

REVIEW



The cast reacts to the “murder” of Charles Haversham, played by Bryan Banville, in “The Play That Goes Wrong.” Photo by JT MacMillan.

‘The Play That Goes Wrong’ does everything right!

A masterclass in craft, laughs, and disaster at Lamb’s Players Theatre

BY TONY LE CALVEZ
The Coronado News

It takes a lot of work and practice to make everything go wrong just right. And that’s exactly what’s happening at Lamb’s Players Theatre with the production of “The Play That Goes Wrong” by Henry Lewis, Henry Shields, and Jonathan Sayer. This meta-comedy follows a fictional theater group attempting to perform a crime mystery—“The Murder at Haversham Manor”—as everything from actors, props and the set go off-script.

It’s difficult to describe the storyline because it is intentionally not the focus of the show, and by the end, the chaos is purposefully distracting you from the plot for the sake of practical gags. The play begins with an introduction from the fictional stage manager who apologizes for the company’s previous failures, blaming their creative decisions (such as performing “Cat” instead of “Cats”) on unforeseen budget cuts. The lights then shine on an elaborately large set reminis-

cent of “Gosford Park,” with the body of the deceased, Charles Haversham, lying on a lavish chaise longue.

Within moments, the mantelpiece collapses, members of the cast are carelessly stepping on the fingers of Haversham, and a prop bottle of whiskey is mistakenly replaced with a toxic chemical, causing the actors to violently spit out the liquid in disgust. As the play continues, the set is utterly destroyed, the actors are violently harmed and replaced by overzealous crew members, and the sound operator replaces the soundtrack with Duran Duran. Between the fire effects, smoke machines, collapsing floors, and gratuitous violence, this reporter finished the play having no idea who committed the murder, who actually died, nor any one’s reasons for doing so — which was precisely the point.

Credit for this success is due to Jordan Miller, the real-life assistant director and stunt choreographer who brought this tightly executed show to life. In our

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NASCAR’s longest street race will take place on Naval Air Station North Island

The 3.4 mile course is expected to start construction in the next couple weeks, finishing the day before the races kick off

BY MADELINE YANG
The Coronado News

A total of 1,300 flat-bed truckloads will be en route to Coronado just a few weeks before race cars take off across the starting line at NASCAR’s Father’s Day weekend race.

At the end of the month, everything needed to build an entire race track will be on these trucks and making their way through the gates of Naval Air Station North Island.

The course is set to be completed just one day before an estimated 130,000 people show up for the U.S. Navy’s 250th birthday weekend celebration with the racing company.

The street course is the longest in NASCAR history, running a total length of 3.4 miles, according to Jeremy Casperson, the senior director of design and development at NASCAR. The course has been dubbed the Qualcomm Circuit.

Casperson, a civil engineer, specializes in airport runways and highways.

“I like to tell people that racetracks are just runways that connect. That’s really all,” he joked while visiting the future NASCAR site. “But it has to be super flat and it has to be free of any defects.”

He said he and a team of five designed the track longer because they wanted to “get the best of everything on the Navy base.

“The whole reason why we came out here is for the Navy,” Casperson added, pointing out features on the base he wanted to include in the route. “You get an aircraft carrier, then you go by the old city skyline, then you’ve got the bay.

“So then we go through all the squadrons and we didn’t want to miss that, so it just ended up fitting

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Pictured here is one of the roads that will be part of the street course on the Navy base. Staff photo by Madeline Yang.

Increased wastewater rates will go into effect this July

BY MADELINE YANG
The Coronado News

Coronado residents will see increased sewer rates starting July 1 as the city formally approved wastewater rate adjustments for sanitary sewer services on May 5.

There are 18 customer classes that pay for the wastewater system, according to the city. That includes single- and multi-family homes, hotels, schools, Navy bases, and restaurants.

Single-family homeowners in Coronado will see their sewage rates skyrocket by almost 60% over the next six years, local restaurants will face fee increases of 35% and some customers, like commercial buildings, will have an increase of almost 135%.

Currently, single-family units pay just under \$49 a month for wastewater services. By 2031, they will pay just under \$77. Commercial businesses pay around \$59 and will end

up paying around \$138 by 2031. Naval Air Station North Island pays \$3,500 at the moment and will pay just over \$7,000 by 2031.

City Manager Tina Friend said that wastewater fees are collected from residents and businesses solely to cover costs of the operations.

City staff and a professional rate consultant, Raftelis, conducted a fee study over the last 18 months to figure out appropriate rate increases.

Although the jump seems high, city

staff explained that it was because Coronado hadn’t reevaluated its rates since 2014.

“This financial plan ... is not an excessive one,” said John Wright, Raftelis’ financial advisor. “It’s basically designed to try to equalize our ending cash reserves at the end of our planning horizon with our target reserves.”

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The 39th annual Navy Bay Bridge Run/Walk is taking place on May 17 at 8 a.m. The course takes you through downtown San Diego, over the Coronado Bridge, and down to Tidelands Park. Tickets can be purchased at navybaybridgerun.com.

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SOMETHING TO DO

Coronado Philharmonia Orchestra to perform 'Honoring America' concert

Coronado News staff

The Coronado Philharmonia Orchestra is hosting an evening of music and patriotism with its upcoming concert, "Honoring America," on May 23 at 7 p.m.

A pre-concert talk begins at 6:30 p.m., offering guests deeper insight into the program.

Under the direction of Maestro Osvaldo Mendoza, the orchestra will perform patriotic works to celebrate the United States in anticipation of the nation's 250th anniversary.

anniversary.

