

## Guard soldier shot in DC dies of wounds

*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — Charges against the man accused of shooting two National Guard members have been upgraded to first-degree murder after one of the soldiers died, the U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia announced Friday.

Spc. Sarah Beckstrom, 20, and Staff Sgt. Andrew Wolfe, 24 were hospitalized in critical condition after the Wednesday shooting.

U.S. Attorney Jeanine Pirro's office said the charges against Rahmanullah Lakanwal, a 29-year-old Afghan national who worked with the CIA during the Afghanistan War, now include one count of first-degree murder, three counts of possession of a firearm during a crime of violence and two counts of assault with intent to kill while armed.

Beckstrom and Wolfe were deployed to the nation's capital with the West Virginia National Guard as part of President Do-

nald Trump's crime-fighting mission that federalized the D.C. police force. The president has also deployed National Guard members to Democratic-run cities — from Chicago to Los Angeles — to assist with his mass deportation efforts.

Trump called the shooting a "terrorist attack" and criticized the Biden administration for enabling Afghans who worked with U.S. forces during the Afghanistan War to enter the U.S. Trump has said he wants to "permanently pause migration" from poorer nations and expel millions of immigrants from the country.

In an interview on Fox News, Pirro declined to discuss the suspect's motive, saying officials have been working around the clock on that question. Investigators are continuing to execute warrants in the state of Washington, where Lakanwal lived, and other parts of the country, she said.

Wolfe remains in "very critical condition," West Virginia Gov. Patrick Morrisey said Friday. He ordered flags to be flown at half-staff in recognition of Beckstrom's death.

People who knew Lakanwal say he served in a CIA-backed Afghan Army unit before immigrating to the United States. Lakanwal worked in one of the special Zero Units in the southern province of Kandahar, according to a resident of the eastern Afghan province of Khost who identified himself as Lakanwal's cousin. He said Lakanwal was originally from the province and that his brother had worked in the unit as well.

The cousin spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals.

He said Lakanwal had started out working as a security guard for the unit in 2012 and was later promoted to become a team leader and a GPS specialist. A former official from the unit,

who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Lakanwal's brother was a platoon leader.

Zero Units were paramilitary units manned by Afghans but backed by the CIA that also served in front-line fighting with CIA paramilitary officers. Activists had attributed abuses to the units. They played a key role in the chaotic U.S. withdrawal from the country, providing security around Kabul International Airport as the Americans and withdrew from the country.

Lakanwal entered the U.S. in 2021 through Operation Allies Welcome, a Biden administration program that evacuated and resettled tens of thousands of Afghans after the U.S. withdrawal from the country, officials said. Lakanwal applied for asylum during the Biden administration, but his asylum was approved under the Trump administration, #AfghanEvac said in a statement.

## Trump vows to stop migration from poor nations

*Associated Press*

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — President Donald Trump says he wants to "permanently pause migration" from poorer nations and is promising to seek to expel millions of immigrants from the United States by revoking their legal status.

He is blaming immigrants for problems from crime to housing shortages as part of "social dysfunction" in America and demanding "REVERSE MIGRATION."

His most severe social media post against immigration since returning to the Oval Office in January came after the shooting

Wednesday of two National Guard members who were patrolling the streets of the nation's capital under his orders. One died and the other is in critical condition.

A 29-year-old Afghan national who worked with the CIA during the Afghanistan War is facing charges. The suspect came to the U.S. as part of a program to resettle those who had helped American troops after U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Trump's threat to stop immigration would be a serious blow to a nation that has long defined itself as welcoming immigrants.

Since the shooting not far

from the White House, administration officials have pledged to reexamine millions of legal immigrants, building on a 10-month campaign to reduce the immigrant population. In a lengthy social media post late Thursday, the Republican president asserted that millions of people born outside the U.S. and now living in the country bore a large share of the blame for America's societal ills.

"Only REVERSE MIGRATION can fully cure this situation," Trump posted on his Truth Social platform. "Other than that, HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL, except those

that hate, steal, murder, and destroy everything that America stands for — You won't be here for long!"

Trump was elected on a promise to crack down on illegal immigration, and raids and deportations undertaken by his administration have disrupted many communities. Construction sites and schools have been frequent targets.

The prospect of more deportations could be economically dangerous as America's foreign-born workers account for nearly 31 million jobs, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

# More snow, rain, cold expected across US

*Associated Press*

A lot of snow, rain and cold weather await travelers for the rest of the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, with winter storm warnings posted Friday across the northern part of the country and more snow falling over the Great Lakes region.

Storm warnings and advisories extended from Montana to New York, the National Weather Service said. Snow was expected to start Friday and last well into the weekend in some areas with Iowa and Illinois getting the brunt of it. Six inches to a foot of snow is expected in

much of west-central Illinois Friday night through Saturday night.

So far, forecast conditions do not meet blizzard warning criteria — winds of at least 35 mph, visibilities of less than a quarter mile and lasting more than three hours.

