

Israel declares 'second stage' of fight

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DEIR AL-BALAH, Gaza Strip — Tanks and infantry pushed into Gaza over the weekend as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced a “second stage” in the war, which was ignited by Hamas’ brutal Oct. 7 incursion into Israel. Israel also pounded the territory from air, land and sea.

Thousands of people broke into aid warehouses in Gaza to take flour and basic hygiene products, a U.N. agency said Sunday, in a mark of growing desperation and the breakdown of public order three weeks into the war between Israel and Gaza’s militant Hamas rulers.

Gaza’s Health Ministry said the death toll among Palestinians has passed 8,000 — mostly women and minors. It’s a toll without precedent in decades of Israeli-Palestinian violence, and one that is expected to climb even more rapidly as Israel presses its ground offensive. Over 1,400 people have died on the Israeli side, mainly civilians killed during the initial Hamas onslaught.

The bombardment over the weekend — described by Gaza residents as the most intense of the war — knocked out most communications in the territory late Friday, lar-

gely cutting off the besieged enclave’s 2.3 million people from the world. Communications were restored to much of Gaza early Sunday.

The Israeli military said it had struck over 450 militant targets over the past 24 hours, including Hamas command centers and anti-tank missile launching positions. It said more ground forces were sent into Gaza overnight, and circulated footage showing tanks and troops operating in open areas.

The warehouse break-ins were “a worrying sign that civil order is starting to break down after three weeks of war and a tight siege on Gaza,” said Thomas White, Gaza director for the U.N. agency for Palestinian refugees, known as UNRWA. “People are scared, frustrated and desperate.”

UNRWA provides basic services to hundreds of thousands of people in Gaza. Its schools across the territory have been transformed into packed shelters housing Palestinians displaced by the conflict.

Juliette Touma, a spokesperson for the agency, said the crowds broke into four facilities Saturday. She said the warehouses did not contain any fuel, which has been in critically short supply since Israel cut off all shipments after the start of the war.

Israel has allowed only a small trickle of aid to enter. On Sunday, 33 trucks of aid crossed the only border crossing from Egypt, a spokesperson at the Rafah crossing, Wael Abo Omar, told The Associated Press.

Elad Goren, the head of civil affairs of COGAT, the Israeli defense body responsible for Palestinian civilian affairs, said Israel had established a “humanitarian zone” near the southern city of Khan Younis and recommended that Palestinians flee there.

But he provided no details on the exact location of the zone or how much aid would be available. He also said Israel has opened two water lines in southern Gaza within the past week. The AP could not independently verify that either line was functioning.

Residents living near Shifa Hospital, Gaza’s largest, said Israeli airstrikes overnight hit near the hospital complex and blocked many roads leading to it. Israel has accused Hamas of having a secret command post beneath the hospital, but has not provided much evidence. Hamas has denied the allegations.

Tens of thousands of civilians have been sheltering in Shifa, which is also packed with wounded patients.

DOD pursues modern variant of B61 nuclear bomb

BY DOUG G. WARE

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The U.S. military is developing a modern version of the B61 nuclear gravity bomb, which has been a mainstay in its arsenal for decades, the Pentagon said Friday.

The U.S. has made several variants of the B61 in the last 50 years. The new version, the B61-13, would be built by the Department of Energy’s National Nuclear Security Administration, officials said. The Pentagon underscored the B61-13 is necessary to maintain readiness in a rapidly changing international

climate but did not indicate when the weapon is expected to enter service.

“Today’s announcement is reflective of a changing security environment and growing threats from potential adversaries,” said John Plumb, the assistant secretary of defense for space policy. “The United States has a responsibility to continue to assess and field the capabilities we need to credibly deter and, if necessary, respond to strategic attacks and assure our allies.”

The new B61 nuclear bomb could be dropped by various

modern aircraft, the Defense Department said, and would give future presidents “additional options against certain harder and large-area military targets.”

The B61-13 would replace some of the B61-7 variants that are now in the U.S. nuclear stockpile and produce a larger explosion than the most recent version of the bomb — the B61-12, which has been in production since 2021.

Developing the new bomb supports the 2022 Nuclear Posture Review, which said other countries are expanding, mo-

dermizing and relying more on their nuclear capabilities, according to the Defense Department. The review called for new investments in U.S. deterrence efforts while at the same time seeking arms-control and other risk-reduction measures. Developing the B61-13 ultimately will require congressional approval and authorization, the Pentagon said.

