

System to help military moves delayed

BY MATTHEW ADAMS

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — U.S. Transportation Command has delayed the rollout of new computer systems designed to help streamline the annual moving process for hundreds of thousands of military families and designate a single contractor to ship their household goods around the world, defense officials said.

The command awarded its global household goods contract worth an estimated \$6.2 billion to HomeSafe Alliance in November 2021. The company will provide “complete door-to-door global household goods relocation transportation and warehouse services worldwide,” once the company takes over military moves, according to the command’s announcement.

Moves were originally slated to begin under this new contract in September. But technical issues arose in the development of

the Defense Department’s MilMove and HomeSafe Alliance’s HomeSafe Connect — two new computer programs designed to plan, track and expedite moves, command officials said.

More than 800 companies are responsible for 170,000 domestic shipments and 300,000 globally each year, said Andy Dawson, director of the Defense Personal Property Management Office at U.S. Transportation Command. During the military’s peak moving season in the summer, the customer satisfaction rate was 74% for 2023.

“That equates to tens of thousands of service members and families that aren’t satisfied with their relocation experience, and we owe it to them to deliver,” Dawson said. “It’s safe to say the large volume, the majority of shipments will remain in the [current system] for peak season [next year].”

The change in systems was driven by complaints from mili-

tary families about delays in pickups and deliveries of goods and damage to items during transportation.

A 2020 analysis by the Defense Department inspector general found 20% of domestic household goods shipments in 2018 had at least one damage claim.

The analysis also concluded the Transportation Command did not have reliable data to determine whether service members’ goods were being delivered on time or in good condition.

The command is working with HomeSafe to schedule testing dates between mid-December 2023 through the end of January. Once that’s complete, defense officials have picked several bases in the United States where short local moves, within a 50-mile radius, will begin. For example, in the Norfolk, Va., area, they’ll be moving shipments within ZIP codes south of the Chesapeake Bay, Dawson said.

The command developed a

system called MilMove for service members to upload change-of-station orders and initiate a request for their new shipment to be scheduled.

HomeSafe Alliance developed HomeSafe Connect to be used by service members, the government and the industry to track a shipment sent from MilMove.

Any substantial rollout, however, won’t take place from May through Labor Day because of risks associated with trying a new system during peak season for moving.

Between 100,000 and 150,000 shipments take place during that time, said Jessica Brown, a Transportation Command spokeswoman.

“Moving in and of itself is a stressful situation,” Dawson said. “Changes are tremendously hard to execute during that peak season period. As a strategy to reduce the risk, we’ve just kind of taken that off the table.”

Houthi rebels strike Norwegian tanker with missile

Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — A missile fired by Yemen’s Houthi rebels slammed into a Norwegian-flagged tanker in the Red Sea off the coast of Yemen near a key maritime chokepoint, the rebels and authorities said Tuesday.

The assault on the oil and chemical tanker Strinda expands a campaign by the Iranian-backed rebels targeting ships close to the Bab el-Mandeb Strait into apparently now striking those that have no clear ties to Israel. That potentially imperils cargo and energy shipments coming through the Suez

Canal and further widens the international impact of the Israel-Hamas war now raging in the Gaza Strip.

Houthi military spokesperson Brig. Gen. Yahya Saree issued a video statement saying the rebels only fired on the vessel when it “rejected all warning calls.”

The U.S. military’s Central Command issued a statement Tuesday saying an anti-ship cruise missile “launched from a Houthi-controlled area of Yemen” hit the Strinda.

“There were no U.S. ships in the vicinity at the time of the attack, but the USS Mason re-

sponded ... and is currently rendering assistance,” CENTCOM said. The Mason is an Arleigh Burke-class destroyer that has been involved in several of the recent incidents off Yemen.

France’s Armies Ministry separately said that its frigate Languedoc shot down a drone that was “threatening” the Strinda during the attack. The French frigate “then positioned itself to protect the affected vessel, preventing an attempt to hijack the ship,” the French military said.

The private intelligence firms Ambrey and Dryad Global had earlier confirmed the attack

happened near the crucial Bab el-Mandeb Strait separating East Africa from the Arabian Peninsula.

Geir Belsnes, the CEO of the Strinda’s operator, J. Ludwig Mowinckels Rederi, also confirmed the attack took place.

“All crew members are unhurt and safe,” Belsnes said. “The vessel is now proceeding to a safe port.”

The Strinda was coming from Malaysia and was bound for the Suez Canal and then on to Italy with a cargo of palm oil, Belsnes said. Saree alleged without offering any evidence that the ship was bound for Israel.

IG: Guardsman acted alone in info leak

By **DOUG G. WARE**
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WASHINGTON—Air National Guardsman Jack Teixeira acted alone in leaking classified military information, but more than a dozen others at the Massachusetts base where he worked were derelict in their duties and failed to respond appropriately to the situation, an Air Force investigation has concluded.

Teixeira, 21, was arrested in April after officials said he had been sharing top-secret information with a group of other users on the social media site Discord. The leaks included intelligence on Russia's war in Ukraine.

"[The] investigation found individuals in Teixeira's unit failed to take proper action after becoming aware of his intelligence-seeking activities," the Air Force said Monday about the inspector general report. "However, the investigation did not find evi-

dence that members of Teixeira's supervisory chain were aware of his alleged unauthorized disclosures."