A storm that already brought snow to parts of the northern Plains states and the Great Lakes region continued Friday. Snowfall totals of at least a foot were expected by the end of the storm, particularly downwind of Lake Superior across the northern Lower Peninsula of

Michigan and downwind of lakes Erie and Ontario, the weather service said. Areas of central New York state could see a foot of snow.

Snow squalls Friday bringing quick bursts of heavy snow and dangerous, whiteout conditions for driving were possible across the interior Northeast, the weather service said.

In the Pacific Northwest and the Rockies, a combination of snow and rain was expected Friday. By Saturday, the snow will taper off for the Rockies and northern Plains, but continue on to the Midwest.

To the south, storms — some of them heavy — are in the forecast, with some flash flooding possible Saturday in the western Gulf Coast.

Temperatures were well below average in the eastern and central parts of the country, with highs Friday expected in the 20s F and 30s in the Midwest, the 30s and 40s in New England and Mid-Atlantic areas, and the 40s and 50s in the Southeast.

The snowy weather on Thanksgiving brought a number of vehicle crashes in western Michigan.

## Trump says he's barring South Africa from participating in next year's G20

*Associated Press*

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — President Donald Trump said Wednesday that he is barring South Africa from participating in the Group of 20 summit next year at his Miami-area club and will stop all payments and subsidies to the country over its treatment of a U.S. government representative at this year's global meeting.

Trump chose not to have an American government delegation attend last weekend's summit hosted by South Africa, saying he did so because its white Afrikaners were being violently persecuted. It is a claim that South Africa, which was mired for decades in racial apartheid, has rejected as baseless.

The president, in a social media post, said South Africa had refused to hand over its G20 hosting responsibilities to a representative of the U.S. Embassy when the summit ended.

"Therefore, at my direction, South Africa will NOT be receiving an invitation to the 2026 G20, which will be hosted in the

Great City of Miami, Florida next year," Trump posted on Truth Social.

"South Africa has demonstrated to the World they are not a country worthy of Membership anywhere," he said, "and we are going to stop all payments and subsidies to them, effective immediately."

South Africa said it considered the U.S. decision to appoint a local embassy official for the G20 handover an insult. The ceremony instead happened at its Foreign Ministry building after the summit "as the United States was not present at the summit," a statement from South African President Cyril Ramaphosa's office said.

The statement said Ramaphosa "noted the regrettable statement by President Donald Trump on South Africa's participation in the 2026 G20 meetings."

It also pushed back against Trump's widely rejected claims that Afrikaner farmers are being killed and having their land taken away, saying that Trump

"continues to apply punitive measures against South Africa based on misinformation and distortions about our country."

In some ways, Trump views next year's G20 summit as personal, given that he announced it will be at his golf club in Doral, Fla.

This year's summit in Johannesburg, the first held in Africa, was boycotted by the United States, a G20 founding member and the world's biggest economy. The meeting's declaration, giving more attention to issues that affect developing countries, went unsigned by Washington, and the Trump administration expressed its opposition to South Africa's agenda, especially the parts that focus on climate change.

Trump has claimed that white Afrikaner farmers in South Africa are being killed and that their land is being seized. The South African government and others, including some Afrikaners themselves, say Trump's claims are the result of misinformation.

## 4th suspect in Louvre heist held

*Associated Press*

PARIS — A man arrested by French police earlier this week is thought to be the fourth member of the team that stole France's crown jewels from the Louvre Museum, the Paris prosecutor said Friday, meaning that the entire gang that carried out the brazen heist is now believed to have been caught.

Prosecutor Laure Beccuau said the 39-year-old man has been handed preliminary charges of robbery by an organized gang for his suspected role in the stunning Oct. 19 theft at the world's most-visited museum. The robbery gang's haul of loot was worth an estimated \$102 million — a monetary value that didn't include the jewels' huge historical value to France.

The prosecutor's statement didn't say what role, exactly, the man is thought to have played in the heist, carried out with angle grinders, a freight lift and subterfuge, with robbers dressed as workers in bright vests.

# Grounded UPS jets likely down for holidays

Associated Press

A fleet of planes that UPS grounded after a deadly crash isn't expected to be back in service during the peak holiday season due to inspections and possible repairs, the company said Wednesday in an internal memo.

The airline expects it will be several months before its McDonnell Douglas MD-11 fleet returns to service as it works to meet Federal Aviation Administration guidelines, said the memo from UPS Airlines

president Bill Moore to employees. The process was originally estimated to take weeks but is now expected to take several months.

A fiery MD-11 plane crash on Nov. 4 in Louisville, Ky., killed 14 people and injured at least 23 when the left engine detached during takeoff. Cargo carriers grounded their McDonnell Douglas MD-11 fleets shortly after, ahead of a directive from the FAA.

"Regarding the MD-11 fleet, Boeing's ongoing evaluation

shows that inspections and potential repairs will be more extensive than initially expected," Moore wrote in the memo.

A UPS spokesperson said in a statement that the company will rely on contingency plans to deliver for customers throughout the peak season, and it "will take the time needed to ensure that every aircraft is safe."

