

Russia hits power, water sites in Ukraine

Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — A massive barrage of Russian cruise missile and drone strikes hit critical infrastructure in Kyiv, Kharkiv and other Ukrainian cities on Monday morning, knocking out water and power supplies in apparent retaliation for what Moscow alleged was a Ukrainian attack on its Black Sea Fleet.

Russia has intensified its attacks on Ukraine's power plants and other key infrastructure as the war enters its ninth month. Large parts of Ukraine are already experiencing rolling power cuts as a result of Russia's strategy.

Russia's Defense Ministry said its forces carried out "strikes with long-range high-precision air and sea-based weapons against the military command and energy systems of Ukraine."

"The goals of the strikes were achieved. All designated targets

were hit," the ministry said in a statement.

Meanwhile, 12 ships with grain left Ukrainian ports on Monday despite a Russian threat to reimpose a blockade that threatened hunger across the world, Ukraine's Ministry of Infrastructure said. One vessel carried Ukrainian wheat to Ethiopia, where a severe drought is affecting millions of people.

Ukraine's air force said it shot down 44 of more than 50 cruise missiles that Russia launched.

Ukrainian Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal said Russian missiles and drones hit 10 Ukrainian regions and damaged 18 sites, mostly energy facilities.

Hundreds of localities in seven Ukrainian regions were left without power, he said in a Facebook post, adding that "the consequences could have been much worse" if the Ukrainian forces hadn't shot down most of the Rus-

sian missiles.

Thirteen people were wounded as a result of morning attacks, the head of National Police, Ihor Klymenko, said on national television.

Loud explosions were heard across the Ukrainian capital as residents prepared to go to work. The emergency services sent out a text message warning about the threat of a missile attack, and air raid sirens wailed for three hours during the morning commute.

Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko said 80% of consumers in the city of 3 million were left without water because of damage to a power facility. By Monday evening, workers had reduced the percentage to 40% and the number of apartments without electricity from 350,000 to 270,000. To cut power consumption, Kyiv authorities extended intervals between subway trains and replaced electric trolleybuses and

trams with buses, Klitschko said. Subway service resumed Monday night.

Across Kyiv, hundreds lined up, often for more than an hour, to pump water by hand from wells to fill plastic bottles and cans.

In the eastern city of Kharkiv, two strikes hit critical infrastructure facilities, according to authorities, and the subway ceased operating. Critical infrastructure sites were also hit in the Cherkasy region southeast of Kyiv.

The attacks come two days after Russia accused Ukraine of a drone strike against Russia's Black Sea Fleet off the Russia-annexed Crimean Peninsula. Ukraine has denied the attack, saying that Russia mishandled its own weapons, but Moscow still announced it was retaliating by halting its participation in a U.N. and Turkey-brokered deal to allow safe passage of ships carrying grain from Ukraine.

Still few answers about tainted water on USS Nimitz

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Stars and Stripes

The cause of jet fuel contamination in the USS Nimitz's drinking water remains undetermined several weeks after at least 11 sailors fell ill and the aircraft carrier was forced into an extended port stay.

Analysis of how jet propellant-5, or JP-5, entered the ship's potable water supply in September still is being done, Naval Air Forces spokesman Cmdr. Zachary Harrell told Stars and Stripes prior to the carrier reaching its Bremerton, Wash., homeport Friday.

The incident is one among several contamination reports on sea and land in recent months that

Navy watchers say could negatively affect morale, at a time when many sailors up for reenlistment have favorable job options and Pentagon leaders have expressed concerns about an increasingly difficult recruiting environment.

The Navy isn't answering questions on its preliminary findings of how the Nimitz contamination occurred, but the possibilities include a fuel spill or a leak from a nearby pipe.

Another potential failure point is ballast water, which is placed in a ship's bilge to keep it stable.

When contamination concerns arise, shipboard personnel responsible for drinking water safety are supposed to examine walls shared by a potable water system and tanks storing fuel or ballast

water, the Navy's preventive medicine manual states.

Pipes that carry nonpotable substances and are "permanently installed through potable water tanks" should be evaluated as well, the manual says.

Crew members first reported irregularities in their drinking water Sept. 16, while the ship was off the coast of Southern California.

Sailors began reporting illness symptoms the next day, though the Navy took several days to confirm that they were suspected to be contamination-related.

On Sept. 22, Harrell said that there were no confirmed cases. On Oct. 1, U.S. 3rd Fleet said 11 sailors had been treated for symptoms suspected to be relat-

ed to fuel exposure. The symptoms included skin rashes, headaches and diarrhea.

Since Sept. 30, no sailors have reported symptoms potentially related to contaminants in the water, Harrell said, adding that the 11 sailors had been treated and cleared for duty.

On the same day as the initial reports of illness, the carrier was moored at Naval Air Station North Island in San Diego and hooked up to the municipal water supply. Tests later revealed jet fuel in the potable water system.

That contamination was pinpointed to a single tank, which was isolated from the system, the Navy said. As a precaution, three other nearby tanks also were taken offline.

China irked by reported B-52 plans in Australia

Associated Press

CANBERRA, Australia — The United States is preparing to deploy up to six nuclear-capable B-52 bombers in northern Australia, a news report said Monday, prompting China to accuse the U.S. of undermining regional peace and stability.