Songs will include "The Star Spangled Banner," "Quiet City" by Aaron Copland, "Trumpet Concerto" by William Perry and "An American in Paris" by George Gershwin." Coronado local Ken Fitzgerald will be a guest soloist on the trumpet.

The performance will take place at the Coronado Performing Arts Center, located at 650 D Ave. in Coronado.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit coronadophilharmonia.org.



Osvaldo Mendoza, pictured here, is the conductor of the Coronado Philharmonia Orchestra. Photo by Joel Ortiz.

Meet Ambrose, the pet of the week. He's at PAWS of Coronado and is looking for his forever home. See all adoptable animals: Scan the QR code with your smartphone camera, and tap on the link. *Graphic/photo provided by PAWS of Coronado.*

PET OF THE WEEK

Meet Ambrose

PAWS of Coronado

Ambrose is available for adoption at PAWS of Coronado.

Staff members at the non-profit, which provides adoption and rehabilitation services to animals, said that Ambrose is a loving dog that needs a home where he is the only pet.

Those interested in adoption can visit www.pawsofcoronado.org. Fostering, donating and volunteering are other ways to support the organization.

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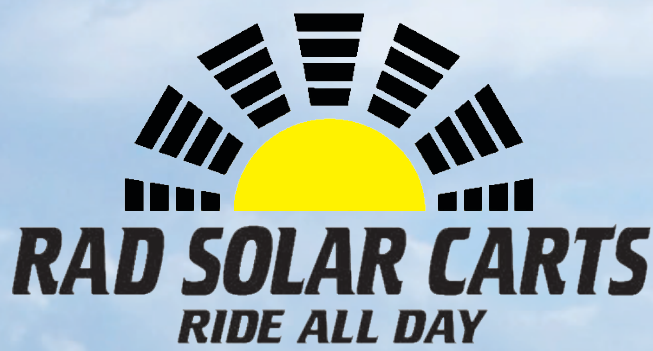
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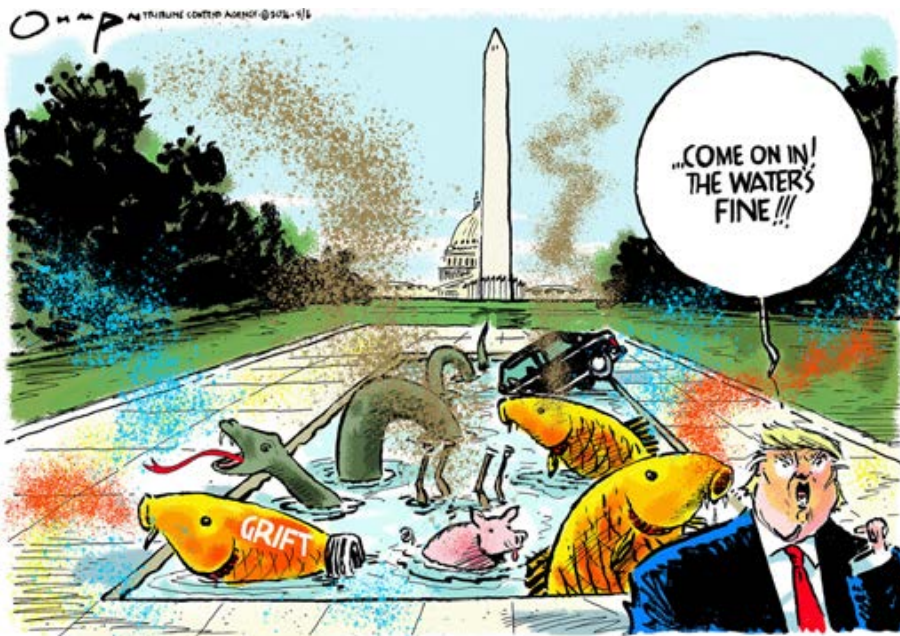
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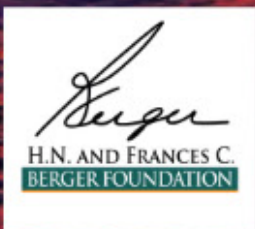
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MOUTHFUL!

Not just yacht views, Bluewater Boathouse can cook

Welcome back to Mouthful! with Michelle, a review column exploring the eateries shaping Coronado's food scene

BY MICHELLE ARMAS
The Coronado News

There's something about eating seafood on the water: the sleek or sometimes crashing ocean, the chef chucking oysters in the back — thick, calcified shells cut open by bright, slick knives. Plops, cracks, sizzles and snaps.

Bluewater Boathouse Seafood Grill runs as a cross between a fine-dining charthouse and a casual dockside grill — where the clam chowder is served in bread bowls and the oysters are received from the sea you sit on.

The boathouse that hosts the restaurant appears to be an extension of Hotel del Coronado, but it actually predates the hotel and served as an architectural prototype for the Victorian-style resort. Located on Glorietta Bay, it offers panoramic views of a sleek bay, with undulating sailboats and small luxury yachts suspended on glittering, Pacific waters.

Granted, these charthouse types can be hit or miss. I find that, because of the swooning views, this format of restaurant gives diners rose-colored glasses for the food.

But when our server came up to our table with not only the gift of gab, eccentric and warm, but also a warm, crusty sourdough bread and butter, I put my previous prejudices aside.

Rather than a snooty upsell, he gave us his personal favorites and even an honest critique to some of the dishes. Familiar with the South, where gumbo is perfected, he said he wasn't a fan of this one. The lobster rolls were a bit too skimpy for his liking. And based on his honesty, I thought he was definitely a fellow foodie like me.

He suggested the Ponzu Sashimi Sea Scallop and the fish and chips, but with panko crust for a lighter crunch. I ordered both.