The 109 remaining MD-11 airliners, averaging more than 30 years old, are exclusively used to haul cargo for package delivery companies. MD-11s make

up about 9% of the UPS airline fleet and 4% of the FedEx fleet.

Boeing, which took over as the manufacturer of MD-11s since merging with McDonnell Douglas in 1997, said in a statement that it is "working diligently to provide instructions and technical support to operators" so that they can meet the FAA's requirements.

The FAA said Boeing will develop the procedures for inspections and any corrective actions, pending approval from the FAA.

## Ban may kill market for THC-infused drinks, snacks

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The production lines at Indeed Brewing moved quickly, the cans filling not with beer, but with THC-infused seltzer. The product, which features the compound that gets cannabis users high, has been a lifeline at Indeed and other craft breweries as alcohol sales have fallen in recent years.

But that boom looks set to come to a crashing halt. Buried in the bill that ended the federal government shutdown this month was a provision to ban those drinks, along with other impairing beverages and snacks made from hemp, which have proliferated across the country in recent years. Now the \$24 billion hemp industry is scrambling to save itself before the provision takes effect in November 2026.

"It's a big deal," said Ryan Bandy, Indeed's chief business officer. "It would be a mess for our breweries, for our industry and obviously for a lot of people who like these things."

Here's what to know about the looming ban on impairing products derived from hemp:

### Congress opened door

Marijuana and hemp are the same species. Marijuana is cul-

tivated for high levels of THC in its flowers. Low-THC hemp is grown for its sturdy fibers, food or wellness products. "Rope, not dope" was long the motto of farmers who supported legalizing hemp.

After states began legalizing marijuana for adult use over a decade ago, hemp advocates saw an opening at the federal level.

As part of the 2018 farm bill, Congress legalized the cultivation of industrial hemp to give farmers, including in Republican Sen. Mitch McConnell's home state of Kentucky, a new cash crop.

But the way that law defined hemp — as having less than 0.3% of a specific type of THC, called delta-9 — opened a huge loophole.

Beverages or bags of snacks could meet that threshold and still contain more than enough THC to get people high.

Businesses could further exploit the law by extracting a nonimpairing compound, called CBD, and chemically changing it into other types of impairing THC, such as delta-8 or delta-10.

The result? Vape oil, gummy candies, chips, cookies, sodas and other unregulated, untested products laden with hemp-

derived THC spread around the country. In many places, they have been available at gas stations or convenience stores, even to teens.

In legal marijuana states, they undercut heavily taxed and regulated products. In others, they evaded the prohibition on recreational use of weed.

Some states, including Indiana, have reported spikes in calls to poison control centers for pediatric exposure to THC.

### Closing the loophole

None of that was what McConnell intended when he helped craft the 2018 farm bill. He finally closed the loophole by inserting a federal hemp THC ban in the measure to end the 43-day federal government shutdown, approved by the Senate on Nov. 10.

"It will keep these dangerous products out of the hands of children, while preserving the hemp industry for farmers," McConnell said. "Industrial hemp and CBD will remain legal for industrial applications."

Some in the legal marijuana industry celebrated, as the ban would end what they consider unfair competition.

They were joined by prohibitionists. "There's really no

good argument for allowing these dangerous products to be sold in our country," said Kevin Sabet, president and CEO of Smart Approaches to Marijuana.

But the ban doesn't take effect for a year. That has given the industry hope that there is still time to pass regulations that will improve the hemp THC industry — such as by banning synthetically derived THC, requiring age restrictions on sales and prohibiting marketing to children — rather than eradicate it.

The federal ban would jeopardize more than 300,000 jobs while costing states \$1.5 billion in lost tax money, the group says.

Drew Hurst, president and chief operating officer at Bauhaus Brew Labs, has no doubt his company would be among the casualties.

"If this goes through as written currently, I don't see a way at all that Bauhaus could stay in business," Hurst said.

Kevin Hilliard, co-founder of Insight Brewing in Minneapolis, said the hemp industry needs a solution before planting time next spring.

"If a farmer has uncertainty, they're not going to plant," Hilliard said.



# Death toll increases, 8 more arrested in Hong Kong blaze

Associated Press

HONG KONG — Hong Kong firefighters found dozens more bodies Friday in an intensive apartment-by-apartment search of a high-rise complex where a massive fire engulfed seven buildings, and authorities arrested another eight people involved in the towers' renovation. The death toll in one of the city's deadliest blazes rose to 128, and many remain unaccounted for.

First responders found that some fire alarms in the complex, which housed many older people, did not sound when tested, said Andy Yeung, the direc-

tor of Hong Kong Fire Services, though he did not say how many were not working or if others were.

The blaze jumped rapidly from one building to the next as bamboo scaffolding covered in netting and foam panels apparently installed by a construction company caught fire.

Authorities on Friday arrested seven men and one woman, ranging in age from 40 to 63, including scaffolding subcontractors, directors of an engineering consultant company and project managers supervising the renovation, the Independent Commission Against Corruption

said in a statement.

