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F-18 pilot killed off Japan coast ID'd

By COREY DICKSTEIN

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WASHINGTON — A 28-year-old Marine Corps pilot from South Florida was killed after his F/A-18 Hornet fighter collided with a refueling plane during training Thursday off the coast of Japan, an accident from which five Marines remain missing, service officials said.

Capt. Jahmar F. Resilard died in the Hornet collision with the KC-130 Hercules aerial tanker just before 2 a.m. local time, the Marine Corps announced Friday. Another unnamed pilot

in the fighter jet was rescued alongside Resilard's body in the hours after the crash. That pilot was in stable condition, officials said.

Search and rescue efforts for the five missing Marines — the crew of the KC-135 — were ongoing Friday, according to the Marine Corps. An investigation into the cause of the collision was also ongoing Friday. Marine officials did not say if investigators had determined what led to the midair crash.

Resilard was from Miramar, Fla., just north of Miami, and was stationed at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, with the Marine All Weather

Fighter Attack Squadron 242.

The fallen pilot's commander described him as "warm and charismatic" in a statement that noted his unit was thinking of Resilard's family and friends.

"He was an effective and dedicated leader who cared for his Marines and fellow fighter pilots with passion," Lt. Col. James Compton, the squadron's commander, said in the statement. "We will miss him terribly. We honor his service and his contribution to the Marine Corps and our great nation."

The Marine Corps did not immediately make Resilard's service records available Fri-

day. A post on his personal Facebook page shows he had served in the Corps since at least 2012.

He graduated from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in 2012 with a degree in homeland security, according to a university spokesperson.

The Marines said Resilard's decorations included the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, which indicates he had served or supported a combat mission.

Army head Milley to be Joint Chiefs chairman

President Donald Trump is expected to choose the head of the Army to become the next chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, tapping a voluble and unconventional combat veteran to become America's top military officer, individuals familiar with White House plans said on Friday.

In a move that reflects his penchant for showmanship, the president plans to announce his nomination of Gen. Mark Milley at Saturday's Army-Navy football game, ending months of speculation about who will replace the current chairman, Gen. Joseph F. Dunford Jr., who is due to step down next fall.

According to the individuals, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss a decision that has not been made public, Trump considered Milley and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David Goldfein and ultimately chose Milley despite Defense Secretary Jim Mattis' preference for Goldfein.

From The Washington Post

Malloy assumes command of 5th Fleet

By JOSHUA KARSTEN

Stars and Stripes

MANAMA, Bahrain — Vice Adm. Jim Malloy is the new head of the U.S. 5th Fleet and U.S. Naval Forces Central Command, a decision that came following confirmation by Congress and the death of former commander Vice Adm. Scott Stearney.

Malloy assumed command Friday, 5th Fleet officials said. He was nominated and quickly confirmed Thursday for the Bahrain-based post, which also includes the helm of the Combined Maritime Forces command, a multinational effort to combat terrorism and piracy.

Malloy, a career surface warfare officer, was already in Bahrain on temporary orders as senior liaison officer while awaiting Senate confirmation.

Malloy was serving as deputy chief of naval operations for operations, plans and strategy at the Pentagon when Stearney, 58, was found dead in his home on Dec. 1. CBS News and USNI News have reported that the death was an apparent suicide, citing unnamed defense officials, but the Navy has declined to confirm a cause of death until an investigation is complete.

Stearney's death reverberated throughout the Navy's community of admirals, said Adm. Bill

Moran, vice chief of naval operations, who spoke with Stars and Stripes on Thursday while visiting Bahrain to console sailors and reassure allies. Moran said he "was crushed" when he heard the news.

"It's a very personal thing ... when we lose one of our own so early in anybody's life," Moran said.

Stearney assumed command of 5th Fleet in May. A month later, Malloy was nominated by Defense Secretary Jim Mattis for a third star. He began his position at the Pentagon in August.

Malloy is no stranger to the 5th Fleet area of operations. The 1986 U.S. Naval Academy graduate previously served as the Central Command "friendly forces" coordinator following the 9/11 attacks.

He also has served as flag aide to the 5th Fleet commander and commander of the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group, which deployed to the region. Other previous tours include a destroyer squadron command with Middle East Task Force 55 and command of Coalition Task Group 152, operating at sea from Bahrain, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates.

Malloy is a native of Silver Spring, Md.

Huawei arrest deepens US-China conflict

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The arrest of a prominent Chinese telecommunications executive has driven home why it will be so hard for the Trump administration to resolve its deepening conflict with China.

The arrest of Meng Wanzhou, Huawei's chief financial officer, has heightened skepticism over the trade truce that Presidents Donald Trump and Xi Jinping reached last weekend in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Stock markets tumbled Thursday on fears that the 90-day cease-fire won't last, but regained their equilibrium in Europe and Asia on Friday.

A bail hearing for Meng, who faces possible extradition to the United States after her arrest in Vancouver, British Columbia,

last weekend, was set for later Friday.

Huawei has been a subject of U.S. national security concerns for years and Meng's case echoes well beyond tariffs or market access. Washington and Beijing are locked in a clash between the world's two largest economies for economic and political dominance for decades to come.