“The fielding of the B61-13 is not in response to any specific current event,” the Pentagon said. “It reflects an ongoing assessment of a changing security environment.”

Eisenhower strike group arrives in Mediterranean

By ALISON BATH
Stars and Stripes

NAPLES, Italy — The Dwight D. Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group arrived in the Mediterranean Sea on Saturday after passing through the Strait of Gibraltar on its way to the Middle East.

The carrier strike group's passage into the wider region comes as the U.S. works to stabilize the Middle East while it supports Israel and protects American service members under attack in Iraq and Syria, according to the Pentagon.

Eisenhower's entrance into the Mediterranean was documented by ship watchers and open-source intelligence analysts on the social media platform X, formerly known as Twitter.

"USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) Nimitz-class aircraft carrier eastbound in the Strait of Gibraltar — October 28, 2023," posted @WarshipCam,

along with several photos of the carrier and destroyers USS Gravelly and USS Mason.

Some of those analysts also noted the Bataan Amphibious Ready Group, including the dock landing ship USS Carter Hall, and the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit had moved into the Red Sea on Friday.

"The Bataan Amphibious Ready Group, consisting of the USS Bataan (LHD-5), USS Carter Hall (LSD-50), and approximately 2,500 Marines from the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, entered the Red Sea on October 27th, heading toward waters near Israel, posted @DuanDang on Friday along with satellite images of the group.

U.S. 6th Fleet did not respond Saturday to an email from Stars and Stripes seeking to confirm the arrival of the Eisenhower group. The Defense Department referred queries about the

Bataan ARG/26th MEU to U.S. Central Command, which also did not respond Saturday.

Citing operational security concerns, the Navy typically does not offer information about the specific location of its ships. However, a carrier's arrival into a region, along with port visits and other activities, often is announced.

Earlier this month, Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin ordered Eisenhower to the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility. The U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/U.S. 5th Fleet AOR includes the Persian Gulf, Gulf of Oman and portions of the Indian Ocean.

That move came after increasing attacks by Iranian-backed terrorist groups on American bases in Iraq and Syria, and the destroyer USS Carney shot down missiles and drones launched by Houthi rebels in Yemen.

Fort Gordon receives its new name

By COREY DICKSTEIN
Stars and Stripes

FORT EISENHOWER, Ga. — The names of Confederate leaders who took up arms against the United States in the Civil War have been fully stripped from Army installations, as the former Fort Gordon in Georgia was renamed Fort Eisenhower on Friday.

The post, which carried the namesake of Confederate Gen. John Brown Gordon since its inception as Camp Gordon in 1941, now carries the name of one of the Army's most historic and revered figures — former President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

A ceremony marking the name change was held on the post's parade grounds, a location where Eisenhower as president conducted his final review of troops as commander in chief in January 1961 in the waning days of his second presidential term, officials at the post noted Friday.

The renaming ceremony was the ninth — and final — among Army installations this year, capping a controversial three-year effort initiated by top Pentagon officials in 2020 amid a nationwide racial reckoning following the Memorial Day killing of George Floyd by Minneapolis police.

Congress mandated the Naming Commission in a 2021 annual Pentagon policy bill, charging the panel with identifying all items in the Defense Department inventory associated with the Confederacy. Among the items that the commission was to study were the names of nine Army bases honoring Confederate generals, including Fort Gordon.

Navy official guilty on bribery charge for expensive meals from contractors

By J.P. LAWRENCE
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A Navy official pleaded guilty recently to a bribery conspiracy charge after accepting free meals at fancy restaurants from two defense contractors who were later awarded millions of dollars in government contracts.

Dawnell Parker, 52, admitted guilt Thursday in a plea deal whose terms were not disclosed in public court documents. The sentencing in Southern Califor-

nia federal court is scheduled for January. Parker accepted thousands of dollars in meals from the contractors while working in contracting at the Naval Information Warfare Center in San Diego, according to court records. The two unidentified contractors are a Fredericksburg, Va., defense firm and a company with offices in Stafford, Va., and San Diego, the Justice Department said Thursday in a statement.

