

Five innovations found on USS Ford

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NAPLES, Italy — Watching the fighter planes launching from zero to 150 mph in two seconds is the roaring main event for visitors to an aircraft carrier during an exercise.

But at some point during the day, a sailor below decks aboard the USS Gerald R. Ford will turn 500 pounds of trash into nearly nothing, saving shipmates the unpleasant job of sorting and storing that continues on other aircraft carriers.

It's among the host of new and unheralded technologies aboard the Navy's newest carrier that officials have said make the ship more efficient, while reducing its manpower needs.

"The differences (between the Ford-class and Nimitz-class) are significant behind the outer view of the ship," Capt. Paul Lanzilotta, the Ford's commanding officer, told reporters earlier this month while in international waters off the coast of France.

Among the innovations making life more comfortable for the roughly 4,500 people on the Ford are elevators that expedite storage of food and supplies, a vaporizing waste disposal system and powerful, self-cleaning food ovens that operate at the touch of a button.

Lanzilotta said some of the enhancements, such as design changes to the ship's

flight deck operations command center, or island, bolster the ship's ability to meet mission requirements.

Here are five lesser-known new technologies or design changes on the Ford worth a closer look:

Plasma arc waste destruction system

This garbage disposal mechanism vaporizes most of the Ford's trash, including plastic, allowing it to be legally discharged at sea.

The system uses a plasma torch powered by an electric arc to burn garbage, resulting in a gas mostly made up of hydrogen and carbon monoxide, a process called plasma arc gasification, the newsletter states.

On a normal day, it burns about 2,500 to 3,000 pounds of trash at 9,032 degrees Fahrenheit. With the system, 100 pounds of trash can be reduced to 1 pound of ash, according to a fact sheet from the Ford.

Rational combination ovens

Part of Ford's food service design includes high-tech ovens that function like Instant Pot pressure cookers but significantly more powerful. They include product display menus that allow for push-button cooking, according to a Navy statement.

The ovens are linked to Wi-Fi and can be monitored. They're also self-cleaning, becoming a sort of self-contained dishwasher complete with soapy water and rinse cycles that eliminate the need for chemicals and scrubbing, the Navy said.

Dual-band radar

This feature combines multifunction and volume search radars operating on different frequencies. It is managed by a software program, minimizing human intervention and maximizing reaction time.

The system, which provides a 360-degree air picture around the ship, is the primary radar for contacting aircraft, according to the Ford fact sheet.

It features a three-panel, or array, radar without moving parts, which allows for a smaller island.

Stores elevators

There are 10 programmable stores elevators for supplies aboard the Ford situated over centralized storerooms on various levels.

The design allows for transfer of food and supplies directly into the appropriate storerooms, shrinking the working crew from the typical 50 to 100 sailors on other ships and also minimizing time spent on the flight deck and in the hangar bay during replenishment, according to a 2020 Navy newsletter.

In-deck fueling stations

The Ford flight deck includes six in-deck fueling stations, four along the fighter line and two farther forward. The stations accelerate fueling speed and eliminate the need for crew members to drag fuel lines across the deck.

Ponytails, braids, twists now approved in Marines

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Female Marines may let their ponytails fly, according to new, relaxed rules on women's hair issued recently.

The Corps joined its sister services to permit its female members to wear something other than short hair or an austere bun while in uniform, according to uniform board updates that took effect Wednesday.

"These changes are indicative of our disciplined approach to uniformity without sacrificing the health and safety of our female Marines," Marine Corps spokesperson Maj. Jim Stenger said in a press release Wednesday. "We are grateful for the continued feedback from our Marines in addressing uniform updates and modifications. It's because of conversations like those that our leadership can make positive change."

Female Marines may sport

one unsecured half ponytail or up to two unsecured half braids, according to the new regulations. Women with short hair may wear it in twists. Medium-length or long hair may not exceed 2 inches below the collar or cover the collar rank insignia, according to the new regulations.

All hairstyles must present a "neat and professional" military appearance. The Marines have no requirement for women to wear their hair tightly pulled

back or slicked back at any length.

A tight hair bun for female Marines is a safety concern and interferes with their marksmanship in the kneeling and prone position, Brooks said. The bun will push a Marine's helmet forward, obstructing her ability to align the target with the rifle sights.

The uniform board also found that tightly bound hairstyles create tension on follicles and damage women's hair.

Sailor 'wanted to save family' in shooting

Associated Press

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — A member of the U.S. Navy who was injured while helping prevent further harm during a Nov. 19 shooting at a gay nightclub in Colorado said Sunday that he “simply wanted to save the family that I found.”

Petty Officer 2nd Class Thomas James made his first public comments on the shooting in a statement issued through Centura Penrose Hospital in Colorado Springs, where James is recovering from undisclosed injuries suffered during the attack.

Colorado Springs Police Chief Adrian Vasquez said James was one of two men who helped to stop the shooter who walked

into Club Q late on Nov. 19 with multiple firearms, including a semiautomatic rifle, and killed five people.

At least 17 others were injured when a drag queen's birthday celebration turned into a massacre.

James reportedly pushed a rifle out of the shooter's reach while Army veteran Rich Fierro repeatedly struck the shooter with a handgun the shooter brought into the bar, officials have said.

“If I had my way, I would shield everyone I could from the nonsensical acts of hate in the world, but I am only one person,” James said in a statement. “Thankfully, we are a family and family looks after one another.”

