

Netflix showcases Marine task force

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Netflix is set to unveil another series about the Marine Corps, this time a four-part documentary about a rapid-response task force on Okinawa.

"Marines" is scheduled to premiere Monday — the service's 250th birthday — on the streaming service in the United States. Its story focuses on the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit based at Camp Hansen.

A film crew embedded with the unit for three months in summer 2024 during its pre-deployment certification exercise and patrol, Marine entertainment and media liaison Maj. Hector Alejandro said by email Thursday from Hollywood, Calif.

Filming locations included Okinawa, the South China Sea and aboard the amphibious assault ship USS America and amphibious transport dock USS Green Bay.

"This was a great opportunity to show America what our Marines do every day," 31st MEU commander Col. Chris Niedziocha said in a quote relayed by Alejandro. "The film crews had access to anything they wanted and saw just about everything we do during a patrol. I think it's obvious from the series the incredible level of commitment our Marines have and just how ready to fight we are and the vital role we play ensuring stability in the Indo-Pacific region."

Netflix describes "Marines" as a "coming-of-age docuseries."

Nine Marines and one U.S. Navy sailor, ranging from junior enlisted to senior leaders, are featured in the documentary, Alejandro said. They include machine gunners, scout snipers, F-35B Lightning II pilots and UH-1Y Venom helicopter pilots.

"This series is a chance for families, friends and the Amer-

ican public to gain a much deeper understanding of the service and sacrifice involved in being part of America's forward-deployed crisis response force," he said.

"Marines" will be the second series aired this fall by Netflix about the sea service. The comedy-drama "Boots," about a gay recruit, debuted Oct. 9. It's based on Marine veteran Greg Cope White's memoir, "The Pink Marine."

"The Marine Corps changed my life, and I wanted to honor the institution that took a chance on me," White, who served for six years, told Stars and Stripes last month.

The eight-episode first season climbed to No. 2 in Netflix viewership for October, after Pentagon spokeswoman Kingsley Wilson dismissed the series as "woke garbage," according to entertainment news website Deadline on Oct. 21.

"Marines" director Chelsea

Yarnell has worked on Netflix documentaries "Cheer" and "America's Sweethearts: Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders." Production company Amblin Entertainment, led by director Steven Spielberg, also produced the World War II-set series "Masters of the Air" and "Band of Brothers."

Journalist and documentarian Sebastian Junger, known for codirecting the 2010 Afghanistan War documentary "Restrepo," serves as an executive producer on "Marines."

The 31st is one of seven Marine Expeditionary Units, each consisting of about 2,200 Marines and sailors embarked aboard amphibious warships, according to its website. It features a combination of air, ground and support elements and is designed to quickly respond in combat and non-combat crisis situations including humanitarian assistance and evacuation operations.

Senators make little progress to end shutdown impasse

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government shutdown stretched into its 40th day Sunday even as senators held a weekend session in hopes of finding an end to the impasse that has disrupted flights nationwide, threatened food assistance for millions of Americans and left federal workers without pay.

The Senate has shown few signs of progress over a weekend that could be crucial for the shutdown fight. Republican leaders are hoping to hold votes on bills that would reopen the government into January while also approving full-year fund-

ing for several parts of government. The necessary Democratic support for that effort was far from guaranteed.

"We're only a handful of votes away" from passing legislation to reopen the government, Senate Majority Leader John Thune, R-S.D., said Saturday.

Democratic leaders are pushing hard for an extension of subsidies for health plans offered under the Affordable Care Act marketplace.

Republicans have rejected that offer but signaled openness to an emerging proposal from a small group of moderate Democrats to end the shutdown in ex-

change for a later vote on the "Obamacare" subsidies that make coverage more affordable.

For those enrolled in health exchanges under that law, premiums on average are expected to more than double next year if Congress allows the enhanced subsidies to lapse.

Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, an independent who caucuses with Democrats, said the pledge to hold a vote on extending the subsidies would be a "wasteful gesture" unless "you have the commitment of the speaker of the House that he will support it and that the pres-

ident of the United States will sign it."

President Donald Trump has made clear he is unlikely to compromise any time soon. On Sunday, he pressed Republicans once more to abolish the Senate's filibuster rules that prevent the chamber from advancing on most legislation unless there is support from 60 senators. "Be the Smart Party," he said in a social media post.

Republican leaders in the Senate only need five additional votes to fund the government, and the group involved in the talks has ranged from 10 to 12 Democratic senators.

Marines offer tech-field enlistment bonuses

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The Marine Corps is offering recruits thousands of dollars to enlist in certain technology career fields and to commit to longer initial contracts, the service announced in an administrative message last week.

The largest bonuses would go to recruits who agree to enter cyber and cryptological operations jobs or electronics maintenance roles, according to the message posted on Monday. Recruits willing to take on those roles will receive a \$15,000 signing bonus as the Corps looks to bolster its technological capabilities, which officials see as critical on the modern battlefield.

The bonuses are meant to “re-

main competitive in the war for talent” of young, tech-savvy Americans who are in high demand among the military services and in the private sector.

Though the Marines were less affected by recruiting shortfalls in recent years than other military services, Corps officials have said they still need to incentivize potential recruits into certain jobs, especially outside of the infantry.

The service in September announced it had surpassed its fiscal year 2025 recruiting goal.

Even future grunts can receive Marine enlistment bonuses in fiscal year 2026 if they are willing to serve long initial contracts or ship to recruit training at a time of the Corps’ choosing, according to the new message.

