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Brian Rowe Jr. of UCLA is tackled by Zeke Berry of Michigan during the game at Michigan Stadium on Saturday in Ann Arbor, Michigan. JAIME CRAWFORD — GETTY IMAGES

BRUINS' BLUES

UCLA's bid for a school-record 11th win was put on hold for another week with an 18-16 triple-overtime loss to Michigan. B1

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HOLIDAYS

Shoppers feeling that Thanksgiving pinch



Tom Beall, a retired chief financial officer with a division of Xerox, and his wife, Natasha, a retired school teacher at Tustin High School, have cut back on eating at restaurants and bought a used electric vehicle to escape the expensive gas prices. "We're going out a lot less," said the 69-year-old as he headed into a Trader Joe's along Irvine Boulevard in Tustin to do some Thanksgiving shopping. "Tariffs and the Iran war messed everything up." PHOTOS BY PAT MAIO — STAFF

Southern Californians say high prices are changing their shopping habits, with many people finding relief at area food banks

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Southern Californians are choosing their groceries carefully as the holiday season kicks off with a surge in food buying.

Shoppers across the region — whether at Aldi in Tustin or an Asian market in Chino, a Food 4 Less in Pasadena or the newly opened Vallarta Supermarkets in Rancho Cucamonga — say they're feeling the sting of higher food prices caused by tariffs, inflation and gas prices caused by the U.S.-led war in Iran that began nearly nine months ago.

For those already struggling with poverty, rising inflation has only added to their food insecurity. Food banks across the region are seeing record numbers of people lining up for help.

While few shoppers surveyed say they're giving up their Thanksgiving turkey, residents admit their wallets are feeling lighter.

Tom Beall, a retired chief financial officer with a division of Xerox, and his wife, Natasha, a retired Tustin High teacher, have cut back on eating out at their favorite restaurants. They bought a used Audi Q4 electric vehicle to soften the blow of expensive gas prices.

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At the Aldi along Irvine Boulevard, Santa Ana resident Jurgen Pawlitschko was packing about $40 worth of eggs, green peppers, water bottles and his favorite Barissimo dark German roast coffee in the trunk of his Range Rover. The 64-year-old mechanic, who works on British-made MG and Triumph sports cars, said he hasn't seen food prices so high since the 2007-2009 Great Recession.

'PATTERN OF CRUELTY'

Activists: 2 farms abused animals

Groups allege cattle were whipped, treated inhumanely at local dairy businesses in IE

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Animal activists have leveled cruelty allegations in court and with law enforcement agencies against dairy farms owned by a seventh-generation farming family with operations in the Inland Empire and throughout the Southwest.

Two unrelated complaints were made against facilities owned by the Hettinga family, which has been in the dairy farming business since 1711

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WELL-TOLD TALES

Advocates who seek to end homelessness employ the power of personal stories



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Stories matter.

Admittedly, stories might matter more to me than they do to you (I make a living editing, reporting and telling them), but if you consume a lot of stories, or even if you just watch a little TV, you intuitively know I'm not wrong on this.

Mind-reading might not be an actual thing, but stories sure are. And the simple act of sharing thoughts, mind-to-mind, via a well-told tale, can be as powerful as a split atom.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

USC takes down Maryland

Jayden Maiava threw two touchdown passes and Waymond Jordan rushed for two scores in a 35-21 Trojan victory over the Terrapins. The Trojans next face rivals UCLA. **B1**

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