

Dems seek probe of Trump online posts

'Threatening' claims made after lawmakers urge troops to disobey illegal orders

The Washington Post

Several Democratic lawmakers sought police action Friday over social media posts by President Donald Trump, in which he said they should be arrested and potentially punished by death for encouraging the U.S. military to disobey illegal orders.

At least two lawmakers, Reps. Jason Crow, D-Colo., and Chris Deluzio, D-Pa., have requested that U.S. Capitol Police investigate "intimidating, threatening, and concerning" posts made by Trump on his Truth Social platform, according to a copy of a letter sent from Crow's office to police Thursday and obtained by *The Washington Post*. Axios first reported the request.

Deluzio spokeswoman Zoe Bluffstone confirmed Friday that his office also reported the posts to Capitol Police using the same language as in the letter from

Crow's office.

Rep. Chrissy Houlahan, D-Pa., also said Friday that her office had filed a complaint about a threat from the president with Capitol Police. Her office did not confirm if she had also explicitly requested an investigation.

Trump's social media posts came Thursday in response to a video released Tuesday of six Congress members with military or intelligence experience, who cautioned that "threats to our Constitution aren't just coming from abroad, but from right here at home."

The lawmakers urged members of the U.S. military and intelligence communities to disobey any illegal orders they receive.

The video did not specify which orders concerned the lawmakers, but some representatives have said they are hearing from service members questioning the le-

gality of strikes that have targeted people the Trump administration alleges are trafficking narcotics by sea.

Traditionally, the U.S. military adheres to the Uniform Code of Military Justice, which holds that service members must obey lawful orders, whether they agree with them or not. They are obligated to not follow "manifestly unlawful orders," but such situations are rare and legally fraught.

The message in the video appeared to rattle a president who often seeks retribution against his perceived foes and who has successfully lobbied for federal investigations of their conduct, upending enduring norms that insulate federal law enforcement from political influence.

"It's called SEDITIOUS BEHAVIOR AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL. Each one of these traitors to our Country should be AR-

RESTED AND PUT ON TRIAL," Trump wrote in response to the video. "Their words cannot be allowed to stand — We won't have a Country anymore!!! An example MUST BE SET."

Trump later added that the behavior was "punishable by DEATH!" and reshared a post proclaiming: "HANG THEM GEORGE WASHINGTON WOULD!!!"

Crow, a former Army Ranger, wrote in his letter to Capitol Police that, since Trump's posts, congressional offices of the Democrats in the video had seen "a significant uptick in calls and emails with violent rhetoric and additional threats."

In an interview Friday on the "Brian Kilmeade Show," Trump denied he was threatening the lawmakers but maintained that they had broken the law and continued to talk about sedition.

Mold, bad air quality found throughout DOD housing

BY WYATT OLSON
Stars and Stripes

A survey last month of service members living in military housing drew nearly 3,400 respondents who cited at least one significant or dangerous issue in their homes.

The online survey by the non-profit Change the Air Foundation attracted respondents from all four military branches and the Coast Guard from 57 installations across 30 states and the District of Columbia. It sought answers to an online questionnaire rather than through random sampling.

About three-quarters of respondents said the health of family members had been nega-

tively affected by housing issues.

Change the Air Foundation advocates for improved indoor air quality.

The findings echo the conclusions of federal watchdogs in recent reports.

In a 2023 report, the Government Accountability Office detailed squalid living conditions in military housing, such as overflowing raw sewage, mold and rodent infestation.

An audit earlier this year by the Defense Department Office of Inspector General that looked at seven installations managed by a private entity found that lax inspection protocols led to families moving into

homes that had unresolved health and safety hazards.

The new survey report contains several dozen excerpts of comments made by respondents concerning their experiences.

An active-duty service member in Texas, not identified by name, said his family's housing experience "financially leveled us."

"We left military housing after over a year of being displaced, having been placed in three homes that contained toxigenic molds, and walked into a rental off post with nothing but a week's worth of clothing," the service member said.

"We ended up having to sell

our home in our home state to pay for basic furniture and begin treatments. We have never recovered."

Two-thirds of respondents said they had mold problems in their homes and that they felt "stuck without further options," according to the survey report.

Almost half the respondents reported that housing-related issues had affected their "ability to perform duties and maintain mission readiness," according to the survey report.

The foundation contends that a major step in improving military housing would be to provide service members with reliable housing condition records.

Japan told to pay in Navy noise complaint

By HANA KUSUMOTO
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TOKYO — A Japanese court has ordered the Japanese government to compensate residents near a naval air base southwest of Tokyo for damages they suffered from aircraft noise, a lawyer for the residents said Friday.

Yokohama District Court ordered the government to pay about \$24 million to approximately 8,000 people living near Naval Air Facility Atsugi, lawyer Ken Funatsumaru said Friday. The base is home to U.S. Navy Fleet Air Western Pacific and is shared with Japan's Maritime Self-Defense Force.

The residents filed a civil lawsuit in 2017 seeking compensation of \$50 to \$254 per person

per month, he said. The residents live in surrounding cities of Yamato, Ayase, Machida, Ebina, Zama, Fujisawa and Chigasaki.

The plaintiffs claimed damage to their health, such as ear noise and problems hearing and sleeping, Funatsumaru said. They also experienced difficulties in their daily lives, such as being unable to hear their TVs or having aircraft noise interrupt conversations.