The United States is preparing to build dedicated facilities for the long-range bombers at Royal Australian Air Force Base Tindal in the Northern Territory, national broadcaster Australian Broadcasting Corp. reported.

Tindal is south of the coastal city of Darwin, where thousands of U.S. Marines Corps troops have spent about half of each year since 2012 under a deal struck between then-U.S. President Barack Obama and then-Prime Minister Julia Gillard.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese did not directly respond when asked at a news conference on Monday if the United States is preparing to deploy bombers in Australia.

“We engage with our friends in the United States alliance from time to time,” Albanese said.

“There are visits to Australia, including in Darwin, that has U.S. Marines on a rotating basis stationed there,” he said.

The U.S. Air Force told ABC the ability to deploy U.S. bombers to Australia “sends a strong message to adversaries about our ability to project lethal air power.”

Asked about U.S. nuclear bombers being positioned in Australia, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian said defense and security cooperation between countries should “not target any third parties or harm the interests of third parties.”

“The relevant U.S. behaviors have increased regional tensions, seriously undermined regional peace and stability, and may trigger an arms race in the region,” Zhao told reporters at a regular briefing in Beijing.

“China urges the parties concerned to abandon the outdated Cold War and zero-sum mentality and narrowminded geopolitical thinking, and to do something conducive to regional peace and stability and enhancing mutual trust between the countries,” Zhao added.

Australian opposition leader Peter Dutton, who was defense minister when his conservative government was voted out of office in May, welcomed the prospect of B-52 bombers having a regular presence in Australia.

S. Korea mourns, probes deaths at Halloween event

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korean police investigated on Monday what caused a crowd surge that killed more than 150 people including 26 foreigners during Halloween festivities in Seoul in the country’s worst disaster in years, as President Yoon Suk Yeol and tens of thousands of others paid respects to the dead at special mourning sites.

Saturday’s disaster was concentrated in a sloped, narrow alley in Seoul’s Itaewon neighborhood, a popular nightlife district, with witnesses and survivors recalling a “hell-like” chaos with people falling on each other like dominoes. They said the entire Itaewon area was jammed with slow-moving vehicles and partygoers clad in Halloween costumes, making it impossible for rescuers and ambulances to reach the crammed alleys in time. Police said they’ve launched a 475-member task force to investigate the crush.

Officers have obtained videos taken by about 50 security cameras in the area and are also analyzing video clips posted on social media. They have interviewed more than 40 witnesses and survivors so far, senior police officer Nam Gu-Jun told reporters Monday.

Other police officers said they are trying to find exactly when and where the crowd surge started and how it developed. They said a team of police officers and government forensic experts searched the Itaewon area on Monday.

“The government will thoroughly investigate the cause of the incident and do its best to make necessary improvements of systems to prevent a similar accident from recurring,” Prime Minister Han Duck-soo said at the start of a government meeting on the disaster.

The Itaewon area, famous for its cosmopolitan atmosphere, is the country’s hottest spot for Halloween-themed events and parties, which have grown increasingly popular among young South Koreans in recent years. An estimated 100,000 people were gathered there in the country’s largest Halloween celebration since the pandemic began.

Navy seizes \$1M in drugs, rescues 8 off burning boat in Gulf of Oman

BY ALISON BATH

Stars and Stripes

NAPLES, Italy — U.S. naval forces seized an estimated \$1 million in drugs while rescuing eight Iranian and Pakistani nationals who set fire to their fishing vessel in the Gulf of Oman, the Navy said.

The patrol ship USS Sirocco was conducting a counternarcotics operation in international waters Saturday, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/U.S. 5th Fleet said in a statement the same day.

Patrol ships USS Chinook and USS Thunderbolt put out the fire on the ves-

sel, which sustained significant damage and sank, the Navy said. But U.S. forces confiscated nearly 1,235 pounds of hashish, about one-third of the shipment.

The men set fire to the boat as Sirocco approached for a routine verification of its country of registration. They then jumped into the water as the blaze grew, said Cmdr. Tim Hawkins, a spokesman for the command and 5th Fleet.

They admitted to smuggling hashish and methamphetamines and were transferred to a “regional nation” for additional medical treatment and repatriation, according to the statement.

GOP backs candidates once seen as risky

Associated Press

ATKINSON, N.H. — New Hampshire's Republican governor described Don Bolduc as a "conspiracy theory extremist" just two months ago. But now, a week before Election Day, Gov. Chris Sununu is vowing to support him. And the leader of the GOP's campaign to retake the U.S. Senate stood at Bolduc's side over the weekend and called him "a true patriot."

"I'm here for one reason, and that's to make sure Don Bolduc is the next U.S. senator," Rick Scott, a Florida senator and chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, told dozens of voters on Sunday gathered inside an Atkinson, N.H., community center.

"Here's a guy who's a true patriot," Scott said as he introduced Bolduc, a retired Army general. "He served his country. He believes. He cares."

The New Hampshire dynamic reflects the emboldened GOP's increasing confidence in candidates who party leaders believed were essentially unelectable — or at least seriously flawed — just weeks or months ago. But heading into the final full

week of the 2022 midterms, Republican leaders are betting that anti-Democratic political headwinds will supersede what Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell himself called "candidate quality" issues in his own party.

Leaders in both parties believe Republicans are poised to take the House majority, with control of the Senate in sight as well.