"It's a much broader issue than just a trade dispute," said Amanda DeBusk, chair of the international trade practice at Dechert LLP. "It pulls in: Who is going to be the world leader essentially."

Meng was detained on the same day that Trump and Xi met at the Group of 20 summit in Argentina and agreed to a cease-fire in their trade war. The Globe and Mail newspaper, citing law enforcement sources,

reported she is suspected of trying to evade U.S. sanctions on Iran.

Huawei is the world's biggest supplier of network gear used by phone and internet companies and long has been seen as a front for spying by the Chinese military or security services. A U.S. National Security Agency cybersecurity adviser, Rob Joyce, last month accused Beijing of violating a 2015 agreement with the U.S. to halt electronic theft of intellectual property.

Other nations are increasingly being forced to choose between Chinese and U.S. suppliers for next-generation "5G" wireless technology. U.S. critics are lobbying other countries not to buy the equipment from Huawei, arguing that the company may be working stealthily for Beijing's spymasters.

Army futures command unveils new unit patch

BY COREY DICKSTEIN
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The soldiers assigned to the Army's newest four-star command charged with modernizing the service's warfighting equipment received their unit patches Friday, a significant step for Army Futures Command as it continues to grow since its founding this summer, a service official said.

The Futures Command patch, unveiled Thursday on the service's website, features a golden anvil with a background of black-and-white stripes receding toward a horizon at the top. Officials with the Army's Institute of Heraldry at Fort Belvoir in Virginia said the patch represented the command's motto, "Forge the Future," and invoked former President Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's personal coat of arms, which featured a blue-colored anvil.

The patch made its first public appearance Friday at the Army's Fort Eustis, Va., where Army leaders gathered to officially rename the Army Capabilities Integration Center to the

Army Futures and Concepts Center and transfer it from the Training and Doctrine Command to Futures Command.

The unveiling of the patch is a step toward Futures Command's move toward full operational capability. The command, which is headquartered in Austin, Texas, is expected to be fully operational by next summer, according to the Army.

The patch has been in the works for nearly a year, according to Andrew Wilson, an artist with the Institute of Heraldry who worked with Army leaders to design the insignia.

The anvil represents "fortitude, determination and perseverance," according to the Army, while the black, white and gold represent the Army's colors.

"This is something that is supposed to stand the test of time, and just to play a part in it, it's an honor," Wilson said in the Army statement.

Wilson said he immediately thought of including an anvil after meeting with Futures Command leaders and discussing the "Forge the Future" motto.

Trump will nominate William Barr as AG

Bloomberg

President Donald Trump said he will nominate William Barr as the next U.S. attorney general, putting an advocate of a strong executive branch in charge of the Justice Department as special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation intensifies.

Barr, if confirmed by the Senate, will take over after Jeff Sessions was ousted but the process could take several months.

"Hopefully that process will go very quickly," Trump said Friday at the White House. He, along with Acting Attorney General Matthew Whitaker, was traveling to Kansas City, Mo., for a law enforcement event.

Senate Intelligence Chairman Richard Burr, a North Carolina Republican, said he knows Barr and he would be "a great pick." Two Judiciary Committee Democrats — Amy Klobuchar, of Minnesota, and Chris Coons, of Delaware — said Barr would have to commit to protecting Mueller's probe.

Sen. Susan Collins, a Maine

Republican, said she would want to "make sure" Barr would allow Mueller to do his job and make sure that investigations at the Justice Department are independent.

Barr was attorney general from 1991 to 1993 under President George H.W. Bush, whose state funeral was Wednesday. As Bush's top law enforcement official, he directed the investigation of the Lockerbie, Scotland, bombing, in which Pan Am Flight 103 was destroyed by terrorists connected to Libya, and led counter-terrorism efforts during the first Persian Gulf War, according to his biography at Kirkland & Ellis, where he's now a lawyer.

Barr spent 15 years in telecommunications, joining GTE in 1994 and staying on after it merged with Bell Atlantic to become Verizon Communications. He served at the CIA from 1973 to 1977 and was a political appointee at the Justice Department from 1989 to 1991 before his nomination to the department's top post.

Storm brings flood fears to burn areas

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Authorities kept a worried eye Friday on fire-scarred Southern California hillsides after a storm brought flooding fears and prompted evacuation orders for hundreds of homes.

The second storm in a week dropped record-breaking rains on downtown Los Angeles, jammed major roads and sent an airliner skidding off a runway, but no major injuries were reported.

Mandatory evacuations were ordered for areas of Orange and Riverside counties ravaged by a summer wildfire. Black, surging torrents choked with downed trees and mud swept down channels near homes and in one case swept across a bridge and took out a guardrail. Other areas saw foot-deep mud or water.

No homes were seriously damaged but even though the storm eased by nightfall, evac-

uation orders for hundreds of homes in Trabuco Canyon in the Santa Ana Mountains south of Los Angeles and for a few neighborhoods in the Lake Elsinore area east of Los Angeles remained in place overnight.

Other Lake Elsinore areas had their mandatory evacuation orders downgraded to voluntary evacuation warnings late Thursday night, although fire officials said there was still a potential for dangerous conditions and urged residents to remain vigilant.

Also in Lake Elsinore, firefighters worked into the night lining a street with sandbags to protect homes.