"It caused damage that exceeded what could be tolerated in social life," said Presiding Judge Nobuhiro Okada, according to a Kyodo News report Wednesday.

However, the court awarded no compensation in some cases or less compensation than the

residents sought for damages caused after fighter jets of the Navy's carrier air wing relocated in 2018 to Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Funatsumaru said.

That part of the ruling was unjust, and the residents feel that the aircraft noise did not lessen even after the airwing was relocated, he said.

The South Kanto Defense Bureau is reviewing the court ruling, a bureau official who deals with litigation said Friday.

"The Ministry of Defense will carefully consider the content of the ruling and will respond appropriately after fully coordinating with relevant agencies regarding future actions," she said. Some Japanese officials must speak to the media on con-

dition of anonymity.

Another series of noise lawsuits by area residents has been pending against NAF Atsugi since the 1970s. That group seeks to limit flight operations by U.S. and Japanese aircraft, along with compensation for noise damage.

In November 2024, the Yokohama District Court ordered the Japanese government to pay about \$37.5 million to approximately 8,700 residents claiming damages from aircraft noise.

However, the court rejected their demand for suspension of military flight operations.

The residents and the Japanese government appealed the decision to the high court in December, according to the plaintiff's website.

US assets in Caribbean grow in strength, number

By MATTHEW ADAMS
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The U.S. military has steadily amassed troops, naval and air assets in the Caribbean Sea to strike alleged drug traffickers.

Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth last month announced the deployment of the Ford Carrier Strike Group, and the USS Gerald R. Ford, along with accompanying ships USS Mahan, USS Bainbridge and USS Winston S. Churchill arrived last weekend, concentrating nearly 20% of the Navy's deployed warships in the region.

The strike group joined other ships in the Caribbean, including the Iwo Jima Amphibious Ready Group and its embarked Marine expeditionary unit.

Also patrolling the region are the guided missile cruisers USS Gettysburg and USS Lake Erie, and the destroyers USS Gravelly

and USS Stockdale, a Navy official confirmed. The official was not authorized to comment publicly and spoke on the condition of anonymity. There are no ships in the Atlantic Ocean in the U.S. Southern Command area of responsibility, the official said.

Air assets include P-8 Poseidon Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Aircraft and a squadron of F-35s, a defense official said Thursday.

Also in the region: AV-8B Harrier II's with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit. The jets were conducting a live-fire ordnance exercise from the USS Iwo Jima in the Caribbean, U.S. Southern Command said in a video posted on X. The Marine Corps plans to retire all Harriers from its inventory by the end of next year.

The U.S. has conducted at least 21 strikes in SOUTHCOM since September.

Russian 'combat icebreaker' raises questions about Arctic

By GARY WARNER
Stars and Stripes

Russia is raising questions about militarization of the Arctic with its deployment of the Ivan Papanin, a new "combat icebreaker," to the region. Commissioned on Sept. 8 in Severomorsk, the ship is the first of two new vessels that combine icebreaking capability with significant firepower.

Marc Cancian, a former Marine Corps officer and analyst at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, called the move a break from the tradition that icebreakers were scientific or transport vessels, not warships.

"The United States should make provisions for arming icebreakers," Cancian said. "The environment in the far north has changed from its post-Cold War status as a wilderness and resource extraction zone to a heavily trafficked

and contested zone."

The U.S. currently operates three icebreakers from Coast Guard Base Seattle — the USCGC Polar Star, USCGC Healy and USCGC Storis — each armed only with short-range, .50 caliber machine guns.

Russia's new ship, by contrast, represents a significantly different design and purpose. According to Janes, the London-based defense analysis firm, the Ivan Papanin displaces 8,600 tons, runs on diesel-electric engines at 18 knots and can break through 5 inches of ice.

It carries 49 permanent crew members plus space for 47 others.

While Russia operates more than 40 icebreakers, including seven nuclear-powered craft, the Ivan Papanin is the first to feature heavy permanent armament, Janes said.

Judge blocks IRS from sharing immigrant data

The Washington Post

A federal judge on Friday blocked the Internal Revenue Service from sharing data with immigration enforcement officials, ruling that the tax agency violated federal law and the rights of tens of thousands of individuals in its attempt to participate in President Donald Trump's mass deportation campaign.

The Treasury and Homeland Security departments in April formalized an agreement to share confidential information about taxpayers who the Trump administration suspected of being in the country illegally.

Under the terms of the deal, signed by Treasury Secretary

Scott Bessent and Homeland Security Secretary Kristi L. Noem, immigration officials would provide the IRS with names, addresses and other identifying information for individuals they wished to detain and deport.

The IRS would then cross check those details against confidential databases to confirm the individuals' identity and location.

The arrangement deeply alarmed career IRS officials and led to a steep drop-off in tax filing in immigrant communities, *The Washington Post* reported.

In August, DHS requested 1.2 million names from the IRS,

which returned hits matching about 47,000 individuals, according to court records.

But on Friday, Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia held that the arrangement violated the privacy rights that underpin the U.S. tax code. She said that the individuals, plus the taxpayer rights group that brought the complaint, faced severe harm if the data-sharing agreement was allowed to continue.