Prosecutors said Parker be-

gan conspiring with a co-worker to accept the bribes in March 2016. Parker and her co-worker accepted at least 11 meals valued at almost \$6,000, the plea agreement said. Parker and her co-worker first accepted a free meal worth more than \$600 at Ruth's Chris Steak House in Arlington, Va., on March 31, 2016.

Days later, Parker served on a board evaluating the contractor. The next day, the company was awarded a roughly \$1 million contract

Maine residents gather, pray after shooting

Associated Press

LEWISTON, Maine — Church bells rang Sunday as Maine residents gathered at somber and sometimes joyful services to pray and support one another following a traumatic week in which a fellow Mainer gunned down 18 people.

The Rev. Daniel Greenleaf began services at the Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Lewiston with a moment of silence. He then told the congregation that it was good to be able to finally pray together after days of lockdown imposed while police searched for the 40-year-old gunman Robert Card.

The body of Card was found Friday in a trailer at a recycling center in Lisbon Falls. Card

died of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound, but it was unclear when, authorities said. Card is also suspected of injuring 13 people during the shooting rampage Wednesday night in Lewiston.

Several women wore black veils in the cavernous sanctuary, where a church official said they are raising funds to help shooting victims and others hurt by “the horrible events in our small town.”

“We can see the rays of light in darkness,” Greenleaf said during his sermon. He told the worshippers that it is times like this that they have “practiced” their faith for.

“We cannot fix this, but then again, human beings are not

machines to be fixed,” Greenleaf said.

At Lisbon Falls Baptist Church, the mood was upbeat as church members arrived and greeted each other.

But the atmosphere became somber when the Rev. Brian Ganong referenced the tragedy. He prayed for the victims fighting for their lives, those who lost family and friends, first responders and medical workers, and others — including the Card family, who he said had ties to some members of the church.

“It did happen. We may never know the reason why,” he said, encouraging the congregation to seek solace through a higher being.

Standing outside the basilica after attending early Mass, Marcel Roy said the last few days have been painful but that he’s hopeful the community can be the long process of healing.

“This feels good,” Roy said as the church bells rang.

Investigators are still searching for a motive for the massacre, but have increasingly been focused on Card’s mental health history. State Department of Public Safety Commissioner Michael Sauschuck said Card had been hearing voices and had paranoia.

Card believed “people were talking about him and there may even have been some voices at play,” Sauschuck said.

Pence officially drops out of presidential race

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Former Vice President Mike Pence dropped his bid for the Republican presidential nomination Saturday, ending his campaign for the White House after struggling to raise money and gain traction in the polls.

“It’s become clear to me: This is not my time,” Pence said at the Republican Jewish Coalition’s annual gathering in Las Vegas. “So after much prayer and deliberation, I have decided to suspend my campaign for president effective today.

“We always knew this would be an uphill battle, but I have no regrets,” Pence went

on to tell the friendly audience, which reacted with audible surprise to the announcement and gave him multiple standing ovations.

Pence is the first major candidate to leave a race that has been dominated by his former boss-turned-rival, Donald Trump, and his struggles underscore just how much Trump has transformed the party. A former vice president would typically be seen as a formidable challenger in any primary, but Pence has struggled to find a base of support.

He chose the Las Vegas event to announce his decision, in part, so he could

continue to voice his support for Israel and to make his case one last time as a candidate that the isolationist and populist tides that have swept the Republican Party pose a danger to its future and embolden the nation’s enemies, according to two people close to Pence who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss his thinking.

Pence’s decision, more than two months before the Iowa caucuses that he had staked his campaign on, saves him from accumulating additional debt, as well as the embarrassment of potentially failing to qualify for the third Republican primary debate, on Nov. 8 in Miami.

Perry, Emmy-nominated ‘Friends’ star, dead at 54

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — “Friends” star Matthew Perry, the Emmy-nominated actor whose sarcastic but lovable Chandler Bing was among television’s most famous and most quotable characters, has died at 54.

The actor was found dead of an apparent drowning at his Los Angeles home Saturday, according to the Los Angeles Times and celebrity website

TMZ, which was the first to report the news. Both outlets cited unnamed sources confirming Perry’s death.

“Matthew was an incredibly gifted actor and an indelible part of the Warner Bros. Television Group family,” the company said in a statement. “The impact of his comedic genius was felt around the world, and his legacy will live on in the hearts of so many. This is a heartbreaking

day, and we send our love to his family, his loved ones and all of his devoted fans.”