Patrons of Club Q have said the bar offered them a community where they felt celebrated, but that the shooting shook their sense of safety.

The shooting suspect — Anderson Lee Aldrich, 22 — was visibly injured during his initial court appearance on Wednesday. He was ordered held without bail. Formal charges have not been filed and Aldrich has not spoken about the shooting.

“I want to support everyone who has known the pain and loss that have been all too common these past few years,” James said. “My thoughts are with those we lost on Nov. 19, and those who are still recovering from their injuries.”

Police: Marine crashes into bar after brief chase

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CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — A Marine on Okinawa may face a drunken driving charge after Japanese police said he led them on a short chase before he crashed into a bar facade in Naha city.

Cpl. Christian Alvarezotoc, 24, assigned to Camp Courtney, was treated at a local hospital for a facial gash following the 2:18 a.m. Sunday crash at Beer Bar Felt in the Makishi area, a

Naha police spokesman told Stars and Stripes by phone Monday.

Alvarezotoc was released to military police, the spokesman said. He said Alvarezotoc will likely remain free as long as he submits to police questioning.

The Marine may face a drunken driving charge, the spokesman said. Prosecutors, not police, decide formal charges under Japan's criminal justice system.

Some government officials in Japan speak to the media on

condition of anonymity as a requirement of their employment.

Alvarezotoc, a native of New York, is a ground electronics telecommunications and information technology systems maintainer with the 3rd Marine Division, division spokesman Lt. Col. Kurt Stahl wrote in an email to Stars and Stripes on Monday.

“The Marine Corps is aware of the alleged incident and cooperating with local authorities,” Stahl wrote. “The alleged misconduct is not aligned with

our core values, which the majority of Marines and Sailors uphold.”

Police attempted to pull over Alvarezotoc's Daihatsu Mira in the Kumoji area after it made a left-hand turn with no signal shortly before the crash, the police spokesman said.

Police chased the Daihatsu for approximately a half-mile at speeds of 15 to 40 mph, the spokesman said.

He said the car went the wrong way on a one-way street and crashed into the bar.

Smuggling drugs nets woman five years in prison

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CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — A Brazilian woman living in Yokohama was sentenced last week to five years in prison and fined about \$10,000 for her involvement in a ring that smuggled illegal narcotics into Japan through the U.S. military postal system on Okinawa, according to Japanese prosecutors.

Rebecca Yamada Travaglia, 25, was charged in September and November 2021 in Naha District Court with possession of a

kilogram, or 2.2 pounds, of cocaine, over four grams of amphetamine pills and just over a half-gram of liquid cannabis, a spokeswoman for the Naha District Prosecutors Office said Thursday.

Court documents rendered Travaglia's name only in Japanese katakana characters. Travaglia is a translation of those characters.

According to prosecutors, Travaglia, unemployed at the time of her arrest, was one of nine people tied to a smuggling ring run by a Japanese citizen, Ken Kominami, with no known address. Kominami was sen-

tenced Sept. 30 to 13 years in prison. He is appealing his sentence, a Fukuoka High Court spokeswoman told Stars and Stripes on Oct. 13.

Travaglia pleaded not guilty at trial and said she had been unaware she was carrying drugs, the Okinawa Times newspaper reported Wednesday. Judge Hironobu Ono found her guilty at a Nov. 22 hearing, the spokeswoman said. She said Travaglia has appealed her sentence.

Government spokespeople in Japan customarily speak to the media on condition of anonymity.

Buffalo gunman pleads guilty in racist shooting

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — The white gunman who massacred 10 Black shoppers and workers at a Buffalo supermarket pleaded guilty Monday to murder and hate-motivated terrorism charges, guaranteeing that he will spend the rest of his life in prison.

Payton Gendron, 19, entered the plea Monday in a courthouse roughly two miles from the grocery store where he used a semi-automatic rifle and body armor to carry out a racist assault he hoped would help preserve white power in the United States.

He pleaded guilty to all the

charges in the grand jury indictment, including murder, murder as a hate crime and hate-motivated domestic terrorism, which carries an automatic sentence of life without parole. Gendron also pleaded guilty to wounding three people who survived the May attack.

The plea comes as many Americans have become nearly desensitized to mass shootings. In recent weeks, there have been deadly attacks at a Walmart in Virginia, at a gay club in Colorado and at the University of Virginia. Just days after Gendron's rampage in Buffalo, a gunman killed 19 children and two teach-

ers at a school in Uvalde, Texas.

Gendron previously pleaded not guilty to separate federal hate crime charges that could result in a death sentence if he is convicted. The U.S. Justice Department has not said whether it will seek capital punishment.

Gendron used a legally purchased AR-15 style rifle in his attack on the Tops Friendly Market in Buffalo. Wearing body armor, he live-streamed from a helmet camera as he shot store employees and shoppers.

Those killed ranged in age from 32 to 86 and included an armed security guard who died trying to protect customers, a

church deacon and the mother of a former Buffalo fire commissioner.

White supremacy was Gendron's motive. He said in documents posted online just before the attack that he'd picked the store, about a three-hour drive from his home in Conklin, N.Y., because it was in a predominantly Black neighborhood.

He said he was motivated by a belief in a massive conspiracy to dilute the power of white people by "replacing" them in the U.S. with people of color.