“We just don’t know the stability of our hills anymore,” Lake Elsinore Mayor Natasha Johnson told KABC-TV earlier. “The fire did its devastation ... the hills behind us that are not a concern could become a concern very quickly.”

A mudslide shut down Pacific Coast Highway and sur-

rounding roads in and around Malibu neighborhoods charred by another fire last month last month that destroyed hundreds of homes.

Kirby Kotler and his neighbors spent days before the storm stacking 18,000 sandbags behind their homes along the highway. But when heavy rains arrived, mud, water and rocks blasted through the bags and across their properties.

Kotler, who wielded water hoses to beat back the flames in November, used a tractor to keep debris from entering his home.

“Saving my house once again,” said Kotler, 57, a lifelong Malibu resident. “I’m more than a little concerned. If we get another blast of heavy rain, there’ll be no stopping the hill from coming down.”

At Hollywood Burbank Airport, about 15 miles north of downtown Los Angeles, nobody was hurt when a Southwest Airlines plane from Oakland

skidded off a wet runway as it landed. The plane came to a stop in a graded area designed to slow aircraft that overshoot the runway, the Federal Aviation Administration said.

“As we landed, you could feel the brakes,” passenger Grant Palmer told KABC-TV. “Then I started noticing the plane going sideways.”

In National City in San Diego County, firefighters rescued people at a homeless encampment known as “The Jungle.” Some of the homeless had climbed trees, in one case along with three dogs, to escape raging waters as deep as 12 feet, KUSI-TV reported.

Southern California sorely needs rainfall. Virtually the entire region is experiencing drought conditions, with portions of Los Angeles and Ventura counties and areas along the Mexican border in extreme drought.

US health care spending hits \$3.5T, but slows down

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The nation’s health care tab hit \$3.5 trillion last year, or \$10,739 per person, the government reported Thursday. But behind those staggering figures was some fairly good news:

The rate of growth slowed for the second year in a row, according to economic experts at the federal Health and Human Services department.

Health care spending increased by 3.9 percent in 2017, following a 4.8 percent increase in 2016.

Private insurance spending grew more slowly in 2017, and so did Medicaid, while Medicare costs grew at about the same rate. The overall economy grew faster than health spending.

If moderate growth can be maintained, that would make the U.S. health care system more manageable for families, employers and government.

In recent years, insurance coverage expansion under former President Barack Obama and large increases in prescription drug spending had led to faster growth.

But the report found a slight dip in coverage last year and a minimal increase in prescription drug spending, less than one-half of 1 percent. It was the slowest increase in drug costs since 2012. The spike caused by the introduction of expensive new medications for hepatitis C infection has passed, but it’s too soon to tell if a new trend has started.

Generic drugmaker plans alternative to EpiPen in US

Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — Generic drugmaker Sandoz announced Thursday to start selling an alternative to the EpiPen in the U.S. early next year.

The EpiPen injector is used to halt life-threatening allergic reactions to insect bites, nuts and other foods. Brand-name EpiPen, which dominates the market, has been in short supply since spring because of production problems.

Sandoz will sell prefilled syringes with the same medicine, the hormone epinephrine, under the name Symjepi. The price will be \$250 for two, without insurance.

Two generic versions of EpiPen are sold in the U.S. for \$300 a pair, including one from EpiPen seller Mylan. The com-

pany started selling its own generic after it was blasted for repeated hikes that pushed up its list price from \$94 to \$608 for a pair of brand-name EpiPens.

What people pay varies, though, depending on insurance, discounts and the pharmacy.

Mylan’s injectors are made by a subsidiary of Pfizer, which is upgrading factories to fix quality problems. That resulted in production slowdowns. Pfizer said Thursday it’s shipping some injectors and expects to ship more in the coming months.

The shortages triggered temporary shortages of other similar products, including Auvi-Q. As a result, U.S. regulators extended some expiration dates.

Ukraine to send ships through Kerch Strait

Associated Press

MINSK, Belarus — Ukraine's defense ministry warned Russia on Friday that it will soon send navy ships through the Kerch Strait where Russia fired on and seized three Ukrainian vessels two weeks ago.

The announcement sets up another possible flashpoint in the long-simmering conflict between Russia and Ukraine that erupted in 2014 with Russia's annexation of the Crimean peninsula and burst into the open on Nov. 25 when Russian border guards opened fire on three Ukrainian navy vessels that were moving through the Kerch Strait near Crimea and seized the ships and their crews.

Ukraine responded by introducing martial law for 30 days, a measure Kiev did not take even after Crimea's annexation and

amid large-scale fighting between Ukrainian forces and Russia-backed separatists in 2014-2015.

As part of martial law, Ukraine has beefed up its forces on the border with Russia and called up reservists for training.

Ukrainian Defense Minister Stepan Poltorak told reporters on Friday that his country intends to send naval ships through the Kerch Strait soon, saying that "otherwise Russia will fully occupy the Sea of Azov."

Ukraine has ports both on the Black Sea and on the Sea of Azov that are linked by the Kerch Strait which separates Crimea from Russia.

More than 140 ships were stuck on both sides of the strait on Friday due to excessive checks and delays on the Russian side, the Ukrainian Border Guard Service said, accusing Russia of creating a bottleneck

for Ukrainian ships and preventing them from passing.