Teixeira, a member of the 102nd Intelligence Wing at Otis Air National Guard Base on Cape Cod in Massachusetts, joined the Air National Guard in 2019 and attained the rank of airman first class and became a Cyber Transport Systems journeyman.

"Every airman ... is entrusted with the solemn duty to safeguard our nation's classified defense information. When there is a breach of that sacred trust, for any reason, we will act in accordance with our laws and policies to hold responsible individuals accountable," Air Force Secretary Frank Kendall said.

The monthslong investigation by the Air Force inspector general into the incident said no one aided Teixeira in leaking the classified intelligence, but it

identified several service members at the Guard base who failed in some way to take the appropriate actions when they eventually found out what Teixeira was doing.

For example, Col. Sean Riley, commander of the 102nd Intelligence Wing, was relieved of his command, and Col. Enrique Dovalo, the wing's surveillance and reconnaissance group commander, received administrative action for "concerns with unit culture and compliance with policies and standards." Also, commanders from the 102nd Intelligence Support Squadron and the detachment overseeing administrative support for airmen in the unit were permanently removed, according to the report, which did not name them.

"Air National Guard leaders initiated disciplinary and other administrative actions against 15 individuals ... for dereliction in

the performance of duties," Kendall's office said. "The actions ranged from relieving personnel from their positions, including command positions, to nonjudicial punishment."

The investigation noted multiple lapses in security that allowed Teixeira repeated access to sensitive compartmented information, or SCI—one of the top levels of classification—without supervision and the report said several violations of security protocols were not properly reported.

"Some members mistakenly believed they could report violations to their supervisors (chain of command) and/or other officials, instead of the proper security official, as required in this case," the report states.

The investigation also found Teixeira continued to access secret information even after he had been ordered to stop.

NDAA provision calls for study on Red Hill effects

By **WYATT OLSON**
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A provision in the proposed National Defense Authorization Act would require the federal government to assess health impacts on military families exposed to tap water contaminated by jet fuel from the Navy's Red Hill storage facility in Hawaii.

Sen. Brian Schatz and Rep. Ed Case, Hawaii Democrats, on Thursday successfully inserted several provisions regarding Red Hill in the NDAA, which specifies spending and policy priorities for the Defense Department, Schatz said in a news release that day.

Schatz and Case sit on defense appropriations subcommittees in the Senate and House, respectively.

The language in the bill directs

the government to track the health implications of fuel leaks from Red Hill for uniformed service members and their dependents.

The underground Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, built during World War II just 100 feet atop an aquifer, was ordered emptied and permanently closed by Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin in March 2022. The decision came in the wake of a spill of 20,000 gallons of jet fuel in November 2021 that contaminated one of three wells used by the Navy to supply tap water to military communities on and near Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Dozens of residents and former residents have joined a federal lawsuit seeking compensation for illnesses and financial losses.

Unmanned micro market now open on 2nd aircraft carrier

By **KELLY AGEE**
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An unmanned, self-checkout micro market opened recently aboard the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower, a second experiment in convenient retail at sea that gives sailors 24/7 access to food, beverages and other essentials.

Dubbed Micro Market@Sea, the tiny prototype shop is the second established aboard a warship by the Navy Exchange. The first one opened on the amphibious transport dock USS San Antonio in December 2020.

At-sea shoppers can expect to find a variety of food, beverages and health and wellness items. The Dwight D. Eisenhower's micro market has tallied about \$200,000 in sales since serving its first sailor on Oct. 4, according to

Navy Exchange Service Command.

"This self-service initiative strengthens the Navy's quality of life mission and supports operational readiness by offering Sailors convenient and accessible necessities at any time of the day," command spokeswoman Kristine Sturkie said by email Dec. 6. "Furthermore, the self-service register for checkout supports manning requirements."

Retail service specialists—active-duty sailors who work with ship stores—manage the micro markets and keep them stocked. Self-checkouts allow them to serve concurrently in places like the ship's store, laundry and barbershop.

The at-sea concept was born out of ashore options that have been operating since 2015.

Reservist's brain to be examined after massacre

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine — A tissue sample from the brain of a gunman who killed 18 people and injured 13 others in Maine has been sent to a lab in Massachusetts to be examined for signs of injury or trauma related to his service in the Army Reserve, officials said Monday.

The state's chief medical examiner wants to know if a brain injury stemming from 40-year-old Robert Card's military service could have contributed to unusual behavior he exhibited leading up to the Oct. 25 shootings at a bowling alley and at a bar in Lewiston.

A spokesperson for the medical examiner's office characterized the extra step as a matter of thoroughness "due to the combined history of military experience and actions."

"In an event such as this, people are left with more questions than answers. It is our belief

that if we can conduct testing (in-house or outsourced) that may shed light on some of those answers, we have a responsibility to do that," Lindsey Chasteen, office administrator, wrote in an email.

Card's body was found two days after the shootings in a nearby town. The medical examiner already concluded that he died by suicide.

The tissue samples, first reported by The New York Times, were sent to a laboratory at Boston University that specializes in problems associated with brain trauma, including chronic traumatic encephalopathy, or CTE, which has plagued many professional football players.