Gendron surrendered after police confronted him as he emerged from the store.

2 rescued from airplane caught in Md. power lines

The Washington Post

A pilot and a passenger were rescued from a small plane that had crashed into a power line tower and power lines in Gaithersburg, Md., after an hour-long ordeal that saw power cut to nearly 100,000 homes and businesses, led to school cancellations and plunged rescuers into a complex effort to safely remove the people aboard.

Both the pilot and passenger were pulled from the plane and onto large buckets attached to towering cranes shortly after midnight Monday.

Montgomery County Fire Chief Scott Goldstein said the pilot and passenger suffered orthopedic injuries, trauma and had "hypothermia issues."

"Both people assisted us in their movement from the aircraft," he said.

Before they were extricated, Goldstein said, technicians had to conduct "bonding and grounding" operations to make the tower safe. Doing so took about an hour, and was finished about 11:30 p.m. Sunday. The technicians and rescuers then secured the airplane to the tow-

er. The plane was removed about 3 a.m. Monday, hours after power was restored at 1:34 a.m.

The first victim, a woman, was pulled from the plane at 12:25 a.m. Residents who'd spent hours watching the incident play out clapped as she was lowered down in a bucket. The second occupant, a man, came down about 11 minutes later.

Before the rescue, Montgomery County Public Schools canceled classes for Monday, as did Montgomery College.

Maryland State Police identified the pilot as Patrick Merkle, 65, of Washington, D.C., and his passenger as Janet Williams, 66, of Louisiana.

The Sunday evening crash occurred at a Potomac Electric Power Co. transmission line, according to utility and rescue officials. The plane became entangled in high-voltage power lines about 5:40 p.m.

On Monday, Pepco officials said crews continued to assess damage to power equipment and the tower and make any necessary repairs.

'Gaslighting' is top word of 2022 for Merriam-Webster

Associated Press

NEW YORK — "Gaslighting" — mind manipulating, grossly misleading, downright deceitful — is Merriam-Webster's word of the year.

Lookups for the word on Merriam-Webster.com increased 1,740% in 2022 over the year before. But something else happened. There wasn't a single event that drove significant spikes in the curiosity, as it usually goes with the chosen word of the year.

The gaslighting was pervasive.

"It's a word that has risen so quickly in the English language, and especially in the last four years, that it actually came as a surprise to me and to many of us," said Peter Sokolowski, Merriam-Webster's editor at large, in an exclusive interview with The Associated Press ahead of Monday's unveiling.

"It was a word looked up frequently every single day of the year," he said.

There were deepfakes and the dark web. There were deep states and fake news. And there was a whole lot of trolling.

Merriam-Webster's top definition for gaslighting is the psychological manipulation of a person, usually over an extended period of time, that "causes the victim to question the validity of their own thoughts, perception of reality, or memories and typically leads to confusion, loss of confidence and self-esteem, uncertainty of one's emotional or mental stability, and a dependency on the perpetrator."

Gaslighting is a heinous tool frequently used by abusers in relationships — and by politicians and other newsmakers. It can happen between romantic partners, within a broader family unit and among friends. It can be a corporate tactic, or a way to mislead the public. There's also "medical gaslighting," when a health care professional dismisses a patient's symptoms or illness as "all in your head."

Despite its relatively recent prominence — including "Gaslighter," The Chicks' 2020 album featuring the rousing angry titular single — the word was brought to life more than 80 years ago with "Gas Light," a 1938 play by Patrick Hamilton.

Ukraine on edge for more Russian attacks

Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Ukraine prepared for more Russian strikes against energy and other key infrastructure Monday in what appears to be a weekly pattern, and warned of possible evacuations from the capital.

Estonia's foreign minister joined counterparts from six Baltic and Nordic nations — in the largest delegation to visit Ukraine since Russia launched its full-scale war — to pledge electric generators, warm clothes and food. The goal is to help Ukrainians cope with their coldest months of need and keep their resolve high.

"Russia is weaponizing civilian energy security, and it is truly shameful," Estonian Foreign Minister Urmas Reinsalu said in Kyiv.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy warned late Sunday that Russian troops "are preparing new strikes, and as long as they have missiles, they won't stop." He met Monday with senior government officials to discuss what actions to take.

"The upcoming week can be as hard as the one that passed," he predicted.

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stolten-

berg insisted Russian President Vladimir Putin was intent on using frost, snow and ice to his advantage, not only on the battleground but against civilians.

"President Putin is now trying to use the winter as a weapon of war against Ukraine, and this is horrific and we need to be prepared for more attacks," he said on the eve of a two-day meeting of NATO foreign ministers in Bucharest, Romania. "That's the reason why NATO's allies have stepped up their support to Ukraine."

Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko said some of the city's 3 million people might have to be evacuated to where essential services would be less prone to shutdowns caused by missile attacks.

For weeks, Russia has been pounding energy facilities around Kyiv and other Ukrainian cities with missile strikes, usually on Mondays at the work week's beginning, resulting in outages of power and water supplies. Based on the pattern of infrastructure attacks and the Russian military's preparation time, an adviser to Ukraine's interior minister said on national TV that the next strikes could oc-

cur as soon as later Monday or in another week. A Ukrainian military spokesman also said on national TV that Russian aircraft had intensified their activity over Ukraine on Monday.