On Friday, crews prioritized apartments from which they had received emergency calls during the blaze but were unable to reach in the hours that the fire burned out of control, Derek Armstrong Chan, a deputy director of Hong Kong Fire Services, told reporters. It took firefighters some 24 hours to bring the fire under control, and it was not fully extinguished until Friday morning.

Even two days after the fire began, smoke continued to drift out of the charred skeletons of the buildings from the occasional flare-up.

# Toll rises from floods in Thailand

Associated Press

BANGKOK — The death toll from flooding in southern Thailand has reached at least 145, officials said Friday, as receding waters started to reveal devastating damage across the region.

More than 1.2 million households and 3.6 million people have been affected by floods triggered by heavy rains in 12 southern provinces, the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation said Friday.

Government spokesperson Siripong Angkasakulkiat said in a news conference that flooding has killed 145 people in eight provinces, particularly in Songkhla province which recorded at least 110 deaths.

He said search and rescue efforts have become more successful as floodwaters started to recede further.

Songkhla province recorded a sharp increase in the death toll after flooding began to subside. News reports showed rescuers gained more access to residential areas that had previously been submerged under high water and recovered more bodies, particularly in Hat Yai, the largest city in the south.

The disaster department reported Friday morning that waters have receded in most of the affected areas.

# Guinea-Bissau soldiers announce new prime minister after military takeover

Associated Press

BISSAU, Guinea-Bissau — Soldiers in Guinea-Bissau who seized power following disputed national elections earlier this week appointed a close ally of the deposed president as prime minister on Friday.

The country's new military leader, Gen. Horta Inta-a, announced the appointment of finance minister Ilidio Vieira Té as prime minister in a decree.

Vieira Té is a close ally of the deposed President Umaro Sissoco Embaló, having served as his campaign director during the presidential election that took place Sunday.

Soldiers in Guinea-Bissau seized power on Wednesday, three days after the closely contested presidential vote.

The opposition claimed that Embaló had "fabricated" the coup to avoid an election defeat

in Sunday's vote. The military takeover and the reported arrest of Embaló were manufactured to disrupt election results, according to his rival Fernando Dias, who, like Embaló, claimed to have won the vote.

Guinea-Bissau, one of the world's poorest countries, has been dogged by coups and attempted coups since its independence from Portugal more than 50 years ago.

# Sweden promises action against illegal sex doll sales

Associated Press

BERLIN — The Swedish government promised on Friday to fight the sale of childlike sex dolls online after instances of such commerce had been reported earlier in the country.

"I think I react on behalf of all parents when I say that, as a mother, your heart really breaks watching these images

and pictures of these dolls," said Sweden's Minister for Social Services, Camilla Waltersson Grönvall.

The Swedish government wants "to make sure these products cannot any more be sold and bought anywhere," she said.

She spoke after a meeting which the Swedish government

convened on Friday "in response to several notable cases of e-commerce companies selling childlike sex dolls," according to a statement by her ministry. Child protection groups, online vendors and government agencies participated.

The online platforms described the measures they are taking to make sure these kinds

of products are no longer sold, Waltersson Grönvall said.

The online sale of the disputed dolls in Sweden came to the public's attention after the child protection group ChildX filed a police report against Amazon and several other e-commerce platforms earlier this month over the sale of sex dolls with a clear childlike appearance.

# Hungary seeks more Russian oil, gas in talks with Putin

Associated Press

Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán held talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin at the Kremlin on Friday, once again shunning efforts by his European Union partners to isolate Moscow over its invasion of neighboring Ukraine nearly four years ago.

The trip to Moscow is the second since last year for Orbán, who is widely considered Putin's closest partner among all EU leaders. Hungary is one of only a few EU countries to continue importing large quantities of Russian fossil fuels, and Orbán has strongly opposed efforts by the bloc to wean its 27 member nations off Russian energy supplies.

"We have important areas of cooperation, and we haven't given up on any area of that cooperation, no matter the ex-

ternal pressure," Orbán said. "Russian energy forms the basis of Hungary's energy supply, now and in the future."

Orbán has long argued for a cessation of hostilities in Ukraine but without outlining what that might mean for the country's territorial integrity or future security. That stance has dismayed Hungary's EU and NATO allies, who accuse Russia of breaking international law and threatening the security of Eastern European countries.

In his opening remarks at the Kremlin talks, Putin noted Orbán's "balanced position" on the war in Ukraine.

Earlier this month, Orbán traveled to Washington for a meeting with President Donald Trump and succeeded in securing an exemption to sanctions the Trump administration placed on Russian energy com-

panies — an allowance Orbán said ensured Hungary's continued energy security.

Orbán said Friday that following Hungary's exemption from U.S. sanctions, "now all we need is oil and gas, which we can buy from the Russians. I am going there to ensure Hungary's energy supply at an affordable price both this winter and next year."

