be able to have them done," she said.

The screenings will take place from 8 a.m. to noon Feb. 13 and 20 at Bothwell Regional Health Center, 601 E. 14th St. in Sedalia. A limited number of appointments are available, and appointments must be made in advance by calling Bothwell centralized scheduling at 660-829-8888 and mentioning "free heart screen."

Release courtesy of Bothwell Regional Health Center.

leased to normal activity. Seven residents are now hospitalized seeking treatment for the virus. The Health Center also reported one COVID-related death, bringing the county's total to 71 deaths.

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services reported a seven-day total of

6,223 confirmed cases for an average of 889 per day. There were a total of 24 deaths attributed to COVID-19 in Missouri during the last seven days, representing an average of three deaths per day. There were a total of 157,882 vaccinations, representing an average of 22,555 per day.

COVID-19 UPDATE

By Democrat Staff

Pettis County added 56 confirmed cases of COVID-19 on Wednesday, bringing the total number of cases to 4,881, according to the Pettis County Health Center.

There are now 108 active cases and 4,702 residents have been re-

Biden orders sanctions against Myanmar after military coup

By Aamer Madhani and Jonathan Lemire

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Joe Biden on Wednesday ordered new sanctions against the military regime in Myanmar, taking action after the military this month staged a coup in the Southeast Asian country and arrested de facto leader Aung San Suu Kyi and other senior politicians.

Biden said he was issuing an executive order that will prevent Myanmar's generals from accessing \$1 billion in assets in the United States. Biden added that more measures are to come.

"The military must relinquish power it seized and demonstrate respect for the will of the people of Burma," Biden said.

Biden said the new sanctions will allow his administration to freeze U.S. assets that benefit Myanmar's military leaders while maintaining support for health care programs, civil society groups and other areas that benefit the country's people. He said the administration planned to identify specific targets of the sanctions later this week.

"The people of Burma are making their voices heard, and the world is watching," Biden said, using an alternate name for Myanmar. "We'll be ready to impose additional measures and we'll continue to work with our international partners to urge other nations to join us in these efforts."

Before Biden spoke from the White House, large crowds demon-

strating against the military takeover again took to the streets in Myanmar, even after security forces ratcheted up the use of force against them and raided the headquarters of Suu Kyi's political party.

It remains to be seen what, if any, impact the U.S. action will have on Myanmar's military regime. Many of the military leaders are already under sanctions because of attacks against the Muslim Rohingya minority.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, a supporter of Suu Kyi, said he appreciated Biden's "ongoing engagement with Congress on prompt and practical steps to restore democracy in Burma. I hope all nations that respect democracy and the rule of law will join the U.S. in imposing meaningful costs and accountability on the junta."

White House press secretary Jen Psaki told reporters shortly before Biden's announcement that "there's certainly a recognition that this will need to be a coordinated effort" with the international community to press change in Myanmar.

The U.N. Human Rights Council was set to hold a special session on Myanmar on Thursday.

The protesters in Myanmar are demanding that power be restored to Suu Kyi's deposed civilian government. They're also seeking freedom for her and other governing party members detained by the military after it blocked the new session of Parliament on Feb. 1.

Witnesses estimated that tens of thousands of protesters, if not more, turned out Wednesday in Yangon and Mandalay, the country's biggest cities. Rallies also took place in the capital, Naypyitaw, and elsewhere.

The military cited the government's failure to act on unsubstantiated allegations of widespread voter fraud as part of the reason for the takeover and declaration of a one-year state of emergency. The generals maintain the actions are legally justified, and have cited an article in the constitution that allows the military to take over in times of emergency.

Suu Kyi's party has said it's effectively a coup. The Biden administration also was quick to officially determine the takeover was a coup, setting the stage for Wednesday's announcement.

The U.S. first imposed sanctions in 1998 after the military there violently suppressed a protest. These were tightened over the following decades because of what Washington deemed human rights violations by the ruling military regime.

The restrictions were gradually eased in response to reforms and after the release of Suu Kyi from house arrest in 2010.

But in 2019, President Donald Trump introduced new sanctions against Myanmar's military leaders over the killings of Rohingya Muslims.

Madhani reported from Chicago.

STATE BRIEF

Body of missing Missouri man found in Kansas backyard

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The body of a Kansas City, Missouri, man who was reported missing last month was found the same day 112 miles away in Kansas, authorities said Wednesday.

Authorities identified the victim as 33-year-old Derrick A. Yule, the Kansas City Star reported.

Yule had been re-

ported missing from an apartment in Kansas City, said Sgt. Jacob Becchina, a spokesman for the Kansas City Police Department. His body was found in the backyard of a home in Arcadia, Kansas.

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation said in a news release deputies from the Crawford County Sheriff's Office in Kansas received a tip on Jan. 13 that a body could be found in the home. Deputies discovered Yule's body in the backyard after a 37-year-old man at the home reportedly

gave them permission to look around. He fled and was arrested a few days later.

Nicholas Adam Carrillo was arrested for criminal desecration of a body, possession of opiates, opium, narcotic drugs or certain stimulants, possession of drug paraphernalia and interference with law enforcement, according to KBI.

Police are expected to present the case file to prosecutors this week for consideration of charges in Yule's death.

La Monte Elementary Honor Roll

The following students were named to the honor roll at La Monte Elementary for the second quarter of the 2020-21 school year.

Third Grade: Natali Arroyo, Mackinzie Hall, Diego Murillo-Lemus, Amenia Reynoldsm, Pedro Salas, Kaylee Weber, Paisley Rogers, Favian Cisneros, Jose Hernandez, Haleigh Ross, Mya Schimek.

Fourth Grade: Yitsel Arroyo, Brody Gann, Isabelle Green, Regina Jackson, Tracey Pahua, Jessica Torres.

Fifth Grade: Colin Arnold, Elizabeth Bertash, Eli Breshears, Arely Garcia, Peyton White, Maritza Dedios, Lexi Fields, Miguel Lemus, Noah Schimek, Valeria Torres, Ricardo Garcia.

Sixth Grade: Lilly Anderson, Ryann Arnold, Nellie Elliott, Morgan Hall, Gabe Knight-Lintz, Kat Knoernschild, Juan Lemus, Yuli Lemus, Elektra Parker, Colten Pummill, Jonzel Rios, Raven Weber.

Trump trial video shows vast scope, danger of Capitol riot

By Lisa Mascaro, Eric Tucker, Mary Clare Jalonick and Jill Colvin

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prosecutors unveiled chilling new security video in Donald Trump's impeachment trial on Wednesday, showing the mob of rioters breaking into the Capitol, smashing windows and doors and searching menacingly for Vice President Mike Pence and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi as overwhelmed police begged on their radios for help.

In the previously unreleased recordings, the House prosecutors displayed gripping scenes of how close the rioters were to the country's leaders, roaming the halls chanting "Hang Mike Pence," some equipped with combat gear. Outside, the mob had set up a makeshift gallows.

Videos of the siege have been circulating since the day of the riot, but the graphic compilation amounted to a more complete narrative, a moment-by-moment retelling of one of the nation's most alarming days. In addition to the evident chaos and danger, it offered fresh details on the attackers, scenes of police heroism and cries of distress. And it showed just how close the country came to a potential breakdown in its seat of democracy as Congress was certi-

fying Trump's election defeat to Democrat Joe Biden.

"They did it because Donald Trump sent them on this mission," said House prosecutor Stacey Plaskett, the Democratic delegate representing the U.S. Virgin Islands. "His mob broke into the Capitol to hunt them down."

The stunning presentation opened the first full day of arguments in the trial as the prosecutors argued Trump was no "innocent bystander" but rather the "inciter in chief" of the deadly Capitol riot, a president who spent months spreading election lies and building a mob of supporters primed for his call to stop Biden's victory.

Though most of the Senate jurors have already made up their minds on acquittal or conviction, they were riveted and sat silently. Screams from the audio and video filled the Senate chamber. Senators shook their heads, folded their arms and furrowed their brows. One Republican, James Lankford of Oklahoma, bent his head, a GOP colleague putting his hand on his arm in comfort.

"On Jan. 6, President Trump left everyone in this Capitol for dead," said Rep. Joaquin Castro, D-Texas, a prosecutor.

Pence, who had been presiding over a session to certify Biden's victory over Trump — thus earning Trump's criticism — is shown being rushed to safety, sheltered in an office with his family just 100 feet from the rioters.

Pelosi was evacuated from the complex before the mob prowls her suite of offices, her staff hiding quietly behind closed doors.

At one dramatic moment, the video shows police shooting into the crowd through a broken window, killing a San Diego woman, Ashli Babbitt. In another, a police officer is seen being crushed by the mob.

Police overwhelmed by the rioters frantically announce "we lost the line" and urge officers to safety. One officer later died.

Some senators acknowledged it was the first time they had grasped how perilously close the country came to serious danger.

"When you see all the pieces come together, just the total awareness of that, the enormity of this threat, not just to us as people, as lawmakers, but the threat to the institution and what Congress represents, it's disturbing," said Republican Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska. "Greatly disturbing."

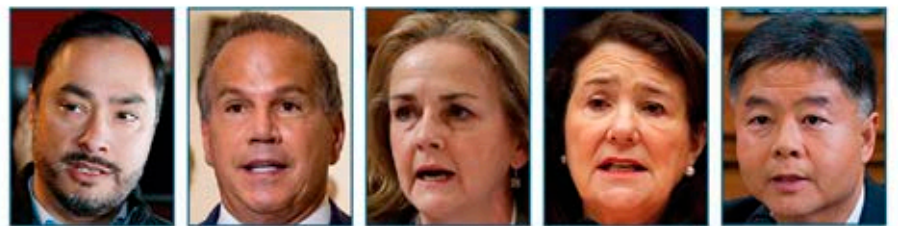
Trump is the first president to face an impeachment trial after leaving office and the first to be twice impeached. He is charged with incitement of insurrection through fiery words his defense lawyers say are protected by the Constitution's First Amendment and just figures of speech.