Speaking at the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov brushed off suggestions Russia could release or exchange the 24 Ukrainian seamen captured in last month's maritime confrontation. Lavrov said it was too early to speak about any offers of a prisoner swap until Russia's investigation of the incident is completed.

Lavrov also reacted to a suggestion by German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas to expand the OSCE monitoring mission to the Sea of Azov, saying that Russia "has no need" for any intermediaries or monitors in the area.

Eiffel Tower closes, Paris braces for more protests

Associated Press

PARIS — The Eiffel Tower and the Louvre museum in Paris will be closed Saturday as French authorities tighten security to prevent another outbreak of violence following three weeks of anti-government protests.

And at the height of the festive shopping season, many retailers have said they will remain shut for the day for fear they may be in the line of any unrest between protesters and police.

In addition to the 8,000 police forces that will be deployed in the French capital city, the Paris police prefect has identified 14 high-risk sectors that will be cleared out.

Fearing protesters could target street furniture and use material found at construction sites as makeshift weapons, Paris police will remove all the glass containers, railings and building machines set up in the identified sectors, which include the world-renowned and glitzy Avenue des Champs-Élysées.

"According to the information we have, some radicalized and rebellious people will try to get mobilized tomorrow," Interior

Minister Christophe Castaner told a press conference Friday. "Some ultraviolent people want to take part."

Many shop owners across the French capital are getting ready for the violence, putting up cardboard to protect their windows. Meanwhile, the Nicolas wine chain, one of the biggest retailers in the country, canceled all its wine-tasting sessions scheduled for Saturday.

Across the country, some 89,000 police will be mobilized, up from 65,000 last weekend when more than 130 people were injured and over 400 were arrested in the worst street violence seen in Paris in decades. Also, authorities have also canceled six French league soccer matches this weekend around the country.

Since the unrest began on Nov. 17 in reaction to a sharp increase in diesel taxes, four people have been killed in accidents.

The protesters are collectively referred to as the "yellow vest" movement, in reference to the fluorescent safety outfit French motorists keep in their cars.

UN: Civilian casualties in Yemen average 123 per week

Associated Press

RIMBO, Sweden — The United Nations' refugee agency said Friday that there have been nearly 1,500 civilian casualties in Yemen from August through October, the latest grim tally to emerge from a four-year civil war as opposing parties hold talks in Sweden.

The announcement comes as Yemen's Iran-backed Houthi rebels and the internationally recognized government, supported by a Saudi-led coalition, meet for a second day in Sweden for U.N.-sponsored talks aimed at halting the bloodshed.

UNHCR urged the two sides to do more to protect civilians, saying data from Yemen shows an average of 123 civilian killed and wounded every week during the three-month period, in a war that has killed at least 16,000 civilians.

On Friday, at the venue in a castle in the town of Rimbo, north of Stockholm, U.N. envoy Martin Griffiths and various delegates from Yemen were seen walking on the grounds.

The talks opened Thursday on an upbeat note, with the warring sides agreeing to a broad prisoner swap, boosting hopes that the talks would not dete-

riorate into further violence as in the past.

Yemen's conflict, which has pushed the country to the brink of famine, pits the internationally recognized government against Shiite rebels known as Houthis, who took the capital of Sanaa in 2014. The Saudis intervened the following year.

U.N. officials have sought to downplay expectations from the talks, saying they don't foresee rapid progress toward a political settlement but hope for at least minor steps that would help to address Yemen's worsening humanitarian crisis and prepare a framework for further negotiations.

UNHCR says of the 1,478 civilian casualties, 33 percent were women and children. That's a total of 217 women and children killed and 268 wounded. An investigation has revealed evidence of torture at detention sites run by Yemen's Houthi rebels. There has also been international outrage against the coalition over abuses. The AP has exposed torture at secret prisons run by the UAE and their Yemeni allies and has documented the deaths of civilians from drone strikes.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Bah, Humbug: Woman's light display earns scorn

FL HOLLY HILL— A woman has been scorned by her neighbors in a high-rise Florida condo because of a holiday message she spelled out in lights across her balcony.

Kathy Hill says the Ebenezer Scrooge phrase “Bah Humbug” is one of her favorites at Christmas.

But other residents of the twin towers of Marina Grande in Holly Hill weren't amused.

The Daytona Beach News-Journal reports that Laurie Borasky-Gigliotti, who owns the unit Hill is renting, told her to take down the display because other residents were coming unglued. She says balcony lights are against the rules, “let alone Bah Humbug.” She warned Hill, a California woman who recently moved to Florida, to prepare for “major, massive retaliation.”

Hill turned off the lights, and says she didn't mean to offend anyone.

Ex-college dean charged with using public funds

IA CRESTON— A former Iowa community college dean has been arrested after an audit found she spent thousands of dollars in public funds for her wedding, personal travel and other purchases.

Police in Creston arrested Beth Kulow, the former dean of students at Southwestern Community College, on Monday on three counts of second-degree theft and falsifying public records. She allegedly embezzled \$15,000 between 2015 and 2018 and submitted an altered email to cover her tracks when questioned.

The misspending included nine travel-related expenses that weren't related to college

business and dozens more for personal items, including expenses related to her 2017 wedding.