"If this risk were to materialize, then Plaintiffs' members would be subject to grave harm, including, but not limited to, illegal removal from the United States," Kollar-Kotelly wrote in

granting a preliminary injunction to halt the arrangement. "Furthermore, Plaintiffs have shown that the risk of this harm has led many of Plaintiffs' members to forgo filing for tax benefits to which they are entitled."

She added that the lost revenue from immigrants who avoid filing taxes out of fear of deportation harmed the American public at large by depriving the government of funds.

It is unclear whether the IRS will ask the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit to review the ruling.

Representatives for the Treasury Department did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Judge details force in Chicago immigration crackdown

Associated Press

CHICAGO — A judge's blistering 223-page opinion has offered a cache of striking new details from body camera footage about agents' use of force during a federal immigration crackdown in the Chicago area dubbed "Operation Midway Blitz."

U.S. District Judge Sara Ellis' opinion issued Thursday recounts many high-profile clashes between federal agents and protesters, repeatedly using

body camera footage to refute the federal government's narratives from court, use-of-force reports, filmed depositions and press releases.

The opinion describes scenes of agents launching tear gas without warning, aiming rubber rounds at reporters, tackling protesters and laughing as blood oozed from a demonstrator's ear.

Ellis expressed surprise about federal officials pointing her to specific videos, which she

later found showed agents violating her orders restricting the use of force.

The opinion outlines Ellis' findings in issuing a preliminary injunction earlier this month in response to a lawsuit filed by news outlets and protesters who claimed federal officers used excessive force during an immigration crackdown that has netted more than 3,000 arrests since September across the nation's third-largest city and its many suburbs.

Among other things, Ellis' order restricted agents from using physical force and chemical agents like tear gas and pepper balls, unless necessary or to prevent an "an immediate threat."

She said the current practices violated the constitutional rights of journalists and protesters.

A federal appeals court on Wednesday temporarily halted the order, calling it "overbroad" and "too prescriptive."

Heavy rains bring flash flooding to Southern California

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The third storm in just over a week drenched Southern California on Friday and prompted some local flooding but caused no major widespread damage before heading east into the mountains and south toward Mexico's Baja California Peninsula.

The series of storms put Southern California on track for near-record November rainfall, the National Weather Service

said.

The region has received copious amounts of rain since Nov. 13, more than four times the normal amount that typically falls during the month in downtown Los Angeles, according to reports from the weather service.

Residents were warned before dawn Friday of flash flooding of streets, creeks and streams and possible mudslides in parts of Los Angeles and Or-

ange counties. Some vehicles were stuck in floodwaters near Culver City before dawn, the weather service reported.

In coastal Huntington Beach, rainwater rushed through streets like a stream, and one neighborhood flooded after a local pond overflowed, spilling water into the streets and trapping parked cars.

By midday Friday, there was a mix of clouds and sun along the coast as the storm moved

east over the mountains, dropping about 3 inches of snow in the resort community of Big Bear with the potential for more into Saturday, said Sebastian Westerink, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service in San Diego.

"It is certainly possible we're going to see a few inches overnight," Westerink said.

No major damage was reported from the latest storm, Westerink said.

Some Nigerian pupils escape kidnappers

Associated Press

ABUJA, Nigeria—Fifty of the 303 schoolchildren abducted from a Catholic school in north-central Nigeria's Niger state have escaped captivity and are now with their families, the school authority said Sunday, as the pope called for the immediate release of those still missing.

The schoolchildren, aged between 10 and 18, escaped individually between Friday and Saturday, according to the Most Rev. Bulus Dauwa Yohanna, chairman of the Christian Association of Nigeria in Niger state and the proprietor of the school.

A total of 253 schoolchildren and 12 teachers are still being held by the kidnappers, Yohanna said in a statement. "We were able to ascertain this when we decided to contact and visit some parents," he added.

Meanwhile, 38 worshippers kidnapped during a deadly church attack in central Nigeria's Kwara state have regained their freedom, Kwara Gov. AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq said in a statement.

Gunmen had attacked the Christ Apostolic Church in Kwara's Eruku town on Tuesday, killing two people and taking others hostage. Nigeria's President Bola Tinubu, in a separate statement, attributed the freedom of the worshippers to "the efforts of security agencies" without giving further details.

The Niger state pupils and students were seized together with their teachers by gunmen who attacked the St. Mary's School, a Catholic institution in Niger state's remote Papiri community, on Friday.

No group has yet claimed re-

sponsibility for the abductions and Nigerian authorities have not shared any update on rescue efforts. It was not immediately clear where the Niger state children were being held or how they managed to return home.

The Niger state school is located near a major road linking the towns of Yelwa and Mokwa, and is in a region of Nigeria where armed gangs often operate out of vast forests that connect different states and conflict hot spots.

Pope Leo XIV called for the immediate release of the schoolchildren and staff of the school, saying at the end of a mass in St. Peter's Square on Sunday that he was "deeply saddened" by the incident.

"I feel great sorrow, especially for the many girls and boys who have been abducted and for their anguished families," the

pontiff said. "I make a heartfelt appeal for the immediate release of the hostages and urge the competent authorities to take appropriate and timely decisions to ensure their release."

School kidnappings have come to define insecurity in Africa's most populous nation, and armed gangs often see schools as "strategic" targets to draw more attention. At least 1,500 students have been seized in Nigeria since the famous kidnapping of the Chibok schoolgirls more than a decade ago, and many of the children were released only after ransoms were paid.