The House Democrats showed piles of evidence from the former president himself — hundreds of Trump tweets and comments that culminated in his Jan. 6 rally cry to go to

Making the case at Trump's 2nd trial

Nine Democratic members of Congress are acting as impeachment "managers" to prosecute the case against former President Donald Trump at his second Senate trial, while a pair of seasoned attorneys will defend Trump against a single count of "inciting an insurrection."

FOR THE PROSECUTION



Rep. Joaquin Castro, Texas; Rep. David Cicilline, Rhode Island; Rep. Madeleine Dean, Pennsylvania; Rep. Diana DeGette, Colorado; Rep. Ted Lieu, California



Rep. Joe Neguse, Colorado; Del. Stacey Plaskett, Virgin Islands; Rep. Jamie Raskin, Maryland; Rep. Eric Swalwell, California

FOR THE DEFENSE



Bruce Castor, Former prosecutor



David Schoen, Defense/Civil rights attorney

SOURCES: AP reports; House of Representatives



GRAPHIC BY AP

the Capitol and "fight like hell" to overturn his defeat. Trump then did nothing to stem the violence and watched with "glee," they said, as the mob ransacked the iconic building.

"To us, it may have felt like chaos and madness, but there was method to the madness that day," said Rep. Jamie Raskin, D-Md., the lead prosecutor, who pointed to Trump as the instigator. "And when his mob overran and occupied the Senate and attacked the House and assaulted law enforcement, he watched it on TV like a reality show. He reveled in it."

In one scene, a Capitol Police officer redirects Sen. Mitt Romney, R-Utah, down a hallway to avoid the mob. It was the same officer, Eugene Goodman, who has been praised as a hero for having lured rioters away from the Senate doors.

"It tears at your heart and brings tears to your eyes," Romney said after watching the video. He said he didn't realize how close he had been to danger.

The day's proceedings unfolded after Tuesday's emotional start that left the former president fuming when his attorneys delivered a meandering defense and failed to halt the trial on constitutional grounds. Some allies called for yet another shakeup to his legal team.

The prosecutors are arguing that Trump's words were part of "the big lie" — his relentless efforts to sow doubts about the election results, revving up his followers to "stop the steal" even though there was no evidence of substan-

tial fraud.

Trump knew very well what would happen when he took to the microphone at the outdoor White House rally that day as Congress gathered to certify Biden's win, said Rep. Joe Neguse, D-Colo, another impeachment manager.

"This was not just a speech," he said.

Security remained extremely tight Wednesday at the Capitol, fenced off and patrolled by National Guard troops.

White House press secretary Jen Psaki has said Biden would not be watching the trial.

The difficulty facing Trump's defenders became apparent at the start as they leaned on the process of the trial rather than the substance of the case against him. They said the Constitution doesn't allow impeachment at this late date, after he has left the White House.

Even though the Senate rejected that argument in Tuesday's vote to proceed, the legal issue could resonate with Republicans eager to acquit Trump without being seen as condoning his behavior.

Defense lawyer Bruce Castor encouraged senators on Tuesday to be "cool headed" as they assessed the arguments.

A frustrated Trump revived his demands for his lawyers to focus on his unsupported claims of voter fraud, repeatedly calling former White House aide Peter Navarro, who told the AP in an interview that he agreed. He is calling on Trump to fire his legal team.

"If he doesn't make a mid-course correction here, he's going to lose this Super Bowl,"

Navarro said, a reference to public opinion, not the unlikely possibility of conviction.

While six Republicans joined with Democrats to vote to proceed with the trial, the 56-44 vote was far from the two-thirds threshold of 67 votes that would be needed for conviction.

Minds did not seem to be changing, even after seeing the graphic video.

Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, who was among those leading the effort to challenge the Electoral College tally, said, "The president's rhetoric is at times overheated, but this is not a referendum on whether you agree with everything the president says or tweets."

Sen. Josh Hawley, R-Mo., another leader of the election challenge, said, "Nothing new here for me at the end of the day."

As the country numbs to the Trump era's shattering of civic norms, the prosecutors sought to remind senators and the nation how extraordinary it was to have a sitting U.S. president working to discredit the election.

As far back as spring and summer, Trump was spreading false claims about the election and refusing to commit to the peaceful transfer of power once it was over, they said.

Trump's second impeachment trial is expected to diverge from the lengthy, complicated affair of a year ago. In that case, Trump was charged with having privately pressured Ukraine to dig up dirt on Biden, then a Democratic rival for the presidency. The second trial could be over in half the time.

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Snow

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"We all kind of take different sections of town," Triplett said.

Around this time, Triplett is also in communication with Director of Grounds Richie Simons about clearing ice from school sidewalks and parking lots. Triplett said this process is why school cancellation messages can sometimes come at 5 a.m.

According to Triplett, the decision to cancel school "always weighs heavy on my heart" and he is always second-guessing himself.

"Unless you have 15 inches of snow," he added.

Triplett said he does not like canceling school because of the services the district provides for its students such as meals and a safe, warm place to be during cold weather.

Kids who walk to school are another factor to consider for canceling classes. Triplett explained any student who lives within a mile of their school is considered to be a "walker." He considers walkers if the temperature falls too low. And if the sidewalk conditions are not "passable" it could cause students to walk in the road where their path is clear, according to Triplett.

"We don't want kids walking in the street," he said.

In addition, Triplett said teenage drivers who do not have experience driving in cold weather have to be a consideration. Along with that are the needs of their school buses.

Triplett said "all of our road crews do an amazing job," but sometimes it's hard for them to keep up with the weather. He explained that sometimes roads may be safe to drive

in some areas, such as highways and main roads in Sedalia, but he may still have to cancel school because other roads may not be safe, such as sideroads or country roads that have gravel, along with ice-covered parking lots.

The school district was planning to have parent-teacher conferences after half-days on Wednesday and Thursday. By Wednesday evening, Sedalia 200 announced classes were canceled Thursday. Triplett said the conferences will not be rescheduled for a later date. Instead, parents who need to have a conference should contact their child's school to set up a meeting with the teacher.

According to Triplett, as of Feb. 10, Sedalia 200 is out of built-in snow days and will need to make up at least one day in April.

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Sedalia man charged with statutory rape

By Democrat Staff

A Sedalia man has been charged after allegedly having multiple instances of sexual relations with a minor.

Nathaniel A. Siefkas, 23, of Sedalia, has been charged with second-degree statutory rape. He has been issued a \$5,000 bond, cash or surety.

According to court documents, the 14-year-old victim was inter-

viewed at Child Safe of Central Missouri in November in reference to allegations she had been in a sexual relationship with Siefkas. The teenager said the pair had sex on more than one occasion, including in a cargo container located just outside Sedalia city limits.

The victim reported Siefkas possibly fathered her child.

Siefkas was later interviewed by a Sedalia Police Department detective via phone. According to court documents, he admitted to having sex with the victim but claimed she lied about her age, saying she was 18. He said it was consensual.

A hearing or arraignment has not been scheduled, according to online court records.

Is one day a week enough? Biden's school goal draws blowback

By Collin Binkley

AP Education Writer

President Joe Biden is being accused of backpedaling on his pledge to reopen the nation's schools after the White House added fine print to his promise and made clear that a full reopening is still far from sight.

Biden's initial pledge in December was to reopen "the majority of our schools" in his first 100 days in office. In January he specified that the goal applied only to schools that teach through eighth grade. And this week the White House said that schools will be considered opened as long as they teach in-person at least one day a week.

White House press secretary Jen Psaki defended the goal Wednesday, calling it part of a "bold ambitious agenda." But she also said it's a bar the administration hopes to exceed.

"Certainly, we are not planning to celebrate at 100 days if we reach that goal," she said. "We certainly hope to build from that."

The White House had faced increasing pressure to explain the goal as the reopening debate gains urgency. Biden had never detailed what it meant to be reopened or how he would define success. Pressed on the question Tuesday, Psaki clarified that one day a week of in-person learning would meet the mark.

"His goal that he set is to have the majority of schools — so, more than 50% — open by day 100 of his presidency," she said. "And that means some teaching in classrooms. So, at least one day a week. Hopefully, it's more."

The goal drew criticism from Republicans who said Biden is setting the bar too low. House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy called it unacceptable and said schools are ready to open now. Rep. Vicky Hartzler, R-Mo., a former teacher, said the goal falls short of what students need.

"Having only 51% of our schools reopen for as little as one day a week is not a 'success,'" she said. "We should be working to safely get all of our children back to full-time, in-person learning"

With the new caveat, the pledge appears much less ambitious than what Biden signaled when he first made it. In December, it seemed his promise was to reopen half of the nation's more than 130,000 schools. When it was narrowed to K-8 schools only, the scope decreased to include the roughly 90,000 schools below high school.

Now, critics say, the

goal has been moved so low it may already have been met. Data from Burbio, a service that tracks school opening plans, recently reported that 58% of K-12 students are learning in-person to some degree.

"The administration doesn't have to exert much effort to meet this goal," said Jonathan Butcher, an education fellow at the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank.

Tracking progress on the goal has been difficult due to a lack of federal data on the topic.

Last week the Biden administration said it will begin collecting data from 7,000 schools showing whether they are operating online, in-person or in a combination. The Trump administration declined to gather that data, saying it wasn't the federal government's responsibility.

Some companies and researchers have sought to collect the data on their own, including Burbio, which reported some recent progress on schools returning to in-person classes. About 42% of students were learning entirely online late last month, the company found, down from 55% during the first week of the year.