Roller rink to close, reopen as pet resort

NH ENFIELD — New Hampshire's last big roller skating rink is going to shut down and reopen as a pet resort.

Peter and Diane Martin, the owners of Great View Roller Skating in Enfield, said the sport's declining popularity and an attendance drop have forced them to rethink how they use their nearly 4-acre property.

Peter Martin said a growing number of pet owners are looking for high-quality places to board their animals. The 16,000 square-foot location is near ski areas, Dartmouth College and a highway.

The Martins bought Great View about 31 years ago from Al DeHavens, who operated the rink for a decade.

Woman sued for selling tickets to fake events

IL CHICAGO — The Illinois Attorney General is suing the creator of such events as all-you-can-eat crab feasts and 5K zombie races in Illinois and around the country because they turned out to be about as real as zombies.

In a news release, Attorney General Lisa Madigan's office alleges that a California woman named Kristen Yvette Martin scammed people who bought tickets to these fake events out of \$30,000.

Madigan's lawsuit alleges that Martin advertised the events on social media sites and sold tickets on online ticket platforms but that locations where the “events” were to be held either didn't exist or could

not accommodate the events.

Fake Illinois events included a “Skull Run Chicago” and “Taco Fest Chicago.”

Fire department tempts volunteers with tuition

RI SOUTH KINGSTOWN — A Rhode Island fire department is using grant money to help attract college students to become volunteer firefighters.

The all-volunteer Kingston Fire Department is using \$200,000 in federal grant money to offer tuition reimbursement for University of Rhode Island students who volunteer as firefighters.

WJAR-TV reports that once a student is accepted and has become a firefighter, they can earn up to \$5,000 a year in tuition reimbursement.

Fire Chief Nate Barrington says students can even choose to live in the fire house for further savings. Barrington estimates it could be worth up to \$10,000 in rent or on-campus housing costs.

City council votes to ban plastic bags

OR BEND — Bend, Ore., will ban plastic bags beginning July 1.

The City Council in the central Oregon city voted 4 to 2 Wednesday night in favor of the ban.

The Bulletin reports meeting attendees, including a group of seventh- and eighth-grade girls from Pacific Crest Middle School who have spent months lobbying for a bag ban, broke into applause after Mayor Casey Roats cast the deciding vote.

Bag bans are already in place in Ashland, Corvallis, Eugene and Portland, and one will take effect in Salem next year.

The ban applies to plastic gro-

cery bags only. Bags not included in the ban are those used for bulk items, including fruit, nuts and screws, for wrapping meat, fish, flowers or potted plants, and for holding bakery items or pharmacy prescriptions.

State officials: Fentanyl overdose deaths on rise

WA SEATTLE — Washington health officials say the number of people in the state who died from an overdose of illicit fentanyl increased nearly 70 percent this year over last.

The Washington State Department of Health said Wednesday that there were 81 deaths linked to fentanyl in the first half of 2018, compared to 48 deaths recorded during the same time period in 2017.

The department says tests are finding fentanyl in a variety of counterfeit pills made to look like prescription opioids.

Boy charged after taking loaded gun to school

MI DETROIT — A 10-year-old Detroit boy has been charged after taking a loaded handgun to school.

The Wayne County prosecutor's office says a fellow student at Spain Middle School saw the gun Wednesday afternoon in a book bag and told school officials. The gun was confiscated.

The 10-year-old was charged as a juvenile with carrying a concealed weapon and possession of a weapon in school. He was released Thursday on bond following a preliminary hearing and is not allowed to be on any school property unless authorized by school officials.

The prosecutor's office says the boy is not subject to adult penalties and that other aspects of the case remain under investigation.

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Henry runs wild as Titans crush Jags

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Under center at the 1-yard line, Titans quarterback Marcus Mariota checked out of a quarterback sneak, and Derrick Henry did the rest — as much with his arms as his legs.

The 6-foot-3, 247-pound Henry sped and stiff-armed his way to a record-tying 99-yard touchdown run, and Tennessee routed the Jacksonville Jaguars 30-9 on Thursday night to stay in the playoff chase.

Henry matched Tony Dorsett's 99-yarder on Jan. 3, 1983, for Dallas against Minnesota for the longest TD run in NFL history. Henry ran to his left and went up the sideline, stiff-arming cornerback A.J. Bouye, then rookie linebacker Leon Jacobs twice and finally shoving linebacker Myles Jack to finish off the second of his four TDs.

"Once I got in the open field

on that 99-yard run, it was going to take all of them," Henry said. "I definitely wasn't going to go down easy, so I definitely wanted to use my stiff-arm to my advantage, and it worked."

The Titans talked before the possession about going 99 yards, so left tackle Taylor Lewan was a bit surprised to hear the call for a quarterback sneak.

"I was like, 'That ain't going to get us 99 yards, boys,'" Lewan said. "But it was checked, so it was cool."

The 2015 Heisman Trophy winner celebrated by striking the Heisman pose not once, but twice. Dorsett didn't keep the ball from his run, but Henry said he'd definitely keep his.

"He's a legend," Henry said of his fellow Heisman winner. "It's cool to be in that company with Tony Dorsett."