At the same time, Republicans are waging competitive battles for governorships in swing states like Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada and Wisconsin.

The GOP's embrace of risky Senate contenders has been playing out for months in states like Georgia, where \$60 million will have been spent on television advertising to benefit Republican Herschel Walker by Election Day. That backing comes even as Walker confronts reports of violence and mental health issues from his past and more recent allegations that he paid at least two women to have abortions. Walker has denied the abortion allegations.

The Republican Party is also rallying behind Arizona Senate contender Blake Masters, a so-called election denier viewed as

deeply flawed by GOP leaders earlier in the year. Washington Republicans aggressively recruited outgoing Gov. Doug Ducey to run for the Senate, but Ducey declined.

Masters, a 36-year-old venture capitalist, is now the GOP's only hope to defeat incumbent Sen. Mark Kelly, a retired astronaut. Ignoring Masters' embrace of former President Donald Trump's lies about the 2020 election, former Vice President Mike Pence campaigned for the Arizona Republican recently and called him "one of the brightest stars in the Republican Party."

Steven Law, a chief McConnell ally who runs the McConnell-aligned super PAC known as the Senate Leadership Fund, says that apparent flaws in candidates — including those who have railed against McConnell himself — are far less important than the party's ultimate goal this fall: winning.

"At the end of the day, our focus is on winning the majority. And I feel like a lot of those concerns have faded into the background as we work toward that goal," Law said in an interview.

Kemp, Abrams go head to head in Ga. governor debate

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Georgia's Republican Gov. Brian Kemp and Democratic challenger Stacey Abrams traded harsh attacks on Georgia's elections during the pair's final debate before Georgia's Nov. 8 election, while elaborating on their positions on abortion and offering sharply differing visions for the state's economy.

Kemp avoided a categorical promise not to sign further abortion restrictions, saying Sunday "it's not my desire to go move the needle any further." But he acknowledged that more restrictions might be passed by a Republican legislature, saying that "we'll look at those when the time comes."

Abrams pointed out that equivocation, saying, "Let's be clear, he did not say he wouldn't."

Kemp criticized Abrams as inconsistent on what restric-

tions she would support. Abrams argued she had not changed her position and said she would support legal abortion until a fetus is viable outside the womb.

Kemp denied claims by Democrats that under Georgia's abortion restrictions, which restrict most abortions after cardiac activity can be detected in the womb, women could be prosecuted for abortions or investigated after miscarriages. The governor revealed that his wife had miscarried one of what had been twins, while the other survived to become his eldest daughter, calling it a "tragic, traumatic situation."

Abrams, though, said it was up to local law enforcement and district attorneys and that it wasn't clear local authorities won't attempt prosecutions. Abrams said women "should not be worried about the knock

on the door is the sheriff coming to ask them if they have had an illegal abortion."

Though Kemp and Abrams disputed issues with specificity throughout the 60-minute debate, they reserved their most personal back-and-forth for a discussion of voting rights, exposing the origins of a rivalry that goes back to when Kemp was secretary of state and Abrams was a state House member, before each ran for governor in 2018.

Kemp's version is that he's made it "easy to vote and hard to cheat" in Georgia, while Abrams has spent "the last 10 years running around telling you that's not the case." He added the barb that she's "benefited personally from that running around," noting Abrams' personal financial success since her 2018 defeat.

Abrams answered that Kemp "has spent 16 years at-

tacking the right to vote in Georgia," most recently with the 2021 elections law overhaul that, among its provisions, enacted new rules around voting by mail.

Kemp noted that early vote totals have already reached 1.6 million, far outpacing 2018, with early voting running through Friday. He also highlighted record primary turnout for both major parties earlier this year — points that Abrams said obscure other state actions that she said have made it harder for people to cast their ballots.

"The fact that people are voting is in spite of SB 202, not because of it," she said, referring to the GOP election law. "It was never about making sure that we had fair elections in Georgia. It was about gaming the election for Brian Kemp so he could keep people out of the polling place."

Justices reject Turkey's bid to stop lawsuits

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Monday rejected Turkey's bid to shut down lawsuits in U.S. courts stemming from a violent brawl outside the Turkish ambassador's residence in Washington more than five years ago that left anti-government protesters badly beaten.

The justices did not comment in turning away Turkey's arguments that American law shields foreign countries from most lawsuits. Lower courts ruled that those protections did not extend to the events of May 16, 2017, when during a visit by Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, "Turkish security forces vio-

lently clashed with a crowd of protesters," as one judge described the situation.

The Supreme Court's action allows the lawsuits to proceed. In the lawsuits, protesters claim they were brutally punched and kicked, cursed at and greeted with slurs and throat-slashing gestures. One woman slipped in and out of consciousness and has suffered seizures, and others reported post-traumatic stress, depression, concussions and nightmares, according to the complaints.

The high court had put off a decision about whether to intervene for months, asking for the Biden administration's views on the le-

gal issues presented.

Turkey can be sued in these circumstances, the Justice Department said in its high court filing, concluding that lower courts were correct in finding that the U.S. ally does not have legal immunity.

Lawyers for the Turkish government had told the court that Erdogan's security detail had discretion to use physical force because it was protecting its head of state in a potentially dangerous situation.

They described some protesters as "supporters of a U.S.-designated foreign terrorist organization that poses a genuine national security threat to Turkey."