Biden's pledge is part of his broader plan to fight COVID-19 and jump start the economy. His \$1.9 trillion plan includes \$130 billion to help schools fix ventilation systems, stock up on protective gear and take other steps to open. Getting students back into the classroom is seen as a key step in getting parents back to work.

But reopening efforts have faced roadblocks due in part to slow vaccine rollouts and standoffs with teachers. While schools in some areas are teaching in-person, many remain mostly or

entirely online. In cities including Chicago and San Francisco, districts have faced resistance from teachers who refuse to return until their demands are met.

Before Biden's goal was clarified this week, even some of his top health officials expressed doubt that it would be reached. Talking to teachers last month, Dr. Anthony Fauci said Biden's school reopening goal "may not happen because there may be mitigating circumstances," including new strains of COVID-19.

The delays have frustrated many parents, including some whose children have been learning from home for nearly a year. In Congress, debate on reopening has become increasingly heated as Republicans oppose further school relief and say there's evidence that schools are safe to reopen now.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued a study last month finding that, with mask wearing and other precautions, it's generally safe to have schooling in-person. CDC director Dr. Rochelle Walensky later added that vaccinating teachers "is not a prerequisite for safe reopening of schools."

Republicans saw the statement as further support to reopen, but the White House declined to take a firm stance on the issue, saying Walensky made the comment "in her personal capacity." Psaki said the White House would await updated school guidance that Biden requested from the CDC.

The CDC's guidance, which is likely to recommend safety measures and indicate when it's safe to operate in-person, is expected to be released soon.

Government investigating massive counterfeit N95 mask scam

By Colleen Long

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal authorities are investigating a massive counterfeit N95 mask operation in which fake 3M masks were sold in at least five states to hospitals, medical facilities and government agencies. The foreign-made knockoffs are becoming increasingly difficult to spot and could put health care workers at grave risk for the coronavirus.

These masks are giving first responders "a false sense of security," said Steve Francis, assistant director for global trade investigations with the Homeland Security Department's principal investigative arm. He added, "We've seen a lot of fraud and other illegal activity."

Officials could not name the states or the company involved because of the active investigation.

Nearly a year into the pandemic, fraud remains a major problem as scammers seek to exploit hospitals and desperate and weary Americans. Federal investigators say they have seen an increase in phony websites purporting to sell vaccines as well as fake medicine produced overseas and scams involving personal protective equipment. The schemes deliver phony products, unlike fraud earlier in the pandemic that focused more on fleecing customers.

3M, based in Maplewood, Minnesota, is among the largest global producers of the N95 mask, which has been approved by the U.S. National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and is consid-

ered the gold standard in protection against the coronavirus. The company delivered some 2 billion N95 masks in 2020 as the pandemic soared, but in earlier months of the pandemic, when masks were in short supply, fraudsters starting popped up.

"They're not coming from authorized distributors," said Kevin Rhodes, 3M's vice president and deputy general counsel. "They're coming from companies really just coming into existence."

Rhodes encouraged medical facilities and even workers to look on the company's website for tips on how to spot fakes, namely through packaging or faulty trademarks.

"These products are not tested to see if they make the N95 standards," he said "They're not interested in testing them. They're interested in making as many as they can as cheaply as possible."

During the pandemic, Homeland Security Investigations has used its 7,000 agents in tandem with border officials, the Food and Drug Administration and the FBI to investigate scams, seize phony products and arrest hundreds of people to help stop fraud. The effort is based at the National Intellectual Property Rights Coordination Center, a government watchdog aimed at enforcing international trade laws and combating intellectual property theft.

There have been already more than 1,250 raids by law enforcement that resulted in the seizure of 10 million counterfeit 3M masks alone. The company has filed more than a dozen lawsuits over reports of

fraud, counterfeiting and price gouging.

There are many other reports of fraudulent masks that have reached frontline workers.

In the latest matter, Homeland Security investigators sent an email warning of potential fraud to certain states. The email, viewed by The Associated Press, said 3M N95 mask models 1860 and 1860S may have been provided by a company called Q2 Solutions and the masks may be fraudulent. The masks have a seal that says "Peru," which is not used outside of Latin America. The company is based in Miami and has offices around the U.S. and globally. It did not respond to requests for comment.

Officials in Washington state examined their mask supply, which had come from a different company, and discovered that 300,000 masks they had purchased for about \$1.4 million were counterfeit. Officials are investigating.

Beth Zborowski of the Washington State Hospital Association said the fraud has the potential to affect 1.9 million masks but they are mostly in stockpile now rather than general circulation.

She said the mask supplier had been vetted and the masks "passed all the physical and visual inspection test." Zborowski said that for a time, the association could not get the masks directly from 3M, but the company now is expediting its order after learning of the fraud.

Health care workers "have plenty of anxieties on a day-to-day basis. They don't need to also worry about whether their masks are fake," she said.

the car. He told police that that Blakey, who had threatened to kill him, had reached for a rifle.

Harris claimed that he feared for his life when he fired what he thought were six shots at him, causing the crash. He told police he later dumped the handgun into a trash can.

Court records do not show a defense attorney listed yet.

STATE BRIEF

Missouri man charged in death of man found in crashed car

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A 53-year-old man has been charged with second-degree murder in last month's shooting of a man whose body was found inside a car that had crashed into a home in Kansas City, Missouri.

Curtis Harris of Kansas City, Missouri, was also charged Tuesday with armed criminal action in the Jan. 26 killing of 38-year-old Charles Blakey, the Kansas City Star reported. Prosecutors say Blakey had suffered gunshot wounds to the face.

Harris allegedly told detectives the next morning that he and Blakey had purchased marijuana and then struggled over a gun in

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Reed & Sons has a wide selection of jewelry for Valentine's Day gifts, such as this multi-colored amethyst bracelet.

Jewelry

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Reed warns those in a time crunch in one area, however: "I wouldn't necessarily try to get an engagement ring if that's what you're trying to do. You don't want to rush into that as that's a very important purchase, something that takes time. Diamonds for instance are one of those things that get kind of crazy

in price really quick as they get bigger and bigger. A 1-carat single diamond is always going to be worth more than several diamonds that equal a carat.

"I would do something simple like a diamond solitaire pendant, a silver heart pendant, something like that's very much in the theme of Valentine's Day," he added.

Bringing us back to Elizabeth Taylor's 68-carat diamond. Apparently, Liz was tired of it, but when she put

it up for sale at Sotheby's it fetched her a whopping \$8.8 million. Perhaps you can put a price on love?

For those who can't put a price on love and can't afford to spend much of anything on jewelry, here's a suggestion for Valentine's Day. Give your loved one your undivided attention. Diamonds take 200 million years to create, what's a few hours?

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City

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However, Harris said the main issue of the lawsuit is less about being able to receive free copies of records and more about Thomas being denied access to information required for her to be able to perform her functions as a city official.

"(Thomas) wants to be able to view the city's operations at city hall and she's being told she has to have permission to do that," Harris said.

Harris said in addition to being charged for receiving copies of documents, which Harris said is an understandable decision to make, Thomas was told she would also be charged to view the documents in-person.

"In the 20 plus years that I've been practicing municipal government law, I've never seen a public entity attempt to deny an elected official access to their own records," Harris said.

Harris said laws gov-

erning fourth class cities such as Knob Noster are present in chapter 79 of the state statutes, which provides responsibilities alderpersons have to discharge their duties.

Harris said these responsibilities include removal of city employees, removal of city officers and suspending of public tax dollars.

"All of those responsibilities are frustrated when an elected official is told that they can't have access to records of the city to see what has actually taken place," Harris said.

Peterson said the cost of receiving copies of city records varies depending on the number of hours a city staff member, usually the city clerk, spends collecting the information. He said for physical requests there is a 10 cent charge per copy, but this additional fee is waived for virtual requests.

Peterson said the pending lawsuit has not impacted the Board of Aldermen's work schedule or operations.

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Powell stresses commitment to full employment and low rates

By Christopher Rugaber

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell on Wednesday underscored the Fed's commitment to reducing unemployment to multi-decade lows, where it stood before the pandemic, while signaling little concern about the risk of potentially high inflation or financial-market instability.

Powell stressed during a webcast to the Economic Club of New York that the U.S. job market remains weak despite having improved from the depths of the pandemic-induced recession.

And he signaled that the Fed isn't considering any increase in its benchmark short-term interest rate from its level near zero. He also said the central bank is not currently considering any reductions to the size of its \$120 billion in monthly bond purchases, which are intended to

keep longer-term interest rates low.

The chairman did not refer to the surging stock market or to recent signs of market froth, like the explosive volatility in the prices of GameStop and other stocks targeted by ordinary day traders.

He emphasized, as he frequently has before, that the loss of millions of jobs has fallen disproportionately on the least-advanced households.

"Despite the surprising speed of recovery early on, we are still very far from a strong labor market whose benefits are broadly shared," Powell said.

Powell's language "would sound remarkable to an earlier generation of central bankers," said Krishna Guha, an analyst at the investment bank Evercore ISI, in a note to clients. His speech "placed restoring a strong labor market at the heart of the central bank's agenda to a greater extent than perhaps ever before while playing

down concerns about potential excess inflation."

He noted that roughly 4 million people who are out of work have stopped looking for jobs, which means they aren't counted as unemployed. If they were, the unemployment rate would be closer to 10%.

And while the job losses among the highest-earning one-quarter of Americans have been just 4%, job losses among the poorest one-quarter have been "a staggering 17%," Powell said.

The Fed last year refined its definition of maximum employment as a "broad and inclusive" goal that includes consideration of the unemployment rate of Black and Hispanic Americans as well as overall joblessness.

President Joe Biden is pushing a \$1.9 trillion economic rescue package that has raised concern among some economists about potential inflation, in part because millions of Americans who have

been fortunate enough to keep jobs have accumulated significant savings. Once vaccines are more widely distributed, those savings could fuel a burst of spending beyond what still-decimated businesses could handle, spurring higher prices.