Those willing to ship on the service’s schedule can receive a \$5,000 or \$10,000 signing bonus no matter which of the Marines’ 31 career programs they agree to enter, according to the message.

Marine recruits entering any of those career programs can also receive large bonuses for agreeing to add time to their initial enlistment contracts.

Those agreeing to add one year can receive a \$7,000 bonus and those who add two years to their initial enlistment can receive a \$15,000 bonus.

Those who enlist in the active-duty Marine Corps can only receive one of the enlistment bonuses, the message said.

The longer initial enlistment contract bonuses come as the

service attempts to curb the amount of turnover among its ranks.

The service has long seen the most service members leave after one enlistment among the Pentagon’s military branches, with about 75% of Marines serving only one contract, according to Marine data.

In 2021, Corps leaders called for a transition from its longstanding “recruit and replace” recruiting program toward an “invest and retain” program geared toward keeping more Marines on active duty longer than a handful of years.

Most Marine enlistment contracts range from four to eight years of active-duty time, and they may also include commitments to serve in the reserves.

Syria denies report of plan to put US troops in capital

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Syria is pushing back on a recent news report that the U.S. will establish a military presence on a Damascus air base, according to the country’s state-owned news service.

An official at the Syrian foreign ministry said Thursday the assertion is untrue, news agency SANA reported.

That was in response to a Reuters report last week saying U.S. forces were planning to post up at an unspecified base near the Syrian capital to help enable a security pact Washington is mediating between Israel and Syria.

Reuters cited six unidentified sources familiar with the matter.

The U.S. is directly engaging with Syria and supporting the country’s unity, the foreign

ministry official told SANA.

The American military has maintained a presence in Syria for more than a decade as part of efforts to prevent a resurgence of Islamic State.

Earlier this year, the Pentagon announced it would consolidate the number of troops involved in that mission to about 1,000.

Most remain in the northeast, where they assist Kurdish partners in the Syrian Democratic Forces.

Adm. Brad Cooper, leader of U.S. Central Command, also said earlier this year that the military would take an active role in repatriating the occupants of the vast detention centers in northeast Syria, which house tens of thousands of ISIS-affiliated men, women and children.

Dems want to bar Trump from nuke weapons tests

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WASHINGTON — Democratic senators representing states that bore the brunt of the fallout from explosive nuclear weapons testing are seeking to pass legislation that would bar President Donald Trump from unilaterally resuming such tests.

Their introduced bill, the No Nuclear Testing Without Approval Act, is a response to Trump’s announcement last week that he had ordered the Pentagon to restart the testing of nuclear weapons, citing the nuclear arsenals of Russia and China.

It is still unclear if Trump was referring to the testing of nuclear-capable weapons delivery platforms, which the U.S. conducted on Wednesday with the routine launch of a Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile, or the nuclear explosive testing the

U.S. last conducted in 1992.

But lawmakers from states that were exposed to the radioactive fallout from atmospheric and underground nuclear weapons testing during the Cold War said that they wanted to make sure that Trump would be unable to act without first receiving congressional approval for the testing.

“Nevadans were blindsided when President Trump said he could revive the outdated, misguided practice of detonating nuclear weapons,” said Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto, D-Nev. “No administration should have the authority to set off nuclear bombs on American soil without any oversight or outreach to the states that would bear the burden of these dangerous tests.”

The U.S. can conduct an explosive nuclear weapon test only at the Nevada National Security Site, according to senators.

Vets group provides \$2M for shutdown woes

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WASHINGTON — Wounded Warrior Project announced \$2 million in emergency grants to food assistance programs for veterans and military families impacted by the federal government shutdown that include free groceries, commissary gift cards and prepared meals from food pantries.

The nonprofit, which advocates for post-9/11 veterans, said the grants will support six organizations with missions to provide direct support to veterans, active-duty service members and their families.

Grant recipients are the Armed Services YMCA, Hope for the Warriors, Military Family Advisory Network, Operation Homefront, Stronghold Food

Pantry and the Elizabeth Dole Foundation.

The organizations can deliver assistance quickly, including groceries and emergency financial aid for household expenses. They also connect individuals and families with additional support in their communities, Wounded Warrior Project said.

Even before the government shutdown, veterans were facing “alarming levels of financial strain,” WWP said. Four in 10 veterans with injuries and illnesses the organization serves “met the threshold for food insecurity, nearly three times the rate of the general U.S. population,” WWP said Thursday.

“With the shutdown disrupting pay for federal employees and impacts on SNAP affecting veterans and active-duty families,

we’re seeing increased requests for help,” WWP said.

Here is a look at how the grants will be used:

■ Armed Services YMCA will distribute 187,000 pounds of food to more than 5,300 military families. The food will be provided across branches in Alaska, California, Hawaii, Kentucky, Missouri, North Carolina, Texas, Virginia and Washington.

■ Military Family Advisory Network is providing a week’s worth of groceries and a commissary gift card to 1,250 active-duty National Guard and Reserve families.

■ Operation Homefront is offering \$500 in grocery gift cards to more than 700 post-9/11 veteran and active-duty military families.

■ Stronghold Food Pantry is

giving out more than 52,000 meals to 2,500 military families at 40 locations.

■ Hope for the Warriors will help 950 clients with case management and financial assistance and support 4,500 military households at food distribution sites near military bases nationwide.