With temperatures hovering around freezing, and expected to dip as low as 12 degrees Fahrenheit in little more than a week, international help was increasingly focused on items like generators and transformers. The power situation was so dire that Ukraine's energy trader — in normal times an exporter — tested importing electricity from neighboring Romania.

Putin "continues trying to make Ukraine a black hole — no light, no electricity, no heating to put the Ukrainians into the darkness and the cold," said European foreign policy chief Josep Borrell, who is leading a meeting of EU ministers in Bucharest to help Ukraine with its humanitarian crisis. "So we have to continue our support providing more material for the Ukrainians to face the winter without electricity."

Ukraine's energy provider Ukrenergo said Monday that it is still short 27% of output.

WHO renames monkeypox as mpox, citing discrimination, racism fears

Associated Press

LONDON — The World Health Organization has renamed monkeypox as mpox, citing concerns the original name of the decades-old animal disease could be construed as discriminatory and racist.

The U.N. health agency said in a statement Monday that mpox was its new preferred name for monkeypox, saying that both monkeypox and mpox would be used for the next year while the old name is phased out.

WHO said it was concerned by the "racist and stigmatizing language" that arose after monkeypox spread to more than 100 countries. It said numerous individuals and countries asked the organization "to propose a way forward to change the name."

In August, WHO began consulting experts about renaming the disease, shortly after the U.N. agency declared monkeypox's spread to be a global emergency.

To date, there have been more than 80,000 cases identified in dozens of countries that had not previously reported the smallpox-related disease. Until May, monkeypox, a disease that is thought to originate in animals, was not known to trigger large outbreaks beyond cen-

tral and west Africa.

Outside of Africa, nearly all cases have been in gay, bisexual or other men who have sex with men. Scientists believe monkeypox triggered outbreaks in Western countries after spreading via sex at two raves in Belgium and Spain. Vaccination efforts in rich countries, along with targeted control interventions, have mostly brought the disease under control after it peaked in the summer.

In Africa, the disease mainly affects people in contact with infected animals such as rodents and squirrels. The majority of monkeypox-related deaths have been in Africa, where there have been almost no vaccines available.

Mpox was named monkeypox in 1958 when research monkeys in Denmark were observed to have a "pox-like" disease, although they are not thought to be the disease's animal reservoir. Although WHO has named numerous diseases shortly after they emerged, this appears to be the first time it has attempted to rechristen a disease decades after it was first named. Numerous other diseases have been named after geographic regions, which could now be considered prejudicial. WHO has not suggested changing any of those names.

Hawaii's Mauna Loa volcano erupts

Associated Press

HONOLULU — Hawaii's Mauna Loa, the world's largest active volcano, has started to erupt for the first time in nearly four decades, prompting volcanic ash and debris to fall nearby, authorities said Monday.

The eruption began late Sunday night in the summit caldera of the volcano on the Big Island, the U.S. Geological Survey said. Early Monday, it said lava flows were contained within the summit area and weren't threatening nearby communities.

"However, lava flows in the summit region are visible from Kona. There is currently no indication of any migration of the eruption into a rift zone," the Hawaiian Volcano Observatory said in a statement. A rift zone is where the mountain is splitting apart, the rock is cracked and relatively weak and it's easier for magma to emerge.

How long the volcano erupts and whether it could cause lava to flow to populated areas of the island is impossible to predict, said Miel Corbett, a USGS spokesperson.

"But I can tell you, we're in constant communication right now with Hawaii Civil Defense, and they're providing updates to community members," she said.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

6-foot 'Lobsta Mickey' statue returns home

MA BOSTON — A long-forgotten, and somewhat unsettling, statue of Mickey Mouse with giant lobster claws for hands has found its way back to Boston.

The 700-pound statue was last seen in the city nearly two decades ago at Quincy Market where it entertained tourists and shoppers — before slipping out of sight and into city lore after it was sold in 2005 at an auction organized by Disney.

Deon Point, creative director for the Boston sneaker store Concepts, became fixated on tracking down the creation.

The statue had found its way to a New Jersey lawn, but was in need of some repairs. It was discolored, split in sections and its concrete foundation had begun to crumble.

The day before Halloween, "Lobsta Mickey" made its second public debut in the city, when it was set up on Concepts' Newbury Street showroom floor.

Suspect arrested after allegedly hijacking bus

CA SAN FRANCISCO — San Francisco police arrested a suspect who allegedly hijacked a Muni commuter bus, assaulted the driver and hit several other vehicles.

Officer Robert Rueca of the San Francisco Police Department said the suspect, who was not identified, was detained after the bus stopped.

The suspect assaulted the driver, drove the bus and "struck multiple vehicles" before stopping at 19th and Guer-

rero streets, police said.

There were no passengers on the bus at the time, police said.

An ambulance responded to the scene and the bus driver and the driver of another vehicle were treated for what police said appeared to be "non-life-threatening" medical conditions.

Artist's dress painted to match work goes viral

LA PONCHATOULA — Louisiana artist Mandy Poche needed something to wear to her exhibit opening the next day. Instead of making a last-minute dash to the store, she turned to her creative skills and painted a white off-the-shoulder cocktail dress to match one of her artworks. The result has been an internet smash sensation.