Asked to confirm police response to what was listed as Perry’s home address, LAPD Officer Drake Madison told the AP that officers had gone to that block “for a death investigation of a male in his 50s.”

Perry’s 10 seasons on “Friends” made him one of Hollywood’s most recognizable ac-

tors, starring opposite Jennifer Aniston, Courteney Cox, Matt LeBlanc, Lisa Kudrow and David Schwimmer as a friend group in New York.

Perry was open about his long and public struggle with addiction, writing at the beginning of his 2022 million-selling memoir: “Hi, my name is Matthew, although you may know me by another name. My friends call me Matty. And I should be dead.”

Russia says it shot down over 30 drones

Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Russian air defense shot down more than 30 Ukrainian drones over the Black Sea and the Crimean Peninsula overnight Saturday, Russia's Defense Ministry said Sunday.

"The air defense systems in place destroyed 36 Ukrainian unmanned aerial vehicles over the Black Sea and the northwestern part of the Crimean peninsula," the ministry wrote on Telegram.

Local authorities in the southern Krasnodar region bordering the Black Sea said a fire broke out at an oil refinery in the early hours of Sunday, but did not specify the cause. "The reasons for the incident are being estab-

lished," a statement from local authorities said, amid claims in local media outlets that the fire had been caused by a drone strike or debris from a downed drone.

Drone strikes and shelling on the Russian border regions and Moscow-annexed Crimea are a regular occurrence.

Ukrainian officials never acknowledge responsibility for attacks on Russian territory or the Crimean Peninsula.

In Ukraine, the country's air force said Sunday that it had shot down five Iranian-made Shahed exploding drones launched by Russia overnight.

Close to the front line in the country's east, where Ukrainian

and Russian forces are locked in a grinding battle for control, four police officers were wounded when a shell fired by Russian troops exploded by their police car in the city of Siversk, located in the partly occupied Donetsk province.

British intelligence assessed this weekend that Russia had suffered some of its biggest casualty rates so far this year as a result of continued "heavy but inconclusive" fighting around the town of Avdiivka, also in the Donetsk province. The UK Ministry of Defence's regular intelligence update Saturday morning noted Russia had committed "elements of up to eight brigades" in the area since it

launched its "major offensive effort" in mid-October.

Also on Sunday, a prominent ally of Russian President Vladimir Putin warned that Russia might take action to seize assets of European Union member states it considers hostile if the EU proceeds with its plan to "steal" frozen Russian funds to support Ukraine's post-war reconstruction efforts.

"A number of European politicians ... have once again started talking about stealing our country's frozen funds in order to continue the militarization of Kyiv," Vyacheslav Volodin, the Chairman of the State Duma, the lower house of Russia's parliament, wrote on Telegram.

DOD approves \$150M Ukraine aid package, urges Congress for more

By **DOUG G. WARE**
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WASHINGTON — The Pentagon on Thursday announced another shipment of military weapons and equipment for Ukraine as Congress faces a deadline to authorize more aid to help the country in its war with Russia.

The new aid is worth \$150 million and includes mostly air-defense equipment, missiles, small-arms ammunition and various other maintenance and logistical items, the Defense Department said. Like most previous aid packages to Ukraine, the new tranche is being sent through presidential drawdown authority, which allows the Pentagon to take equipment and weapons from U.S. military stocks and send them to Europe on an emergency basis.

Though Congress has not yet authorized fiscal 2024 funding for the Defense Department, the Pentagon still has a couple billion dollars in drawdown authority that can

be spent on aid to Ukraine. Once those funds run out, however, federal lawmakers would need to approve more.

The drawdown funds would have already run out if it wasn't for an accounting error the Pentagon uncovered in June that opened an additional \$6.2 billion.

The department had overestimated costs for missiles, ammunition and other equipment and that resulted in the unexpected surplus.

The other main option for sending equipment, the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative, has already run out of money, military officials said.

In its new aid announcement, the Defense Department called on Congress to quickly authorize more funds for Ukraine. Military officials and President Joe Biden have said recently that the United States can afford to send aid to Ukraine as well as help Israel, which is now engaged in a war with the militant group Hamas.

"Security assistance for Ukraine is a smart investment in our national security. It helps to prevent a larger conflict in the region and deter potential aggression elsewhere, while strengthening our defense industrial base and creating highly skilled jobs for the American people," the Pentagon said in a statement Thursday. "The Biden administration calls on Congress to meet its commitment to the people of Ukraine by passing additional funding to ensure Ukraine continues to have what it needs to defend itself."