The concerns surround Card's exposure to repeated blasts while training U.S. Military Academy cadets about guns, anti-tank weapon and grenades at West Point, N.Y. Card was assigned to the 3rd Battalion,

304th Regiment, in Saco, Maine, starting in April 2014 and during that time he trained others on how to use hand grenades, the Army said.

A Pentagon spokesperson said Monday that the Army is participating in studies to try to better understand the relationship between "blast overpressure" and brain health effects, and in the meantime it has instituted several measures to reduce soldiers' exposure, including limiting the number of personnel near blasts.

"The Army is committed to understanding, mitigating, accurately diagnosing and promptly treating blast overpressure and its effects in all forms. While prolonged blast exposures can be potentially hazardous, even if encountered on the training range and not the battlefield, there is still a lot to learn," Lt. Col. Rob Lodewick said in a statement.

Heart of Hawaii's Lahaina reopens

Associated Press

LAHAINA, Hawaii — The heart of Lahaina, the historic town on the Hawaiian island of Maui that burned in a deadly wildfire that killed at least 100 people, reopened Monday to residents and business owners holding day passes.

The renewed access marks an important emotional milestone for victims of the Aug. 8 fire, but much work remains to be done to safely clear properties of burned debris and rebuild.

The reopened areas include Banyan Tree Park, home to a 150-year-old tree that burned in the fire but that is now sprouting new leaves, Lahaina's public library, an elementary school and popular restaurants.

An oceanfront section of Front Street, where the fire ripped through a traffic jam of cars trying to escape town, reopened Friday.

Authorities are continuing to recommend that people entering scorched lots wear protective gear to shield them from hazards.

On Sunday, the state Department of Health released test results confirming the ash and dust left by the fire is toxic and that arsenic is the biggest concern.

Arsenic is a heavy metal that adheres to wildfire dust and ash, the department said.

The tests examined ash samples collected Nov. 7-8 from 100 properties built from the 1900s to the 2000s. Samples also showed high levels of lead, which was used to paint houses built before 1978.

The cleanup is still in its early stages.

Jury hears attacks on Ga. election workers in Giuliani defamation trial

The Washington Post

Many messages called Ruby Freeman and Wandrea ArShaye "Shaye" Moss traitors. Others said they should be hanged from trees, close enough to the U.S. Capitol "for people to hear their necks snap."

"We're going to burn all those n—— clothes you had ... and your daughter she's a f——ing whore. ... It's all over the internet," another man said in a recorded message to the two Black women, mother and daughter, a volunteer and a temporary election worker in Georgia.

On the first day of a defama-

tion damages trial against Rudy Giuliani, attorneys for Freeman and Moss showed jurors examples of thousands of communications that the two election workers received or were the subject of on social media after the former New York mayor and former lawyer for former President Donald Trump baselessly accused them of tampering with 2020 presidential election vote counting at State Farm Arena in Atlanta.

The "campaign of defamation and emotional terror" unleashed against the two women was "swift ... racist, and it was vicious," the plaintiffs' attor-

neys, Michael J. Gottlieb and Von A. DuBose, said, respectively, in opening statements.

In the lawsuit, Freeman and Moss said they received death threats and were forced into hiding after Giuliani repeatedly claimed in the weeks after the 2020 election that misleading security video footage showed them bringing in "suitcases" full of fake votes for Joe Biden. Giuliani's claims were quickly debunked by election officials in Georgia, who explained that the so-called suitcases were regular ballot boxes and that nothing untoward had occurred.

Appeal for Ukraine aid fails to break US border demands

Bloomberg News

WASHINGTON — Republican senators emerged from a closed-door meeting with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on Tuesday steadfast in their demands that Democrats accept tougher border restrictions as the price for more U.S. aid to Ukraine.

Senate Armed Services ranking member Roger Wicker, a Mississippi Republican, said he'd prefer to get Ukraine aid wrapped up before the end of the year but said congressional approval will more likely slip to early January as the border talks continue.

"The house is not on fire," Wicker said of Ukraine's need for ammunition and other weaponry.

Thom Tillis, a North Carolina Republican, said Zelenskyy understood the end-of-year politics at play on Capitol Hill.

"He's an elected official himself," Tillis said leaving the meeting. "He understood we have to go through this political process and get border security wrapped up."

Many Republicans voiced support for Ukraine but remained steadfast in the border demands.

"There will be no supplement without border security reform," Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham, of South Carolina, added.

Democrats are resisting most of the Republican demands, leaving both sides locked in a standoff and delaying military assistance to help Ukraine at a critical moment in its fight against Russia's invasion.

Majority Leader Chuck Schumer left the meeting with Zelenskyy calling the session "productive" and "very powerful."

Israel strikes Gaza as US isolated by cease-fire calls

Associated Press

RAFAH, Gaza Strip — Israeli forces carried out strikes across Gaza overnight and into Tuesday as they pressed ahead with an offensive that officials say could go on for weeks or months, even as global calls for a cease-fire left both Israel and its main ally, the United States, increasingly isolated.