■ Elizabeth Dole Foundation is helping caregivers who tend to disabled post-9/11 veterans and active-duty military families with connecting to resources and emergency financial assistance.

“These organizations have the infrastructure and expertise to respond immediately to military families in crisis,” retired Army Lt. Gen. Walt Piatt, chief executive officer at Wounded Warrior Project, said in a written statement Thursday.

US airlines cancel more than 2,500 flights amid shutdown

Associated Press

U.S. airlines canceled more than 2,500 weekend flights by Saturday evening as the Federal Aviation Administration’s mandate to reduce air traffic because of the government shutdown showed no signs of easing.

The slowdown at many of the nation’s busiest airports did not cause immediate widespread disruptions. But it deepened the impact felt by the nation’s longest federal shutdown.

“We all have somewhere to be,” said Emmy Holguin, 36, who was flying from Miami to see family in the Dominican Republic. “I’m hoping that the government can take care of this.”

Analysts warn that the upheaval will intensify and spread far beyond air travel if cancellations keep growing and reach into Thanksgiving week. Already there are concerns about the squeeze on tourism destinations and holiday shipping.

Cancellations jumped Satur-

day — typically a slow travel day — to more than 1,500, following just over 1,000 the previous day, according to the tracking website FlightAware. By the evening U.S. airlines already had canceled another 1,000-plus for Sunday. Ongoing staffing shortages in radar centers and control towers added to the cancellations and delays at several East Coast airports.

Not all the cancellations were due to the FAA order, and those numbers represented just a small portion of the overall flights nationwide. But they are certain to rise in the coming days if the slowdown continues.

Controllers have gone without paychecks for nearly a month, leading many to call in sick and compound previously existing staffing shortages.

Most passengers were relieved to find that airlines largely stayed on schedule Friday, and those whose flights were called off were able to quickly rebook. So far, longer international flights have not been interrupted.

Payroll sends debt letters to DODEA teachers by mistake

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KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — Teachers at Defense Department schools had reason to check their leave and earnings statement this week, even though they still were not getting paid amid the longest federal government shutdown in U.S. history.

Many were notified by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service on Wednesday morning that they owed money, to the tune of hundreds or even thousands of dollars.

It turned out the debt letter was automatically triggered by a glitch in the payroll system, and teachers were told the issue would be resolved once the partial shutdown ended. But the unexpected notifications triggered panic and amplified anxiety for a number of recipients.

“Not only am I having to come to work and not getting paid; you’re now telling me I owe money, so I’m being charged to come

to work?” said James, a DODEA teacher in Italy who asked to be identified only by his first name for fear of retaliation.

“It really takes a lot out of the enthusiasm for the thing that we all love to do,” said James, who was told in the letter that he owed \$600.

Employees of DODEA are “excepted,” meaning they are considered mission-essential and therefore continue to work without pay.

Although it’s unknown how many debt letters were sent out, the leader of a union that represents DODEA educators said many of them had received one.

DFAS has not responded to a request for comment.

Jessica Tackaberry, a DODEA spokeswoman, said teaching and administrative staff worldwide had been affected by the glitch, which she said stemmed from the coding system used for employees during an appropriations lapse.

Super typhoon slams into the Philippines

Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines—Super Typhoon Fung-wong slammed ashore on Sunday in the northeastern coast of the Philippines, where the massive storm had already left at least two people dead and forced more than a million people to evacuate from flood- and landslide-prone areas, officials said.

The typhoon blew into Dinanguan town in Aurora province Sunday night after setting off fierce rain and wind in northeastern Philippine provinces all day from offshore, with sustained winds of up to 115 mph and gusts of up to 143 mph.

The biggest typhoon to threaten the Philippines in years, Fung-wong could cover two-thirds of the archipelago with its 1,118-mile-wide rain and wind band, forecasters said. It approached from the Pacific while the Philippines was still dealing with the devastation wrought by Typhoon Kalmaegi, which left at least 224 people dead in central provinces on Tuesday before pummeling Vietnam, where at least five were killed.

A villager drowned in flash floods in the eastern province of Catanduanes and another died in Catbalogan city in eastern Samar province when she was hit by debris, officials said.

Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. has declared a state of emergency due to the extensive devastation caused by Kalmaegi and the expected calamity from Fung-wong, which is also called Uwan in the Philippines.

Tropical cyclones with sustained winds of 115 mph or higher are categorized in the Philippines as a super typhoon, a designation adopted years ago to underscore the urgency tied to more extreme weather disturbances.

Powerful quake hits off the coast of Japan

Associated Press

TOKYO — A powerful quake rattled northern Japan Sunday evening, followed by several more temblors, according to the Japan Meteorological Agency. A tsunami advisory was issued.

The earthquake, with an upgraded magnitude of 6.9 and depth of 10 miles, struck off the coast of Iwate prefecture at 5:03 p.m. Japan time.

There were no immediate reports of injuries or damage, or any reports of abnormalities at the two nuclear power plants in the area.

The agency issued an advisory for a tsunami of up to 3 feet along the northern coastal region, and subsequently said the water could reach as high as 9 feet in some spots.

A tsunami of about 4 inches was detected at Ofunato city in Iwate Prefecture, Ominato port, Miyako and Kamaishi, and subsequently as high as 8 inches in the coastal area of Ku-

ji. The tsunami that followed in Ofunato also reached 8 inches, according to the agency.

Tsunami waves that follow earthquakes can continue for a few hours afterward, hitting the coast repeatedly, and can possibly get bigger with time.