Congress must pass funding for 2024 by Nov. 17 to avoid a government shutdown after lawmakers agreed to a 45-day stopgap spending measure when the new fiscal year began Oct. 1.

Thursday's aid package is smaller than previous rounds of Ukrainian assistance. A package last month was worth \$325 million and another in July was worth \$400 million.

Families urge probe year after fatal crush

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — Bereaved relatives of victims of last year's devastating Halloween crush in Seoul and their supporters demanded an independent investigation of the disaster as they marked the anniversary Sunday with a massive memorial service.

The crush, one of the biggest peacetime disasters in South Korea, killed 159 people, most of them in their 20s and 30s who had gathered in Itaewon, a popular nightlife district in Seoul, for Halloween celebrations.

Commemorating the anniversary, the families, activists and others visited the Itaewon area and offered condolences at an alley where the crush happened.

They also attended multi-religious prayer services for their loved ones.

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Police fatally shoot man wielding sledgehammer

IL ROUND LAKE BEACH — A man suspected of attacking two relatives with a sledgehammer was fatally shot by police after he charged at officers.

Officers in Round Lake Beach responded to a domestic violence report and removed two injured women from an open garage. The suspect armed with the sledgehammer charged at officers and first was shot with a stun gun, the Lake County Major Crimes Task Force said.

He continued toward the officers when at least one officer shot him with his service weapon.

The man later died at a hospital. The Lake County Coroner's Office on Thursday identified him as 22-year-old Brandon Barry of Round Lake Beach and said he died from multiple gunshot wounds.

The injured women are believed to be his mother and an aunt. They were taken to a hospital, police said.

Officials: Woman met men for sex, killed them

OH COLUMBUS — An Ohio woman has been indicted on murder charges in the deaths of at least four men in Columbus, the Ohio Attorney General said, though investigators believe there are more victims.

Rebecca Auburn, 33, of Columbus, is accused of meeting men for sex before fatally drugging them and then robbing them, state Attorney General Dave Yost said in a statement.

"Don't buy sex in Ohio — it ruins lives and could cost you yours," Yost said in a statement.

Four of Auburn's alleged victims died of overdoses between December 2022 and June 2023 and one man survived, authorities said, but they did not identify the victims.

Man accused of drunk driving can sue officer

MI FOWLerville — A man from Japan wrongly accused of drunken driving can sue a Michigan police officer who grossly misread a breath test and conceded during the stop that she had "no idea" what she was doing, a federal appeals court said Thursday.

The man blew a 0.02 on the breath test, but it was mistakenly read by the Fowlerville officer as 0.22 — nearly three times over the state's blood-alcohol limit for driving.

A blood draw subsequently revealed a blood-alcohol level of 0.01. Charges of driving while intoxicated were dropped days later in 2020 when the lab results came in.

The 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the man's lawsuit, alleging a violation of constitutional rights, can proceed against Officer Caitlyn Peca.

The man, a 37-year-old native of Yonago, Japan, was in the U.S. on a work visa.

2 men shot by young, inexperienced hunters

MN MINNEAPOLIS — Two Minnesota men have been injured in separate hunting accidents when they were accidentally shot by

young, inexperienced hunters during the youth firearms deer season.

Both men survived but had to be hospitalized, the Minneapolis Star Tribune reported last week.

The Sherburne County Sheriff's Office said that a 45-year-old man was in a deer stand with his 13-year-old daughter. After shooting a deer, the girl accidentally fired a second round that struck her father in the leg. Another relative applied a makeshift tourniquet until deputies arrived.

Also Sunday, a 50-year-old Bemidji man was struck in the buttocks when the 10-year-old hunter the man was supervising accidentally pulled the trigger while attempting to unload, authorities said. The man was airlifted to a hospital in Fargo, N. D., "due to the seriousness of his injuries."

Fertility doctor accused of using his own sperm

WA SEATTLE — An Idaho woman is suing her one-time fertility doctor, saying he secretly used his own sperm to inseminate her 34 years ago — the latest in a string of such cases brought as at-home DNA sampling enables people to learn more about their ancestry.