Orbán has long argued Russian energy imports are indispensable for his country's economy, and that switching to fossil fuels sourced from elsewhere would cause an immediate economic collapse — a claim some critics dispute. As the rest of Europe has gradually cut off Russian energy, Hungary has maintained and even increased its imports, and argued against an EU plan to eliminate all Russian fossil fuels by the end of 2027.

## Israelis raid Syria, leave several dead

Associated Press

DAMASCUS, Syria — Israeli forces in southern Syria raided a village and opened fire when they were confronted by residents on Friday, killing at least 13, Syrian officials said, as Israel fights on a number of fronts while the shaky ceasefire in Gaza moves forward.

Syria's Foreign Ministry said in a statement Friday that the attack was "a horrific massacre" and that women and children were among those killed.

The Syrian state news agency SANA said Israeli forces entered the village of Beit Jin aiming to detain local men and opened heavy fire after being confronted by residents.

Israel said Friday it conducted an operation following intelligence information to apprehend suspects from Jamaa Islamiya operating in Beit Jin to attack Israeli civilians. During the raid, several militants fired at Israeli troops, injuring six soldiers who were evacuated to a hospital, the military said.

Israeli troops fired at the militants and also responded with aerial assistance, the military said. It said the operation had concluded, all of the suspects were apprehended and a number of militants were killed.

Israel has regarded the new authorities in Syria warily since the fall of former President Bashar Assad in an offensive led by Islamist insurgents a year ago. Since Assad's fall, Israeli forces have seized a formerly U.N.-patrolled buffer zone in southern Syria set up under a 1974 disengagement agreement.

## Ukrainian anti-corruption raid targets Zelenskyy's prominent chief of staff

Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Anti-corruption units have raided the home, and reportedly the office, of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's chief of staff, Andrii Yermak. The unprecedented searches at the heart of Ukraine's government come at a time when Kyiv is already under intense U.S. pressure to sign a peace deal.

Two national agencies fighting entrenched corruption in Ukraine said their searches tar-

geted Yermak. Oleksii Tkachuk, a spokesperson for Yermak, said the anti-graft agencies had not served Yermak a notice of suspicion, meaning he was not a suspect in an investigation. Tkachuk added that Yermak had not been told what the searches related to.

Yermak, a powerful figure in Ukraine and a key participant in talks with the United States, confirmed they searched his apartment inside the presidential compound in downtown Ky-

iv, where checkpoints limit public access. Media reports said Yermak's office was also searched, but investigators declined to comment on that.

The National Anti-Corruption Bureau of Ukraine and the Specialized Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office are leading a major investigation into a \$100 million energy sector corruption scandal involving top Ukrainian officials which has dominated domestic headlines in recent weeks.

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# Love's 4 TD passes lift Packers over Lions

Associated Press

DETROIT — Jordan Love had plenty of time to pass, and took full advantage.

Jared Goff did not, and Micah Parsons had a lot to do with that.

Love converted two fourth downs with scoring passes in the first half and finished with four touchdown throws, matching his career high, as he led the Green Bay Packers to a 31-24 win over the Detroit Lions on Thursday.

"Credit to our O-line for giving me plenty of time to make those throws," he said. "It's really the reason why we were able to win the game."

Fourth downs were pivotal, too. Green Bay went 3 of 3 on fourth down — scoring twice and to seal the win — and the Lions turned it over on downs two times when they went for it.

"I'd rather go down swinging," Packers coach Matt LaFleur said. "It can bite you, absolutely."

The Packers (8-3-1) swept the season series to earn a potential

tiebreaker in the NFC North and are in second place in the division behind Chicago (8-3), which plays at Philadelphia on Friday.

"We knew what was at stake with his game," Love said. "It's a tight race."

The defending division champion Lions (7-5) entered the game out of the playoff picture, then fell further back in the hunt with a third loss in five games.

"We've dug ourselves a hole," Detroit coach Dan Campbell said.

Campbell was referring to the game, but what he said also fits for the season.

Green Bay took a 10-0 lead early in the second quarter and restored its 10-point lead three more times in a game it controlled on the offensive and defensive lines.

The Packers acquired Parsons just before the season in a trade with Dallas and he finished with 2½ sacks, giving him 12-plus sacks for the fifth straight season, to make the

type of impact the franchise expected.

Detroit failed on fourth down on the opening drive of the second half and early in the fourth quarter.

Two plays after Jahmyr Gibbs was stopped for a loss just inside Green Bay territory on fourth down, Love threw a 51-yard touchdown pass to Christian Watson to give Green Bay a 24-14 lead early in the third.

The Lions went for it fourth-and-3 from Packers 21 — trailing by 10 — and Jameson Williams dropped a pass.

Detroit's defense responded with a stop and the offense reached the Green Bay 4 before Parsons' sack forced Campbell to settle for a field goal and a 31-24 deficit with 2:59 left.

On the ensuing possession, Love converted a third-and-5 with an 8-yard pass to Watson and a fourth-and-3 on a 16-yard pass to Dontayvion Wicks to seal the victory.

"We were staying aggressive," LaFleur said. "We got a

chance to go out there and ice the game."