Poche lives in Ponchatoula, a town of about 8,000 people in southeastern Louisiana that is known for its annual strawberry festival, antique stores and the live alligator it keeps as a mascot. It's now being noticed for a piece of art that people from around the world have connected with — Poche's dress.

In the three weeks since she posted it on Facebook, the video has been viewed nearly 9 million times, generating a stunning amount of interest in her work from all over the United States and as far away as Australia.

Cruise ship passenger rescued in water

LA NEW ORLEANS — The U.S. Coast Guard said a passenger who went overboard from a cruise ship in the

Gulf of Mexico was rescued on Thanksgiving after likely being in the water for hours.

The 28-year-old man was reported missing at noon while the vessel, the Carnival Valor, was heading to Cozumel, Mexico. According to Carnival Cruise Line, the man was with his sister at a bar on Carnival Valor at 11 p.m. and went to use the restroom. His sister reported him missing the next day after the man did not return to his stateroom.

Coast Guard Lt. Seth Gross said a cargo ship later saw a person in the water about 20 miles south of Southwest Pass, La., and the mouth of the Mississippi River. Gross said the man confirmed he was the missing cruise ship passenger after he was hoisted into a helicopter.

"He appeared to be suffering from mild hypothermia, shock, dehydration, but his condition overall appeared stable," Gross told WWL-TV, adding the man was taken for medical care.

Man charged in incident with passenger on flight

UT SALT LAKE CITY — A Utah man was arrested and charged in federal court with carrying a straight-edge razor blade on a JetBlue flight and using it to threaten another passenger, according to the federal prosecutors.

The U.S. Attorney's Office in Salt Lake City filed a complaint against Merrill Darrell Fackrell, charging him with carrying a weapon on an aircraft and assault with a dangerous weapon on an aircraft, prosecutors said in a news release.

Prosecutors said Fackrell was in a window seat next to a mar-

ried couple, the complaint said.

During the flight, Fackrell placed his hand over the woman's screen and told her to pause her movie, the complaint said. She took off her headphones and saw that Fackrell was holding what appeared to be a knife inches from her throat, the complaint said.

The woman's husband sought help from a flight attendant as the woman lunged for the aisle. Fackrell tried to stop her by grabbing her shoulder. He was detained.

Officers, bystander save man who fell on tracks

NY NEW YORK — Two New York City police officers and a bystander raced to save a man who fell on the tracks at a Manhattan subway station, plucking him out of the way of an oncoming train in a daring rescue captured by an officer's body camera.

The incident happened at the 116th Street station in East Harlem. The man, whom police said fell by accident, was taken to a hospital with injuries to his hand and back.

Officers Brunel Victor and Taufique Bokth were on patrol at the station when they saw a commotion and heard a scream from the opposite side of the station, police said.

They ran up and down stairs, through an emergency exit and onto the tracks, pulling the man to safety with the assistance of a bystander who was already trying to help, police said.

Bystanders then helped the officers climb back to the platform, just before a 6 train pulled into the station.

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US needs win to advance to round of 16

Associated Press

DOHA, Qatar — The task is clear for the United States: beat Iran in a politically charged World Cup match or go home.

U.S. players have been praised as the best generation of American soccer. But they finished third behind Canada and Mexico in World Cup qualifying and now face a must-win final group-stage match.

"The most important thing is that we control the outcome of our journey in this tournament with the last game against Iran," midfielder Weston McKennie said. "So the next thing is just to go out and get three points against Iran."

A draw or a loss would eliminate the Americans, who tied

Wales 1-1 and England 0-0. England leads the group with four points, followed by Iran with three, the U.S. with two and Wales with one.

"We got to win the game," midfielder Gio Reyna said. "We're not really thinking about anything else, just three points and then we're through."

Iran famously beat the U.S. 2-1 in a 1998 World Cup match in France that eliminated the Americans and caused thousands of flag-waving fans to greet the Iranians when they returned home. In the buildup to the rematch Tuesday, the U.S. Soccer Federation angered Iran's government by briefly displaying Iran's flag on social media without the em-

blem of the Islamic Republic.

For the U.S., this year's situation is similar to 2010, when the Americans were on the verge of elimination in the last round of group play before Landon Donovan's stoppage-time goal beat Algeria 1-0.

"I just hope we don't leave it to the 90th-whatever minute," said Stu Holden, a midfielder on the bench that night and now a Fox commentator. "It would be pretty cool to call a last-second U.S. winner, but selfishly I'm quite OK with us just getting that done early and moving on to the round of 16 because that that would be a lot better for my blood pressure."

Iran is coached by Carlos Queiroz, who as a U.S. Soccer Federation adviser in 1998

wrote a player development blueprint aimed at winning a World Cup by 2010. Iran's attack is led by Porto's Mehdi Taremi, who has five Champions League goals this season.

Iran rebounded from a 6-2 opening-match loss to England with a 2-0 upset of Wales, putting the team in position to advance for the first time in six World Cups. Midfielder Alireza Jahanbakhsh of Feyenoord is suspended after picking up a yellow card in both his first matches in Qatar.

Goals have been a struggle for a U.S. team, which got just three from forwards in 14 World Cup qualifiers.

U.S. coach Gregg Berhalter knows that has to change.

"You got to score," he said.

Brazil downs Switzerland on late Casemiro goal

Associated Press

DOHA, Qatar — Brazil struggled without Neymar at the World Cup on Monday. Still, the five-time champions played well enough to secure a spot in the next stage.