The scallops, which they called "Sea Bon Bons," were plated in a circle on a fresh bed of ice: six of them in a pink shell, with wasabi aioli, orange tobiko (salmon roe), wakame (seaweed) salad and pickled ginger, all together making



Ponzu sashimi sea scallops are served at Bluewater Boathouse Seafood Grill on May 6. Photo by Michelle Armas.



New England clam chowder and panko-crusted fish and chips are served May 6.

our server said they had to remake the fish and chips.

The chowder, apparently an award-winning one, was lush and full-bodied, silky and filled with bits and bobs of clams. I liked that I did not have to go fishing for them. (No pun intended.) Comfort spices like thyme and pepper stood out.

The fish and chips with the panko crust is something I'd do again, as it complimented the delicate layers of the white fish that melted in my mouth. White fish can be fickle — easily go rubbery or dry, so I was impressed by the tender softness, as if pressed on the grill quickly. Dipped in the tartar sauce, where the capers were visible, it added a sharp brine that all dolloped onto the crust. The fish sat atop crispy golden fries and beside a cabbage coleslaw — crisp and soaked in a peppery-sweet mayo. All together, it was easy eating.

Bluewater Boathouse Seafood Grill in Coronado is open daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. The restaurant is located at 1701 Strand Way.

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the plate colorful with shades of greens, oranges, and pinks.

While the ingredients seemed like a mouthful, the scallops were petite and delicate — truly candy-like. Our server described the dish as having "umami from the ponzu citrus, a creamy hit with the aioli, a spark of spice from the ginger and freshness from the seaweed."

And most of those rang true. The scallops were sweet, soaking in a citrus ponzu and textured by ocean-flavored seaweed, a creamy

aioli and a small teaspoon of fish eggs for a pop of flavor. I couldn't taste strong umami and the ginger felt a bit unusual as part of the dish, since I'm used to it as a palate cleanser, but it added a spice that gave everything a lift. After removing the scallop from the shell with the tiny three pronged fork, I slurped everything up.

Next came the panko-crusted fish and chips. Well, technically, a complimentary New England clam chowder came out first because

Coronado takes no position on new Assembly bill

BY MADELINE YANG
The Coronado News

Coronado voted to take no position on a California Assembly bill that would allow greater use of sales tax money to finance public transit systems in the state.

The city originally voted to oppose Assembly Bill 2484 (AB 2484), but Council member Carrie Anne Downey asked for this matter to be reconsidered at the May 5 meeting.

Downey initially voted with a majority to oppose the bill even though she favors it, because under parliamentary procedure that would allow her to bring it for a re-vote when all council members would be present. Council member Amy Steward was not at the original meeting where this was discussed.

The bill would allow the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) more flexibility in how it raises money for public transit through sales taxes.



Council member Carrie Anne Downey called for a re-vote for AB 2484, ultimately passing a motion to take no position on the bill. Photo taken from Coronado TV.

It also allows a bypass to get around the state's 2% local sales tax cap.

Downey currently sits as one of the members of the MTS board of directors.

Mayor John Duncan and Council member Mark Fleming both voted no, but a motion to take no position passed on a 3-2 vote.

Downey explained that the transit agency is facing a fiscal cliff and it

is predicted that funding will be cut by almost \$500 million by the Trump administration. The agency also said that there is a projected budget shortage of over \$100 million in the next few years.

The council member said that supporting AB 2484 just enables MTS to put a tax measure on the ballot. Without this bill, MTS would not be able to ask voters for this specific type of tax.

Downey had originally moved to support the bill on May 5, but the motion didn't pass with Duncan, Fleming and Council member Purvis against the decision. So a second motion was made to take no position.

"If voters don't approve it, then they're going to have to accept raising rates and cutting routes," Downey said. "There's no other option at that point."

"This is an agency that we belong to, we need them to continue," Downey said. "I understand some people don't like the idea of possibly raising taxes

— I agree. Nobody wants to raise taxes unnecessarily, but we need this organization to survive."

Council member Mark Fleming responded satirically and said that he was "super excited about the opportunity to perhaps get behind increasing taxes in Southern California, we pay such low taxes in the area."

Fleming acknowledged that MTS is on a fiscal cliff, but said that he thought increasing taxes was unsustainable.

Duncan said that he could "guarantee" that if a proposition was put on the ballot in Coronado to increase taxes for MTS, "it would fail."

He said that the agency could be run better, and he thinks the transit system can learn to operate within its budget and its revenue.

"If (MTS has) to make changes, so be it," Duncan said.

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Calling all local artists — enter the 2026 4th of July t-shirt art contest

Coronado's annual 4th of July celebration is right around the corner, and to celebrate the city's sense of community, The Coronado News is hosting an Independence Day t-shirt art contest.

Residents of all ages are invited to submit their original artwork for the chance to have it featured on a t-shirt that will be distributed on the 4th of July.

The only requirement? It must capture the essence of Independence Day in Coronado — whether that's the parade celebration, firework display, or array of other patriotic activities on the island.

The submission deadline is 12 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27. Along with a free t-shirt and having their artwork featured on shirts distributed on the 4th, the winner's piece will be published online and in The Coronado News' print edition.

Contest guidelines

Deadline: Artwork needs to be submitted to newsroom@thecoronadonews.com by 12 p.m. on May 27.

Guidelines: Artwork will be judged based on its ability to capture the essence of the 4th of July in Coronado, whether that's the parade, leap frog event, concerts, fireworks, etc. All ages are welcome to enter the contest.