While the advisory was in place, people were warned to stay away from the ocean and coastal areas and told more shaking could follow in the area.

The tsunami advisory was lifted about three hours after the initial quake, but the meteorological agency told reporters the area was at risk for strong quakes for about a week, especially the next two or three days.

More quakes were recorded in Iwate Prefecture, and the northernmost major island of Hokkaido was also rocked by the series of quakes.

Northeastern Japan is prone to earthquakes.

DC man who threw sandwich found not guilty of assault

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A former Justice Department employee who threw a sandwich at a federal agent during President Donald Trump's law enforcement surge in Washington was found not guilty of assault on Thursday in the latest legal rebuke of the federal intervention.

A viral video of the sandwich tossing made Sean Charles Dunn a symbol of resistance to Trump's deployment of federal agents to combat crime in the nation's capital.

His misdemeanor acquittal is another setback for prosecutors, who have faced a backlash for their aggressive charging tactics during the law enforcement surge. The Justice Department had initially sought a felony assault indictment against Dunn,

but in a highly unusual move, the grand jury declined to sign off on the felony charge. The office of U.S. Attorney Jeanine Pirro then charged Dunn with a misdemeanor.

There was no dispute over whether Dunn threw the sandwich at a U.S. Customs and Border Protection agent on the night of Aug. 10. But his lawyers argued it was a "harmless gesture" during an act of protest protected by the First Amendment.

Prosecutors said Dunn, 37, knew he did not have a right to throw the sandwich at the agent. Dunn shouted "fascists" and "racists" and chanted "shame" toward the group of agents who were in front of a club hosting a "Latin Night."

"Why are you here? I don't want you in my city!" Dunn

shouted, according to police.

After the foreperson read the verdict, Dunn hugged his lawyers. Later, he said, "I'm relieved and I'm looking forward to moving on with my life."

Court officers escorted the 12 jurors out of the building. A group of reporters followed. Several jurors, including the foreperson, declined to be interviewed.

Pirro, a former Fox News host appointed by Trump to be the top federal prosecutor for Washington, said in a statement: "As always, we accept a jury's verdict; that is the system within which we function. However, law enforcement should never be subjected to assault, no matter how 'minor.'"

She added that "even children know when they are angry, they

are not allowed to throw objects at one another."

Dunn ran away after hitting the agent with the sandwich but was apprehended. He was released from custody but rearrested when armed federal agents in riot gear raided his home. The White House posted a highly produced "propaganda" video of the raid on its official X account, Dunn's lawyers said.

Dunn worked as a paralegal for the Justice Department. After Dunn's arrest, Attorney General Pam Bondi announced his firing in a social media post that referred to him as "an example of the Deep State."

Dunn lawyers urged the judge to dismiss the case for what they alleged was a vindictive and selective prosecution.

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Trivial Pursuit, Slime, Battleship in Hall of Fame

NY ROCHESTER — Slime, that gooey, sticky plaything, was enshrined into the National Toy Hall of Fame on Thursday along with perennial bestselling games Battleship and Trivial Pursuit.

Each year, the Hall of Fame recognizes toys that have inspired creative play across generations, culling its finalists from among thousands of nominees sent in online.

Milton Bradley's Battleship, a strategy game that challenges players to strike an opponent's warships, and Trivial Pursuit, which tests players' knowledge in categories like geography and sports, have each sold more than 100 million copies over several decades.

Battleship started as a pencil-and-paper game in the 1930s, but it was Milton Bradley's 1967 plastic edition with fold-up stations and model ships that became a hit with the public.

Trivial Pursuit lets players compete alone or in teams as they maneuver around a board answering trivia questions.

Slime's appeal is more about squish than skill. It was introduced commercially in 1976 and has been manufactured under various brand names, but it is even more accessible as a do-it-yourself project.

Agents drive off with tot girl after arresting father

CA LOS ANGELES — Federal immigration officers in Los Angeles arrested a U.S. citizen during a raid outside a Home Depot store, then two of them got into his car and drove off with the man's toddler

strapped into a car seat in the back, advocates and family said Wednesday.

A video shot by a member of the Los Angeles Rapid Response Network, an immigrant advocacy coalition, shows the man with his hands behind his back and leaning up against his car before being escorted away as two masked agents with helmets and bulletproof vests get into the car and drive away. The man's 1-year-old daughter appears in a blurred image strapped in a car seat in the back.

People are seen filming the agents in the car and are heard yelling "there's a baby in the back!" as the agents drive away.

Lindsay Toczylowski, co-founder of Immigrant Defenders Law Center, said the girl's relatives later picked up the child from federal offices in Los Angeles.

Indictment: Ex-legislator defrauded legal clients

SC COLUMBIA — A former South Carolina state lawmaker has been indicted on federal allegations that he schemed to defraud his legal clients.

A federal grand jury indicted former Rep. Marvin Pendarvis, a Democrat and attorney, on 10 charges including wire fraud, aggravated identity theft and money laundering.

Federal prosecutors said Pendarvis, between 2022 and 2024, negotiated financial settlements on behalf of his clients, but didn't tell them that he had received the funds. Instead, according to the government, Pendarvis — who was at the time serving as a lawmaker representing the Charleston area —

pocketed the money himself, either not telling his clients the money had been obtained, or ultimately giving them lesser sums than what he had negotiated.

In all, according to prosecutors, Pendarvis deposited more than half a million dollars into his law firm's trust fund account, from which he paid nothing to clients.