Brazil overcame the absence of its injured star to beat Switzerland 1-0 and make it to the round of 16 with a match to spare in Group G.

Casemiro scored in the 83rd minute to break the deadlock in a game in which Brazil had difficulties creating scoring chances without its main playmaker.

"We knew that it wasn't going to be easy. We had to be patient," Casemiro said. "Our first objective was to advance and we achieved that."

Neymar stayed at the team's hotel treating a right ankle injury sustained in the opener in Qatar. Team doctors have not yet given a timetable on his return — or said if he will return at all.

"We know that Neymar is a great player and that he makes a difference," Brazil defender Marquinhos said. "In difficult moments he takes on the responsibility and creates the opportunities, but we showed once again that we have quality players to make up for his absence."

The win gave Brazil six points from two matches, leaving Switzerland with three. Serbia and Cameroon, which drew 3-3 earlier Monday, have one point each.

Switzerland, which had no attempts on target, needs a win in the last match against Serbia to guarantee its spot in the next stage. A draw may be enough depending on the match between Brazil and Cameroon.

The result extended Brazil's unbeaten run in the group stage to 17 matches, with 14 wins and three draws. It has lost only one of its last 29 group games, with the last defeat coming against Norway in 1998 in France.

Switzerland had lost only two of its last 13 group matches at the World Cup.

"I can't really blame the team, it did a good job for quite some time," Switzerland coach Murat Yakin said through a translator. "I don't think it's a disappointment. We have a lot of good takeaways here. The next game is something we have control over."

It was an even match early on, with both teams trying to control the game but not creating many significant chances. Without Neymar, Brazil struggled to get near Switzerland's area until Casemiro scored with a nice one-timer into the far corner, using the outside of his right foot in a shot that deflected slightly off defender Manuel Akanji.

Cameroon 3, Serbia 3: Cameroon staged an impressive comeback in a 3-3 draw against Serbia despite replacing its goalkeeper at the last minute.

Andre Onana, who plays for Italian club Inter Milan, wasn't in Cameroon's lineup or

even at the stadium to watch the Group G match. He was replaced by Devis Epassy.

Coach Rigobert Song said he dropped his starting goalkeeper for "disciplinary reasons," but didn't give any specifics.

"In a group you need to respect the rules that apply to everybody, and I prefer to ensure that the team takes precedence over individuals," Song said. "If you can't fit in with what's required to be part of a squad, then I do think that you need to step up to the plate and accept responsibility for that."

Song said Onana hasn't been kicked out of the squad and didn't rule him out of Cameroon's last group stage match against Brazil on Friday.

Ghana 3, South Korea 2: Mohammed Kudus said there wasn't much difference between the way Ghana played in its opening World Cup match against Portugal or its second game against South Korea.

Except the result, of course.

Kudus scored twice, including the go-ahead goal after the South Koreans evened the match in the second half, and Ghana staved off elimination with a 3-2 victory on Monday.

Mohammed Salisu also scored for the Black Stars, who were disappointed after a close 3-2 opening loss to Cristiano Ronaldo and Portugal and were in need of points against South Korea for a chance to reach the knockout round.

Hurts runs past Packers, sets record

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PHILADELPHIA — Jalen Hurts ran for 157 yards to set an Eagles record for a quarterback, and Packers QB Aaron Rodgers suffered an oblique injury in Philadelphia's 40-33 victory over Green Bay on Sunday night.

Hurts also threw for 153 yards and two touchdowns for the NFC-best Eagles, who moved to 10-1 for the fifth time in history. Miles Sanders ran for 143 yards and two scores as Philadelphia rushed for 363 overall, the second-best total for the franchise.

Rodgers left in the third quarter with his team trailing 34-23 after grimacing his way through a drive that led to a Packers field goal. He had already been playing with a broken thumb and took several hard hits.

Raiders 40, Seahawks 34 (OT): Josh Jacobs sprinted 86 yards for a game-ending touchdown and visiting Las Vegas won in overtime for the second straight week.

Jacobs finished with a franchise-record 229 yards rushing and two scores.

Las Vegas forced overtime thanks to Derek Carr's 5-yard touchdown toss to Foster Moreau in the corner of the end zone with 1:54 remaining that made it 34-all.

Browns 23, Buccaneers 17 (OT): Nick Chubb ran for a 3-yard touchdown with 19 seconds left in overtime, and Cleveland rallied to stun Tom Brady and visiting Tampa Bay in quarterback Jacoby Brissett's final start before Deshaun Watson returns from his suspension.

Watson, who was banned 11 games by the NFL for sexual misconduct allegations, will start next week in Houston.

Chubb's short TD was set up when Brissett connected on a 45-yard pass to Amari Cooper, who found himself wide open when Bucs cornerback Carlton Davis III slipped

and fell near midfield.

Jaguars 28, Ravens 27: Trevor Lawrence connected with Marvin Jones for a 10-yard touchdown with 14 seconds remaining and hit Zay Jones for a gutsy two-point conversion as host Jacksonville held on to beat Baltimore.

The Ravens' Justin Tucker missed a 67-yard field-goal try on the last play. Tucker made four field goals in the game but came up just short on his attempt to break by 1 yard his own record for the longest field goal in NFL history.