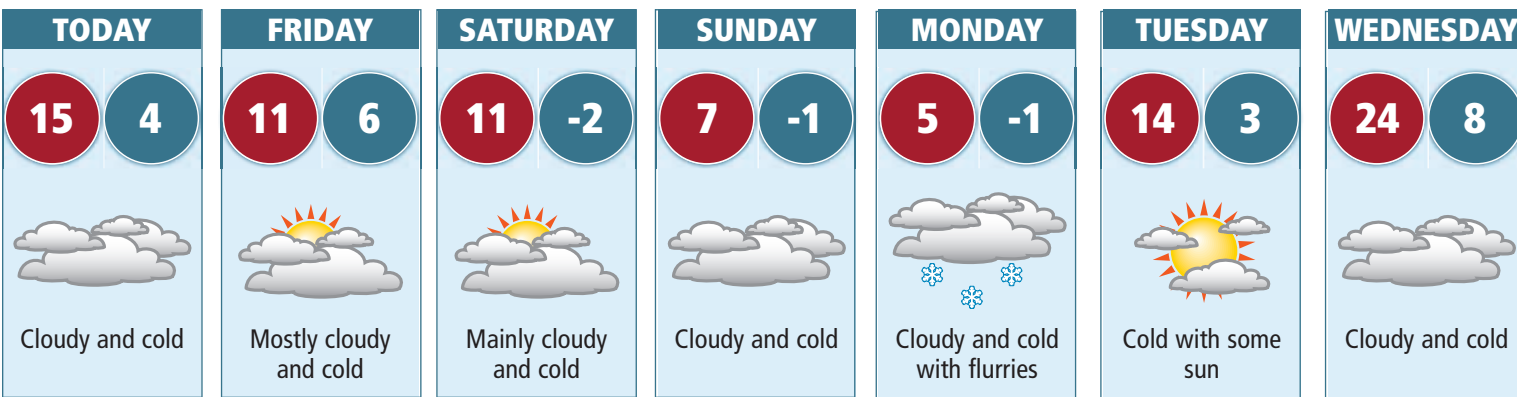
Powell, however, showed little concern that such a dynamic would occur. Last month, he suggested that any high inflation that resulted would likely be temporary.

Powell was also asked by Peter Blair Henry, an economics professor at New York University, how Biden's proposed rescue plan compares to estimates issued by some analysts, such as the Congressional Budget Office, of the gap between the economy's current output and what it would be if it were back to full health. Most estimates of that gap are much smaller than Biden's \$1.9 trillion package.

THE WEATHER

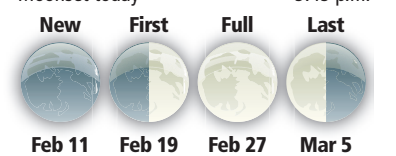
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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST



SUN AND MOON

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Sunset tonight	5:46 p.m.
Moonrise today	7:27 a.m.
Moonsset today	5:45 p.m.



WEATHER HISTORY

The blizzard of Feb. 11, 1983, buried areas from Washington, D.C., to New York under 2 feet of snow. Philadelphia received an estimated 32 billion pounds of snow.

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Sedalia Regional Airport Tuesday

TEMPERATURES

High	16
Low	8
Normal high	42
Normal low	21
Record high	75 in 1943
Record low	-27 in 1979

PRECIPITATION

Tuesday	Trace
Month to date	0.05"
Normal m-t-d	0.55"
Year to date	2.70"
Normal y-t-d	2.11"

HEATING DEGREE DAYS

Index of energy consumption indicating how many degrees the average temperature was below 65 degrees for the day.

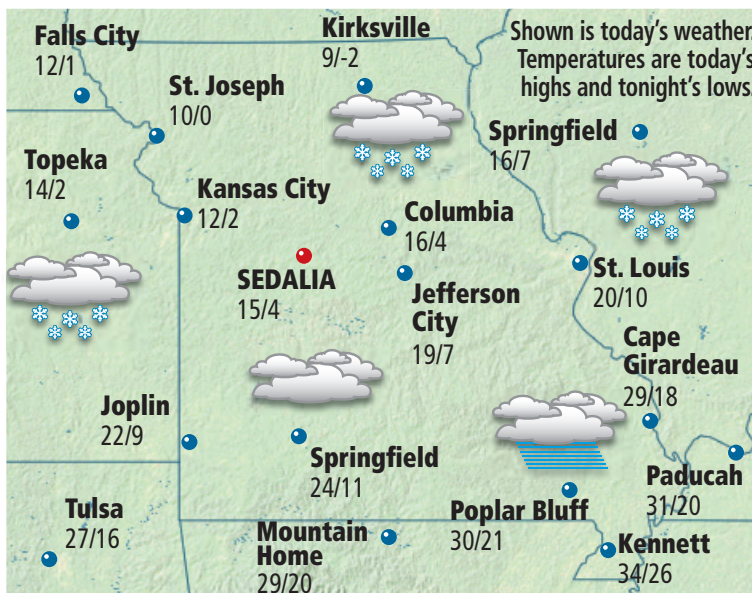
Tuesday	53
Month to date	361
Season to date	2955
Normal season to date	3531
Last season to date	3089

RIVER LEVELS

In feet as of 7 a.m. Wednesday

Blackwater	Stage	Chg	Fld Stg
Blue Lick	9.50	+0.85	24
Valley City	5.20	-0.34	22
Lamine			
Otterville	1.53	-0.17	15
Missouri			
Boonville	5.82	-0.09	21

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BRANSON
High: 27. Low: 19. Cloudy and cold today. Considerable cloudiness tonight. Mostly cloudy and cold tomorrow and Saturday. Sunday: cloudy.

KANSAS CITY
High: 12. Low: 2. Cold today with a little snow at times, accumulating a coating to an inch. Bitterly cold tonight. Remaining cloudy tomorrow.

ST. LOUIS
High: 20. Low: 10. Cloudy and very cold today with a little snow in the afternoon, accumulating up to an inch; untreated surfaces will be slippery.

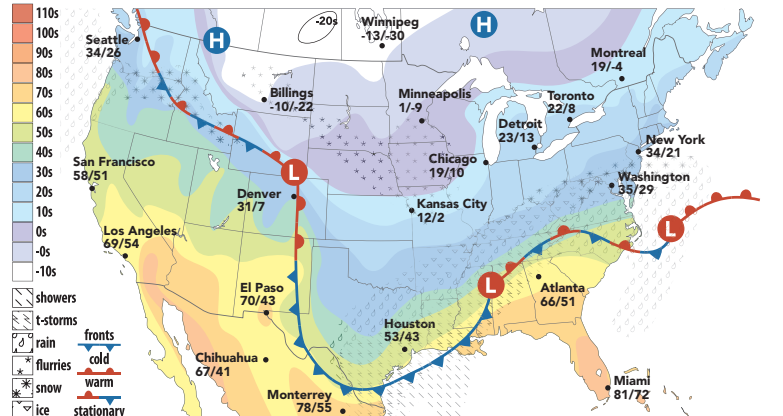
NEW YORK CITY
High: 34. Low: 21. Cloudy with a flurry early this morning, then clouds and sun this afternoon. Mostly cloudy and cold tonight. Mostly cloudy tomorrow.

LOS ANGELES
High: 69. Low: 54. Times of clouds and sun today. Mostly cloudy tonight. Cloudy most of the time tomorrow with a shower in spots in the afternoon.

NATIONAL WEATHER

	Today Hi/Lo/W	Friday Hi/Lo/W	Today Hi/Lo/W	Friday Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	66/51/r	52/45/r	Milwaukee	15/8/sn
Baltimore	36/27/sn	33/26/sn	Nashville	37/29/i
Billings	-10/22/sn	-10/24/sn	New Orleans	75/55/r
Boston	29/13/pc	25/12/pc	Norfolk	43/36/r
Buffalo	24/12/c	21/11/sf	Oklahoma City	29/15/i
Charlotte	58/38/r	43/35/r	Orlando	82/65/t
Chicago	19/10/sn	18/4/c	Phoenix	75/55/s
Cleveland	23/17/c	27/18/c	Pittsburgh	29/20/c
Dallas	37/27/i	37/25/c	Portland, ME	27/5/pc
Denver	31/7/pc	20/1/sn	Portland, OR	37/26/sn
Detroit	23/13/c	24/14/c	Sacramento	57/44/r
Honolulu	81/70/s	81/68/pc	St. Louis	20/10/sn
Houston	53/43/r	49/39/c	San Francisco	58/51/r
Indianapolis	22/13/c	25/14/c	Seattle	34/26/sn
Las Vegas	69/52/c	69/46/pc	Washington, DC	35/29/sn

Weather (W): s - sunny, pc - partly cloudy, c - cloudy, sh - showers, t - thunderstorms, r - rain, sf - snow flurries, sn - snow, i - ice



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Bowman, Byron give Hendrick sweep of Daytona 500 front row

By Jenna Fryer

AP Auto Racing Writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Hendrick Motorsports once again dominated Daytona 500 qualifying with a sweep of the front row for its 14th pole and sixth in the last seven years.

Alex Bowman posted a lap at 191.261 mph Wednesday night at Daytona International Speedway to earn the top starting spot for the second time in his career. It's the fourth consecutive year Bowman will start from the front row.

"It doesn't really have a lot to do with me — it's a testament to these guys and everybody back at the shop at Hendrick Motorsports," Bowman said. "They work so hard on these superspeedway cars. They're beautiful when they get to the race track."

William Byron made it a Hendrick sweep with a lap at 190.219 mph. Only the front row was set Wednesday night, the first time Daytona 500 qualifying has been held at night under a condensed Speedweeks schedule.