The altercation was caught on camera and led to criminal charges against some of Erdogan's security officers and civilian supporters, two of whom pleaded guilty. Most other charges were dropped.

The violence occurred as Erdogan was returning to the ambassador's residence after a White House visit, where he and then-President Donald Trump pledged cooperation in fighting Islamic State. Erdogan remained in his car after it arrived at the ambassador's residence while an initial skirmish took place. The lawsuits claim that he ordered a second, more violent attack. Turkey says he did no such thing.

2 exonerated in Malcolm X killing to receive \$36 million

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The city of New York is settling lawsuits filed on behalf of two men who were exonerated last year for the 1965 assassination of Malcolm X, agreeing to pay \$26 million for the wrongful convictions that led to both men spending decades behind bars.

The state of New York will pay an additional \$10 million. David Shanies, an attorney representing the men, confirmed the settlements on Sunday.

"Muhammad Aziz, Khalil Islam, and their families suffered because of these unjust convictions for more than 50 years," said Shanies said in an email. "The City recognized the grave injustices done here, and I commend the sincerity and speed with which the Comptroller's Office and the Corporation Counsel moved to resolve the lawsuits."

Last year, a Manhattan judge dismissed the convictions of Aziz, now 84, and Islam, who died in 2009, after prosecutors said new evidence of witness intimidation and suppression of exculpatory evidence had undermined the

case against the men. Then-District Attorney Cyrus Vance Jr. apologized for law enforcement's "serious, unacceptable violations of law and the public trust."

The New York City Law Department, through a spokesperson, said Sunday it "stands by" Vance's opinion that the men were wrongfully convicted and the financial agreement "brings some measure of justice to individuals who spent decades in prison and bore the stigma of being falsely accused of murdering an iconic figure."

Aziz and Islam, who maintained their innocence from the start, were paroled in the 1980s.

Malcolm X gained national prominence as the voice of the Nation of Islam, exhorting Black people to claim their civil rights "by any means necessary." Near the end of his life, he split with the Black Muslim organization and, after a trip to Mecca, started speaking about the potential for racial unity. It earned him the ire of some in the Nation of Islam, who saw him as a traitor.

He was shot to death at 39 while beginning a speech Feb. 21, 1965.

Family in Okla. murder-suicide said to have financial pressures

Associated Press

BROKEN ARROW, Okla. — An Oklahoma couple considered "primary suspects" in last week's killings of their six children faced growing financial pressures and the husband experienced recurring pain from a workplace head injury, according to family members.

Eight people were found dead Thursday in a burning home in a Tulsa-area suburb in what authorities are investigating as a murder-suicide. The Broken Arrow Police Department on Sunday identified the two adults as Brian and Brittney Nelson but provided no new information on whether both adults were involved in the killings of the children, who ranged in age from 1 to 13.

Brian Nelson's parents, Danny and Marilyn Nelson, told the Tulsa World that their son had asked if they could babysit their grandchildren at 5 p.m. Thursday, the day of the fire.

"Five came and went. Then it was 6. I texted them — no responses," Danny Nelson said. "I turned on the 6 o'clock news, and they said there had been a fire

near Hickory and Galveston in Broken Arrow. That's where my son lives."

Police have not released the names of the children who died but the Nelsons identified them as grandson Brian II, age 13; granddaughter Brantley, 9; grandsons Vegeta, 7, Ragnar, 5, and Kurgan, 2; and granddaughter Britannica, 1.

All six children were found dead in a burning back bedroom and the two adults were found in the front of the home. Authorities said causes of death were still pending but they don't believe anyone died from the fire.

Brian and Brittney Nelson had filed for bankruptcy in 2020, listing \$8,803 in assets versus nearly \$138,000 in liabilities, most of which was unpaid student loans, the newspaper reported. Both indicated they were unemployed at the time, the filing said.

The bankruptcy filing also listed nine guns as assets.

Years ago, Brian Nelson had suffered a concussion while stocking dairy refrigerators at a large retail chain and had been plagued by severe headaches ever since, his parents said.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

County judge censured for DUI, lying to police

CA STOCKTON — A judge has been censured for misconduct after he crashed his SUV while driving under the influence of alcohol, attempted to leave the scene of the crash, and lied to bystanders and police officers, the state Commission on Judicial Performance announced.

The commission said Judge Michael J. Mulvihill Jr., of San Joaquin County Superior Court, consented to the discipline, which is a step below removal from office.

Mulvihill, who was sworn in as a Superior Court judge in 2015, crashed his car on Jan. 1 in Stockton near the Calaveras River.

A bystander filmed Mulvihill's vehicle speeding as it approached a bridge on the river, swerving and crashing into the curb and fencing of the roadway. Mulvihill told bystanders who prevented him from getting back in the vehicle and driving away that it would be "extra bad" for him to stay because he was a truck driver, the commission said.

After he was unable to get back in the SUV, he left the scene on foot but a bystander chased after him and convinced him to return to the scene, it said.

Teacher with 'kill list' to stay away from school

IN CROWN POINT — A fifth-grade teacher charged with felony intimidation after authorities say she told a student she had a "kill list" of students and staff has agreed to

stay away from the school.

Angelica Carrasquillo, 25, of Griffith, signed a no-contact order without objection when she appeared in Lake Superior Court, The Times of Northwest Indiana reported.