Sharon Hayes, 67, of Hauser, Idaho, said in the lawsuit that she sought fertility care from Dr. David R. Claypool, an obstetrician and gynecologist in Spokane in 1989 after she and her then-husband had been unable to conceive.

She wanted an anonymous donor, and, according to the complaint filed last week in Spo-

kane County Superior Court, Claypool informed her the donor would be selected based on traits she selected, such as hair and eye color, and that the donor would be screened for health or genetic issues.

But last year, her 33-year-old daughter, Brianna Hayes, learned who her biological father was after submitting her DNA to the genetic testing and ancestry website 23andMe.

Congressman pleads guilty to pulling alarm

DC WASHINGTON — Democratic Rep. Jamaal Bowman pleaded guilty Thursday to a misdemeanor count for triggering a fire alarm as lawmakers scrambled to pass a funding bill before a government shutdown deadline.

He will pay a \$1,000 fine and serve three months of probation, after which the false fire alarm charge is expected to be dismissed under an agreement with prosecutors.

The alarm forced the evacuation of a House office building for over an hour on Sept. 30. The New York lawmaker acknowledged pulling the alarm but said it was a mistake as he tried to open an unexpectedly locked door in a rush to get to vote. The funding package was ultimately approved with most Republicans and almost all Democrats, including Bowman, supporting the bill.

"I really regret that this caused so much confusion and that people had to evacuate, and I just caused a disturbance. I hate that. It's pretty embarrassing," Bowman told reporters after his plea hearing.

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Diamondbacks even World Series at 1-1

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Merrill Kelly called his four-season detour to South Korea a “Lost in Translation” experience. When he made his World Series debut, it was Texas Rangers batters who were disoriented.

The 35-year-old right-hander pitched three-hit ball over seven innings, Ketel Marte extended his postseason hitting streak to a record 18 games and the Arizona Diamondbacks routed Texas 9-1 on Saturday night to even the World Series at one game apiece.

“At this point in my career, nothing is going to shock me,” Kelly said. “I think going over to Korea as a 26-year-old is way scarier than pitching in the big leagues or even in the World Series.”

Kelly struck out nine, walked none and allowed his only run on Mitch Garver’s leadoff homer in the fifth on a sinker at the bottom of the strike zone. His 22 called strikes were the most for a Series pitcher since Stephen Strasburg in Game 6 for the

2019 Washington Nationals.

“I thought he might go nine innings today at one point,” Diamondbacks manager Torey Lovullo said, contemplating what would have been the first complete game in the World Series since 2015. “But for that to happen, 89 pitches, you’ve got to jump him up probably another 35. I wasn’t going to let him throw 120 pitches.”

Gabriel Moreno hit a go-ahead homer in a two-run fourth against Jordan Montgomery, and Tommy Pham went 4-for-4 with a pair of doubles. Arizona batters broke it open late as the young Diamondbacks rebounded quickly from an agonizing defeat the night before.

Marte had a two-run single in a three-run eighth, snapping a tie for the longest postseason hitting streak with Derek Jeter, Manny Ramírez and Hank Bauer. Marte has a hit in every postseason game he’s ever played.

A night after wasting a two-run, ninth-inning lead in a 6-5,

11-inning loss, the Diamondbacks outhit Texas 16-4 — the most hits for one team in a Series game in nine years.

Emmanuel Rivera also had a two-run single, and rookie Corbin Carroll had a pair of RBI singles. Lourdes Gurriel Jr. and 38-year-old Evan Longoria each singled in a run for Arizona, which got its first World Series road win after four losses dating to 2001.

The best-of-seven Series, just the third between wild-card teams, shifts to Arizona for Game 3 on Monday in the first Series game at Phoenix since 2001.

Texas has won all eight of its road games this postseason, equaling a major league record.

“We’d be naive to think that we’re going to run away with four in a row against a team that really fights hard like the same way we did,” Rangers first baseman Nathaniel Lowe said.

Kelly was drafted by Tampa Bay in 2010 and had spent six seasons in the minors when he was told by pitcher Doug Math-

is he had been spotted by a South Korean scout while pitching in Rochester, N.Y. Kelly’s agents at Apex Baseball arranged a contract and Kelly spent 2015-18 with SK Wyverns in Incheon.

“I definitely had visions and images about me sitting on this podium,” Kelly said in the post-game interview room, recounting how he got up each morning, made coffee and checked MLB games. “It felt literally and figuratively miles away.”