The Niger state attack happened four days after 25 schoolchildren were seized in similar circumstances in neighboring Kebbi state's Maga town, which is 106 miles away.

Israel says it killed Hezbollah official in strike on Lebanon

Associated Press

HARET HREIK, Lebanon — Israel on Sunday struck Lebanon's capital for the first time since June, saying it killed Hezbollah's chief of staff Haytham Tabtabai and warning the Iran-backed militant group not to rearm and rebuild a year after their latest war.

The strike in Beirut's southern suburbs killed five people and wounded 25 others, Lebanon's Health Ministry said.

Hezbollah did not immediately comment. Earlier, it said the strike, launched a year after a ceasefire ended that Israel-Hezbollah war, threatened an escalation of attacks—just days before Pope Leo XIV is scheduled to visit Lebanon on his first foreign trip.

"We will continue to act forcefully to prevent any threat to the residents of the north and the state of Israel," Israeli Defense Minister Israel Katz said in a statement. Government spokesperson Shosh Bedrosian did not

say whether Israel informed close ally the United States before the strike, saying only that "Israel makes decisions independently." Israel did not issue an evacuation warning.

Tabtabai had led Hezbollah's elite Radwan Unit. Israel's military said he "commanded most of Hezbollah's units and worked hard to restore them to readiness for war with Israel." Israel's foreign affairs ministry said his killing came after repeated Hezbollah violations of the ceasefire.

Earlier, at the scene of Sunday's strike, Mahmoud Qamati, deputy chair of Hezbollah's political council, told journalists that a high-ranking militant may have been killed but did not give details.

"Hezbollah's leadership is studying the matter of response and will take the appropriate decision," Qamati said. "The strike on the southern suburbs today opens the door to an escalation of assaults all over Lebanon."

Brazil's ex-leader arrested for alleged plot to avoid prison

Associated Press

BRASILIA, Brazil — Brazil's federal police on Saturday arrested former President Jair Bolsonaro over suspicion he was plotting to escape and avoid starting a 27-year prison sentence for leading a coup attempt. The decision laid bare some of the country's divisions, with many uncorking Champagne outside the far-right leader's prison to celebrate as his supporters prepared a religious act in his favor.

In a dramatic and unexpected twist in the final stage of a long and divisive criminal trial, federal agents entered Bolsonaro's house early Saturday under the order of a Supreme Court Justice to take the former president to the headquarters of the country's federal police in the capital, Brasilia.

Justice Alexandre de Moraes, who oversaw the case on Bolsonaro's attempt to keep the presidency after his defeat to Presi-

dent Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva in 2022, ordered the preemptive arrest after saying the far-right leader's ankle monitor was violated at 12:08 a.m. on Saturday. His lawyers claimed in a statement that did not take place.

A report by custody agents released later in the day — and reviewed by The Associated Press — said Bolsonaro admitted using a soldering iron to try to open the device. In a court video also seen by the AP, Bolsonaro is heard admitting such an attempt. The footage shows the ankle monitor's cap heavily damaged.

Bolsonaro, 70, who had been under house arrest, was ordered to wear the device after being deemed a flight risk. His aide Andrieli Cirino confirmed that the arrest took place Saturday.

De Moraes said the arrest was a preventive measure to avoid a potential escape during a protest organized by Bolsonaro's son later Saturday.

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Congresswoman charged in disaster fund theft

FL MIAMI — A federal indictment charges U.S. Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick of Florida with stealing \$5 million in federal disaster funds, laundering some of the money through straw donors to her congressional campaign and then conspiring to file a false tax return, the Justice Department announced.

Federal prosecutors accused the Democrat of stealing Federal Emergency Management Agency overpayments that her family's health care company received through a COVID-19 vaccination staffing contract. Cherfilus-McCormick has denied the charges and has no plans to resign, according to a statement shared by her chief of staff.

The indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Miami on Wednesday accuses Cherfilus-McCormick and several co-defendants of conspiring to steal \$5 million in overpayments to Trinity Healthcare Services, under a 2021 contract to register people for COVID vaccinations.

Afghan teen in attack plot sentenced to 15 years

OK OKLAHOMA CITY — An Afghan teenager who pleaded guilty to taking part in an Oklahoma plot to carry out an Election Day attack has been sentenced to 15 years in prison, federal prosecutors said.

Abdullah Haji Zada, 19, a citizen of Afghanistan and lawful permanent resident who was living in Moore, Okla., was sentenced for knowingly receiving and conspiring to receive a fire-

arm and ammunition to be used in a terrorist attack, court records show.

Zada previously agreed to be removed from the United States after he is released from prison, court records show.

Zada's co-defendant, Nasir Ahmad Tawhedi, 27, who previously worked as a security guard for an American military installation in Afghanistan, pleaded guilty to conspiring and attempting to provide material support to Islamic State. He faces up to 35 years in prison.

Prosecutors allege Zada and Tawhedi took steps to obtain AK-47 rifles and ammunition and planned to carry out an attack targeting large crowds on Election Day last year.

5 plead guilty to terror offense in shooting

TX DALLAS — Five people pleaded guilty to terrorism-related charges after they were accused of supporting antifa in a July shooting that wounded a police officer outside a Texas immigration detention center.

The charges brought by the Justice Department followed President Donald Trump signing an order that designated the decentralized movement known as antifa as a domestic terrorist organization.