Judge Kathleen Lang affirmed Carrasquillo's not guilty plea to one felony count of intimidation.

Court documents say Carrasquillo communicated "a threat to commit murder" on Oct. 12.

When Carrasquillo was asked why she wanted to kill herself and others, she reportedly told school officials: "I'm having trouble with my mental health, and sometimes the kids do not listen in the classroom. I also have trauma caused when I went to high school."

School bus driver charged with drunken driving

VA CENTREVILLE — A bus driver for a D.C. elementary school has been charged with driving while intoxicated after his bus veered into a ditch in northern Virginia on a field trip.

Fairfax County Police said nine children were treated at the scene for minor injuries.

The bus was carrying 44 children and four adults Thursday back to Murch Elementary School in the District after a field trip to Cox Farms in Centreville, a popular field trip destination in the region during the fall.

Police said the bus hit a rock and veered into a ditch.

The 48-year-old driver from Suitland, Md., was charged after police say he failed a field sobriety test and had a blood-alcohol content of 0.20, more than double the legal limit of 0.08.

Federal judge rules in favor of bikini baristas

WA EVERETT — A Washington city's dress code ordinance saying bikini baristas must cover their bodies at work has been ruled unconstitutional by a federal court.

The decision in a partial summary judgment comes after a lengthy legal battle between bikini baristas and the city of Everett over the rights of workers to wear what they want, the Everett Herald reported.

U.S. District Court in Seattle found Everett's dress code ordinance violated the Equal Protection clauses of the U.S. and Washington state constitutions. The Court found that the ordinance was, at least in part, shaped by a gender-based discriminatory purpose, according to a 19-page ruling signed by U.S. District Judge Ricardo S. Martinez.

It is difficult to imagine, the court wrote, how the ordinance would be equally applied to men and women in practice because it prohibits clothing "typically worn by women rather than men," including midriff and scoop-back shirts, as well as bikinis.

FBI probes antisemitic mailing to advocacy group

NM SANTA FE — The FBI confirmed Friday that it is investigating a report from an environmental advocacy group that it received mail containing antisemitic imagery and a suspicious powdery substance.

FBI spokesman Frank Fisher said the substance was tested

and determined not to be harmful. Further details were not being released in order to protect the integrity the investigation, he said.

Conservation Voters New Mexico Executive Director Demis Foster said the group received an envelope Wednesday in the mail that included a brown, powdery substance inside along with a torn up political flyer that the group distributed in support of a Democratic state House representative who is running for reelection.

The mail included a reference to the Nazi Party, a swastika and other antisemitic symbols, Foster said.

She said that first responders including police evacuated the building, and that an employee who opened the mail was released unharmed from a hospital after undergoing observation.

Woman hits lottery twice in week, wins \$400,000

DE WILMINGTON — A 70-year-old woman hit the lottery twice within one week, claiming two six-figure rewards totaling \$400,000.

The News Journal reported that the Newark woman, who wished to remain anonymous, bought two \$100K Ultimate Cash Instant Game tickets and found that one was a winner.

While driving home after picking up her earnings from Lottery Headquarters, she bought three Serious Money tickets to celebrate. One of those tickets was a \$300,000 top prize winner.

The woman said she plans to put most of the money toward retirement.

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McCaffrey does it all for 49ers in rout

Associated Press

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Christian McCaffrey became the 11th player in NFL history with a rushing touchdown, a passing touchdown and a receiving touchdown in one game, and the San Francisco 49ers extended their regular-season mastery over the Rams to four full years with a 31-14 victory over Los Angeles on Sunday.

McCaffrey threw a 34-yard TD pass to Brandon Aiyuk in the first half, caught a TD pass from Jimmy Garoppolo in the third quarter and then put the Niners (4-4) in control with a TD run early in the fourth.

Garoppolo passed for 235 yards and two touchdowns as San Francisco scored 24 unanswered points to finish its eighth consecutive regular-season victory over its NFC West rivals.

McCaffrey finished with 94 yards rushing and 55 yards receiving in his second game with the Niners. LaDainian Tomlinson was the last player with rushing, passing and receiving TDs in the same game, doing it for San Diego back in 2005.

The 49ers outbid the Rams (3-4) last week in a trade for McCaffrey's services, and the versatile running back showed Los Angeles exactly what it missed.

Bills 27, Packers 17: Stefon Diggs ran his mouth before running past Green Bay's secondary as host Buffalo handed the Packers their worst start eight games into a season under Aaron Rodgers.

Diggs began by exchanging words before and after pregame warmups in the tunnel with Packers cornerback Jaire Alexander. He then burned Green Bay with six catches for 108 yards and a 26-yard touchdown.

The AFC-leading Bills (6-1) never trailed in winning their fourth straight and matching their best start to a season since 1993.

Seahawks 27, Giants 13: Tyler Lockett caught a 33-yard touchdown pass from Geno Smith with 9:18 left and host Seattle won its third straight.

The only matchup of teams with winning records in the NFL this week was a slugfest until the fourth quarter, when Lockett made up for two big mistakes earlier in the game and Seattle rookie running back Kenneth Walker III finally broke free, helping the surprising Seahawks (5-3) stay atop the NFC West.

New York (6-2) saw its four-game win streak snapped entering its bye week and lost ground to undefeated Philadelphia in the NFC East — largely because the Seahawks corralled Saquon Barkley, who was

held to a season-low 53 yards on 20 carries and had three catches for 9 yards.