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Coronado Unified to adopt new priorities for admission of nonresident applicants

The board expects to vote on changes at its May 21 meeting

BY JULIETA SOTO
The Coronado News

Children of Coronado Unified employees, high school students and children of active-duty military members, in that order, may be given priority among students applying to attend school in Coronado while living outside the district boundaries.

Coronado Unified School District trustees will vote on proposed revisions to its policy on interdistrict attendance at their meeting on May 21.

Board policy 5117 and the accompanying regulation are being amended as the district plans for a new funding model shifting away from the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF).

Beginning in the 2027-28 school year, CUSD expects to become a basic aid school district relying on local property taxes, during which funding will not depend on enrollment and student attendance.

“Once we’re in basic aid, all revenue we receive is directly connected to property tax and that revenue stream does not follow that child through our system,” said Superintendent Karl Mueller last month.

In an annual state-of-the-district presentation earlier this year, Mueller highlighted the move toward lower class sizes under the new funding system, as well as changes to CUSD’s interdistrict transfer philosophy.

The governing board discussed changes to guidelines for non-Coronado students attending the city’s public schools on March 3.

“Our objective is to grandfather in all students, second graders through graduation, as long as they are in compliance with the interdistrict transfer contract, and that outlines expectations for attendance, behavior, and academics,” said Mueller. “So if they’re in good standing and they reapply... while we may not be accepting new interdistrict transfers, we will honor those who have been within our district as they progress through our system.”

Mueller said all interdistrict transfers must reapply at specific grade



Coronado Unified looks to maintain a 1,000-student enrollment at Coronado High School when it is funded by local property taxes in 2027. File photo.

levels, such as 5th- to 6th-grade and 8th- to 9th-grade.

The regulation maintains that priority for interdistrict attendance shall be given to students who are victims of bullying, as determined by either district.

After revisions the regulation reads: “The superintendent or designee shall be responsible for annually determining the appropriate class size in each grade served by the district. To ensure adequate space and resources are available for students who reside within the district and begin attending school after the commencement of the school year, the superintendent or designee may deny requests for interdistrict attendance permits before the maximum class size has been reached.”

Mueller noted that acceptance is based on available space within the schools as the district looks to sustain current enrollment at the high school, preserve transitional kindergarten, and shrink down enrollment and class sizes in transitional kindergarten through 8th grade.

Trustee Malachy Sandie expressed support for CUSD’s transitional kindergarten.

“Transitional kindergarten, I don’t think it’s a requirement, ... It does, in my opinion, feed into preparing our children for higher education careers in society,” said Sandie.

The next regular board meeting is set for 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 21 at the district office.

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Review: ‘The Play That Goes Wrong’ does everything right!

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preview interview, Miller described the show as “a beast of a play,” saying, “It is a very specific, very detailed, well-oiled machine. You do exactly what the script says because they figured it all out.” If this play were a machine, it would have to be a Rube Goldberg invention featuring a broken prop that leads to the utter collapse of the entire set.

The play is executed by brilliant cast members who are not only able to stay in character as British aristocrats in the midst of an unexplained murder, but also as actors struggling to stay in character as the production falls apart around them. Bryan Banville steals the show in the first act despite playing a cadaver with no speaking lines. His physical comedy and silly slapstick distracts even the cast while he pretends to be dead, as he shuffles across the floor when his cast members fail to exhume his corpse. Spencer Gerber also delivers a stand out performance as “Max,” an ego-fueled actor who gets carried away trying to invoke laughter from the audience.

This show is not for fans of murder-mysteries, but for theater lov-

ers writ large. Every element of the production, from acting to technical, is used to create comedy, whether it’s a broken prop, a faulty light, a missed music cue or even a planted audience member yelling at the actors. For anyone who grew up with or actively participates in theater, it rewards your knowledge of the medium to create comedy out of every technical element available. Blurring the lines between fiction and reality, there were many moments where it seemed like the audience was waiting for the house lights to turn on and an overhead announcement that the actors were in danger and we had to evacuate.

This show’s only weakness is its own excellence at delivering comedy. At moments, the audience was laughing so hard and continuously, the cast had to wait to proceed, or were even interrupted by the misplaced laughter of an audience member. And by the conclusion, the gags are delivered at such a frenetic pace that laughing fatigue sets in, and it feels difficult to catch one’s breath. But ultimately, if the show’s biggest issue is that everyone is laughing too hard and having fun, they’re doing something right.

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68th Memorial Day service at Star Park returns

BY MADELINE YANG
The Coronado News

Coronado's 68th annual Memorial Day ceremony returns to Star Park on May 25 at 10 a.m. This long-standing tradition, sponsored by the City of Coronado and the Coronado Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 2422, is one of the city's primary days of remembrance for those who have sacrificed their lives for the United States.

The event will include a presentation of colors by the Coronado High School Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps color guard, along with tributes by family members of those who have died in service. The event has been a cornerstone of the community since 1958.

Maj. Gen. Thomas B. Savage from the United States Marine Corps will be this year's guest speaker.

Following the ceremony, the public is invited to VFW Post 2422, at 557 Orange Ave., for a light community lunch to continue the day of reflection.



Pictured here is the memorial platform for a past Memorial Day ceremony.

Staff photo by Madeline Yang.

NASCAR's longest street race will take place on Naval Air Station North Island

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in this circuit.”

Street race challenges

Because it's a street race, Casperson designed the track around roads that already exist on base.

He explained that street races are unique because of the pre-existing road conditions. There are four different types of pavement on base that the cars will face: old and new concrete, and old and new asphalt.

All of this impacts the tire and how much it eats away at the rubber, affecting the race. He also explained that old concrete will have lost its top layer, making it more slippery.