Love was 18 of 30 for 234 yards with a 22-yard pass to Wicks and 2-yard pass to Romeo Doubs for touchdowns on fourth down in the second quarter. In the third, he threw a long touchdown pass to Watson and a 1-yard throw to Wicks for the receiver's second score of the game — and season.

Goff, who was pressured often, was 20 of 26 for 256 yards with two touchdowns. He threw a 22-yard pass to Williams late in the first half and a 17-yard pass to rookie Isaac TeSlaa in the third quarter for scores.

Williams finished with seven receptions and 144 yards — both career highs — but dropped a pass on fourth down in the fourth quarter.

Gibbs was held in check, running for 68 yards on 20 carries and gaining 18 yards on three catches.

"At the end of the game we had an opportunity, but we couldn't grab it," Campbell said.

## Bengals take advantage of 5 turnovers to beat Ravens

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Joe Burrow returned to the field and delivered a poised performance despite not playing since Week 2.

Lamar Jackson, on the other hand, looked erratic and uncertain.

Burrow threw two second-half TD passes for Cincinnati, and the Bengals snapped Baltimore's five-game winning streak with a 32-14 victory over the fumble-prone Ravens on Thursday night.

Burrow had been sidelined by a turf toe injury, and it may be too late to rescue Cincinnati's playoff hopes, but he and Ja'Marr Chase are already clicking again.

"It's a lot of fun to watch Joe Burrow play football," said Bengals coach Zac Taylor, whose

team won only once in nine games without the star quarterback. "Statistically it's not the best game that we've ever had as an offense, but you could feel the rhythm he was in, the confidence he was in."

Baltimore (6-6) lost three fumbles in the first half and turned the ball over five times total. All were on passing plays — two fumbles and an interception by Jackson, plus fumbles by tight end Isaiah Likely and receiver Zay Flowers.

The Bengals (4-8) didn't take full advantage of those miscues, but by the end of the game their offense had done more than enough, holding the ball for 38:46. Burrow went 24 of 46 for 261 yards. Chase had seven catches for 110 yards on 14 targets.

"I thought second half, I started to put it more where I wanted," Burrow said.

Tanner Hudson made a terrific one-handed grab in the end zone for a 14-yard touchdown to put Cincinnati up 19-7 in the third quarter, and after the Ravens answered with Keaton Mitchell's 18-yard touchdown run, Burrow threw a 29-yard scoring pass to Andrei Iosivas.

Baltimore then drove into Bengals territory, but Jackson's deflected pass was intercepted by Demetrius Knight Jr.

"I can't describe the level of frustration. I'm ticked off," Jackson said. "Turnovers are a big part of winning or losing games. Turning the ball over and giving them an extra possession pushes the outcome."

Jackson completed 17 of 32

passes for 246 yards.

The Ravens had recovered from a 1-5 start to pull even with Pittsburgh atop the AFC North, but Baltimore didn't look all that impressive offensively in recent wins over Cleveland and the New York Jets, and that continued against a woeful Cincinnati defense.

This was the fewest points the Bengals have allowed all season, and the first time they allowed fewer than 26 since a 17-16 victory over Cleveland in Week 1.

"That was kind of the first all-around game we've played all season," Taylor said. "It wasn't perfect by any means, but road divisional wins — on Thursday nights, nonetheless — never come easy. It started with our defense."



# Cowboys defeat Mahomes' fourth-down magic

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Dak Prescott and the Dallas Cowboys still face long odds in trying to rally for a spot in the playoffs.

They won't be short on confidence with a win over last season's Super Bowl runner-up just four days after beating the defending champs.

Prescott threw for two touchdowns, Malik Davis sprinted 43 yards for a score and the Cowboys overcame two fourth-down TD throws from Patrick Mahomes in a 31-28 Thanksgiving Day victory over the Kansas City Chiefs on Thursday.

CeeDee Lamb scored the first Dallas touchdown and finished with 112 yards on seven catches after drops plagued the star receiver in a 24-21 victory over reigning Super Bowl champion Philadelphia.

The Cowboys (6-5-1) have won three straight and dropped the defending AFC champion Chiefs (6-6) back to .500 in a matchup of playoff-chasing teams.

Dallas is 3-0 since 24-year-old

defensive end Marshawn Kneeland was found dead of an apparent suicide during the club's open week. The Cowboys came back from the emotion-filled break with a 33-16 victory over the Las Vegas Raiders.

"On top of where we put ourselves right before these games and just the place that we're in, having to get these wins against two elite teams," Prescott said. "I mean, two teams that played in the Super Bowl last year. Last year's last year, but you're talking about two organizations that obviously know how to win and we just beat them both in two great games."

"On top of everything that we've been through."

Mahomes had four touchdown passes in his first professional game at the home of the Cowboys, where he played three times for Texas Tech not far from his East Texas roots.

"They're the same desperation that we are and they play better over four quarters than we did," said Mahomes, who threw for 261 yards and was sacked three times, twice by Ja-

deveon Clowney. "So even though we have good plays here and there, we have to be more consistent at the end of the day."