Henry set a franchise record with 238 yards on 16 carries, topping the previous mark of

228 yards set by Chris Johnson in 2009 against, yes, the Jaguars.

Johnson called Henry's 99-yarder "amazing" and congratulated Henry on the team record.

Henry tied Lorenzo White and Hall of Fame running back Earl Campbell for most rushing TDs in a single game in franchise history. Henry also became the first player in the NFL with four rushing TDs in a game since Jonas Gray of the Patriots in Week 11 in 2014.

Titans coach Mike Vrabel called Henry's night "very impressive."

"He just ran out of guys to stiff-arm," Vrabel said.

With the rout and second win in a row, the Titans (7-6) stayed in AFC playoff contention with their fourth straight victory over their oldest division rival. They've won six of their last seven against Jacksonville.

The Jaguars (4-9) have lost

eight of their last nine, and coach Doug Marrone said he was "heavily disappointed."

"Obviously, we had a difficult time on first, second and third (downs), and sometimes in the fourth tackling (Henry)," Jaguars coach Doug Marrone said. "He had, obviously, a career night."

Mariota, wearing black tape on the back of his right hand, threw for 162 yards. The Titans outgained the Jaguars 426-255, and they also had four sacks.

Jacksonville came in with the league's fifth-best scoring defense after shutting out Andrew Luck for the first time in the NFL. But Jacksonville has been susceptible against the run, ranked 16th by giving up 108.4 yards. Henry nearly matched that on his record-tying run.

"For the rest of his life, I'll be on his highlights," Jaguars defensive end Calais Campbell said about Henry.

Oklahoma QB Murray named AP Player of the Year

Associated Press

Oklahoma's Kyler Murray won The Associated Press college football Player of the Year on Thursday, becoming the second straight Sooners quarterback and fifth overall to win the award since it was established in 1998.

Murray beat out Alabama quarterback Tua Tagovailoa on 56 ballots submitted by AP college football poll voters and announced Thursday. Ohio State quarterback Dwayne Haskins Jr. was third.

"It's humbling and an honor to be named AP Player of the Year, to be mentioned in the same realm as a lot of great players, a lot of hall of famers," Murray said. "It's a special deal for me and hopefully I can continue to make my family and teammates proud."

Murray received 39 first-place votes and a total of 145 points. Tagovailoa received 13 first-place votes (117 points) and Haskins was listed first on

four ballots (55 points).

Murray added the Davey O'Brien Award as the nation's top quarterback Thursday night at ESPN's College Football Award Show at the Hall of Fame in Atlanta. Tagovailoa won two player of the year awards, taking the Walter Camp and Maxwell awards.

Murray and Tagovailoa will now head to New York City as Heisman trophy finalists, with the winner more uncertain than usual. Haskins also is a finalist for the Heisman Trophy, to be presented Saturday in New York.

The last five Walter Camp winners won the Heisman Trophy and the last four Maxwell winners have won the Heisman. Only twice since 2002 has the AP Player of the Year not won the Heisman, Nebraska's Ndamukong Suh in 2009 and Stanford's Christian McCaffrey in 2015.

Murray and Tagovailoa will then face each other in the Col-

lege Football Playoff, when No. 1 Alabama plays No. 4 Oklahoma at the Orange Bowl semifinal on Dec. 29.

The rest of the college football award winners Thursday were:

- Kentucky linebacker Josh Allen won the Chuck Bednarik award as the nation's top defensive player.

- Alabama defensive tackle Quinnen Williams won the Outland Trophy as the nation's top interior lineman.

- Georgia cornerback Deandre Baker won the Jim Thorpe Award as the nation's top defensive back.

- Wisconsin's Jonathan Taylor won the Doak Walker as the nation's best running back.

- Alabama's Jerry Jeudy won the Fred Biletnikoff Award as the nation's top wide receiver.

- Syracuse kicker Andre Szmyt won the Lou Groza Award.

- Texas A&M punter

Braden Mann won the Ray Guy Award.

Murray joins Baker Mayfield (2017), Josh Heupel (2000), Jason White (2003) and Sam Bradford (2008) as previous AP Player of the Year winners from Oklahoma. No other school has had more than two.

Murray, a 5-foot-10, 195-pound junior from Allen, Texas, won the award in his final year as a college athlete. The Oakland Athletics took Murray with the ninth pick in the Major League Baseball draft in June. Murray, who batted .296 with 10 home runs and 13 doubles in 50 games as the Sooners' center fielder, signed for nearly \$5 million, with the A's agreeing to let him return to school and play football this season.

Murray was one of three 4,000-yard passers in the nation and threw for 40 touchdowns. He also has rushed for 892 yards and 11 TDs.

MLB briefs

Eovaldi signs 4-year deal with Red Sox

Associated Press

BOSTON — Nathan Eovaldi's marathon relief performance in Game 3 of the World Series is a moment that will resonate in Red Sox history.

Boston rewarded him with a \$68 million, four-year contract.

"We're very happy to have Nathan back with us," Red Sox president of baseball operations Dave Dombrowski said in a statement as the deal was announced Thursday. "He did a tremendous job for us last season, playing a significant role in helping us win the division and the World Series. His performance in the postseason was outstanding, both as a starting pitcher and as a reliever."