The war ignited by Hamas' Oct. 7 attack into southern Israel has already brought unprecedented death and destruction to the impoverished coastal enclave, with much of northern Gaza obliterated, more than 18,000 Palestinians killed, and over 80% of the population of 2.3 million pushed from their homes.

The health care system and humanitarian aid operations have collapsed in large parts of the besieged enclave, and aid workers have warned of starvation and the spread of disease among displaced people in overcrowded shelters and tent camps.

Strikes overnight and into Tuesday in southern Gaza — in an area where civilians have

been told to seek shelter — killed at least 23 people, including seven children and six women, according to hospital records and an Associated Press reporter who saw the bodies arrive at a hospital.

Israel launched the campaign after Hamas broke through its defenses and militants streamed into the south on Oct. 7, killing some 1,200 people and seizing about 240 others, of which about half remain in captivity. At least 105 Israeli soldiers have died in the Gaza ground offensive, the army says.

The U.N. secretary-general and Arab states have rallied much of the international community behind calls for an immediate cease-fire. But the U.S. vetoed those efforts at the U.N. Security Council last week as it rushed tank munitions to Israel to allow it to maintain the offensive.

Israel and the U.S. argue that any cease-fire that leaves Hamas in power, even over a small part of the devastated territory, would mean victory for the militant group.

Air Force IDs 7th airman recovered after Osprey crash

BY ALEX WILSON

Stars and Stripes

TOKYO — The Air Force has identified the seventh CV-22B Osprey crew member recovered after the tiltrotor crashed off southwestern Japan with eight aboard.

The body of Maj. Jeff Hoernemann, 32, of Andover, Minn., was discovered over the weekend by divers from the Navy and the Air Force's 320th Special Tactics Squadron, according to an Air Force Special Command news release.

The service announced the discovery Sunday but did not disclose that it was Hoernemann's body until Monday, af-

ter his family was notified.

Hoernemann was a CV-22 instructor pilot and chief of weapons tactics assigned to the 21st Special Operations Squadron, 353rd Special Operations Wing at Yokota Air Base in western Tokyo.

One of the Osprey's eight crew members — Maj. Eric Spendlove, 36, of St. George, Utah — remains missing nearly two weeks after the Osprey went down off the coast of Yakushima Island during a training mission.

U.S. and Japanese divers are continuing their search, according to the news release.

"The main priority is return-

ing our Airmen home and taking care of their family members," the command wrote. "Support to, and the privacy of, the families and loved ones impacted by this incident remains AFSOC's top priority."

The body of Staff Sgt. Jake Galliher, 24, of Pittsfield, Mass., was found the day of the crash. Five more were discovered Dec. 4 along with the Osprey's fuselage. The remains and wreckage were found about 100 feet below the surface.

Two were identified Dec. 5 as Maj. Luke Unrath, 34, of Riverside, Calif. and Tech. Sgt. Zachary Lavoy, 33, of Oviedo, Fla.

Three more were identified

Dec. 6 as Capt. Terrell Brayman, 32, of Pittsford, N.Y.; Staff Sgt. Jake Turnage, 25 of Kennewick, Wash.; and Senior Airman Brian Johnson, 32, of Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

A preliminary investigation indicated that an equipment failure, rather than human error, was likely the crash's cause, Air Force Special Operations Command said Dec. 6.

Since then, the Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps have grounded their Osprey tiltrotor aircraft until the investigation determines the cause of the crash and recommendations are made to return the aircraft to service.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Coast Guard copter that crashed is recovered

AK JUNEAU — A helicopter that crashed in southeast Alaska during a rescue mission last month has been recovered, the U.S. Coast Guard said Saturday.

The downed Coast Guard helicopter was recovered Friday and an investigation was ongoing. The MH-60 Jayhawk crashed on Read Island, about 80 miles east of Sitka, on Nov. 13. The four aircrew members were taken to Seattle for treatment after the crash. They have since been released, the Coast Guard said.

The Coast Guard previously described two of the crew members' injuries as serious.

"We are grateful our four crewmembers were released from Harborview Medical Center and are on the road to recovery," Coast Guard Capt. Brian McLaughlin, who led recovery efforts, said in a statement.

The crash was reported by the fishing vessel that had been the subject of the helicopter's search and rescue mission.

Grocery store worker impaled by golf club dies

MN MINNEAPOLIS — A Minneapolis store clerk died after a customer beat him and impaled him with a golf club, police said.

The 66-year-old clerk was attacked Friday at the Oak Grove Grocery, a small neighborhood store in a residential area near downtown Minneapolis. A 44-year-old suspect is jailed on suspicion of murder.

Police responded to a call just before 1 p.m. and found the vic-

tim behind the counter "with a golf club impaled through his torso," according to a news release from Minneapolis police. The clerk died at a hospital.

Information from witnesses led police to an apartment building across the street. Police Chief Brian O'Hara said at a news conference late Friday that the suspect barricaded himself inside for six hours. After lengthy negotiations, officers took the man into custody, he said.

Police try to ID 4 who died in head-on crash

NM ESPANOLA — Authorities said Sunday that they are still trying to identify four people who died in a fiery two-vehicle crash on a New Mexico highway about 20 miles northwest of Española.

State police said officers were called to the scene on U.S. Highway 84 around 3:30 a.m. Saturday.