FBI Director Kash Patel has previously said the charges in Texas are the first time a material support to terrorism charge has targeted antifa. A police officer was injured in the July 4 shooting near Dallas outside the Prairieland Detention Center.

Nathan Baumann, Joy Gibson, Seth Sikes, Lynette Sharp and John Thomas each entered guilty pleas to one count of pro-

viding material support to terrorists in federal court in Fort Worth.

Kahlo self-portrait sells for \$54.7M at auction

NY NEW YORK — A haunting 1940 self-portrait by famed Mexican artist Frida Kahlo sold Thursday for \$54.7 million and became the top-selling work by any female artist at an auction.

The painting of Kahlo asleep in a bed — titled “El sueño (La cama)” or in English, “The Dream (The Bed)” — surpassed the record held by Georgia O’Keeffe’s “Jimson Weed/White Flower No. 1,” which sold for \$44.4 million in 2014.

The piece depicts Kahlo asleep in a wooden, colonial-style bed that floats in the clouds. She is draped in a golden blanket and entangled in crawling vines and leaves. Above the bed lies a skeleton figure wrapped in dynamite.

The self-portrait is among the few Kahlo pieces that have remained in private hands outside Mexico, where her body of work has been declared an artistic monument. Her works in both public and private collections within the country cannot be sold abroad or destroyed.

The buyer's identity was not disclosed.

State seeking help in COVID case against China

MO JEFFERSON CITY — Missouri has escalated its attempt to seize Chinese government-owned property across the United States, asking the Trump administration for help collecting on a roughly \$25 billion court judgment related to the CO-

VID-19 pandemic that Beijing has flatly rejected.

Missouri is asking the State Department to formally notify China that the state intends to pursue assets with full or partial Chinese government ownership to satisfy the judgment, state Attorney General Catherine Hanaway said.

The move stems from a lawsuit alleging China hoarded personal protective equipment during the early months of the pandemic, harming Missouri and its residents. A federal judge ruled for Missouri earlier this year after China declined to participate in the trial, calling the lawsuit “very absurd” when it was filed in 2020.

Half-ton of meth seized, 15 people charged

CO DENVER — Federal authorities said Wednesday they seized more than a half-ton of methamphetamine and indicted 15 people following a two-year investigation that disrupted a drug trafficking organization from Mexico operating in Colorado.

Eleven people have been arrested, but four others including the organization's alleged leader remain free and are believed to be in Mexico, the Colorado U.S. Attorney's Office announced.

Dave Olesky, Drug Enforcement Administration special agent in charge, said the investigation revealed ties “to elements in Mexico involving the Sinaloa and Jalisco cartels.”

The two cartels were among eight Latin American crime groups recently designated as foreign terrorist organizations by the Trump administration.

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No. 8 Sooners defeat No. 23 Missouri

Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — John Mateer threw two touchdown passes, and No. 8 Oklahoma defeated No. 23 Missouri 17-6 on Saturday to inch closer to a College Football Playoff spot.

Mateer went 14 for 30 passing for 173 yards and ran for 60 yards. Isaiah Sategna caught three passes for 109 yards for the Sooners (9-2, 5-2 SEC, No. 8 CFP), who likely will make the playoff field with a win at home against LSU next Saturday.

Oklahoma held the Tigers (7-4, 3-4, No. 22 CFP) to 301 yards and shut them out in the second half. The Sooners, coming off road wins over Tennessee and Alabama, claimed their third straight victory over a ranked opponent and their fifth over a team that was ranked when they played.

No 1 Ohio St. 42, Rutgers 9: Julian Sayin threw two touchdown passes despite missing his top two playmakers, Bo Jackson rushed for 110 yards and a pair of scores and top-ranked Ohio pulled away in the second half for a home victory over Rutgers.

The Buckeyes (11-0, 8-0 Big Ten) started off slow with wide receivers Jeremiah Smith and Carnell Tate sidelined because of injuries.

No. 3 Texas A&M 48, Samford 0: Marcel Reed threw three touchdown passes in the first quarter before sitting down early in the second as the Aggies built a huge early lead and rolled to a home win over FCS school Samford.

Texas A&M is 11-0 for the first time since going 12-0 under coach R.C. Slocum in 1992 and looks to cap a perfect regular season when the Aggies visit rival Texas on Friday. The Aggies also bounced back from a 27-point hole to lead the biggest comeback in school history in the 31-30 victory.

No. 4 Georgia 35, Charlotte 3: Freshman Bo Walker ran for his first three career touch-

downs, Nate Frazier added two scoring runs and Georgia rolled to a home win over the underdog Charlotte in its bid to protect its College Football Playoff standing.

No. 9 Notre Dame 70, Syracuse 7: Jeremiyah Love bolstered his Heisman Trophy candidacy with 171 yards rushing and three touchdowns on just eight carries, and host Notre Dame blew out injury-decimated Syracuse.

Notre Dame (9-2) set a modern-era scoring record, topping its 69-point outing against Georgia Tech on Nov. 5, 1977. The Fighting Irish had not scored 70 points since they had 73 against Haskell in 1932.

Syracuse allowed 70 points for the first time since it gave up 75 to Union in 1891.

No. 10 Alabama 56, Eastern Illinois 0: Six different players scored touchdowns, including two apiece from Kevin Riley and AK Dear, and Alabama cruised to a home win against lower-division Eastern Illinois.