A 28-year-old right-hander who has had a pair of Tommy John surgeries, Eovaldi was acquired by Boston from Tampa Bay on July 25. He went 3-3 with a 3.33 ERA down the stretch. He made four starts against the Yankees, going 2-0 with a 0.39 ERA, and beat New York in Game 3 of the AL Division Series, when he gave up one run in seven innings.

In six postseason appearances, including two starts, Eovaldi went 2-1 with a 1.61 ERA, a .185 opponent's batting average, 16 strikeouts, and three walks.

Eovaldi pitched one inning of relief in each of the first two games of the World Series against the Los Angeles Dodgers. He entered Game 3 in the 12th inning and threw 97 pitches over six-plus innings, preventing the bullpen from enduring additional stress.

Boston lost the game when Eovaldi surrendered an 18th-inning home run to Max Muncy, but his performance inspired his teammates.

Phillies, Angels trade

PHILADELPHIA — The Philadelphia Phillies acquired left-handed pitcher Jose Alvarez from the Los Angeles Angels on Thursday for right-hander Luis Garcia.

Alvarez was 6-4 with a 2.71 ERA and one save in 76 appearances in 2018, striking out 59 in 63 innings. He allowed only three home runs to the 261

batters he faced while holding left-handed hitters to a .206 batting average and righties to a .232 mark.

The 29-year-old Alvarez is 12-18 with a 3.69 ERA over six seasons with the Tigers and Angels.

Garcia went 3-1 with a 6.07 ERA in 59 games last season after posting a career-best 2.65 ERA in 71 1/3 innings in 2017. He is 12-14 with a 4.12 ERA in 251 career appearances, all in relief.

Schoop now with Twins

MINNEAPOLIS — Second baseman Jonathan Schoop and the Twins agreed to a \$7.5 million, one-year contract on Thursday, another step in an offseason remake of Minnesota's infield.

Schoop's deal would allow him to earn a \$100,000 performance bonus for reaching 600 plate appearances, plus additional award bonuses. He was an All-Star with Baltimore in 2017 when he hit .293 with 32 home runs with 105 RBIs, all career highs.

He was traded to Milwaukee last summer right before the non-waiver deadline and became a free agent last week.

Valbuena, Castillo die

CARACAS, Venezuela — Former Major League Baseball players Luis Valbuena and Jose Castillo were killed Thursday in a car crash in Venezuela.

Both were playing for Cardenales de Lara in the Venezuelan league.

The team said their vehicle overturned as they were heading to the city of Barquisimeto after a game in the capital, Caracas.

Valbuena played 96 games for the Los Angeles Angels this year before being released in August. He hit .226 with 114 home runs over 11 big league seasons with the Angels, Seattle, Cleveland, the Chicago Cubs and Houston.

Castillo played five seasons with Pittsburgh, San Francisco and Houston. He had a .254 average with 39 home runs.

College basketball roundup

No. 18 Iowa has no trouble disposing of Iowa State

Associated Press

IOWA CITY, Iowa — A 22-point loss at Michigan State left many wondering if the 18th-ranked Hawkeyes were for real.

Iowa answered its critics on Thursday night by stomping archrival Iowa State — almost literally — to snap a two-game losing streak.

Tyler Cook had 26 points and 11 rebounds, Isaiah Moss added 20 points and the Hawkeyes cruised to a 98-84 victory in a game marked by skirmishes in the first half and after the whistle.

Nicholas Baer had 11 of his 14

points in the second half for the Hawkeyes (7-2), who shot 57.4 percent from the floor and out-rebounded the Cyclones 44-24.

"We wanted to establish our running game. We wanted to establish our ability to move the ball, and get a lot of people involved — and then we had to rebound," Iowa coach Fran McCaffery said.

Iowa took control with a 16-2 run late in the first half, and the Hawkeyes pushed their lead to 63-47 on Baer's 3-pointer early in the second half. Baer, who finished 4 of 5 from beyond the arc, then buried another 3 to make it 68-49.

Freshman Talen Horton-Tucker briefly pulled the Cyclones (7-2) within eight with 6:05 left, but Iowa responded with eight quick points to put the game out of reach.

Horton-Tucker scored 21 points for Iowa State.

Purdue 62, No. 23 Maryland 60: Carsen Edwards scored 20 points and Aaron Wheeler had a season-high 15 to help the host Boilermakers pull off an upset of the Terrapins.

Purdue (6-3, 1-1 Big Ten) snapped a two-game losing streak and avoided going 0-2 in conference play for the first time since 2013-14.

Anthony Cowan Jr. finished with 18 points and six assists for Maryland (7-2, 1-1). Bruno Fernando had 10 points and 13 rebounds while Darryl Morsell scored 12 points.

The Terrapins had plenty of chances to seize control on the road and even had a shot to win it at the buzzer when Morsell attempted a three-pointer right in front of the Maryland bench. But Nojel Eastern blocked the shot to seal the victory.

Neither team could build a lead of more than three until Edwards hit the last of his three threes to give Purdue a 55-54 edge.

NHL roundup

Red Wings end Leafs' streak at 5 games

Associated Press

TORONTO — Dylan Larkin scored on a breakaway at 2:48 of overtime and the Detroit Red Wings beat the Toronto Maple Leafs 5-4 on Thursday night after blowing a three-goal lead in the third period.