Two people were in each vehicle in a head-on collision, according to police. They said the jeep and pickup truck were fully engulfed in flames and all four victims were pronounced dead at the scene.

Woman arrested, drove car into religious group

MT BILLINGS — A woman has been arrested after she drove her vehicle several times at or through a religious group demonstrating on a sidewalk, hitting and injuring one man, Montana police said Sunday.

Genevienne Rancuret, 55, was pulled over by police in Billings on Saturday a few hours af-

ter the episode and taken to jail on charges of felony assault with a weapon — the vehicle — felony criminal mischief and driving under the influence, police said.

The 45-year-old man who was struck suffered minor injuries. Members of the group he was with, identified by police as Israelis for Christ, were holding signs and speaking through an amplifier at the time, a police spokesperson, Lt. Matt Lennick, said.

An update from police said the FBI was also reviewing what happened, along with local prosecutors, suggesting the federal agency was looking into whether it could be a bias-motivated crime.

Inmate convicted in 1st trial of deadly jail riots

SC BISHOPVILLE — South Carolina jurors have found an inmate guilty of charges connected to the death of a fellow inmate during the deadliest U.S. prison riot of the past quarter-century.

The Lee County jury deliberated less than an hour on Friday before finding Michael Juan "Flame" Smith guilty of assault and battery by mob, weapon possession and conspiracy for his role in the 2018 violence. Trial Judge Ferrell Cothran Jr. gave Smith a 45-year sentence, although one five-year term issued will run concurrently with the other time, news outlets reported.

Seven prisoners were killed and 22 seriously injured in the riot at the maximum-security Lee Correctional Institution in Bishopville, located about 50 miles east of Columbia. One in-

mate described bodies "literally stacked on top of each other, like some macabre woodpile."

Dozens of inmates have been indicted on charges related to the riots that occurred across three dormitories, and a string of defendants began pleading guilty over the summer. But Smith was the first prisoner whose case went to trial, according to the news outlets. Within four days he was convicted of the charges related to the death of 33-year-old Cornelius McClary.

Roadside zoo animals taken as part of probe

VA NATURAL BRIDGE — Over 100 animals — both living and dead — have been taken from a roadside zoo in western Virginia, according to court documents, as part of what state authorities are calling a criminal investigation.

One search warrant executed Wednesday at the Natural Bridge Zoo in Rockbridge County shows that 89 living animals were seized, while another 28 deceased animals were removed, The Roanoke Times reported.

The office of Attorney General Jason Miyares is conducting the investigation, with help from the Virginia State Police. The warrant said it had been issued in relation to the care of and cruelty to animals.

Mario Williams, an attorney for the zoo's owner, questioned the probe, telling WDBJ-TV earlier in the week that the zoo would seek to halt any permanent seizure of the animals, which he said would be unconstitutional.

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Levis, Titans rally for win over Dolphins

Associated Press

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. — Will Levis knew he couldn't get too caught up on his mistake. The Tennessee Titans' rookie made a bad pitch to running back Derrick Henry in the fourth quarter against the Miami Dolphins, resulting in a fumble that eventually allowed Miami to take a 14-point lead.

But Levis put the play behind him and directed two touchdown drives in the final 4½ minutes, and Tennessee rallied to stun Miami 28-27 on Monday night, knocking the Dolphins out of the top spot in the AFC.

"That was a nightmare," Levis said of the turnover. "No one wanted to look at me. No one wanted to talk to me. I didn't want to talk to anybody after that. I just wanted to move on — be ready to attack that next two-minute drive that I knew we'd be able to get."

The Titans (5-8) held Tua Tagovailoa and Miami's explosive offense in check for most of the

game but still fell behind by two touchdowns in the fourth thanks to critical mistakes that gave short fields to the Dolphins (9-4). Raheem Mostert ran for TDs of 3 and 5 yards to put Miami ahead 27-13.

Levis, a second-round draft pick making his sixth career start, led a nine-play, 75-yard drive that took 1:54, capping it with a 3-yard touchdown pass to DeAndre Hopkins and a 2-point conversion throw to Nick Westbrook-Ikhine.

The Titans got a stop and Levis hit Hopkins for 28 yards and Chigoziem Okonkwo for 16 yards to get into scoring position. Derrick Henry scored on a 3-yard run and the extra point gave the Titans a one-point lead.

Levis ripped off his helmet, screamed for joy and embraced coach Mike Vrabel on the sideline.

The Dolphins took over with no timeouts left and got to their own 45, but Harold Landry III sacked Tagovailoa to put the

game away. Miami lost at home for the first time this season, and its three-game winning streak was snapped. Baltimore now has a one-game lead for the best record in the conference.

It was the first win by a team down 14 with under three minutes left since 2016.

"Everybody thought this was going to be another Miami-Broncos, 70 points put on us," said Titans linebacker Arden Key. "But we don't care about the outside noise."

Miami played much of the game without star receiver Tyreek Hill, who sat out the second quarter and the majority of the third after injuring his ankle in the first quarter. He returned and caught passes of 23 and 25 yards to set up Jason Sanders' 31-yard field goal that tied it at 13 at the beginning of the fourth. Hill, who leads the NFL in receiving yards, was in and out of the game from there and finished with 61 yards.