Blast at chemical plant causes ammonia leak

MS YAZOO CITY — An explosion at a hydrogen and nitrogen product manufacturer in Mississippi caused an ammonia leak and forced nearby residents to evacuate, officials said.

Mississippi Gov. Tate Reeves said in a post on the social platform X that emergency officials from across the state responded Wednesday to the anhydrous ammonia leak at CF Industries' plant north of Yazoo City.

No deaths or injuries have been reported, he said.

Photos and video posted online show a large plume of yellowish smoke rising above the facility.

Bay nationally known for its oysters to reopen

FL TALLAHASSEE — North Florida's Apalachicola Bay will reopen for wild oyster harvesting, a move that supporters hope will breathe life into one of the last historic working waterfronts in a state where much of the picturesque coastline has long given way to high-rise condos and strip mall souvenir shops.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission approved the plan last week to reopen the bay for a limited oyster

season on Jan. 1, 2026, five years after the waters that had been nationally known for the sweet, plump shellfish were closed because of dwindling populations.

The closure of the bay along what is known as Florida's "Forgotten Coast" dealt a blow to an area that historically produced 90% of the state's oysters and 10% of the nation's supply.

Apalachicola oysters were iconic, comparable to Maine lobster and Maryland blue crabs, and their loss marked another sign that a way of life for generations of commercial fishermen is disappearing along with their harvest.

College where Kirk died expanding police force

UT SALT LAKE CITY — The Utah university where conservative activist Charlie Kirk was assassinated is expanding its police force and adding security managers after the school received harsh criticism for its lack of key safety measures on the day of the shooting.

Utah Valley University is in the process of hiring eight additional campus police officers and two new safety managers who will help coordinate security for future events on campus, spokesperson Ellen Treanor said.

Kirk was fatally shot from a campus rooftop on Sept. 10 while debating students in an outdoor courtyard surrounded by several tall buildings. An Associated Press review found that the Orem campus did not implement several public safety practices that have become standard safeguards for security at events around the country.

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Cooper's TD keeps Indiana unbeaten

Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Omar Cooper Jr. jumped to catch a pass from Fernando Mendoza in the back of the end-zone, sweeping his inside foot within the field of play to save No. 2 Indiana from its first loss of the season Saturday against a downtrodden Penn State team that almost denied the Hoosiers their first Happy Valley win in school history.

Mendoza connected with the leaping Cooper with 36 seconds remaining to put Indiana (10-0, 7-0 Big Ten) ahead 27-24.

Penn State (3-6, 0-6) rallied to take the lead 24-20 late in the fourth quarter after being down by 13 points in the third. Ethan Grunkemeyer connected with Nicholas Singleton for a 19-yard score.

The game ending on a failed Penn State Hail Mary attempt.

No. 1 Ohio St. 34, Purdue 10: Julian Sayin threw for 303 yards and one touchdown and the visiting Buckeyes used four straight scoring drives in the second quarter to pull away.

Jeremiah Smith finished with a season-high 10 catches for 137 yards and caught a 35-yard TD pass to break open the game. It was his 10th scoring catch of the season and the 25th of his career.

No. 4 Alabama 20, LSU 9: The host Crimson Tide delivered their best defensive effort in SEC play this season, keeping the Tigers out of the end zone for the first time since the 2012 national championship game.

Alabama (8-1, 6-0 SEC, No. 4 CFP) allowed just 13 first downs and 232 yards while winning its eighth straight game and extending its home winning streak to 17 games, the longest in the Football Bowl Subdivision.

Ty Simpson completed 21 of 35 passes for 277 yards and a touchdown.

No. 5 Georgia 41, Mississippi St. 21: Gunner Stockton threw for 264 yards and three

touchdowns and visiting Georgia beat Mississippi State.

The Bulldogs (8-1, 6-1 SEC) surrendered a touchdown on the opening drive of the game and then scored 38 straight points

No. 6 Oregon 18, Iowa 16: Atticus Sappington kicked a 39-yard field goal with 3 seconds left, and the visiting Ducks escaped with an win over the Hawkeyes. Dante Moore led a 10-play, 54-yard drive to set up Sappington's third field goal of the game, connecting with Malik Benson for 24 yards to get the Ducks (8-1, 5-1 Big Ten, No. 9 CFP) into range for the winning kick.

Iowa quarterback Mark Gronowski's 3-yard touchdown run capped a 12-play, 93-yard march that gave the Hawkeyes (6-3, 4-2, No. 20 CFP) their first lead, 16-15 with 1:51 to play. Iowa went for 2, but Gronowski's conversion pass was incomplete.

Moore completed five passes for 47 yards during the winning drive on what was otherwise a challenging day for the Ducks' offense. He finished with just 112 yards passing and one interception.

No. 7 Mississippi 49, The Citadel 0: Trinidad Chambliss passed for 333 yards and three touchdowns to lead the host Rebels to an easy win.

Chambliss completed 19 of his first 20 passes, most of them quick outs, and finished 29-for-33 before leaving after the first drive of the third quarter for Ole Miss (9-1).

No. 9 Texas Tech 29, No. 8 BYU 7: Stone Harrington kicked a school-record five field goals and linebacker Jacob Rodriguez had two takeaways as the host Red Raiders beat the Cougars, holding previously-unbeaten BYU to a season-low 255 total yards in a game with Big 12 and playoff implications.