Chargers 25, Cardinals 24: Justin Herbert threw a 1-yard touchdown pass to Austin Ekeler with 15 seconds left, then hit Gerald Everett for a two-point conversion to lift visiting Los Angeles over Arizona.

Ekeler just got into the end zone for the TD that moved the Chargers within one, capping a seven-play, 38-yard drive that lasted 1:33.

That set up a bold call by coach Brandon Staley, who opted for the winning two-point-er instead of a tying extra point. Herbert hit Everett for a clean catch despite plenty of traffic near the goal line.

Bengals 20, Titans 16: Joe Burrow threw a 27-yard touchdown pass to Tee Higgins with 13:42 left and visiting Cincinnati held off Tennessee for its third straight victory and fifth in six games.

The defending AFC champion Bengals (7-4) won the rematch of their divisional playoff victory over Tennessee despite not having running back Joe Mixon (concussion protocol) and receiver Ja'Marr Chase (hip).

Jets 31, Bears 10: Mike White threw three touchdown passes, including two to Garrett Wilson, as host New York rolled over banged-up Chicago.

White made his first start since last season in place of the benched Zach Wilson and sparked the Jets to a season-high 466 yards in the rain. White was 22-for-28 for 315 yards.

Dolphins 30, Texans 15: Tua Tagovailoa threw for 299 yards as host Miami built a 30-0 lead over Houston and held on for its fifth straight win.

Tagovailoa had his fourth straight game without an interception, Jaylen Waddle and Tyreek Hill each had 85 yards receiving and the Dolphins' defense had three takeaways.

Commanders 19, Falcons 13: Taylor Heinicke threw two touchdown passes in a run-heavy game in the rain, Kendall Fuller intercepted Marcus Mariota in the end zone with 58 seconds left and host Washington beat Atlanta for its sixth win in seven games.

49ers 13, Saints 0: San Francisco forced two fumbles from Alvin Kamara to become the first team in nearly 21 years to hold visiting New Orleans scoreless.

The Niners (7-4) set the tone on defense from the opening drive, when Fred Warner forced a fumble by Kamara that he recovered, and they didn't let up from there. San Francisco won its fourth straight.

Chiefs 26, Rams 10: Patrick Mahomes threw for 320 yards and a touchdown, Isiah Pacheco ran for a score and host Kansas City beat banged-up Los Angeles.

Mahomes eclipsed 300 yards passing for the sixth straight game, and he ran his streak with a TD pass to 16.

Panthers 23, Broncos 10: Sam Darnold threw for a touchdown and recovered his own fumble for another score in his first game of the season, helping host Carolina beat Denver.

Kraken top Ducks, stretch winning streak to 5 games

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ANAHEIM, Calif. — Matty Beniers had a goal and two assists, Daniel Sprong scored the tiebreaking goal early in the third period and the Seattle Kraken tied a franchise record with their fifth consecutive victory, 5-4 over the Anaheim Ducks on Sunday night.

Jared McCann, Alex Wennberg and Vince Dunn scored in the first period for the streaking Kraken, who then blew a two-goal lead late in the second period before rallying for their 10th win in 12 games.

Martin Jones made 25 saves in his 11th victory of the season for Seattle, which has lost in regulation just once in the past four weeks during a surge that began with the Kraken's first five-game winning streak.

Jets 7, Blackhawks 2: Saku Maenalanen and Pierre-Luc Dubois each scored two goals and visiting Winnipeg handed Chicago its seventh straight loss.

Kyle Connor connected for the third straight game and had two assists, Mark Scheifele had his team-leading 11th goal,

and Jansen Harkins also scored for the Jets.

Wild 4, Coyotes 3: Kirill Kaprizov had a goal and two assists to push his points streak to career-high nine games and help host Minnesota beat Arizona.

Senators 3, Kings 2 (OT): Claude Giroux scored on a breakaway 20 seconds into overtime, Brady Tkachuk had a goal and an assist and visiting Ottawa beat Los Angeles.

Canucks 4, Sharks 3 (OT): Andrei Kuzmenko scored at 1:12 of overtime to lift visiting Vancouver over San Jose.

Sears, No. 18 Tide top No. 1 UNC in 4 OTs

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PORTLAND, Ore. — Mark Sears had 24 points, five rebounds and five assists, and No. 18 Alabama sent top-ranked North Carolina to a second straight loss with a 103-101 victory in a quadruple-overtime thriller on Sunday in the third-place game of the Phil Knight Invitational.

Jahvon Quinerly scored 21 points for the Crimson Tide (6-1), who knocked off the top-ranked team for the first time since upsetting Stanford in the 2004 NCAA Tournament. Charles Bediako had 14 points, 16 rebounds and three blocks.

North Carolina (5-2) wasted a big game for Caleb Love, who had 34 points, nine rebounds, four assists and three steals. Armando Bacot finished with 20 points and 10 rebounds, and R.J. Davis had 19 points and nine rebounds in the second four-overtime game in North Carolina history. The other was a victory over Tulane in 1976.

Alabama forward Noah Clowney took a hard fall on a dunk attempt four minutes into the first half and had to be helped off the court. He did not return.

No. 6 Gonzaga 88, Xavier 84: Julian Strawther scored 23 points, including 10 in the final 4:07, and the Bulldogs beat the Musketeers in the third-place game of the Phil Knight Legacy tournament.