Tagovailoa was 23-for-33 for

240 yards and had his streak of 21 consecutive games with a touchdown pass snapped.

Levis went 23-for-38 with a touchdown pass and an interception. Hopkins had seven catches for 124 yards, and Henry ran for two scores.

A grind-it-out game took a wild turn in the fourth quarter, beginning when Tennessee's Eric Garror tried to field a bouncing punt with the game tied at 13-all with 6:16 remaining. The ball caromed off his hands and Elijah Campbell recovered for the Dolphins at the 7.

Mostert punched it in, then scored again after the Titans fumbled on their next possession on a botched pitch by Levis to Henry. Mostert leads the NFL with 16 touchdowns rushing.

Henry, who finished with 34 yards, moved to 15th in NFL history in rushing yards when he scored his 87th career rushing TD in the first quarter that tied the game at 7 going into the half.

DeVito, Bullock come up big to lift Giants over Packers

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The New York Giants had the ball late in the game, with a chance to rally for an improbable win.

That's when Tommy DeVito delivered — again.

DeVito threw a 32-yard pass to Wan'Dale Robinson to set up Randy Bullock's 37-yard field goal as time expired, and the Giants beat Green Bay 24-22 on Monday night to hand the Packers their first December loss since Matt LaFleur took over as coach in 2019.

The 25-year-old DeVito added another moment to his unlikely rookie season as an undrafted free agent. Making his fourth straight start because of injuries to Daniel Jones and Tyrod Taylor, the New Jersey native directed New York to its third consecutive win.

The Giants (5-8) went 57 yards in eight plays after Jordan Love threw a 6-yard touchdown pass to Malik Heath with 1:33 to play. Green Bay then tried a 2-point conver-

sion but Jayden Reed was stopped by linebacker Bobby Okereke. The go-ahead TD was set up by a Saquon Barkley fumble.

DeVito rushed for 71 yards and threw an 8-yard TD pass to Isaiah Hodgins while leading four scoring drives, two of them capped by Barkley runs of 5 and 1 yards. The Giants defense forced three turnovers.

It was DeVito's first fourth-quarter comeback.

"I know it's probably not easy for him being that he's from around here," Giants coach Brian Daboll said. "I kind of know how that goes. So there's a lot on your plate and you got to keep the main thing, the main thing which is football. He had four games. I'm proud of him. He's put a lot of work in really since he got here."

Reed scored on a 16-yard run and Anders Carlson kicked field goals of 36, 32 and 48 yards for the Packers (6-7), who had won three in a row. Green Bay dropped to 16-1 in December under LaFleur.

"It's definitely disappointing," said Love, who finished 25-for-39 for 218 yards. "Just

look at what we got in front of us but we have to take it one week at a time. We had plenty of opportunities to win that game. We didn't execute good enough. It's disappointing for sure."

Defensive lineman Kenny Clark refused to say this was a trap game for the Packers, who were coming off a win over the defending Super Bowl champion Kansas City Chiefs.

"I'm not going to disrespect them like that," Clark said of the Giants. "They showed up and they made plays. We're in the NFL. You don't play your best ball, I don't care who you're going against, you're going to lose. Credit to the Giants. They made some great plays today and they showed up and we didn't."

The Packers were outgained 367 yards to 326 and limited to 5 of 14 on third down. New York also shredded the Green Bay defense for 209 yards rushing.

"A lot of times we had flybys right by the quarterback," LaFleur said. "For whatever reason, we just missed the quarterback."

Pacers hand Pistons 20th straight loss

Associated Press

DETROIT — Benedict Mathurin scored 30 points and the Indiana Pacers handed the Detroit Pistons their 20th straight loss, winning 131-123 on Monday night.

Tyrese Haliburton had 14 points and 16 assists for Indiana in its first game since Saturday's 123-109 loss to the Los Angeles Lakers in the NBA In-Season Tournament final.

"This is one of the most difficult games you can have, coming off the emotions of last week, the game on Saturday, the travel and everything else," Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said. "I just thought our guys did a great job of staying together, keeping their composure and their aggression."

"Detroit is in an all-out attack mode because of their situation."

Detroit's losing streak is the longest single-season slide in franchise history and matches the NBA's longest since the Houston Rockets lost 20 straight in 2020-21. Detroit lost 21 straight between the end of the 1979-80 season and the start of 1980-81.

"As much as this losing hurts us, and it hurts like you can't believe, I see a lot of growth," Pistons coach Monty Williams said. "I'm encouraged by some of the things we saw tonight. We just need to build on them."

Cade Cunningham scored 23 points and Ausar Thompson had 20 for the Pistons, who have dropped 44 of their last 48 games dating to last season's trade deadline.

Rockets 93, Spurs 82: Tari Eason had a season-high 18 points and 14 rebounds off the bench as host Houston dealt San Antonio its franchise-record 17th consecutive loss.

Top overall pick Victor Wembanyama had 15 points, 18 rebounds and five blocks, along with an overpowering dunk over Houston's Alperen Sengun in the third period, but it wasn't enough to get the Spurs back in the win column.

76ers 146, Wizards 101: Tyrese Maxey made three 3-pointers in a game-opening 14-0 run that helped host Philadelphia to a 29-point lead at halftime, and Joel Embiid added 34 points and 10 rebounds in a lopsided win over Washington.