Behren Morton passed for 216 yards and threw a 9-yard

touchdown to Caleb Douglas while Cameron Dickey ran for 121 yards and a 1-yard score for Texas Tech (9-1, 6-1 Big 12, No. 8 CFP), which played in its first top-10 matchup since 2008.

The Cougars (8-1, 5-1, No. 7 CFP) had never played in such a game, though the teams could meet again in the Big 12 championship game in four weeks in Arlington, Texas.

No. 10 Notre Dame, Navy 10: C.J. Carr threw for 218 yards and three touchdowns and the host Irish beat the Mids on a snowy night for their seventh consecutive victory.

Carr completed 13 of 16 passes and Notre Dame (7-2) led 42-10 when he gave way to backup quarterback Kenny Minchey late in the third quarter.

Jeremiyah Love gained 94 yards on 13 carries and scored two touchdowns. He scored on a stunning 48-yard run where he went down but didn't touch the turf, rolling off a defender and racing to the end zone after regaining his footing.

Aneyas Williams added a 54-yard TD run in the fourth quarter.

Navy (7-2) played without quarterback Blake Horvath after he was injured last week in a 31-17 loss to North Texas

Braxton Woodson started in place of Horvath and gained 101 yards on 23 carries. He scored Navy's lone TD on a 2-yard run that tied it at 7.

Wake Forest 16, No. 14 Virginia 9: Carlos Hernandez returned a bouncing punt 88 yards in the third quarter for the game's only touchdown, and the visiting Demon Deacons handed the Cavaliers their first Atlantic Coast Conference loss of the season.

Playing most of the night without quarterback Chandler Morris, who was injured on a second-quarter run, Virginia (8-2, 5-1, No. 14 CFP) became the last ACC team to lose a league game this year.

Connor Calvert hit three field goals for Wake Forest (6-3, 3-3), including from 50 and 49 yards in the second half.

No. 16 Vanderbilt 45, Auburn 38 (OT): Diego Pavia threw a 4-yard pass to Cole Spence in overtime, and the host Commodores rallied from a 10-point deficit to beat the Tigers.

The win keeps hopes of a College Football Playoff berth alive for Vanderbilt (8-2, 4-2 Southeastern Conference, No. 16 CFP). The Commodores had left themselves with no room to spare after losing 34-31 at Texas last week.

Army 14, Temple 13: Cale Hellums ran for 118 yards and a touchdown as the quarterback helped the host Black Knights dominate the clock against the Owls.

Army (5-4, 3-3 American Athletic Conference) kept the ball 15 more minutes than Temple (5-5, 3-3).

The Owls punted the ball away with 9:53 left in the game and never got another snap as the Black Knights ran 18 plays to run out the clock. The drive started on the Army 42. The Black Knights converted a fourth-and-1 on the Temple 35 and another from the 14. Army finished the day 4-for-5 on fourth downs, 7-for-14 on third.

Air Force 26, San Jose State 16: Liam Szarka accounted for three touchdowns and the visiting Falcons held off the Spartans.

Szarka's 12-yard touchdown pass to Quin Smith capped a 10-play, 75-yard drive that stretched the Air Force lead to 23-13 with 9:11 to play.

San Jose State's Denis Lynch kicked a 34-yard field goal with 5:43 left, but then the Falcons (3-6, 2-4 Mountain West Conference) chewed up most of the remainder before Reagan Tubbs sealed it for Air Force on a 33-yard field goal with 34 seconds left.

Taylor, Colts run past Falcons in Berlin

Associated Press

BERLIN — Jonathan Taylor completed a 244-yard rushing day with an 8-yard touchdown run in overtime to give the Indianapolis Colts a 31-25 victory over the Atlanta Falcons on Sunday in the first regular-season NFL game in Berlin, Germany.

It was Taylor's third touchdown of the game and came after Colts kicker Michael Badgley tied the game with a 44-yard field goal with 25 seconds left.

Tyler Allgeier's second touchdown was a 1-yard

plunge that gave the Falcons a 25-22 lead with 1:44 left in regulation.

That was after Taylor had put Indianapolis (8-2) in front 22-17 with an 83-yard touchdown run on the previous drive. It was the longest run of the season in the NFL. Daniel Jones' pass attempt on the 2-point conversion was batted down.

On the big play, Taylor ran into traffic up the middle, bounced out to the left and sprinted down the sideline into the end zone. The score moved him past Hall of Famer Edgerin James for most rushing

touchdowns (65) in Colts history.

It was Taylor's third career 200-yard rushing day. His single-game career high is 253 yards from the 2020 season.

Taylor is the fourth player in NFL history to have at least 200 rushing yards and at least three rushing TDs in a game twice in a career. The others are Jim Brown, Adrian Peterson and Derrick Henry.

Allgeier finished with 57 yards on 11 carries and Bijan Robinson rushed 17 times for 84 yards but Atlanta (3-6) fell to their fourth straight loss.

Michael Penix Jr. completed 12 of 28 passes for 177 yards and a touchdown.

Jones finished 19-for-26 for 255 yards with a touchdown and interception. He was sacked seven times, fumbled three times and lost one of them.

The Falcons led 14-13 at half-time and increased their lead to 17-13 lead on Zane Gonzalez's 43-yard field goal early in third quarter.

The Colts drove into the red zone early in the fourth, but settled for Badgley's 34-yard field goal — reducing Atlanta's lead to 17-16.

Late goals from Erne, Steel rally Stars over Predators

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Adam Erne and Sam Steel scored 47 seconds apart midway through the third period to rally the Dallas Stars to a 5-4 victory over the Nashville Predators on Saturday.