But even with these challenges, Casperson said they have measures put in place to keep the drivers safe.

The engineer said there will be a 10,000-lb. block on the outskirts of the track at the base, with an 11.5-foot-tall fence on top of it to prevent cars from hitting any buildings or vessels in the event of an accident.

“(The fences) are linked together,” Casperson explained. “When they're linked together, if you hit one of the blocks, it'll pull 10,000 pounds ... the weight of the wall keeps it from moving back.”

The construction of the course is supposed to take around four weeks, which is typically much longer than it takes to complete other street

courses.

This is Casperson's sixth season of designing tracks. He said that in Chicago, construction of a 2.3-mile course took only 18 days.

Base challenges

However, Casperson said, on a military installation the job will take a lot more time to get all the equipment and materials in due to security.

The build will take place in coordinated phases designed to minimize disruption on the base, said Matt Humphrey, NASCAR's senior director of track communications.

The racetrack walls are going to come in five at a time on each truck, so the entrance to the base poses the

biggest hurdle and hold-up because every single one has to be inspected.

Casperson said that in Chicago, he brought hundreds of trucks per day to build the track. “I would never try to send 200 truckloads through that gate (at North Island),” he added. “I'd blow their mind trying to handle that.”

Instead, he is going to try for 25 trucks daily coming onto base.

“Security is a big part of this,” Casperson said. “Logistics in that, and the coordination between city, state and federal law enforcement was incredible.”

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SPORTS

Padres' Luis Campusano goes on injured list with broken toe

Associated Press

Padres catcher Luis Campusano was placed on the 10-day injured list with a broken left toe, and 28-year-old Rodolfo Durán has been called up to make his major league debut on May 7.

San Diego also transferred right-hander Joe Musgrove to the 60-day injured list as his return from Tommy John surgery continues to go slower than hoped.

Campusano fouled a ball off his foot on May 5. The veteran backup catcher had been off to an impressive start this season, batting .288 with a .958 OPS in his tandem with Freddy Fermin.

"Just got a little fracture in his big toe," Padres manager Craig Stammen said. "It's one of those things that he could potentially play through, depending on pain tolerance and all that. ... I think it'll be good to be able to get past it in the IL stint instead of trying to play through something."



San Diego Padres' Luis Campusano runs towards first base after hitting an RBI single during the sixth inning of a baseball game against the Chicago Cubs Tuesday, April 28, 2026, in San Diego. AP Photo/Gregory Bull.

The injury allows Durán to reach the majors for the first time after a minor league career that began in

2015. The Dominican catcher started out in the Phillies organization and spent time in the minors with the

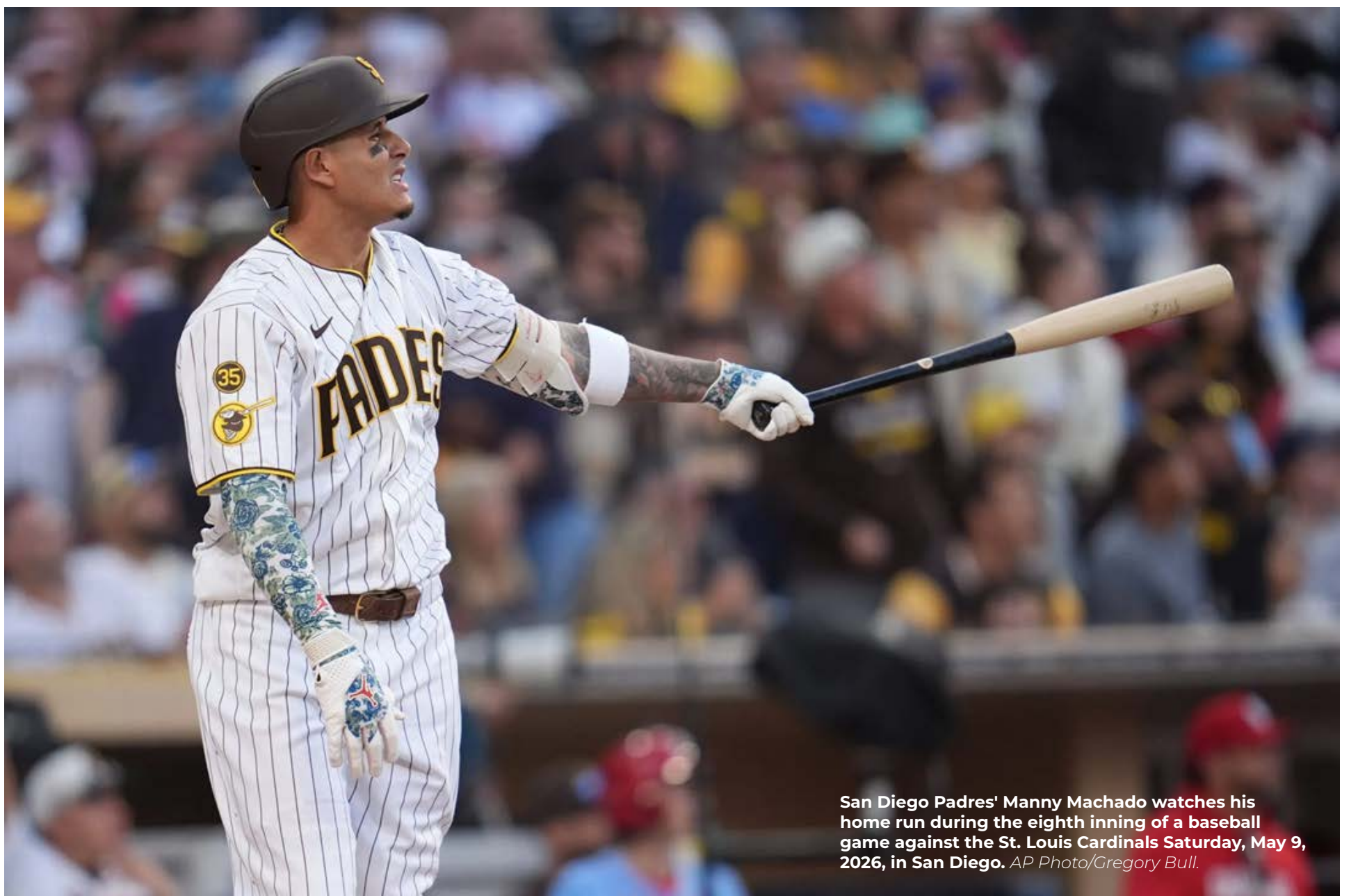
Yankees and Royals before signing with the Padres in January 2025.