The hapless Wizards (3-19) had seen this before. The 76ers led 75-46 at halftime Monday night, the second time this season they scored 75 points by the break. The other came on Nov. 6 against the Wizards.

Heat 116, Hornets 114: Duncan Robinson had five 3-pointers and scored 24 points, Kevin Love provided a big boost off the bench with a season-high 19 points and visiting Miami over-

came a huge game from Charlotte's Terry Rozier for the win.

Jimmy Butler added 23 points and eight assists and Caleb Martin had 20 points and nine rebounds for Miami.

Bucks 133, Bulls 129 (OT): Giannis Antetokounmpo had 32 points and 12 rebounds to lead host Milwaukee past Chicago in overtime.

DeMar DeRozan had 41 points and Coby White scored 33 for Chicago, which had won four straight.

Magic 104, Cavaliers 94: Paolo Banchero scored 20 points and Franz Wagner added 19 for host Orlando as Cleveland failed to recover from a dismal third quarter.

Darius Garland scored 36 points for the Cavaliers, who made only two of 17 shots in the third and scored 15 points.

Goga Bitadze had 15 points for the Magic, who have won 11 of 13.

Knicks 136, Raptors 130: Julius Randle scored 34 points, Quentin Grimes had a season-high 19 and host New York shook off some bad injury news to beat Toronto.

RJ Barrett added 27 points and Jalen Brunson had 21 points and nine assists for the Knicks.

Nuggets 129, Hawks 122: Jamal Murray scored 29 points, Nikola Jokic added 25 and visiting Denver held off Atlanta to end a three-game skid.

Bogdan Bogdanovic set career highs with 40 points and 10 3-pointers in the Hawks' fourth consecutive loss.

Kings 131, Nets 118: DeAaron Fox had 28 points and nine assists, and host Sacramento set a franchise record for 3-pointers with 25 in a victory over Brooklyn.

Sacramento shot 25-for-45 from 3-point range (55.6%).

Clippers 132, Trail Blazers 127: Kawhi Leonard scored 34 points and host Los Angeles beat short-handed Portland for its fourth straight win.

Portland was without Deandre Ayton, who missed his third straight game, and Malcolm Brogdon, who sat out his second in a row. Both have right knee soreness.

Pelicans 121, Timberwolves 107: Zion Williamson scored a season-high 36 points, CJ McCollum added nine of his 23 points in the fourth quarter on three timely 3-pointers and host New Orleans beat NBA-leading Minnesota.

Mavericks 120, Grizzlies 113: Luka Doncic scored 35 points, Dereck Lively II added 16 points and 16 rebounds, and visiting Dallas beat Memphis to extend its winning streak to three games.

Thunder 134, Jazz 120: Shai Gilgeous-Alexander scored 30 points in three quarters and host Oklahoma City defeated Utah.

No. 10 Gonzaga cruises to 11th straight win at home

Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. — Braden Huff scored 17 points, Graham Ike added 13 points and eight rebounds, and No. 10 Gonzaga cruised to a 78-40 victory over Mississippi Valley State on Monday night.

The Bulldogs (8-2) earned their 11th straight home win and bounced back from a 78-73 loss at Washington on Saturday.

"Nobody was too happy with

how things went (at Washington), so to get that bad taste out of our mouths and play 48 hours later was nice for us to kind of get this one done," Huff said.

Ben Gregg added 11 points and four rebounds off the bench for the Bulldogs. Anton Watson had eight points, four rebounds and three assists.

Mississippi Valley State (0-10) was led by Rayquan Brown, who had with 19 points and nine

rebounds. No other Delta Devils player scored more than five.

The Bulldogs opened the game on a 14-2 run, making six of their first nine shots. Gonzaga went on another spree midway through the first half, scoring 11 straight points to expand its lead to 18, and led 38-18 at halftime.

Huff and Gregg had nine points each in the second half to help the Bulldogs go on several more scoring runs, including an

11-0 stretch to go up by 31 with 13 minutes left. Gonzaga led by as many as 41.

Gonzaga scored 36 points in the paint, but was just 5-for-24 from 3-point range.

"We're taking the right shots," coach Mark Few said. "It's just shooting — you've got to take the right shots, do your prep and get your reps in."

Mississippi Valley State shot 29.1% overall.

Horvat leads Isles over Leafs in OT

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Bo Horvat scored 46 seconds into overtime as the New York Islanders recovered after giving up a two-goal lead and beat the Toronto Maple Leafs 4-3 on Monday night.

Brock Nelson and Kyle Palmieri each had a goal and an assist, and Casey Cizikas also scored to help the Islanders win their third straight game. Noah Dobson had three assists and Ilya Sorokin finished with 36 saves.

In the extra period, Horvat scored on a feed from Mathew Barzal to push the Islanders ahead of Philadelphia into second place in the Metropolitan Division — trailing only the rival New York Rangers.

“You are trying to skate as hard as you can to make a clear-cut two-on-one,” Horvat said after the Islanders improved to 8-1-2 in their last 11 games. “With a saucer pass like that you don’t want to just whack at it and hope for the best. You kind of got to let it sit a little bit and pick your spot. You are trying to think of that in a matter of half a second and thankfully it worked.”