Lockett lost a fumble in the first half and dropped what would have been a 33-yard touchdown in the third quarter. But he came through on the Seahawks' go-ahead drive.

Vikings 34, Cardinals 26: Za'Darius Smith had three sacks to help Minnesota's defense hang on and the Vikings beat visiting Arizona for their fifth consecutive victory.

Dalvin Cook rushed for a season-high 111 yards and a touchdown and Kirk Cousins passed for two scores and ran for another for the Vikings (6-1), who stayed unbeaten at home in coach Kevin O'Connell's rookie year.

Kyler Murray passed for 326 yards and a season-high three touchdowns, including a one-handed grab for a score by DeAndre Hopkins with 47 seconds left in the second quarter, but he threw two second-half interceptions for the Cardinals (3-5).

Falcons 37, Panthers 34 (OT): Young-hoe Koo booted a 41-yard field goal in overtime after Carolina's Eddy Piñeiro missed a pair of kicks that could've won it, giving host Atlanta an improbable victory.

The teams combined for three touchdowns in the final 3:06 of regulation before a silly penalty by the Panthers' D.J. Moore opened the door for the Falcons (4-4) to pull it out and stay alone atop the NFC South.

Moore hauled in a 62-yard touchdown heave from P.J. Walker with 12 seconds remaining, but Moore ripped off his helmet during a raucous celebration in the end zone, resulting in a 15-yard unsportsmanlike conduct penalty. That pushed back the extra point to a 48-yard attempt, and Piñeiro pulled it left of the upright.

Cowboys 49, Bears 29: Dak Prescott threw for two touchdowns and ran for one, Micah Parsons returned a fumble for his first NFL score and host Dallas beat Chicago.

Tony Pollard ran for 131 yards and three TDs with Ezekiel Elliott sidelined by a right knee injury.

Justin Fields rallied the Bears (3-5) with in five after trailing 28-7. But he made a big gaffe by jumping over Parsons after the star linebacker's fumble recovery instead of touching him down. Parsons got up, stumbled and rolled over the goal line for a 36-yard touchdown that made it 42-23.

Eagles 35, Steelers 13: Jalen Hurts threw three touchdown passes to A.J.

Brown in the first half and finished with 285 yards and four TDs overall as unbeaten host Philadelphia raced past Pittsburgh.

Brown had six receptions for 156 yards. The Eagles are 7-0 for the second time in franchise history and first since 2004, when Donovan McNabb and Terrell Owens led them to the Super Bowl.

Patriots 22, Jets 17: Bill Belichick passed George Halas for second place on the NFL's career coaching victories list and visiting New England beat New York for the 13th straight time.

Devin McCourty had two of the Patriots' three interceptions of Zach Wilson, Nick Folk kicked five field goals against his former team and New England (4-4) slowed the surprising Jets (5-3), who had won four in a row.

Belichick got his 325th win, including playoffs, and now trails only Don Shula (347).

Commanders 17, Colts 16: Taylor Heinicke scored on a 1-yard plunge with 22 seconds left, capping an 89-yard drive in the final 2½ minutes and sending visiting Washington past Indianapolis.

Indy native Terry McLaurin set up the decisive score by wrestling the ball away from Stephon Gilmore for a 33-yard catch one play before Heinicke scored. Washington (4-4) has won three straight.

Dolphins 31, Lions 27: Tua Tagovailoa threw a go-ahead, 11-yard touchdown pass to Mike Gesicki late in the third quarter to cap visiting Miami's rally from a double-digit, second-half deficit to beat Detroit.

Tagovailoa was 29 of 36 for 382 yards with three touchdowns, including two to Jaylen Waddle, who had eight catches for 106 yards. Tyreek Hill had 12 receptions for 188 yards for the Dolphins.

Titans 17, Texans 10: Derrick Henry dominated Houston again, running for 219 yards and two touchdowns to carry visiting Tennessee.

It was Henry's fourth straight 200-yard game against the Texans. The 28-year-old has six 200-yard games in his career, tying O.J. Simpson and Adrian Peterson for the most in NFL history.

Saints 24, Raiders 0: Alvin Kamara scored his first three touchdowns of the season and host New Orleans shut out Las Vegas.

It was an anemic performance by the Las Vegas offense, which didn't get the ball across midfield until two minutes remained in the game.

Lakers top Nuggets, get first win of season

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — LeBron James scored 26 points and Anthony Davis added 23 to help the Los Angeles Lakers to their first win of the season, a 121-110 victory over the Denver Nuggets on Sunday night.

Russell Westbrook scored 18 points for the Lakers, who lost their first five games under first-year head coach Darvin Ham.

Los Angeles was the last winless team in the NBA.

Ham celebrated in the locker room with his team and received a celebratory dousing of water.

“We needed to prove something to ourselves,” Ham said. “Not to the world, not the media. We had to prove it to ourselves. I feel great about how we responded throughout the game.”

Westbrook, who came off the bench again and has been accepting of that role, drove the lane and scored on a layup to extend the Lakers’ lead to 117-106 in the final minutes.

In the third quarter, he raised his arms to get fans on their feet and they obliged.

“Like I’ve mentioned since Day One, whatever is needed from me to help the team win, that’s what I’ll do,” Westbrook said.