Travis Kelce caught Mahomes' first fourth-down TD toss on a 2-yarder, and Rashee Rice's second scoring catch came on fourth-and-3 early in the fourth quarter.

Kansas City was down 10 when Mahomes was almost tripped in the backfield by Quinnen Williams but kept his feet and found Xavier Worthy wide-open down the field for 42 yards, setting up a 10-yard scoring toss to Hollywood Brown with 3:27 remaining.

Prescott and company didn't give Mahomes another chance.

After two pass interference penalties gave Dallas first downs, Prescott hit George Pickens for 13 yards and a clinching first down at the two-minute warning. Prescott knelt three times after that.

The Chiefs had five pass interference penalties, one that was declined, and another defensive holding that gave Dallas a first down. Kansas City fin-

ished with 10 penalties for 119 yards.

"Bottom line is we're having too many penalties, and we have to make sure to take care of that," Chiefs coach Andy Reid said. "No excuses with it. We're going to clean it up."

Rice had eight catches for 92 yards, his first score coming on a 27-yard catch-and-run two plays after Prescott was intercepted by Jaylen Watson on the first Dallas possession.

Davis had just three carries, but his long run gave Dallas its first lead at 17-14 late in the second quarter. Lead running back Javonte Williams scored on a 3-yard catch early in the fourth quarter, and Pickens' catch on a 2-point conversion put Dallas back in front 28-21.

The Cowboys were 10th in the NFC entering the game, same as the Chiefs in the AFC coming off nine consecutive AFC West titles. The schedule doesn't get much easier, although two of the next four opponents — all playoff teams from a year ago — aren't in the postseason picture at the moment.

## Winter Olympic officials reject summertime sports

Associated Press

GENEVA — Organizers of traditional snow and ice sports said Wednesday they do not want events from summer federations added to their Winter Olympics program.

Cyclocross and cross-country running — even indoors sports — have been suggested as additions to the Winter Games for the 2030 Olympics hosted in the French Alps and Nice.

Those would be unwelcome "piecemeal proposals," the Winter Olympic Federations group of governing bodies said in a statement.

"The Winter Olympic Federations are firm in our belief that such an approach would dilute the brand, heritage, and identity

that make the Olympic Winter Games unique — a celebration of sports practiced on snow and ice, with distinct culture, athletes, and fields of play," said the group of sports including skiing, skating, biathlon, curling, luge, bobsled and skeleton.

A review of the Winter Games program and other issues was started by International Olympic Committee president Kirsty Coventry after she formally took office in June.

The winter program with just 116 medal events has room to expand compared with the squeezed Summer Games which had 329 in Paris last year.

Adding cyclocross and cross-country running, which typically are raced on mud, would

mean amending the IOC's Olympic Charter rules which require Winter Games sports to be played on snow and ice.

"Innovation should focus on evolving existing winter sports to attract broader participation and audiences while enhancing the appeal of the Olympic Winter Games," said Ivo Ferriani, who represents winter sports on the IOC executive board as president of the bobsled and skeleton federation.

Ferriani noted the addition of ski mountaineering, or skimo, which makes its Olympic debut in February at the Milan Cortina Winter Games.

Cyclocross and cross-country running have influential supporters in Olympic circles

which created momentum toward a proposal for 2030.

The presidents of the governing bodies of cycling and track and field — David Lappartient and Sebastian Coe, respectively — both were candidates in the IOC election won by Coventry.

Still, the proposal did not convince the top official at the International Biathlon Union.

"If they were super popular sports they would already be in the Summer Games, and they're not," said Max Cobb, the American secretary general of the IBU.

"There wasn't anybody thinking, 'Oh, what a good idea.' We're all scratching our head," Cobb said.

# Unranked TCU stuns No. 10 Florida 84-80

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Brock Harding made a go-ahead jumper in the key with 48 seconds left and then hit five free throws in the final 13 seconds for TCU, which rallied to stun No. 10 Florida 84-80 in the first game of the Rady Children's Invitational on Thursday.

Jace Posey scored 16 of his game-high 21 points in the second half and helped the Horned Frogs rally from a 10-point deficit early in the second half. Harding and David Punch scored 19 apiece for TCU (4-2), which will play the winner of the game between Wisconsin and Providence.

Thomas Haugh and Urban Klavzar scored 20 apiece for the defending national champion Gators (4-2), who had their four-game winning streak snapped. Rueben Chinyelu had 13 points and nine rebounds, just missing his fourth consecutive double-double.

Florida led 44-39 at halftime and opened a 53-43 lead five minutes into the second half. The Horned Frogs then began their rally behind Posey, whose three-point play pulled them to 57-56.

Posey's dunk and two free throws gave TCU a 68-67 lead with 7:14 to go before Klavzar

hit a 3-pointer and two free throws, and Alex Condon a dunk to give Florida a 74-68 lead with 5:29 left.