It's the ninth consecutive year Chevrolet won the pole.

The 40-car field is determined through both the time trials and a pair of Thursday night qualifying races. NASCAR sold 36 charters that guarantee the owners slots in the field, which leaves eight drivers vying for four "open" spots in the Super Bowl of stock-car racing.

But two spots are earmarked to the fastest "open" cars in Wednesday night time trials. David Ragan and Ryan Preece earned the two berths.

Preece had a charter last year with JTG-Daugherty Racing, but the team no longer holds its rights and there's concern the car won't attempt to make every race if it doesn't have early success.

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Central Missouri native, professional wrestler Bruce 'Butch' Reed dies



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Warrensburg native turned professional wrestler Bruce "Butch" Reed died on Friday, Feb. 5. His wrestling career spanned over 30 years.

By Joe Andrews

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WARRENSBURG — Bruce "Butch" Reed, a Warrensburg native turned legendary wrestler, has died. He was 66.

Reed died from heart complications on Friday, Feb. 5. He had suffered two heart attacks within the last month.

"Butch is in heaven now with the wrestling gods," a post on his official Instagram account said. "I am sure he is already booked for a heavyweight championship match."

Reed's wrestling career began in 1978 following a brief stint with the Kansas City Chiefs.

He tried out for the Chiefs after wrapping up his college football career at Central Missouri State University (now University of Central Missouri). Reed began collegiate competition at Northeast

Oklahoma A&M upon graduating from Warrensburg High School in 1972.

At a bar in 1978, Reed caught the eye of eight-time National Wrestling Alliance U.S. Heavyweight Champion Ron Etchinson.

Etchinson convinced Reed to enter professional wrestling, making his debut under "Bruce Reed," in Vancouver.

He soon returned to Missouri, gaining gigs with Central States Wrestling and the St. Louis Wrestling Club.

In 1981 he ventured to Georgia to join Georgia Championship Wrestling. In 1982 he moved further south to compete in Championship Wrestling from Florida (CWF). There, he was given the nickname "Butch," establishing his wrestling identity as "Butch Reed" through the remainder of his career.

He most notably wrestled against "Nature Boy" Ric Flair several times with the

CWF, including a win on CWF TV before the time bell expired. One hour later, he did so again after Flair demanded a draw.

In 1983 "Hacksaw Butch Reed" jumped to Mid-South Wrestling in Oklahoma, winning three heavyweight championship titles and a tag-team title. He held rivalries with Junkyard Dog, "Hacksaw" Jim Duggan and Magnum TA during his Mid-South run, which lasted until he departed in 1986.

Eight months later, he signed a deal with Vince McMahon and the WWF (now WWE) under "The Natural" Butch Reed.

With bleached blonde hair, Reed quickly established a presence. His first major win occurred against Koko B. Ware during WrestleMania III.

One year later Reed left the WWF following a loss to 'Macho Man' Randy Savage during WrestleMania IV.

He proceeded to sign with World Championship Wrestling (WCW), returning to "Hacksaw" Butch Reed. He partnered with Ron Simmons as the tag team "DOOM."

DOOM debuted as a masked duo against the Steiner Brothers (Ricky Steiner and Scott Steiner) at Halloween Havoc on Oct. 28, 1989. Reed and Simmons were forced to unmask when the Steiners beat them during the Clash of Champions X on Feb. 6, 1990.

Three months later, DOOM got its revenge defeating the Steiner Brothers for the NWA Tag Team Title at Capital Combat on March 19, 1990. They lost the title to The Freebirds (Jimmy Garvin and Michael Hayes) at WrestleWar on Feb. 24, 1991.

Reed split from Simmons following the loss, though they briefly reunited at the WCW/New Japan Supershow I on March 21, 1991. DOOM lost to Big Van Vader and Crusher Bam Bam Bigelow, leading to another breakup.

The two went up against each other in a steel cage match at SuperBrawl on May 19, 1991. Reed lost and left the WCW. He returned with a new tag partner, The Barbarian, a few months later before leaving for good.

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In this Thursday, Jan. 7, 2021, file photo, members of the Denver Nuggets and the Dallas Mavericks lock arms and take a knee during the national anthem before an NBA basketball game in Denver.

Mavs' Cuban relents on anthem after NBA reiterates policy

By Schuyler Dixon

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban relented Wednesday and the national anthem will be played before home games this season after the NBA reiterated its "longstanding league policy" to include the song.

The league's initial reaction to Cuban's decision was to say teams were free to conduct pregame activities as they wished with the unusual circumstances created by the coronavirus pandemic. Most teams don't have fans

at home games.

But the NBA abruptly reversed course with Cuban's decision reverberating around the country, including a question put to White House press secretary Jen Psaki during her daily briefing. Athlete protests of social and racial injustice during the "The Star-Spangled Banner" became a flashpoint between then-President Donald Trump and various leagues during his administration.

"With NBA teams now in the process of welcoming fans back into their arenas, all teams will play the

national anthem in keeping with longstanding league policy," the league said.

The Mavericks said they would play the anthem starting Wednesday night against Atlanta while releasing a statement from Cuban.

"We respect and always have respected the passion people have for the anthem and our country," Cuban said. "But we also loudly hear the voices of those who feel that the anthem does not represent them. We feel that their voices need to be respected and heard, because they have not been.

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Super Bowl champion Buccaneers celebrate with boat parade

By Fred Goodall

AP Sports Writer

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The Super Bowl champion Tampa Bay Buccaneers celebrated their victory Wednesday with a boat parade amid continued concern over the coronavirus pandemic.

The parade got started around 1 p.m. on the Hillsborough River near downtown Tampa. Thousands of fans decked out in Buccaneers gear lined the river on a sun-splashed day to cheer on stars such as quarterback Tom Brady, tight end Rob Gronkowski, Coach Bruce Arians and many others.

The team arrived by bus and boarded at least four boats.

At one point, Brady was cap-

tured on video tossing the championship Lombardi Trophy from his boat to a shirtless Gronkowski in another boat. That brought wild cheers from fans and players.

Mayor Jane Castor again emphasized that people attending the parade must wear masks outdoors and observe social distancing rules.

It appeared many were abiding by the mask order but many others were not. There were also dozens of people on private boats, kayaks and other watercraft crowding the river to catch a glimpse of the team. They were directed to stay at least 50 feet (15 meters) from the boats carrying players.

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PHOTO BY DIRK SHADD | TAMPA BAY TIMES VIA AP

Tampa Bay Buccaneers NFL football tight end Rob Gronkowski dances as he and others celebrate their Super Bowl 55 victory over the Kansas City Chiefs with a boat parade in Tampa, Fla., Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2021.

NFL carousel will spin soon, and not just for quarterbacks

By Barry Wilner

AP Pro Football Writer

The Matthew Stafford-Jared Goff trade not only has whet fans' appetites for big deals, it's caused a social media frenzy about which quarterbacks are headed elsewhere.

That could happen with the likes of Carson Wentz, Jimmy Garoppolo, Deshaun Watson and Cam Newton. And on a slightly less publicized level with Teddy Bridgewater, Jameis Winston, Sam Darnold and Mitchell Trubisky.

But before anyone gets the idea that half of the NFL's starting signal-callers from 2020 will be employed by new teams in 2021, well, know that carousel is not spinning out of control.

Why not? Money.

More specifically, contract dollars. Dead money. Salary-cap repercussions.

The COVID-19 pandemic not only reduced revenues for the NFL across the board, it also has forced a lower salary cap for 2021. That figure is undetermined, though it won't be less than \$175 million and probably will be in the \$180 million-\$185 million range.

So any cap hits for trades involving QBs with mega-contracts will



PHOTO BY TONY AVELAR | AP PHOTO
In this Sunday, Sept. 13, 2020, file photo, San Francisco 49ers quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo (10) passes against the Arizona Cardinals during the first half of an NFL football game in Santa Clara, Calif.

be built as much on finances as football skills. Sure, plenty of teams with questionable quarterbacking would love to add a Watson or Wentz — and even inquire about the availability of the likes of David Carr or Matt Ryan. But the price tag is a paramount consideration.

There are also the tricky contract dynamics for Dak Prescott and Ben Roethlisberger. Prescott played under

the franchise tag cost of \$31.4 million but was injured in the Cowboys' fifth game. Dallas is adamant about keeping Prescott, preferably with a long-term deal.

"One of the things that we're going to have to really see where we are, and it will affect everybody, all 32 (NFL teams), and it will affect our team," Cowboys executive vice president Stephen Jones said, "is what the consequences

of the virus have had on our cap situation going forward, and where is that salary cap going to be and what kind of cap are we going to manage into. So all those things will play a role into players that we keep that are under contract, where we can sign — obviously Dak being at the top of that list — and then going from there."

Roethlisberger has indicated a willingness to redo his contract with Pittsburgh for what likely will be his final season. He's set for a cap hit of \$41 million, and that won't happen.

There probably are fewer teams with long-term set signal-callers than those in flux. For sure, the Patriots, Jets, Texans, Colts and Steelers in the AFC have uncertainty. Philadelphia, Washington, Chicago, New Orleans, Carolina and San Francisco in the NFC could be making

significant changes.

Plus, Urban Meyer is sold on Trevor Lawrence as the first overall draft pick for the Jacksonville Jaguars. There are a handful of quarterbacks in this draft who also could wind up as starters next season.

"Who we pick at that quarterback spot, that's going to be one of the most important decisions I've made in my lifetime, along with the partnership of our owner and general manager," Meyer said. "I see some elite quarterbacks out there right now."

The free agent market doesn't have those, unless Prescott lands there. The strength in free agency is on defense, from the line to the secondary.