Mavrik Bourque scored a goal and added an assist, Roope Hintz and Justin Hryckowian also scored and Jake Oettinger made 16 saves for Dallas, winners of two of three. Wyatt Johnston and Miro Heiskanen each had two assists. Heiskanen has a goal and six assists in his last three games.

Nicolas Hague had a goal and an assist, Filip Forsberg, Luke Evangelista and Steven Stamkos also scored and Justus Annunen made 17 saves for Nashville, losers of four straight. Ryan O'Reilly and Nick Blankenburg had two assists apiece for the Predators.

Devils 2, Penguins 1 (SO): Paul Cotter scored the shootout winner, Jake Allen stopped 33 of the 34 shots he faced in regulation and overtime and host New Jersey beat Pittsburgh to take sole possession of first place in the Metropolitan Division.

Jesper Bratt also scored in the shootout, and Allen turned aside Bryan Rust and Sidney Crosby to win a game for the Devils that the Penguins dominated for long stretches. Arturs Silovs' struggles in the shootout continued, as he has allowed seven shooters to score on eight attempts this season.

Senators 3, Flyers 2 (OT): Visiting Ottawa tried and failed to play keep-away with a one-goal lead and had to go to overtime to beat Philadelphia.

While the Senators neglected to post a shot on goal in the third period until only 1:26 remained, the Flyers got a game-tying goal from Jamie Drysdale to send the game into overtime. Then Tim Stutzle reached a loose puck and scored with 1:41 left in OT.

Canadiens 6, Mammoth 2: Cole Caufield scored twice, Sam Montembeault made 25 saves and host Montreal beat Utah.

Oliver Kapanen and Alex Newhook each had a goal and an assist, and Nick Suzuki and Kirby Dach also scored to help the Canadiens improve to 10-3-2.

Bruins 5, Maple Leafs 3: Fraser Minten scored against his former team and Jeremy Swayman made 30 saves as visiting Boston beat Toronto for its sixth straight victory.

Morgan Geekie, with a goal and an assist, Viktor Arvidsson, Michael Eyssimont and David Pastrnak provided the rest of the offense for the Bruins. Mason Lorei added two assists for Boston, which was missing top defenseman Charlie McAvoy because of a personal matter.

Kraken 4, Blues 3 (OT): Shane Wright scored 1:57 into in overtime after Chandler Stevenson tied the game with two seconds left in regulation and visiting Seattle beat St. Louis.

Ryker Evans and Eeli Tolvanen also scored for the Kraken, while Philipp Grubauer made 16 saves.

Avalanche 9, Oilers 1: Nathan MacKinnon had two goals and two assists, Cale Makar, Parker Kelly and Jack Drury also scored twice and Western Conference-leading Colorado embarrassed host Edmonton.

Gavin Brindley also scored, Scott Wedgewood made 23 saves and Devon Toews had three assists. The Avalanche have earned at least a point in six straight games to improve to 9-1-5.

Lightning 3, Capitals 2: Brandon Hagel scored the tiebreaking goal 8:42 into the third period and host Tampa Bay beat Washington.

Hagel and Jake Guentzel each had a goal and an assist as the Lightning won for the seventh time in eight games. Emil Lilleberg scored his first goal of the season, and Andrei Vasilevskiy made 28 saves.

Islanders 5, Rangers 0: Bo Horvat scored twice to move into a tie for the NHL lead and the New York Islanders kept the New York Rangers winless on home ice with a victory of their biggest rival.

Hurricanes 6, Sabres 3: Andrei Svechnikov, Jesperi Kotkaniemi and Charles Alexis Legault each had a goal and an assist and host Carolina extended its winning streak to three games with a victory over Buffalo.

Ducks 4, Golden Knights 3 (OT): Jacob Trouba scored with 31.5 seconds left in overtime and leading Anaheim scorer Leo Carlsson recorded his first two-goal game of the season to lead the red-hot Ducks to a victory over host Vegas.

Sharks 3, Panthers 1: Macklin Celebrini scored his 10th goal of the season, Adam Gaudette and Alexander Wennberg also scored and host San Jose defeated Florida.

Canucks 4, Blue Jackets 3: Brock Boeser broke a tie on a partial breakaway with 5:45 left in host Vancouver's victory over Columbus.

Nuggets top Pacers on Jokic's triple-double

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DENVER — Nikola Jokic had 32 points, 14 rebounds and 14 assists for his sixth triple-double in nine games this season, and the short-handed Denver Nuggets beat the Indiana Pacers 117-100 on Saturday night to sweep a four-game homestand.

Denver played without regulars Jamal Murray (left calf tightness) and Aaron Gordon (left hamstring) on the second game of a back-to-back. Jalen Pickett and Peyton Watson, who had a season-high 16 points, started instead.

"If he feels something that can turn into something worse, there is a little bit of apprehension," Nuggets coach David Adelman said before the game. "Aaron's a guy we have to protect... because there's just not that many human beings that are that big and jump that high and explode like that."

Indiana, which has been without multiple players at the start of the season, lost for the eighth time in nine games. The Pacers

got Andrew Nembhard back from a left shoulder strain that cost him the last seven games.

Mavericks 111, Wizards 105: Naji Marshall scored a season-high 30 points, P.J. Washington Jr. had eight key points in the final five minutes and visiting Dallas beat Washington.