Durán is batting .238 with a .785 OPS in 23 games for Triple-A El Paso this season. He was in the Padres' lineup batting ninth and catching right-hander Michael King for San Diego's homestand opener against St. Louis.

"This is a pretty cool call-up for him and all of us," Stammen said of Durán. "We really loved what we saw from him in spring training this year and what he did last year in Triple-A. I expected him to be a great catcher. He's got a great arm, but his bat has come alive the last two years. We definitely see him as a big league catcher."

Musgrove hasn't pitched since the NL playoffs in October 2024. He made only one appearance in spring training, and he still hasn't started throwing again.

"He's just focused on getting healthy, doing whatever he needs to do on a daily basis," Stammen said.



San Diego Padres' Manny Machado watches his home run during the eighth inning of a baseball game against the St. Louis Cardinals Saturday, May 9, 2026, in San Diego. AP Photo/Gregory Bull.

Manny Machado hits his 200th homer in a Padres uniform as San Diego beats St. Louis 4-2

Associated Press

Manny Machado hit his 375th career homer and 200th in a Padres uniform, Ty France also went deep and San Diego beat the St. Louis Cardinals 4-2 on May 9.

Fernando Tatis Jr. had a tiebreaking two-run single in the fifth inning to back Randy Vásquez (4-1), who gave up one run and six hits while striking out six in five in-

nings.

Mason Miller got the final out of the eighth but the Padres' closer ran into some uncharacteristic trouble in the ninth, walking two batters before Yahel Pozo reached when he struck out on a slider in the dirt.

Miller escaped the jam by setting down JJ Wetherholt looking on a 101 mph fastball for his fourth strikeout of the inning.

The dominant right-hander has been scored on in just one of his 18 outings this season and has a major league-leading 12 saves in as many opportunities.

Machado homered in the eighth off reliever Matt Svanson to make it 4-2. He also hit 162 homers for Baltimore and 13 in half a season with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Nathan Church gave the Cardinals a 1-0 lead in the fourth with an

RBI double.

The Padres tied it in the fifth when France homered to center off Dustin May (3-4). Later in the frame, Tatis blooped a single to right to make it 3-1. May surrendered three runs on three hits and struck out seven in six innings.

In the eighth, Iván Herrera doubled down the left-field line off San Diego reliever Adrian Morejon to score Wetherholt from first.

Padres pitching prospect pleads guilty to transporting noncitizen immigrants

Associated Press

San Diego Padres pitching prospect Humberto Cruz pleaded guilty to a charge of receiving money to transport noncitizen immigrants within the United States.

The San Diego Tribune reported on May 8 that Cruz, who is not a

U.S. citizen, acknowledged in a plea agreement that he almost certainly would be deported. The Padres told the paper that the 19-year-old also would likely lose his work visa for 10 years, but can reapply after five years if he demonstrates good behavior.

Cruz underwent Tommy John

surgery last August and had been rehabbing at the team's spring training facility in Arizona in late October at the time of his arrest near a border town.