Indeed, two of the keys to Tampa Bay's championship, linebackers Shaq Barrett and Lavonte David, will be available if the Bucs

don't re-up them before next month.

Bucs coach Bruce Arians expects them back, as well as receiver Chris Godwin and the three additions Tom Brady recruited: Rob Gronkowski, Antonio Brown and Leonard Fournette.

"I'm very, very confident," Arians said. "I have all the trust in the world in (GM) Jason (Licht) and what he would do. These guys, they have a bond. There will be dollars involved. But I think that this group is so, so close that sometimes dollars don't matter. But we're going to do everything we can to get the dollars right, too, because they earned it."

If they reach free agency, look for the likes of defensive linemen/edge rushers Leonard Williams, Trey Hendrickson, Haason Reddick, Matthew Judon, Bud Dupree and Yannick Ngakoue to cash in. Defensive backs John Johnson III, Justin Simmons, Marcus Maye and perhaps veteran Patrick Peterson, whose performance has faded recently, could be popular.

Blockers and pass catchers seem most attractive on offense. In the trenches, two All-Pros might be free: center Corey Linsley and guard Brandon Scherff. So might Joe Thuney, Trent Williams and Taylor Moton.

In the pass-happy NFL, teams always are looking for receivers, and the top wideouts about to hit free agency are Allen Robinson, Kenny Golladay and JuJu Smith-Schuster.

Finally, consider that finances could force some teams to make surprise moves. But bidding wars could be tepid this time around.

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Thursday

ON TAP HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

6 p.m. Bolivar at Smith-Cotton
Northwest at Jamestown
7 p.m. La Monte at Chilhowee

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

5 p.m. Northwest at Jamestown
5:30 p.m. La Monte at Chilhowee
6 p.m. Smith-Cotton at Bolivar
Cole Camp at Smithton
7 p.m. Windsor at Green Ridge

ON AIR AUTO RACING

4:30 p.m. FS1 — NASCAR Camping World Truck Series: Practice, Daytona International Speedway, Daytona Beach, Fla.

6 p.m. FS1 — NASCAR Cup Series: The Duel at Daytona, Daytona International Speedway, Daytona Beach, Fla.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)

4 p.m. ESPN2 — Purdue at Minnesota
5 p.m. PAC-12N — Utah at California
6 p.m. ESPN — Iowa State at Kansas
ESPN2 — Cincinnati at Memphis
ESPN — Colorado at Stanford
7 p.m. PAC-12N — Oregon State at Arizona
8 p.m. ESPN — Oregon at Arizona State
ESPN — Eastern Kentucky at Belmont

9 p.m. CBSN — Nevada (Las Vegas) at Boise State

PAC-12N — Southern California at Washington

10 p.m. FS1 — UCLA at Washington State

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)

3 p.m. BTN — Rutgers at Northwest-ern

5 p.m. ACCN — Virginia Tech at Miami
BTN — Michigan at Purdue

6 p.m. SECN — Missouri at South Carolina

7 p.m. ACCN — Syracuse at Florida State

BTN — Iowa at Nebraska

8 p.m. SECN — Mississippi State at Arkansas

GOLF

2 p.m. GOLF — PGA Tour: The AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, First Round, Pebble Beach Golf Links, Pebble Beach, Calif.

NBA BASKETBALL

6:30 p.m. TNT — Miami at Houston
9 p.m. TNT — Philadelphia at Portland

NBAGL BASKETBALL

2 p.m. ESPN — Westchester Knicks vs. Greensboro Swarm, Orlando, Fla.

SKIING

6 a.m. NBCSN — FIS: World Alpine Skiing Championships, Cortina D'Ampezzo, Italy (taped)

4 p.m. NBCSN — FIS: World Alpine Skiing Championships, Cortina D'Ampezzo, Italy

SOCCER (MEN'S)

9 a.m. FS2 — FIFA Club World Cup: Al Ahly SC vs. Palmeiras, 3rd Place Match, Al Rayyan, Qatar

11:55 a.m. FS1 — FIFA Club World Cup: FC Bayern Munich vs. Tigres UANL, Final, Al Rayyan, Qatar

SPEED SKATING

5:30 p.m. NBCSN — ISU: World Speed Skating Championships, Heerenveen, Netherlands

TENNIS

2 a.m. ESPN2 — ATP/WTA: The Australian Open, Second Round, Melbourne, Australia

6 p.m. TENNIS — ATP/WTA: The Australian Open, Third Round, Melbourne, Australia

8 p.m. ESPN2 — ATP/WTA: The Australian Open, Third Round, Melbourne, Australia

2 a.m. (Friday)

ESPN2 — ATP/WTA: The Australian Open, Third Round, Melbourne, Australia

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HOROSCOPES

By Jacqueline Bigar

A baby born today has a Sun in Aquarius and a Moon in Aquarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Feb. 11, 2021:

Helpful, inventive and appreciative, you improve life for others. This year, you follow your ideals and pursue a project close to your heart -- and succeed tremendously. Allowing others more privacy really pays off. If single, you're very attractive so you draw many, but you decide to stay mostly single this year. If attached, you're very involved in your partner's life. Bliss and passion are yours. SAGITTARIUS is a free spirit.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Friendships and group affiliations get you involved in an array of new interests. Politics and humanitarian values are a prime focus. Those who lack confidence and experience welcome your kind words and courtesy. Tonight: Love and appreciation surround you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★ Established patterns change slowly. Old memories are haunting. Let time be a healer. Patience with elderly people and authority figures is essential. At work much is expected of you. Others rely on your skills. Tonight: You realize that a part of the past must end.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Today is a time to be conscientious and generous. Don't let others think for an instant that you would take them for granted. When it comes to individual beliefs, allow others to search for their own truth. Tonight: Don't turn a conversation into a sermon.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Today allows you to purge old financial debts or dilemmas. Others ask you for financial help and advice. Old conditions and stale goals are waning. This is truly a death and rebirth trend. New realities replace old attitudes and priorities. Tonight: You're aware of interconnections.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Partnerships are growing. Others want commitment from you. Encourage others to communicate. Conversations and emails help you explore the parameters of important relationships. Moderation is the best policy to adopt. Tonight: Make every effort to understand and respect the views of others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★ It's an emotionally charged day. You're expressive and especially sensitive. You can treat an old illness or establish a more wholesome daily routine. Pets are especially important. They provide a new level of comfort and companionship. Tonight: Others are preoccupied and distracted.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Today brings delight in the company of younger people. A child you're close to seems very grown up. Past obligations melt away. It is easier to enjoy the present and to plan for the future. Tonight: Planning for the future.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Comfort factors at home are in your thoughts. You would relish a roomier, improved residence. You could seek a new apartment or schedule home improvements. Tonight: There is a new aura of love and contentment coming into your residence and family life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Today brings clarity and focus. You have self-confidence and marvelous persuasive talent. Enlist support and seek information. Your word skills are in top form. You produce impressive writing and speak eloquently. Tonight: Follow through with future travel opportunities. They are there.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You will enjoy a new perspective on old puzzles and problems. It is easier to view bitter-sweet memories with appreciation and to understand why certain situations occurred. Abundant calls and emails. Tonight: Reach out to an elderly family member who has been lonely.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Today outlines your options and illustrates what is most important. Your mental attitude is more positive. Your confidence and concern inspire others to seek your advice. A group discussion is especially fruitful in providing information and ideas. Tonight: Celebrate yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Today you cherish time alone. Seclusion brings peace. Subtle mystical energies are coming into play. Secrets tend to come out. You may have to cope with an exposed vulnerable feeling. A meticulous approach to details wins you admiration. Tonight: Relax.

BORN TODAY

Inventor Thomas Edison (1847), singer Sheryl Crow (1962), actress Jennifer Aniston (1969)

A look back at the Bucs' impressive run to Super Bowl title



PHOTO BY ASHLEY LANDIS | AP PHOTO

Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes escapes a tackle by Tampa Bay Buccaneers outside linebacker Jason Pierre-Paul during the second half of the NFL Super Bowl 55 football game Sunday, Feb. 7, 2021, in Tampa, Fla.

By Josh Dubow

AP Pro Football Writer

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers' run from the wild card to Super Bowl champions was a remarkable one.

Tom Brady and the Bucs became the first team to beat three former Super Bowl MVP quarterbacks on the way to the title, defeating Drew Brees, Aaron Rodgers and Patrick Mahomes in successive games.

Tampa Bay became the seventh wild-card team to win it all and the first since the 2010 Green Bay Packers. The Bucs were the first team to win four playoff games on the way to the title since AFC North champion Baltimore did it eight years ago.

The Bucs scored at least 30 points in all four wins, becoming the first team to do that in NFL history. There had been 10 previous champs to score at least 30 in every playoff game, with the 1966 Packers the first to do it in the two postseason games they played that season.

There had been nine other teams that did it in all three playoff games, including the Chiefs last season and Brady's New England Patriots in the 2016 season.

The Bucs also reached 30 points in their final three regular-season games, giving them the eighth streak since the merger with at least seven straight 30-point games. The last team to do that was the Broncos, who had a 12-game streak in 2012-13.

NO TOUCHDOWNS

The Bucs did something no college or NFL team had done before by keeping Patrick Mahomes' squad out of the end zone for an entire game.

The Chiefs had scored at least one TD in every game Mahomes played and Texas Tech did the same in his college career.

This marked just the third time in Chiefs history that they failed to score a TD in a playoff game, also losing 17-0 to the Chargers on Jan. 2, 1993, and 41-6 to the Raiders on Dec. 22, 1968.

Kansas City was just the third team to fail to score a TD in a Super Bowl, with the Rams also doing it two years ago in a 13-3 loss to New England and the Dolphins in a 24-3 loss to Dallas in Super Bowl 6.