No. 11 BYU 26, Cincinnati 14: LJ Martin ran for a career-high 222 yards and scored twice to help BYU keep its Big 12 title-game hopes alive with a road victory over Cincinnati.

No. 12 Vanderbilt 45, Kentucky 17: Diego Pavia threw for a career-high 484 yards and five touchdowns and host Vanderbilt beat Kentucky as the Commodores kept their hopes for a College Football Playoff berth alive going into the regular-season finale.

Vanderbilt (9-2, 5-2, No. 14 CFP) has its most wins since 2013 when a bowl win was needed to reach nine victories.

The Commodores also wrapped up a 7-0 record for Vanderbilt's first undefeated home schedule since 1982 and only the fourth since 1945.

No. 13 Utah 51, Kansas State 47: Devon Dampier threw for two touchdowns and ran for two more, including a go-ahead 1-

yard score with 56 seconds left, and Utah rallied from a 12-point deficit midway through the fourth quarter for a wild home victory over Kansas State.

Dampier's 20-yard TD toss to Larry Simmons got Utah within 47-44 with 2:47 left, the Utes forced a punt and Dampier led the winning drive.

No. 14 Miami 34, Virginia Tech 17: Carson Beck threw for 320 yards and four touchdowns to lead Miami to a road victory over the Hokies.

Malachi Toney had career highs in receptions (12) and yards (146) and had a touchdown, lifting the Hurricanes (9-2, 5-2 ACC, No. 13 CFP) to their third straight win and keeping alive their hopes of making it to the Atlantic Coast Conference championship game.

Pittsburgh 42, No. 16 Georgia Tech 28: Ja'Kyrian Turner ran for 201 yards and a touchdown, Braylan Lovelace had a 100-yard interception return and visiting Pittsburgh held off Georgia Tech to keep its Atlantic Coast Conference championship holes alive.

Up 28-0 early in the second quarter, Pitt (8-3, 6-1) had only a seven-point advantage in the fourth quarter when Ja'Kyrian Turner went up the middle for 56 yards and a touchdown with 2:41 remaining.

No. 17 Texas 52, Arkansas 37: Arch Manning passed for four touchdowns, ran for one and caught another as host Texas beat Arkansas to keep the Longhorns clinging to hopes of making the College Football Playoff.

Manning became the first Texas quarterback with passing, running and receiving touchdowns in a game. He passed for a career-high 389 yards, and his do-everything day showed how far he's come from the beginning of the season, when Texas struggled to a 3-2 start.

No 18 Michigan 45, Maryland 20: Bryson Kuzdzal ran for 100 yards and three touchdowns to

help Michigan to a road victory over Maryland, a week before the Wolverines host top-ranked Ohio State.

Michigan (9-2, 7-1 Big Ten, No. 18 CFP) was without injured running backs Justice Haynes and Jordan Marshall, but the Wolverines were still superior on the ground, and Michigan finished with its highest scoring output in conference play this season.

No. 20 Tennessee 31, Florida 11: DeSean Bishop ran for 116 yards and two touchdowns, including one that ended with a flip into the end zone, and visiting Tennessee overwhelmed rival Florida to win in the Swamp for the first time since 2003.

The Volunteers had dropped 10 in a row at Florida Field, one of the longest skids in series history.

No. 21 James Madison 24, Washington State 20: Wayne Knight's 58-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter put host James Madison ahead to beat Washington State.

No. 22 North Texas 56, Rice 24: Drew Mestemaker threw for 469 yards and three touchdowns, Wyatt Young set an American Conference record with 295 yards receiving and two scores, and visiting North Texas rallied from an early deficit to beat Rice.

No. 24 Tulane 37, Temple 13: Jake Retzlaff passed for two touchdowns and rushed for another score, visiting Tulane beat Temple to move closer to a spot in the American Conference championship game.

Retzlaff set the tone early, finding Shazz Preston for a 69-yard touchdown pass on Tulane's second offensive play. His 2-yard TD run midway through the second quarter lifted the Green Wave to a 17-7 lead.

TCU 17, No. 25 Houston 14: Josh Hoover threw for 293 yards and a TD and two touchdowns and visiting TCU took advantage of Houston's missed field goal in the final minute to beat the Cougars.

Pistons defeat Bucks for 12th straight win

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Cade Cunningham had 29 points, 10 assists and eight rebounds as the Detroit Pistons capitalized on sizzling shooting to beat the Milwaukee Bucks 129-116 on Saturday night for their 12th straight victory.

Detroit's Jaden Ivey played 15 minutes and scored 10 points in his first game since breaking his left fibula on Jan. 1. Tobias Harris scored 18 points while playing for the first time since Nov. 1 after dealing with a sprained right ankle.

"Obviously, everyone goes through trials in life," Ivey said. "This was needed for me to boost my patience and my perseverance. Lord willing, I don't go through another trial like this, but if I do, it's definitely going to help me."

Milwaukee's Giannis Antetokounmpo missed a second straight game due to an adductor strain.

The Pistons are one victory away from matching the longest winning streak in franchise history. Detroit won 13 straight games in 1989-90 and 2003-04,

then went on to win the NBA title both seasons.

Magic 133, Knicks 121: Franz Wagner had 37 points, Desmond Bane scored 27 and host Orlando beat New York for its sixth win in its past seven games.