The Mavericks (3-7) snapped a four-game losing streak and won for the first time this season on the road.

76ers 130, Raptors 120: Tyrese Maxey scored 31 points, Joel Embiid added 29 and host Philadelphia beat Toronto.

Trendon Watford had 20 points, 17 rebounds and 10 assists for the 76ers, who lost all four games to the Raptors last season.

Hawks 122, Lakers 102: Mouhamed Gueye scored a career-high 21 points, Dyson Daniels had 10 points, 13 assists and eight rebounds, and banged-up Atlanta beat visiting Los Angeles to even its record at 5-5.

The Hawks led by 30 points despite playing without three of

their five starters. All-Star Trae Young is sidelined with an MCL sprain. Nickeil Alexander-Walker, Nikola Durišić, Jalen Johnson and Kristaps Porzingis (rest) were also inactive.

Heat 136, Trail Blazers 131: Nikola Jovic scored a career-high 29 points off the bench and finished with nine rebounds and seven assists as host Miami edged Portland.

Norman Powell scored 22 points for the Heat, who got 16 points from Pelle Larsson, 15 from Andrew Wiggins and a 14-point, 12-rebound, seven-assist effort from Jaime Jaquez Jr. Kel'el Ware added 12 rebounds for Miami.

Spurs 126, Pelicans 119: De'Aaron Fox scored 24 points in his season debut, Victor Wembanyama added 18 points and 18 rebounds, and host San Antonio beat New Orleans.

Stephon Castle added 14 points and 14 assists as the Spurs won their second straight after two straight losses following a fran-

chise-best 5-0 start.

Cavaliers 128, Bulls 122: Donovan Mitchell scored eight straight points in 65 seconds, including the go-ahead basket with 34 seconds remaining, and host Cleveland closed on a 12-0 run to beat Chicago.

The Bulls built a 122-116 lead on two free throws by Tre Jones with 1:47 left before Mitchell caught fire, pouring in three successive buckets—including a three-point play. Mitchell scored 26 of his 29 points in the second half as the Cavaliers rallied from 19 down.

Suns 114, Clippers 103: Devin Booker had 21 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists, and visiting Phoenix held off Los Angeles for its second win over the Clippers in three days.

Mark Williams scored 19 points for the Suns, who have won four of five. Phoenix kept a lead throughout the fourth quarter, and Booker's three-point play with 2:59 left got the Suns out of trouble after Los Angeles had trimmed the deficit to five.

No. 22 Michigan St. edges out No. 14 Arkansas

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EAST LANSING, Mich.—Freshman Cam Ward had 18 points and 10 rebounds, Coen Carr scored 15 points and had seven rebounds and No. 22 Michigan State beat No. 14 Arkansas 69-66 on Saturday night in a matchup of Hall of Fame coaches.

The Spartans (2-0) grabbed 19 offensive rebounds and converted them into 18 points, a staple of Tom Izzo's program for 31 seasons.

John Calipari has highly touted freshmen Darius Acuff and Meleek Thomas in his second season with the Razorbacks (1-1), as he often did at Kentucky, Memphis and Massachusetts.

Acuff, who is from Detroit, had 16 points on 5-for-16 shooting points and six assists. Thomas, who is from Pittsburgh, scored 16 on 5-for-15 shooting.

No. 2 Houston 65, Towson 48: Kingston Flemings scored 20 points, Joseph Tugler added 15 points and eight rebounds and the host Cougars defeated the Tigers.

Flemings finished 8-for-10 from the field, and Tugler shot 7-for-14, while Houston

(2-0) shot 42%. Milos Uzan had 11 points and six assists for the Cougars, who forced 18 turnovers and converted them into 22 points.

No. 6 Duke 95, Western Carolina 54: Freshman Cameron Boozer had 25 points in his first regular-season home game for the Blue Devils.

The 6-foot-9, 250-pound forward added eight rebounds, five assists and a block in 23 minutes for Duke (2-0). The preseason Atlantic Coast Conference favorite had no trouble against a team picked to finish seventh in the Southern Conference, pushing its lead to double figures just 7 minutes in and leading by 24 at halftime.

No. 8 BYU 98, Holy Cross 53: Richie Saunders scored 20 points, freshman and top recruit AJ Dybantsa had 17 points and eight rebounds, and the host Cougars never trailed.

Five BYU players scored in double figures, including Robert Wright III with 15 points as the Cougars (2-0) shot 62% from the field and committed only six turnovers.

No. 15 Alabama 103, No. 5 St. John's 96: Labaron Philon scored 25 points and the visiting Crimson Tide passed an early season non-conference test with a victory over the Red Storm.

Philon helped Alabama clinch the win with a deep 3-pointer for a 98-88 lead with two minutes remaining. He shot 10-for-17 from the field in his second straight strong performance as the Tide took control late in the first half.

No. 18 Tennessee 95, Northern Kentucky 56: Nate Ament scored 23 points to lead the host Volunteers to a win over the Norse.

Ja'Kobi Gillespie added 20 points and J.P. Estrella came off the bench to finish with 17 points and 11 rebounds for Tennessee (2-0). Felix Okpara had 11 rebounds.

No. 21 Gonzaga 83, Oklahoma 68: Graham Ike had 19 points and 11 rebounds, Tyon Grant-Foster added 14 points, and the host Bulldogs beat the Sooners.

Jalen Warley and Braden Huff each scored 13 points for Gonzaga (2-0) and the duo combined to grab 17 rebounds.