Florida went quiet offensively and had three turnovers as the Horned Frogs pulled into a 77-74 lead on Posey's two free throws with 2:43 left. Florida's Boogie Fland tied it at 77 on a layup with 1:35 left. TCU had a turnover but got the ball back on Fland's offensive foul, his fifth, and Harding then hit the winner.

**No. 4 Duke 80, Arkansas 71:** Cameron Boozer had 35 points and nine rebounds to help the Blue Devils hold off the Razorbacks.

Boozer went 13 for 18 from the field at the United Center — the same place his father, Carlos, called home while he played for the Chicago Bulls for four of his 13 NBA seasons. Cayden Boozer also is a freshman at Duke, and Carlos cheered on his twin sons from a courtside seat.

Caleb Foster had 15 points and eight assists for Duke (8-0), which is off to its best start since it winning its first 11 games of the 2017-18 season. Patrick Ngongba II added 11 points.

Darius Acuff Jr. scored 21 points for Arkansas (5-2), and fellow freshman Meleek Tho-

mas finished with 13. Trevon Brazile had 11 points and 11 rebounds.

**No. 9 BYU 72, Miami 62:** Kennard Davis Jr., scored 18 points and AJ Dybantsa led a second-half surge that lifted the Cougars over the Hurricanes in the ESPN Events Invitational.

BYU trailed by four at halftime but Dybantsa opened the second half with a jumper and had 12 points by the time 10-0 and 7-0 runs gave the Cougars a 59-45 lead with 6:52 to play.

Robert Wright III scored 17 points and Dybantsa added 16 with eight rebounds for the Cougars (5-1), who went 6 of 10 from 3-point range in the second half, when they shot 54.5% and made 13 of 18 free throws. Keba Keita had 10 rebounds and seven blocks to go with six points.

Malik Reneau scored 14 points and grabbed nine rebounds for Miami (5-2). Shelton Henderson added 13 points and Tre Donaldson 12.

**No. 11 Michigan State 74, No. 16 North Carolina 58:** Jeremy Fears Jr. scored 19 points and the Spartans pulled away to beat the Tar Heels in the Fort Myers Tip-Off on Thursday.

Fears, who came in leading the nation in assists at more than 10 per game, added seven

assists. Carson Cooper had 14 points, Cam Ward 11 and Jaxson Kohler 10 along with 11 rebounds for his third double-double of season.

Caleb Wilson led North Carolina (6-1) with 18 points, Henri Veesaar had 13 and Luka Bogavac added 11, but the Tar Heels shot just 38% (21 of 55).

Michigan State (7-0) went 5 of 10 on 3-pointers while North Carolina went 4 of 23. The Spartans also had a 20-5 margin in bench points.

**No. 24 Vanderbilt 89, VCU 74:** Duke Miles scored 20 points, Tyler Nickel and Tyler Tanner each had 16 and the Commodores beat the Rams in the Battle 4 Atlantis semifinals.

Vanderbilt has started a season 7-0 for the first time since the 2007-08 team began 16-0.

Miles, who scored 28 points in a tournament opener against Western Kentucky, went 4 of 5 from the field and 10 of 11 at the free-throw line. Nickel made four of Vanderbilt's 11 3-pointers and Tanner had a team-high five assists.

Jalen Washington added 11 points, eight rebounds and four assists for Vanderbilt.

Nyk Lewis led VCU (4-3) with 16 points. Jadrian Tracey added 15 points and Lazar Djokovic had 12.

## LSU confirms football coach was fired 'without cause'

Associated Press

Former LSU coach Brian Kelly received a letter from LSU on Wednesday confirming that he was fired without cause and is owed "liquidated damages as required" under his contract of about \$54 million.

The letter clears the way for Kelly to withdraw a Nov. 10 lawsuit against the university. The suit said LSU officials had suggested he could be fired for cause, which could have substantially reduced his buyout.

LSU spells out in Wednes-

day's letter that Kelly has a legal obligation to make "good-faith, reasonable and sustained efforts" to get another job in football while he being paid by LSU.

Under Kelly's contract, salary from a new football-related job would offset what he is owed by LSU. The 10-year contract, worth close to \$100 million, runs through 2031, unless the two sides agree to a settlement severing their legal relationship before then.

Kelly's lawsuit, filed in civil district court in Baton Rouge,

alleged that LSU representatives had told Kelly's attorneys that the coach was never "formally terminated" the day after LSU's 49-25 loss to No. 3 Texas A&M on Oct. 25.

Additionally, Kelly's lawsuit said that 15 days after he'd packed up his office and left his job, LSU representatives told the coach's lawyers for the first time that the university intended to fire him for cause.

However, Kelly's attorneys made a Nov. 19 offer to withdraw the lawsuit if the universi-

ty provided written confirmation that the coach was fired without cause and still owed the full buyout.

The offer came in a letter, also obtained by the AP, that was sent to LSU Athletic Director Verge Ausberry and LSU Board of Supervisors Athletics Committee chairman John Carmouche.

Kelly, 64, went 34-14 with LSU, including three bowl victories, but the Tigers did not reach the College Football Playoff during his tenure.