Larkin beat Garret Sparks between the pads to snap Toronto's five-game winning streak.

Gustav Nyquist set up the winner, and finished with a goal and two assists. Mike Green had a goal and an assist, Jonathan Ericsson and Luke Glendening also scored, Larkin had an assist and former Maple Leafs goalie Jonathan Bernier stopped 27 shots.

Andreas Johnsson and Kasperi Kapanen had a goal and

an assist each for Toronto. John Tavares and Zach Hyman also scored, and Sparks made 27 saves.

William Nylander suited up for his first game since coming to terms with Toronto on a new six-year, \$45 million contract over the weekend. The 22-year-old winger got a mostly warm reception when he stepped on the ice for his first shift, and started on a line with Auston Matthews and Patrick Marleau before getting benched midway through the third period.

Penguins 6, Islanders 2: Phil Kessel had two goals and two assists, and Kris Letang also scored twice in host Pittsburgh's victory over New York.

Capitals 4, Coyotes 2: Andre Burakovsky scored late in the third period, Pheonix Copley

stopped 27 shots and visiting Washington beat Arizona.

Lightning 3, Bruins 2: Mathieu Joseph and Anthony Cirelli scored early in the third period and host Tampa Bay beat Boston for its fifth consecutive victory.

Blue Jackets 4, Flyers 3 (OT): Seth Jones scored his second goal of the game 10 seconds into overtime to lift visiting Columbus past Philadelphia.

Canadiens 5, Senators 2: Paul Byron scored twice and visiting Montreal beat Ottawa to sweep the home-and-home series.

Avalanche 5, Panthers 2: Carl Soderberg scored twice, J.T. Compher broke a third-period tie and visiting Colorado beat Florida.

Flames 2, Wild 0: Mike

Smith made 31 saves, Elias Lindholm scored twice and host Calgary beat Minnesota.

Golden Knights 4, Blackhawks 3: Jonathan Marchessault and Alex Tuch scored 12 seconds apart in the third period to send surging Vegas past visiting Chicago.

Canucks 5, Predators 3: Rookie sensation Elias Pettersson scored on his first NHL penalty shot and host Vancouver beat Nashville to snap a four-game losing streak.

Devils 6, Kings 3: Kyle Palmieri scored two goals and visiting New Jersey stopped a six-game losing streak with a victory over Los Angeles in a matchup of conference cellar dwellers.

NBA roundup

Irving's 22 points help Celtics avenge loss to Knicks

Associated Press

BOSTON — Kyrie Irving heard all of the doubts when the Celtics, who were among the favorites to win the Eastern Conference, still had a .500 record through Thanksgiving.

The low point may have been a home loss to the Knicks that snapped New York's six-game losing streak.

"I was thinking about it since we lost to them," the Celtics point guard said after scoring 22 points to coast past the Knicks 128-100 on Thursday night and exact a measure of revenge for the embarrassing earlier loss. "I remember players from other teams asking about what's going on when we were 10-10."

Irving also had eight assists before leaving the game with about four minutes left, rubbing his right shoulder and swinging it around in pain. He raised his hand for coach Brad Stevens to

take him out of the game but couldn't get his attention and instead walked to the bench at the next whistle.

The shoulder was wrapped in ice when he walked off the court at the end of the game. Irving thought it was his AC joint and said he would be OK.

Not even close: The Celtics scored the first three baskets of the game and never trailed. They led by eight after one, by 11 after two and by 15 points after scoring eight straight to make it 97-82 near the end of the third quarter.

New York was within 12 with five minutes remaining before Boston scored the next 11 points on baskets from five different players.

Jazz 118, Rockets 91: Derrick Favors had 24 points and 10 rebounds off the bench to help the host Jazz overcome Rudy Gobert's quick ejection and coast to a victory over Houston.

Joe Ingles added 18 points and six rebounds for the Jazz. Utah (13-13) won for the fourth time in five games to climb back to .500.

James Harden scored 15 points while Chris Paul and Clint Capela added 12 apiece for the Rockets. Houston (11-13) allowed an opponent to pull away in the second half for the second straight game after committing a season-high 22 turnovers and giving up a season-high 33 points off those turnovers.

The Jazz played the bulk of the game without their starting center after Gobert was ejected less than three minutes into the first half. He picked up his first foul on the opening tip. After picking up his second foul at the 9:13 mark of the first quarter, Gobert got tossed when he swatted a paper cup off the scorer's table in frustration.

Trail Blazers 108, Suns 86: Damian Lillard had 25 points

and eight assists before sitting for the final quarter and host Portland snapped a three-game losing streak with a rout of Phoenix.

Jake Layman came off the bench to score a career-high 24 points for the Blazers, who had lost six of their last seven games. Portland led by as many as 31 points.

Troy Daniels had a season-high 15 points for the struggling Suns, who were held to nine points in the first quarter for the second consecutive game and have lost seven straight. Phoenix has just four victories this season, and just one on the road.

Phoenix missed T.J. Warren for the fourth straight game because of right ankle soreness and Devin Booker for the second game because of a left hamstring strain. Booker is the team's top scorer, averaging 23.5 points, while Warren averages 17.7.