In an on-field interview with MLB Network, he called it “Lost in Translation” type stuff, referring to the 2003 Sofia Coppola movie of cultural displacement, saying “as far as how they view pitching, for four years I pretty much had to figure it out myself.”

“The coaches that I had, the translation factor, obviously, is a bit of a hindrance,” he said later in the interview room. “At the end of the day, I think what helped over there the most is almost being my own voice and my own pitching coach.”

Air Force drives through snow, remains unbeaten

Associated Press

FORT COLLINS, Colorado — Zac Larrier scored the go-ahead touchdown on a 1-yard run in the third quarter, punctuating a drive aided by an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty on the Colorado State bench because of fans pelting the visiting Falcons’ sideline with snowballs, and No. 19 Air Force remained undefeated with a 30-13 win over the Rams on Saturday night.

Larrier also threw for a score and Emmanuel Michel and John Lee Eldridge III ran for touchdowns as Air Force (8-0, 5-0 Mountain West) matched a school record with its 13th straight win, dating to last season.

Michel finished with 130 yards on 20 carries, including a

5-yard TD run in the fourth quarter. Matthew Dapore had a 29-yard field goal late in the third quarter as the Falcons pulled away in the second half to win their seventh in a row against Colorado State (3-5, 1-3).

“I think we just keep fighting and keep pushing and just know that we’ve got to finish and eventually we’ll wear people out,” Michel said. “Nobody wants to take that punishment down the middle over and over again.”

Brayden Fowler-Nicolosi threw 61 yards for a touchdown to Justus Ross-Simmons, and Jordan Noyes had field goals of 40 and 49 yards for Colorado State during a game played in a driving snowstorm.

“Air Force did what it needed

to do in the second half to win the game,” Colorado State coach Jay Norvell said. “I thought our defense fought really hard. We gave up a couple of drives in the second half and we couldn’t respond offensively.”

Officials twice warned fans in the first half, over the public address system, to stop throwing snowballs onto the Air Force sideline or risk ejection and a penalty on the home team. The snowballs persisted when Air Force got the ball to start the third quarter, and the unsportsmanlike penalty levied on the Rams kick-started the Falcons’ drive leading to Larrier’s tie-breaking 1-yard touchdown run. After the penalty, fans sitting in the lower stands behind Air Force’s sideline were ordered to

move up to row 16 or higher, and ushers and security guards formed a protective barrier between the fans and the Air Force players on the sideline.

“They’re a spirited student body, which you like from a school,” Air Force coach Troy Calhoun said. “They were into it, but when it ends up being a snowball and it’s ice and frozen a little bit, then there’s a concern there it can hit somebody. But they were stirred up and they were passionate.”

The teams played to a 13-all tie in the first half in the driving snow and worsening conditions. Colorado State’s Noyes kicked his second field goal, a 49-yarder, in the waning moments of the second quarter to pull the Rams even.

Sooners sink; CFP contenders cruise

Associated Press

The upsets have arrived.

Kansas made it two weeks in a row with an unranked team beating a top-10 team, when the Jayhawks knocked No. 6 Oklahoma out of the ranks of the unbeaten Saturday to snap an 18-game losing streak against the Sooners.

OU's loss comes a week after then-No. 10 North Carolina lost to Virginia at home, and three days before the first College Football Playoff rankings are released. Before the Tar Heels were tripped up, there hadn't been a top-10 loss to an unranked team since Week 1.

Kansas' upset wasn't as stunning as Virginia's. These are not your older brother's Jayhawks (6-2). Coach Lance Leipold has Kansas bowl eligible for the second year in a row. That's only happened one other time in the history of the program.

"It's time for me to start talking about how far we've come," Leipold said.

In just three seasons in Law-

rence, Leipold has turned around what was the worst Power Five program. The Jayhawks won 21 games from 2010-20. Kansas' next big win will be convincing Leipold, who won six Division III national titles as coach at Wisconsin-Whitewater and took Buffalo to three bowl games, to stay put. He should expect a call from Michigan State at the very least.

The funny thing is all the Michigan State message board posters fantasizing about the school hiring Urban Meyer should actually be pining for Leipold.

For Oklahoma (7-1), there were signs this could be coming. The Sooners' defense has been shaky since Red River, but the offense had been good enough to mask the problems.