Wagner scored seven of his season-high 37 points during a 13-0 fourth quarter run that helped the Magic pull away to their second win in 11 days over the Knicks. Bane and Jalen Suggs, with 26 points, also had season scoring highs.

Bane's 3-pointer late in the third quarter broke a 93-93 tie and put Orlando in front for good.

Clippers 131, Hornets 116: James Harden made 10 3-pointers and scored a season-high 55 points, and visiting Los Angeles beat Charlotte hours after 12-time All-Star point guard Chris Paul released a video on social media hinting at retirement after the season ends.

Ivica Zubac added 18 points, nine rebounds and six assists for the Clippers, who snapped a three-game losing streak.

Rookie Kon Knueppel had 26 points to lead the Hornets, who

have lost five straight. Brandon Miller returned from a 13-game absence because of a shoulder injury and finished with 21 points.

Bulls 121, Wizards 120: Nikola Vucevic had 28 points and 12 rebounds, and host Chicago handed Washington its 14th consecutive loss.

Josh Giddey had 18 points, 12 rebounds and 11 assists for the Bulls, who won for the third time in four games. Coby White scored 20 points, and Matas Buzelis finished with 13.

Cam Whitmore and Corey Kispert each scored 20 points for the NBA-worst Wizards, who remained winless against Eastern Conference opponents. CJ McCollum had 18 points, and Kyshawn George added 17.

Kings 128, Nuggets 123: Russell Westbrook scored 15 of his 21 points in the fourth quarter against his former team, and visiting Sacramento withstood 44 points from Nikola Jokic to beat Denver, ending an eight-game slide.

Dennis Schroder also had 21 points for the Kings, who lost every game during the streak by

double digits — the last by 41 points at Memphis on Thursday night.

Grizzlies 102, Mavericks 96: Santi Aldama scored 20 points, including a left-handed driving shot that began a tiebreaking 6-0 run for visiting Memphis in the final minute, and Cam Spencer added 15 of his 17 points off the bench in the second half as the Grizzlies beat Dallas.

Zach Edey had 12 points and a season-high 15 rebounds for his first double-double in four games since returning from off-season ankle surgery for Memphis (6-11), which has won consecutive games for the first time this season.

Hawks 115, Pelicans 98: Kristaps Porzingis scored 29 points and Vit Krejci added 21 off the bench on seven 3-pointers to propel visiting Atlanta to a victory over skidding New Orleans.

Jalen Johnson had 18 points, 11 rebounds and nine assists for the Hawks, who stopped a two-game skid and won for the eighth time in 11 road games. Dyson Daniels, drafted in the first round by the Pelicans in 2022, provided 14 points and eight rebounds.

Verstappen now closer to F1 title after Norris' mistake

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — A fifth consecutive Formula 1 championship is within Max Verstappen's reach following the disqualifications of contenders Lando Norris and Oscar Piastri after Saturday night's Las Vegas Grand Prix.

Verstappen won the event for the second time in three years to close the gap on Norris to just 42 points with two races remaining. But three hours after the race concluded, the FIA summoned McLaren to see the stewards for failing inspection.

The measured thickness on the skid wear on the McLarens failed to meet the minimum thickness requirements. Skid wear is the wear on the protective plank on the underside of the cars, and Lewis Hamilton was disqualified for the same infraction earlier this year.

McLaren team principal Andrea Stella

said the infraction stemmed from the cars bottoming out during the race at levels they did not do during practice — leading to excessive contact with the ground. Stella said the damage to both cars was "accidental" and that "the FIA noted the breach was unintentional, there was no deliberate attempt to circumvent the regulations, and mitigating circumstances also existed."

He also apologized to Norris and Piastri.

"We apologize to Lando and Oscar for the loss of points today, at a critical time in their championship campaigns after two strong performances from them all weekend," Stella said. "While this outcome is extremely disappointing, we remain fully focused on the last two races of the season."

The DQ's made for a wild swing in the standings as both Norris and Piastri were stripped of all points earned in Las Vegas. Norris went from 30 points up on Piastri and

42 points up on Verstappen to just 24 points up on Verstappen and Piastri, who holds the tiebreaker for second in the standings based on his win total.

Verstappen has won the last two races in Qatar, where F1 races next week, and four of the last five at Abu Dhabi, where the season will end Dec. 7.

Las Vegas was the 69th victory of Verstappen's career. It was his eighth consecutive podium, F1-record eighth win in the United States, and he beat points leader Norris by more than 20 seconds.

Norris finished second before the disqualification and George Russell was third. Russell moved to second.

Kimi Antonelli of Mercedes crossed the finish line in fourth but a penalty dropped him a spot to fifth, which moved Piastri to fourth before the disqualification. Antonelli is now third.

Flyers' speedy goals set franchise record

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The Philadelphia Flyers set a franchise record by scoring three goals in just 26 seconds in the first period Saturday night against New Jersey, getting two from Tyson Foerster in 17 seconds and one from Matvei Michkov on their way to a 6-3 win over the Devils.

Philadelphia scored three goals in the fourth-fastest time in NHL history. Boston needed 20 seconds when it scored three against Vancouver in 1971. Washington (1990) and Chicago (1952) scored three goals in 21 seconds, and the Montreal Maroons needed 24 seconds to score three against the Rangers in 1932.

The 23-year-old Foerster, a first-round pick in the 2020 draft, never had a scoring spree quite like this one.