Nikola Jockic scored 23 points

and Jamal Murray added a season-high 21 for the Nuggets (4-3), who had won four of their past five and two straight games before Sunday’s loss.

Austin Reaves made a three-pointer from the top of the arc and Lonnie Walker IV drove the baseline for a dunk to give the Lakers a 113-100 advantage. That 13-point lead was their largest of the season.

The Lakers went 13-for-30 on three-point shooting after struggling with long-range shots in their first five games of the season. The Nuggets made 15 three-pointers.

Mavericks 114, Magic 105: Luka Doncic scored 30 of his season-high 44 points in the first half as host Dallas rebounded from a collapse a night earlier by beating Orlando.

Rookie Paolo Banchero was held to 18 points for the Magic, the first time this season the No. 1 pick in the draft has failed to reach 20. His six-game streak was tied for the third-longest to begin a career.

Tim Hardaway Jr. added a season-best 21 points off the bench for the Mavericks, who lost to Oklahoma City in overtime Saturday after blowing a 16-point lead in the final four minutes of regulation.

Pelicans 112, Clippers 91: Zion Williamson had 21 points and 12 rebounds in his return, and visiting New Orleans routed Los Angeles.

CJ McCollum added 22 points to help the Pelicans improve to 4-2. Williamson was out the past two games with a right hip and lower back contusion, one of three starters to have missed last two games.

Norman Powell had 18 points off the bench for the Clippers. Paul George added 14 points and Marcus Morris had 12.

Suns 124, Rockets 109: Devin Booker scored 30 points, Cam Johnson added 19 and host Phoenix beat Houston for its fourth straight victory.

Booker shot 14-for-24 from the field on his 26th birthday, while fellow All-Star Chris Paul had a season-high 15 assists.

Pistons 128, Warriors 114: Saddiq Bey scored 28 points, Cade Cunningham was an assist short of a triple-double and host Detroit beat Golden State to end a five-game losing streak.

Cunningham had 23 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists to help the Pistons win for the first time since their opening game. Isaiah Stewart added 24 points and 13 rebounds as Detroit’s starters scored 111 points.

Cavaliers 121, Knicks 108: Donovan Mitchell had 38 points and a season-high 12 assists, Kevin Love scored 16 of his 29 points in the fourth quarter and host Cleveland rallied to beat New York.

Mitchell and Love combined for 28 points in the final period as Cleveland outscored New York 37-15. Love made five three-pointers and Mitchell scored 12 points — both also had four-point plays — as the Cavaliers rallied from a nine-point deficit.

Celtics 112, Wizards 94: Jaylen Brown scored 24 points and host Boston took advantage of cold shooting by Bradley Beal to beat Washington.

Jayson Tatum had 23 points, including five three-pointers, and Malcolm Brogdon added 21 points off the bench to help Boston avoid its third straight loss. The Celtics made 21 three-pointers.

Spurs 107, Timberwolves 98: Keldon Johnson scored 25 points, Doug McDermott added 23 and host San Antonio beat Minnesota for the second time a week.

Karl-Anthony Towns led Minnesota with 26 points and Anthony Edwards had 18. Rudy Gobert was held to nine points and 12 rebounds.

Michigan State suspends 4 players for tunnel melee

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ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Michigan State has suspended four players for their role in roughing up Michigan players in a stadium tunnel after losing the game.

Spartans coach Mel Tucker announced Sunday night that linebacker Tank Brown, safety Angelo Grose, defensive end Zion Young and cornerback Khary Crump were suspended immediately.

“Michigan State University football core values include integrity, discipline, unselfishness, toughness and accountability,” said Tucker, who made the decision after “reviewing the disturbing electronic evidence.”

Scuffles broke out in the Michigan Stadium

tunnel after fourth-ranked Wolverines beat the Spartans 29-7 Saturday night. Social media posts showed Michigan State players pushing, punching and kicking Michigan’s Ja’Den McBurrows in and near a hallway that doesn’t lead to either locker room. Brown, Grose and Young are seen on video getting physical with McBurrows.

McBurrows and defensive back Gemon Green went up the tunnel, walking alongside the Spartans, after the game while much of Michigan’s team was waving them off the field after beating their in-state rivals for the first time in three years.

Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh said Saturday night that one of the players, who he did not identify, might have a broken nose.

A social media post on Sunday showed a Wolverine, who appears to be Green, getting roughed up by Spartans.

Green, in another post, is surrounded by police while shouting across the tunnel at Michigan State players.

“Two of our players were assaulted,” Harbaugh said. “I saw on the one video. 10 on one. It was pretty bad. It needs to be investigated.”

University of Michigan Deputy Police Chief Melissa Overton said an investigation is underway in partnership with Michigan State police, and Michigan’s athletic department and football program.

“The investigation takes some time,” Overton said Sunday.

Bell, Chastain earn spots in NASCAR title race

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Ross Chastain's aggressive style hasn't made a lot of friends in NASCAR's top series. Now, he'll be contending for a championship because of that approach.

Chastain pinned his Chevrolet against the outside wall of the 0.526-mile Martinsville Speedway and was sailing at some 70 mph faster than the rest of the field, careening from 10th place to fifth on the final lap to give Trackhouse Racing its first championship appearance.

Christopher Bell won his way into NASCAR's championship race while Chastain used a move more suited for a video game to also advance in Sunday's thrilling regular-season finale.