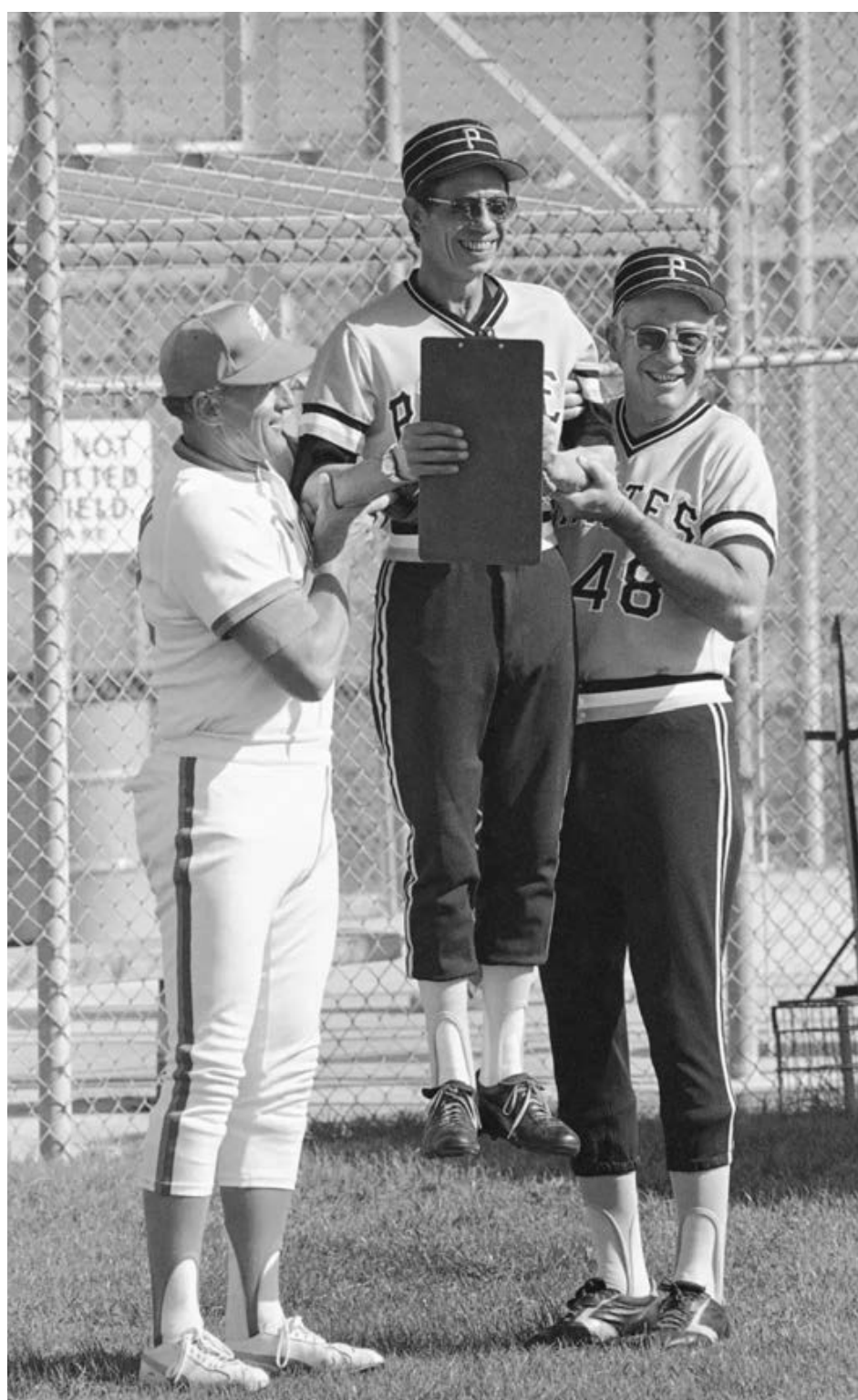
Cruz pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge in November in exchange for prosecutors dismissing a felony charge, according to

the paper. He was sentenced to 30 days in prison with credit for time served.

The Padres placed Cruz on the restricted list in March and declined further comment.

The Padres signed Cruz out of Monterrey, Mexico, for \$750,000 in February 2024.

SPORTS



Pittsburgh Pirates pitching coach Harvey Haddix, center, gets a lift from former teammates Vernon Law, left, now pitching coach for the Seibu Lions, from Japan, and Pirates coach Bob Skinner, right, at the baseball team's spring training complex in Bradenton, Fla., Feb. 23, 1979. AP Photo/File.

Bob Skinner, a 3-time All-Star outfielder and a 3-time World Series champion, dies at 94

Associated Press

Bob Skinner, who earned three World Series rings and was named to the All-Star team three times during a baseball career that spanned more than four decades as a player and coach, has died. He was 94.

The Pittsburgh Pirates, where Skinner began his career and helped the franchise stun the New York Yankees in the 1960 World Series, said Tuesday they were informed of Skinner's death from his wife, Joan. He died in San Diego. A cause was not provided.

"Bob was an important part of one of the most beloved teams in our storied history and helped deliver a moment that will forever be woven into the fabric of our city," Pirates chairman Bob Nutting said in a statement. "Bob was a talented player, a proud Pirate and a respected member of the baseball community."

Skinner, a 6-foot-4 left-handed-hitting outfielder who threw right-handed and was known as "Sleepy" for his laid-back demeanor, spent 12 seasons in the majors with Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, and St. Louis.

A career .277 hitter, Skinner was named to the National League All-Star team in 1958 and twice in 1960, during the brief period when Major League Baseball held two All-Star games a season. Skinner spent eight-plus seasons with Pittsburgh from 1954-63 before being traded to Cincinnati and then the Cardinals, where he was part of the 1964 team

that won the World Series.

Skinner retired at the end of the 1966 season before going into coaching and managing. He went 93-123 during a short managerial run with the Philadelphia Phillies in 1968-69 and a one-game interim stint with his hometown San Diego Padres in 1977.

A respected coach who worked with six different organizations in various capacities, Skinner returned to Pittsburgh in 1979 as the club's hitting coach, winning a third ring as part of the "We Are Family" Pirates that beat Baltimore in the 1979 World Series.

Skinner's best season may have been 1960, when he drove in a career-high 86 runs while hitting in the middle of a Pirates lineup that reached the World Series. He started in Game 1 against the New York Yankees but injured his thumb while sliding into a base, forcing him to sit out until Game 7. He went 0 for 2 with a walk in Game 7, scoring on Rocky Nelson's second-inning homer and later laying down a sacrifice bunt that advanced two runners during an eighth-inning rally that put Pittsburgh in front.

Skinner was born on Oct. 3, 1931, in La Jolla, California. A standout at San Diego Junior College, he signed a contract with Pittsburgh in the early 1950s and eventually made his debut in 1954 after spending two years in the military during the Korean War.

Skinner is survived by Joan, sons Mark, Craig, Drew and Joel, along with eight grandchildren.