Each of Gonzaga's starters scored in double figures. Drew Timme and Anton Watson had 16 points apiece. Nolan Hickman finished with 14, and Rasir Bolton had 13 points and six assists.

Jack Nunge scored a game-high 25 points for Xavier (4-3), and Colby Jones had 22.

Strawther's three-pointer put Gonzaga (5-2) back in front at 76-75 with 3:18 to go. Watson then converted a floater, and Strawther made another three to make it 81-75 with 1:39 left.

No. 24 Purdue 75, No. 8 Duke 56: Zach Edey had 21 points and 12 rebounds, helping the Boilermakers beat the Blue Devils in the championship game of the Phil Knight Legacy tournament.

Fletcher Loyer scored 18 points for Purdue (6-0), and reserve Caleb Furst finished with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

The 7-foot-4 Edey was 7-for-13 from the

field and 7-for-8 at the line. He was named tournament MVP.

Duke (6-2) shot 36.2% (21-for-58) from the field. Tyres Proctor scored 16 points for the Blue Devils. Kyle Filipowski and Jeremy Roach each had 14.

No. 12 Michigan State 78, Portland 77: Tyson Walker scored 15 points, and the Spartans stopped the Pilots in the fifth-place game of the Phil Knight Invitational.

Pierre Brooks made all four of his three-pointers and scored 15 points for Michigan State (5-2). Joey Hauser added 14 points and seven rebounds. A.J. Hoggard had 12 points and nine assists.

No. 13 Auburn 65, Saint Louis 60: Wendell Green Jr. scored 22 points, and the host Tigers reeled off 11 straight in the closing minutes.

No. 19 UCLA 81, Bellarmine 60: Jaime Jaquez Jr. scored a season-high 27 points, and the host Bruins beat the Knights while playing without leading scorer Jaylen Clark.

No. 20 UConn 71, Iowa State 53: Donovan Clingan had 15 points and 10 rebounds, powering the Huskies to the Phil Knight Invitational championship over the Cyclones.

Clippers top Pacers behind Zubac's career-best game

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LOS ANGELES — Ivica Zubac scored a season-high 31 points and pulled down a career-best 29 rebounds, and the Los Angeles Clippers pulled away in the second half to beat the Indiana Pacers 114-100 on Sunday.

Zubac had the most rebounds in an NBA game this season and was one board away from the league's fourth 30-point/30-rebound rebound game and first since 2018 when he fouled out with 3:40 remaining.

Norman Powell added 19 points and Terance Mann 14 for the Clippers, who are still without Kawhi Leonard and Paul George.

Jalen Smith scored a career-high 23 points for the Pacers, while Tyrese Haliburton added 15 and T.J. McConnell 14.

Bucks 124, Mavericks 115: Giannis Antetokounmpo scored 30 points and host Milwaukee capitalized on Grayson Allen's sizzling start to hand Dallas its fourth straight loss.

Allen scored 22 points in the game's first 17½ minutes while shooting 7-for-7 from beyond the arc, tying his career high for three-pointers. Allen matched the highest total for made three-pointers in a half without any misses over the last 25 seasons, according to ESPN Stats.

Allen finished with a season-high 25 points while shooting 8-for-10 overall and 7-for-8 on three-point attempts. The Bucks shot 55.8% overall as a team and went 17-for-37 from beyond the arc, matching a season high for three-point baskets.

Warriors 137, Timberwolves 114: Steph Curry had 25 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists, Jordan Poole pitched in 24 points off the bench and visiting Golden State used a 47-point first quarter to spark a victory over Minnesota.

Klay Thompson went 5-for-8 from deep for 21 points and tied Joe Johnson (1,978) for 15th place on the NBA's career list for three-pointers made for the Warriors,

who raised their perplexing road record to 2-9. They've won five of their last six games overall and eight of 11.

Nets 111, Trail Blazers 94: Kevin Durant scored 31 points, Seth Curry added a season-high 29 off the bench and host Brooklyn beat Portland.

Curry was 7-for-10 from three-point range and had his highest point total with the Nets and the most by a Brooklyn reserve this season.

Heat 106, Hawks 98: Bam Adebayo scored 14 of his 32 points in the third quarter, Caleb Martin added 20 points and Miami snapped a seven-game road losing streak with a victory over Atlanta.

Tyler Herro had 11 points, 10 assists and 11 rebounds and Max Strus had 16 points for the Heat, who outscored Atlanta 34-21 in the third to take charge of the game. They went on a 10-2 run early in the period to make it 65-64 on Kyle Lowry's left wing

three, and Atlanta trailed the rest of the way. It was Miami's first lead since it was 3-2.

Grizzlies 127, Knicks 123: Ja Morant had 27 points, 14 assists and 10 rebounds in his fifth career triple-double, and visiting Memphis held off New York.

Morant scored 10 points in the fourth quarter, hitting the go-ahead basket after rebounding his own miss with 13.9 seconds left in regulation.

Cavaliers 102, Pistons 94: Donovan Mitchell scored 32 points, Evan Mobley added 20 and visiting Cleveland rallied late to beat Detroit.

Darius Garland added 16 points for Cleveland, which has won five of six.

Celtics 130, Wizards 121: Jaylen Brown scored 36 points and host Boston held off Washington.

76ers 133, Magic 103: Shake Milton had 29 points and seven assists, and visiting Philadelphia routed Orlando.