John Tavares had a goal and an assist to reach 1,000 career points, and Auston Matthews

and Morgan Rielly also scored as Toronto snapped a two-game winning streak. William Nylander had two assists and Ilya Samonov made 27 saves.

The Islanders led 3-1 before Tavares pulled the Maple Leafs within one as he redirected a shot from defenseman Conor Timmins at 7:43 of the second period.

Rielly tied it with 7 seconds remaining in regulation. Nylander fired a puck toward the net that bounced off Tavares and Rielly controlled the loose puck.

“It hurts but at the same time you’re sitting there with so little time left and you’re banking one (point),” Nelson said of the team’s mindset following the late equalizer. “It’s just a new game and you have to get back to it. You can’t sit there and think about what happened and what went wrong.”

Avalanche 6, Flames 5: Nathan MacKinnon scored with 4:30 remaining to complete host Colorado’s rally from two goals down in the third period.

Trailing 5-3 entering the final period, Ross Colton scored with 8:40 remaining and Mikko Rantanen tied it up with 6:29 left. MacKinnon scored the winner on a breakaway after Rantanen

delivered a long pass to Valeri Nichushkin, who dished it over to MacKinnon in stride.

Tomas Tatar scored his first goal in a Colorado sweater after being signed in September, Cale Makar added a power-play goal and Ben Meyers, just called up from the Colorado Eagles of the AHL, knocked in another. Ivan Prosvetov took over in net for Alexandar Georgiev in the third period and stopped all 11 shots he faced after Georgiev gave up five goals on 22 shots.

Calgary’s Nazem Kadri had a goal, assist and a roughing penalty against his former team. Andrew Mangiapane, Blake Coleman, Connor Zary and Yegor Sharangovich also had goals for the Flames against a mistake-prone Colorado defense. Dan Vladar had 31 saves.

Stars 6, Red Wings 3: Miro Heiskanen scored two goals, captain Jamie Benn recorded his 500th career assist and host Dallas beat short-handed Detroit.

Jason Robertson and Esa Lindell each had a goal and an assist, and Matt Duchene and Joe Pavelski also scored to help the Stars win their 11th consecutive home game over the Red Wings since January 2017. Jake Oettin-

ger had 27 saves.

Daniel Sprong, Jonatan Berggren and Joe Veleno scored for Detroit, and Shayne Gostisbehere had two assists. James Reimer had 29 saves.

The Red Wings were without injured captain Dylan Larkin and suspended forward David Perron. Perron was suspended six games without pay by the NHL on Monday for his retaliatory cross-check two days earlier against Ottawa’s Artem Zub. That came in the aftermath of Larkin being knocked unconscious when cross-checked in the back of the head and neck by the Senators’ Mathieu Joseph.

Sabres 5, Coyotes 2: Kyle Okposo and Eric Robinson each had a goal and two assists as host Buffalo won for the second time in three games.

JJ Peterka, Peyton Krebs, and Rasmus Dahlin also scored, and Connor Clifton had two assists for the Sabres. Devon Levi made 21 saves.

Michael Kesselring and Michael Carcone scored, and Karel Vejmelka stopped 33 shots in his first start since Nov. 22 for the Coyotes, who have lost three straight following a five-game winning streak.

Clemson holds off Notre Dame for NCAA soccer title

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Seniors Brandon Parrish and Ousmane Sylla each scored, and No. 9 Clemson held off No. 2 Notre Dame 2-1 on Monday night to claim the program’s second national championship in three seasons.

Clemson (15-3-5), making its sixth championship game appearance in school history and second in three seasons, has won titles in 1984, 1987 and 2021. The Tigers also knocked off Notre Dame in the 2021 semifinals.

Notre Dame (13-3-6) was seeking its second championship in program history after winning the College Cup in 2013.

Parrish scored his eighth goal of the season for a 1-0 lead in the 27th minute. Parrish

chested a clearing attempt and sent a deflected shot from distance past a diving Bryan Dowd.

Clemson improved to 11-0-1 when leading at the half this season.

Parrish also cleared the ball off the goal line in the 58th to maintain a 1-0 lead.

Sylla, named the offensive most outstanding player, scored his 13th goal of the season, to go with 10 assists, in the 70th for a 2-0 lead. Sylla played it out wide near the mid-field circle to Alex Meinhard, who dribbled in space to get into the box for a cross to the penalty spot for a wide-open finish.

Joseph Andema nearly recorded his fifth straight shutout in the NCAA Tournament until Tyler Trimnal was whistled for a handball in the 89th minute and Paddy Burns

converted the penalty kick.

Burns also had a good scoring chance in the 56th when he was left wide open at the back post, but his off-balance shot went off the crossbar.

Andema made three saves for Clemson, which allowed 18 goals in its first 18 games of the season and just one in the last five. The Tigers went 449 minutes without giving up a goal in the tournament — nearly becoming the sixth champion to not allow a postseason goal.

The Tigers and Irish played earlier this season, with Notre Dame winning 3-2 on Sept. 9. Parrish also scored in that game, tying it at 2-all before Notre Dame’s Daniel Russo scored the winner off a free kick in the 50th.