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Big Ten reports \$1.47B in revenue for 2024-25, average \$79.9M full-share payouts to member schools

Associated Press

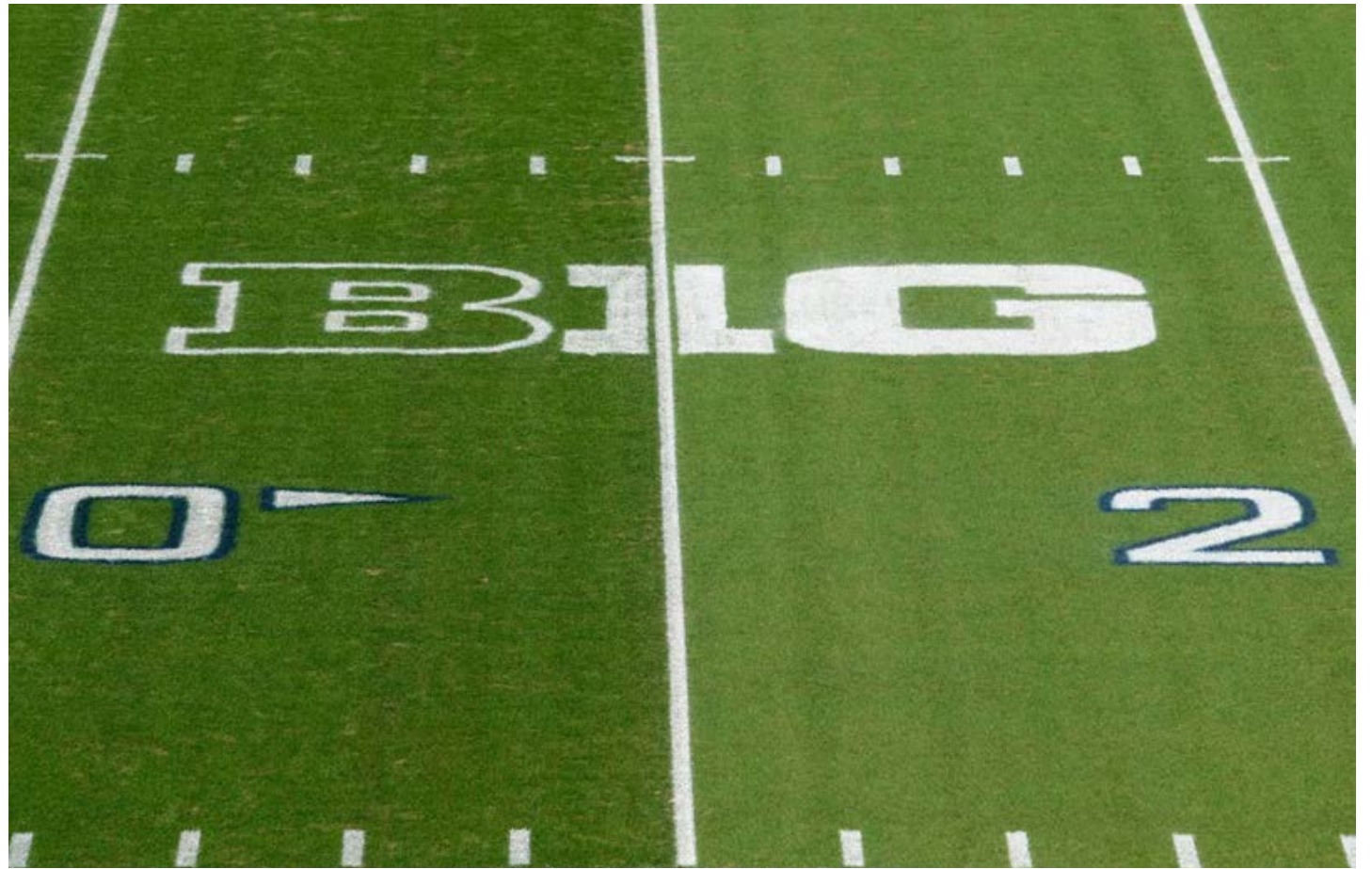
The Big Ten joined the Southeastern Conference in crossing the \$1 billion mark in total revenue for the 2024-25 fiscal year, marking a significant uptick in payouts to its member schools.

The league reported roughly \$1.47 billion in total revenue in its federal tax filing for the term running from July 2024 to June 2025, which covered the first year of westward expansion that brought in UCLA, USC, Washington and Oregon from the Pac-12. That was up from the previous total of roughly \$928.1 million in 2023-24, an increase of roughly 58%.

And for schools, that meant a healthy increase in payouts from the league office, driven largely by the Big Ten's lucrative TV deal with Fox, CBS and NBC.

The league distributed an average of nearly \$79.9 million to schools that received a full share, up from roughly \$63.1 million for 2023-24. Those payouts were highlighted by College Football Playoff champion Ohio State receiving roughly \$91.6 million followed by fellow CFP teams Penn State (roughly \$88.9 million) and Indiana (\$81.0 million).

Oregon and Washington received reduced shares as part of their deal that secured a spot in the Big Ten to follow USC and UCLA. Oregon received \$48.4 million while Washington received \$46.7 million.



FILE - The Big Ten logo is painted between the 30 and 40 yard lines at Beaver Stadium before an NCAA college football game between Indiana and Penn State in State College, Pa., on Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021. AP Photo/Barry Reeger, File.

The Big Ten's tax filing became public three months after the SEC, which reported roughly \$1.1 billion in total revenue for 2024-25, up from roughly \$839.7 million the previous year. Schools earning full-distribu-

tion payments from the SEC received an average of roughly \$72.4 million; Oklahoma and Texas received smaller distributions after joining the conference in July 2024 tied to CFP/bowl participation and designated NCAA

funds.

The other leagues in the Power Four, the Atlantic Coast Conference and Big 12, haven't yet released their annual tax filings covering the 2024-25 season.


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