"Not that I remember," Foerster said. "But it was pretty fun."

The Flyers and Devils were tied at 1 when the scoring barrage started.

Nico Hischier scored twice, and Timo Meier also scored for New Jersey.

Philly set the mark on a night when it honored Hall of Fame goalie Bernie Parent, who died two months ago at age 80. With members of the 1974 and 1975 Stanley Cup teams that Parent anchored in net on hand for the tribute, a packed house went wild — and never got a chance to sit — during the scoring surge.

Oilers 6, Panthers 3: Jack Roslovic scored twice, Evan Bouchard had three assists and visiting Edmonton topped Florida in a matchup of the teams that played for the Stanley Cup in each of the last two seasons.

Connor McDavid and Matt Savoie had empty-netters for the Oilers to seal the win. Mattias Ekholm and Vasily Podkolzin also scored for Edmonton, which was back in Sunrise for the first time since seeing the Panthers celebrate their second consecutive Cup title last June.

Stuart Skinner stopped 35 shots for the Oilers, who snapped a three-game winless slide and salvaged a 3-3-1 record from their seven-game trip.

Ducks 4, Golden Knights 3 (OT): Cutter Gauthier scored with 1:03 left in overtime to give host Anaheim a win over Vegas.

The Golden Knights' Mitch Marner whiffed trying to execute a backhand pass from behind his own goal, sending the puck right to Gauthier in the slot for a wrist shot and his 13th goal of the season.

Gauthier, Jackson LaCombe and Troy Terry each had a goal and an assist, and the Ducks ran their record in games going past regulation to 6-1 this season. Lukas Dostal made 29 saves.

Red Wings 4, Columbus 3: Alex DeBrincat scored 1:50 into overtime and host Detroit beat Columbus.

DeBrincat skated in from the right side and lifted a shot over goaltender Jet Greaves' left

shoulder. It was his 10th goal this season.

Moritz Seider and Ben Chiarot each had a goal and an assist for the Red Wings, who won for the third time in four games. Lucas Raymond also scored, Patrick Kane added two assists and Cam Talbot stopped 30 shots.

Flames 3, Stars 2 (SO): Nazem Kadri scored the deciding goal in the fourth round of a shootout, Devin Cooley made 28 saves and host Calgary beat Dallas to escape the NHL cellar.

At 7-13-3, the Flames have 17 points — one more than last-place Nashville, though Calgary has played two more games than the Predators.

Blues 2, Islanders 1: Brayden Schenn and Pius Suter scored goals and visiting St. Louis snapped a four-game losing streak with a win over New York.

Jordan Binnington finished with 28 saves for the Blues, whose four straight losses included three in either overtime or a shootout.

Kraken 3, Penguins 2 (OT): Brandon Montour scored with 50 seconds left in overtime to give visiting Seattle a win over Pittsburgh.

Sidney Crosby scored his 13th goal and added an assist for Pittsburgh to become the sixth player in NHL history with 500 or more multipoint games.

Lightning 5, Capitals 3: Brandon Hagel scored two

goals and added two assists and visiting Tampa Bay beat Washington.

Nikita Kucherov scored and had two assists, and Oliver Bjorkstrand and Anthony Cirelli also scored for the Lightning, winners of three straight.

Senators 3, Sharks 2: Tim Stutzle scored his team-leading 11th goal of the season in the third period as visiting Ottawa beat San Jose.

Stutzle, who assisted on the Senators' first goal, scored the eventual winner when Sharks goalie Alex Nedeljkovic was caught out of position going to his right. Stutzle took a short pass from Nick Cousins and the puck deflected off Nedeljkovic and stopped in front of an empty net before Stutzle knocked it in at 13:22.

Avalanche 3, Predators 0: MacKenzie Blackwood made 35 saves to lead visiting Colorado over Nashville.

Brent Burns scored early, and Nathan MacKinnon and Jack Drury added empty-net goals for the Avalanche, who have won eight straight.

Canadiens 5, Maple Leafs 2: Noah Dobson and Josh Anderson each scored twice and host Montreal snapped a five-game losing streak with a victory over Toronto.

Mammoth 3, Rangers 2: Nick DeSimone scored the tie-breaking goal 7:32 into the third period and host Utah beat New York to snap a four-game losing streak.

Lavelle leads Gotham over Spirit to claim NWSL title

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Rose Lavelle scored in the 80th minute and the eighth-seeded Gotham FC beat the Washington Spirit 1-0 on Saturday night to win their second National Women's Soccer League championship.

Second-half substitute Bruninha drove into the box on the

left wing and sent the ball across to Lavelle, whose left-footed shot sailed past Spirit goalkeeper Aubrey Kingsbury into the bottom corner of the net.

"It was maybe the one moment I had in the game to step up," Lavelle said. "I keep saying Bruninha did the heavy lifting on that."

It is the first NWSL championship title for Lavelle, who had scored in the 2023 final when she was playing for the Seattle Reign against Gotham in a 2-1 loss.

"This was such a roller coaster of a season for us. We had injuries. We had a really daunting schedule with the amount of games that we were playing, the

travel. I think just like the way that every single individual stepped up in the moments, did what they were asked to, was so huge," Lavelle said. "I think you learn the most about yourself in the toughest moments. And so, I think what we faced throughout the season really helped set us up."