PLAYOFF LENNY

Leonard Fournette finished off an impressive playoff run by gaining 135 yards from scrimmage and scoring a TD for Tampa Bay.

Fournette had 448 yards from scrimmage and four touchdowns in the postseason, marking the 10th time a player has had at least 400 yards and four TDs. Emmitt Smith is the only player to do it twice, pulling the feat off in back-to-back years in the 1992-93 seasons.

The last player to do it before Fournette was Giants receiver Hakeem Nicks, who had 444 yards and four TDs in the 2011 season.

Fournette also joined Terrell Davis (1997 season) and Larry Fitzgerald (2008) as the only players to score in four playoff games in a single postseason.

BRADY BUNCH

Brady's seventh title and first in Tampa Bay helped a whole new set of his teammates win a Super Bowl ring.

There have now been 261 players who have appeared in a Super Bowl as Brady's teammate. Of the 728 players to play in a Super Bowl win since the 2001 season, 207 of them (28.4%) did it as Brady's teammate.

HALL OF FAME

The NFL also announced a new class of Hall of Famers on Super Bowl weekend led by first-ballot choices Peyton Manning, Charles Woodson and Calvin Johnson.

The election of Woodson and Manning marks the first time that players who finished 1-2 in the Heisman Trophy voting in a given year ended up in the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Woodson beat out Manning in 1997, with fellow Hall of Famer Randy Moss coming in fourth. Ryan Leaf was third. Woodson is the 10th Heisman Trophy winner to get voted into the Hall.

Johnson is the fifth player to make the Hall who started his career after Brady did in 2000, joining Steve Hutchinson, LaDainian Tomlinson, Ed Reed and Troy Polamalu.

California deputy drops suit against Toronto Raptors' boss

By The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — A law enforcement officer in California who sued the president of the Toronto Raptors over a 2019 scuffle following the team's NBA Finals victory over the Golden State Warriors dropped his lawsuit Wednesday.

The Raptors had just won their first title at Oracle Arena in Oakland on June 13, 2019, when Raptors President Masai Ujiri went onto the court to join his celebrating team.

Alameda County sheriff's deputy Alan Strickland claimed in a federal lawsuit filed last February that he stopped Ujiri because he didn't provide the proper credential, leading to a shoving match that was partially captured on video. Strickland alleged Ujiri hit him "in the face and chest with both fists," tried to go around the deputy and repeatedly ignored orders to stop.

The lawsuit claims Strickland suffered "physical, mental, emotional, and economic injuries," including lost wages, lost

opportunity for financial gain and future earning capacity. It also cited past and future medical care and expenses and names his wife as a plaintiff. The lawsuit sought \$75,000 in damages.

Attorneys for Strickland did not immediately respond to emails from The Associated Press seeking comment.

In August, Ujiri's attorneys filed a countersuit saying video footage showed Strickland was "undeniably the initial aggressor" in the confrontation and that the new evidence would vindicate him.

Ujiri on Wednesday also dropped his lawsuit against Strickland, in which he alleged that Strickland used excessive force against him and pointed out that he never would have been treated with such disrespect if he had not been Black, Tamarah Prevost, one of his attorneys, confirmed.

Prevost declined to comment and referred all inquiries to the team.

Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment, which owns the Raptors, said in a state-

ment that Ujiri "has been completely vindicated."

"We are pleased the legal process has come to an end — and especially pleased that the claims made against Masai and MLSE were dismissed entirely, free of any financial settlement," the company said.

"We continue to be deeply troubled by the fact that Masai was put in this position in the first place, and believe he should never have had to defend himself. Masai is taking some time to process the ordeal, and intends to address it publicly at a later date."

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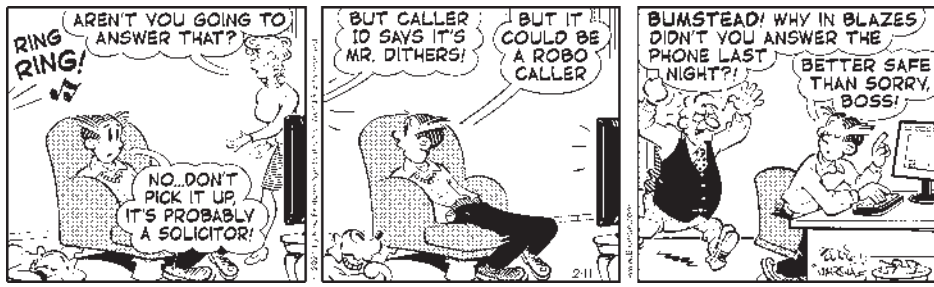


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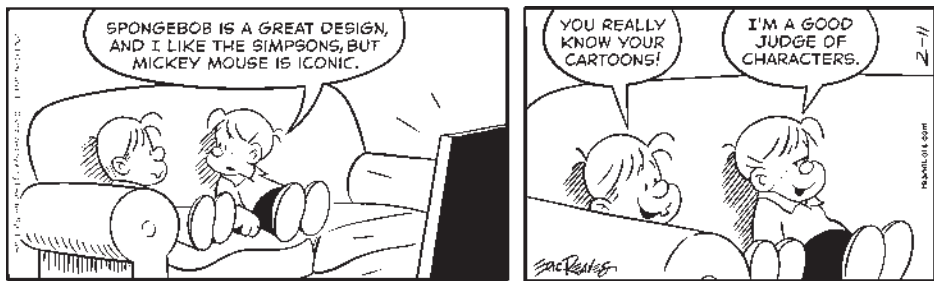
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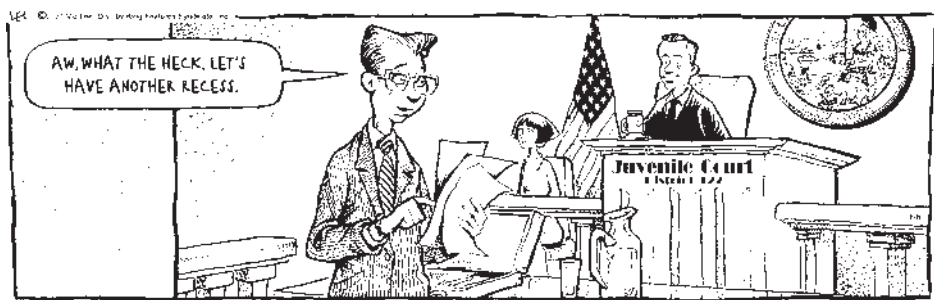
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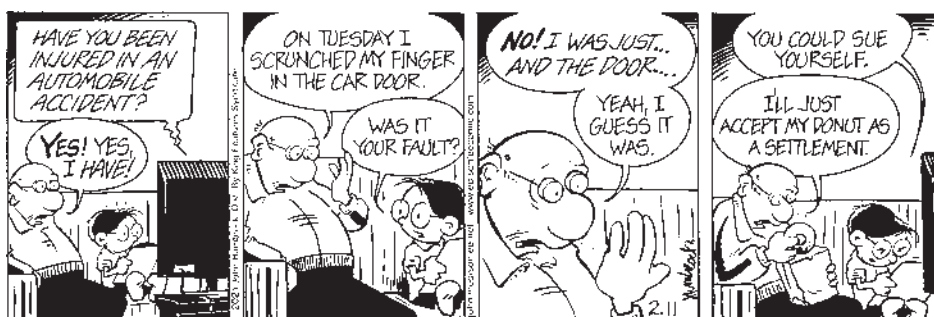
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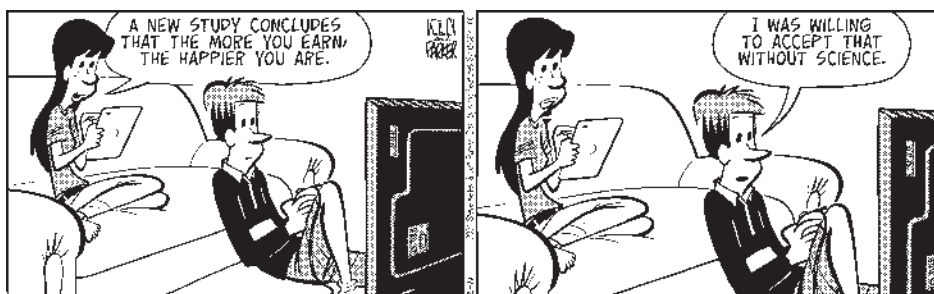
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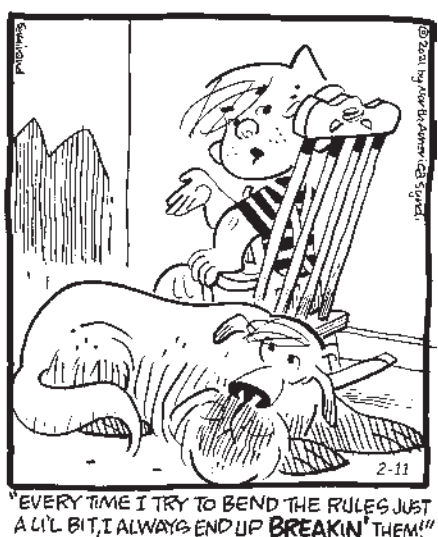
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- 19 Favorites
- 20 Pinochle score
- 21 At any time
- 22 Floor model
- 25 Glided
- 26 Cool cat
- 28 Smallest mammal
- 31 Long stories
- 33 Workers' home
- 34 March time
- 35 Nuisance
- 36 Snaky shape
- 37 "The Matrix" hero
- 38 Salon stuff