Chastain credited his video game playing for the dramatic

move on the final lap.

"Oh, played a lot of NASCAR 2005 on the GameCube with (younger brother) Chad growing up," he said. "You can get away with it. I never knew if it would actually work.

"I mean, I did that when I was eight years old. I grabbed fifth gear, asked off of two on the last lap if we needed it, and we did. I couldn't tell who was leading. I made the choice, grabbed fifth gear down the back. Full committed. Basically let go of the wheel, hoping I didn't catch the turn four access gate or something crazy. But I was willing to do it."

Bell had to win to advance to the final four next week at Phoenix Raceway, and he pulled it off to give Joe Gibbs Racing and Toyota one spot in the finale. Bell also won on the Charlotte Motor Speedway

road course in the final race of the second round of the playoffs, so he has now twice advanced with victories.

But this win was different. "Man, I say it all the time, but the driver is just a small piece of the puzzle for these races," Bell said. "The reason why this car won today is because it was the best car on the racetrack. Adam Stevens, Tyler William, this entire 20 group, they just never give up. When our back is against the wall, looks like it's over, they show up and give me the fastest car out here.

"I don't know, man. Words can't describe this feeling."

The final four drivers in the Cup Series winner-take-all finale are Bell, Joey Logano, Chase Elliott and Chastain, who bumped foe Denny Hamlin from the championship

with his spectacular last-lap scramble.

Hamlin, while disappointed, was impressed.

"Great move. Brilliant. Certainly a great move," he said of Chastain's tactic. "When you have no other choice, it certainly is easy to do that. But well executed," he said.

Bell passed Chase Briscoe, who also needed to win to advance to the championship, with five laps to go to earn the automatic berth into the championship race. It was Bell who was caught in Bubba Wallace's retaliation of Kyle Larson at Las Vegas, and Bell being collected in that crash dropped him to last of the eight drivers.

He knew since then it would take a victory for Bell to race for his first Cup title, and he pulled it off on NASCAR's oldest track.

Surging Devils get 53 shots on goal, rout Blue Jackets

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NEWARK, N.J. — Fabian Zetterlund scored late in the first period, Nico Hischier and defenseman Ryan Graves scored 33 seconds apart early in the second and Vitek Vanecek made 20 saves as the surging New Jersey Devils routed the Columbus Blue Jackets 7-1 on Sunday.

Defensemen John Marino and Jonas Siegenthaler, Jesper Bratt and Miles Wood also scored for New Jersey. Vanecek won his third straight.

The Devils bombarded the Blue Jackets with 53 shots and won for the sixth time in seven games after losing twice to start the season. Columbus lost its third in a row.

"This win shows character," said Hischier, the Devils 23-year-old captain. "We beat a great team (Colorado Avalanche on Friday) and then put it behind us. ... We came out to play today. It was an all-around fun game, every line played well."

Zetterlund opened the scoring with about seven minutes left in the first with a rocket past Columbus goalie Elvis Merzlikins for his first of the season. Hischier drew the assist.

The Devils dominated the first, outshooting the visitors 20-5. Hischier made it 2-0 at

3:22 of the second with an unassisted goal to give him four goals and five assists in eight games this season.

The crowd at Prudential Center booed Columbus' Johnny Gaudreau, a New Jersey native who spurned the Devils as a free agent last summer, every time he touched the puck.

Rangers 3, Coyotes 2: Mika Zibanejad broke a tie in the third period, Artemi Panarin had a goal and two assists and visiting New York kept Arizona winless at Mullett Arena.

The Coyotes couldn't capitalize on a raucous crowd in the opener at the 5,000-seat Arizona State University arena Friday night, losing 3-2 to Winnipeg in overtime.

New York pressured Arizona early despite playing the night before and went up on Alexis Lafreniere's second-period goal. The Coyotes responded quickly on goals by Lawson Crouse and Nick Bjugstad, but the Rangers ramped up the pressure again. Igor Shesterkin stopped 18 shots for the Rangers.

Golden Knights 2, Jets 1 (OT): Jack Eichel scored in overtime and host Vegas beat Winnipeg to improve to 8-2-0.

Eichel circled the offensive zone for sev-

eral seconds, darted through the crease and beat goalie Connor Hellebuyck with a nifty backhand.

Mark Stone tied it for Vegas in the third period, and Adin Hill made 24 saves.

Ducks 4, Maple Leafs 3 (OT): Trevor Zegras scored his second goal of the game at 2:15 of overtime, and host Anaheim beat Toronto to end a seven-game losing streak.

Zegras scored the first of two Ducks goals in the third period as Anaheim rallied from a 3-1 deficit. Jakob Silfverberg and Dmitry Kulikov also scored for Anaheim, which had not won since its opener against Seattle.

John Gibson made 32 saves for the Ducks, including a point-blank shot from Mitchell Marner seconds before Zegras' winner. Auston Matthews, Denis Malgin and Calle Jarnkrok scored for the Maple Leafs.

Wild 4, Blackhawks 3 (SO): Frederik Gaudreau scored on a backhand in the third round of a shootout to lift visiting Minnesota past Chicago.

Kirill Kaprizov scored for the Wild in the second round. Marc-Andre Fleury stopped Chicago's Jonathan Toews and Patrick Kane in the shootout to help give Minnesota coach Dean Evason his 100th NHL victory.