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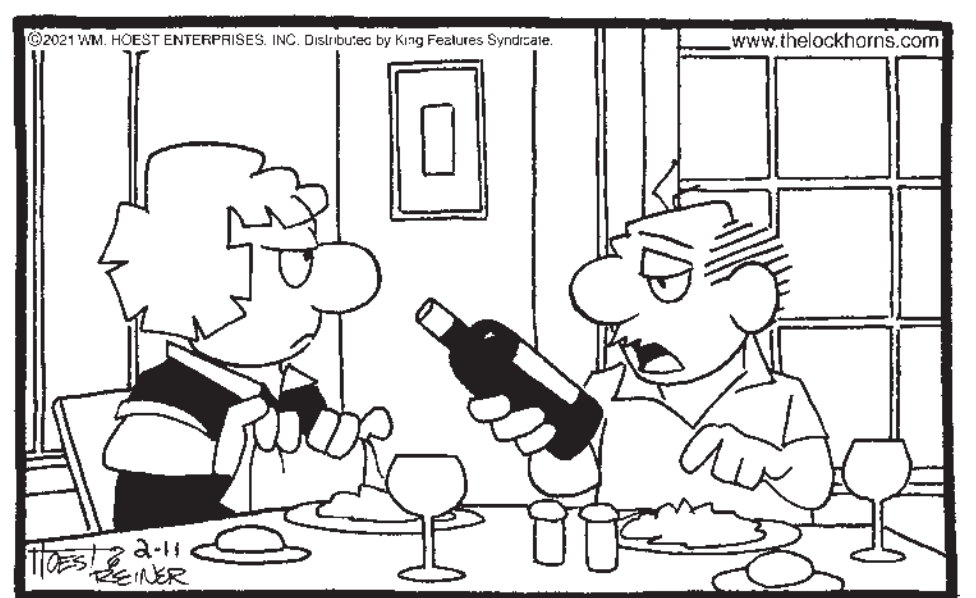
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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

	8			2				
		7		2				
9	2				5		8	
	2	1		6		4		
	3	4		8		1		
6	1			7		2		
		3		1				
	5			4				

Answer to previous puzzle

8	1	7	9	3	2	4	5	6
6	3	2	5	4	1	7	9	8
4	9	5	8	7	6	1	3	2
9	6	4	2	5	7	3	8	1
3	5	8	1	6	9	2	4	7
7	2	1	4	8	3	9	6	5
2	7	6	3	9	5	8	1	4
5	4	3	7	1	8	6	2	9
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Soccer players pressure Instagram to do more to stop racism

By The Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Instagram said it will disable accounts that repeatedly send racist messages after soccer players in England expressed anger about being targeted with abuse.

The British government has also put pressure on social media companies, including Instagram owner Facebook, to do more to remove racists from their platforms.

Facebook pledged to disable accounts that send direct messages with abuse but declined to say why it had decided to act now, when players had been asking for tougher action

for years. Players in England boycotted social media for 24 hours in 2019.

"We have always been committed to tackling hate and racism on our platform, it's an issue we take very seriously," Facebook content policy manager Fadzai Madzingira said in a statement.

Players including Chelsea defender Reece James and sister Lauren James of Manchester United have criticized Instagram.

"Instagram doesn't even have a clear 'Racism' option in their reporting system," Lauren James said after highlighting the abuse she received last week.

Culture Secretary Oliver

Dowden said tougher action must be taken.

"For too long the world's most popular and powerful social media companies have failed to tackle the stream of horrific racist attacks on their platforms," Dowden said. "I welcome Instagram's improved policies but racist abuse is still a fact of life for too many people and more has to be done across the board to stamp it out.

"We're introducing a new age of accountability for these companies through our upcoming Online Safety Bill and this could see huge fines for firms which fail to clearly and transparently protect their users."

Reed

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He joined the USWA afterward, resparking a rivalry with Junkyard Dog, and defeated him for the USWA United World Heavyweight Championship in 1988. Reed held the title for a week before losing to Todd Champion and soon left USWA.

He attempted a comeback in 1994 with the Global Wrestling Federation (GWF), earning a North American Heavyweight title. He lost it to Chris Adams less than a month later. The GWF folded that September.

Reed turned to the United States independent circuit for appearances on a part-time basis until 2013.

His last match occurred on May 18, 2013, tag-teaming with Bob Orton Jr. against Flash Flanagan and Ron Powers at a Southern Illinois Championship Wrestling event in East Carondelet, Illinois. Reed and Orton lost.

The WWE paid tribute to the late Reed with a graphic stating "In Memory of The Natural 'Butch Reed'" during Smackdown on Friday, Feb. 5.

Opponents from the ring and professional wrestlers he influenced honored Reed in the form of

social media posts.

"So sorry to hear about the passing of my friend, Butch Reed," Ric Flair tweeted. "We spent 'hours' in the ring together. Rest in Peace."

"Sad to hear the passing of Butch Reed," Tommy Dreamer tweeted. "Such a great in-ring performer. Amazing heel and babyface. Seen him work so many times."

"My first night in the wrestling business (almost 30 years ago) was spent with Butch Reed," John Bradshaw Layfield tweeted. "I asked him about the story about him riding a horse into a bar, it's true—that a good time. RIP Butch Reed."

"Anyone who knows me knows how much I love DOOM," Montel Vontavious Porter commented on Instagram. "Butch Reed was a favorite of mine growing up... Every time I saw him he always had a kind word for me. He was inspiring to me. He made a huge impact on our industry. Thank you for everything, Butch. Rest in Power."

A visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, 2021, at Sweeney-Phillips and Holdren Funeral Home in Warrensburg. Services will occur on Saturday, Feb. 20, 2021, at the Warrensburg First Baptist Church. The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until service time.

Joe Andrews can be reached at 660-747-8123

NASCAR

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Preece said he wasn't nervous before attempting his lap, but did panic when the qualifying session was delayed for a power issue and Preece noticed he was wearing the wrong firesuit. Preece said he ran half-a-mile before his qualifying lap to change his firesuit.

Derrike Cope, the 1990 Daytona 500 winner and oldest driver in the field at 62, could not get his car started and did not make a qualifying lap. His car is locked into the race, though, because it has a charter.

The No. 62 failed pre-qualifying inspection three times, did not get to attempt a qualifying lap, and lost a crew member.

Noah Gragson also did not make a qualifying lap because his car failed pre-race inspection. Beard Motorsports has to forfeit a team member as penalty but Gragson can race Thursday night and attempt to qualify for his first Daytona 500.



Driver Alex Bowman (48) kicks up sparks as he runs during a NASCAR Daytona 500 qualifying session Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2021, at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla. Bowman took the pole position for Sunday running of the race.

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Buccaneers

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After Tampa Bay's 31-9 win over the Kansas City Chiefs in Sunday's title game, throngs of people gathered in the city's entertainment districts. Many were seen maskless despite the orders requiring them.

Brian Ford, chief operating officer of the Buccaneers, said in video announcement that fans should heed the rules as they celebrate the team's victory.

"It's essential we do it the right way," Ford said. "We want to do our part to ensure it's done in a safe and responsible manner."

Also Wednesday, Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis lashed out at the news

media when he suggested there is bias in coverage of the pandemic, particularly the Super Bowl in Tampa.

"You don't care as much when it's a peaceful protest," he said at an appearance in the city of Venice, south of Tampa. "You don't care as much if you're celebrating a Biden election. You only care about if it's people you don't like."

DeSantis attended the Super Bowl and was photographed at times not wearing a mask despite a requirement to do so.

Associated Press writer Curt Anderson in St. Petersburg contributed to this story.

Anthem

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"Our hope is that going forward people will take the same passion they have for this issue and apply the same amount of energy to listen to those who feel differently from them," he said. "Then we can move forward and have courageous conversations that move this country forward and find what unites us."

The Mavericks played their first 10 regular-season games without fans before allowing 1,500 vaccinated essential workers to attend Monday's game against Minnesota for free.

Cuban at that point declined to elaborate on his decision to not play the anthem, other than to say nobody noticed until after 11 regular-season home games.

The move wasn't without support among NBA coaches.

"This should happen everywhere," New Orleans coach Stan Van Gundy tweeted Wednesday. "If you think the anthem needs to be played before sporting events, then play it before every movie, concert, church service and the start of every work day at every business. What good reason is there to play the anthem before a game?"

The question Van Gundy raises has been debated for some time.

The NBA rule book does not specifically say that the anthem — or anthems, in games involving the Toronto Raptors, the lone Canadian team in the league — must be played before games. The only rule regarding the songs states this: "Players, coaches and trainers must stand and line up in a dignified posture along the foul lines during the playing of the American and/or Canadian national anthems."

That rule was relaxed last year in the

NBA's restart bubble at Walt Disney World, when the league took no objection to players kneeling for the anthem to show their desire for an end to racial injustice and police brutality.

Players were criticized for kneeling; some of those who stood, such as Miami's Meyers Leonard and Orlando's Jonathan Isaac, also faced backlash on social media for choosing to stand. San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich, a graduate of the Air Force Academy and coach of the U.S. men's national team, also stood for anthems in the bubble.

It's not uncommon for some players to simply not be on the floor for the anthem, exiting for the locker room shortly before the end of the warm-up period for various reasons such as bathroom breaks before returning when starting lineups are introduced.

Though intended to be a solemn hymn, it's almost never treated as such — fans in many arenas routinely shout over the final lines, break into applause before the song is complete and often insert their own touches into the song such as NHL fans in St. Louis chanting "Blues" over the anthem's actual last word, "brave."

Psaki said she had not spoken to President Joe Biden about the issue.

"I know he's incredibly proud to be an American and has great respect for the anthem and all that it represents," Psaki said. "He'd also say, of course, that part of pride in our country means recognizing where we as a country haven't lived up to our highest ideals."

Backlash to ending the anthem was swift in the Texas Capitol, where Republican Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick urged Cuban to "let the franchise & some Texas Patriots will buy it." Other GOP lawmakers suggested the tax breaks the American Airlines Center receives should come under new scrutiny.

AP Basketball Writer Tim Reynolds contributed.

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