A sloppy performance opened the door to the upset and threw a twist into the Big 12 race, which now has a four-way tie for first and is the first Power Five conference to have no unbeaten teams left.

"No excuses," Oklahoma coach Brent Venables said. "We didn't do the things it takes to win a game — a tough, tight game. But KU did."

Suddenly, the Kansas State-Texas game next week in Austin looks massive. Both the Wildcats and seventh-ranked Longhorns romped Saturday, but Texas' offense was low-frills against BYU with quarterback Maalik Murphy starting for the injured Quinn Ewers.

It will also be interesting to see where the CFP selection committee ranks Texas relative to Oklahoma. The Sooners beat the Longhorns in a thriller, but it could be argued Texas has been more impressive overall, with that victory at No. 9 Alabama at the top of the résumé.

Most of the other highly ranked teams romped Saturday. None more impressively than No. 8 Oregon.

Bo Nix and the Ducks were too much for No. 13 Utah, which has gamely stayed in the Pac-12 race despite being wracked by

injuries.

"That's a tough team, but so are we," Oregon coach Dan Lanning said.

That'll be another interesting call for the committee, too. No. 5 Washington beat the Ducks in a classic in Seattle. Still, a case could be made Oregon has been the better team overall.

No. 1 Georgia crushed Florida to begin what it hopes will be a closing stretch that re-asserts the two-time defending national champions' dominance. The Bulldogs are up to 25 straight victories.

No. 2 Michigan was off, though the Wolverines are never out of the news these days.

No. 3 Ohio State pulled away in the fourth quarter against Wisconsin.

No. 4 Florida State had no issue with Wake Forest.

It wasn't all easy. No. 5 Washington had its second-straight sloppy performance against a lower-tier Pac-12 team and survived on the road against Stanford.

Pistons overcome LaVine's 51 points, beat Bulls

Associated Press

DETROIT — Jalen Duren had 23 points and 15 rebounds as the Detroit Pistons overcame a career-high 51 points from Zach LaVine to beat the Chicago Bulls 118-102 on Saturday night.

"I'm feeling really comfortable in my second season, but that's not because of me," said Duren, who doesn't turn 20 until Nov. 18. "My teammates and coaches have helped me make the game a lot easier."

LaVine's effort was the first 50-point game of the NBA season and made him the first Bulls player with 50 points and no assists since Michael Jordan did it against the Miami Heat on Nov. 6, 1996.

"It's our third year here together, and we know how this

business is," LaVine said. "We all love each other. DeMar (DeRozan) is one of my best friends, and we talk all the time, but we have to figure out how to make this work."

Cade Cunningham added 25 points and 10 assists for the Pistons, while Alec Burks added 18 off the bench.

Rookie Ausar Thompson had nine points, 12 rebounds and five assists in Detroit's home opener. He also helped hold LaVine to two points in the final eight minutes.

76ers 114, Raptors 107: Joel Embiid and Tyrese Maxey each scored 34 points, and visiting Philadelphia beat Toronto to give new coach Nick Nurse his first win against his former team.

Kelly Oubre Jr. scored 18 points and Tobias Harris had 15 as the 76ers won their fourth straight over the Raptors.

Timberwolves 106, Heat 90: Naz Reid scored 25 points on 10-for-14 shooting in 28 minutes off the bench, sparking host Minnesota over short-handed Miami in its home opener.

The fan favorite Reid swished back-to-back 3-pointers during an 11-0 run for the Timberwolves midway through the fourth quarter and went 4-for-7 from deep.

Pacers 125, Cavaliers 113: Aaron Nesmith scored a career-high 26 points and Tyrese Haliburton had 21 points, 13 assists and eight rebounds, sending visiting Indiana over short-handed Cleveland.

Myles Turner had 20 points and 12 rebounds for Indiana.

Wizards 113, Grizzlies 106: Corey Kispert scored all of his 22 points in the first half, and host Washington held off winless Memphis in its home opener.

Jordan Poole led the Wizards with 27 points.

Suns 126, Jazz 104: Kevin Durant scored 26 points, Eric Gordon added 21 and host Phoenix easily handled Utah.

Phoenix was playing without Devin Booker (ankle) and Bradley Beal (back).

Pelicans 96, Knicks 87: Brandon Ingram scored 26 points, Zion Williamson added 24 and host New Orleans remained unbeaten on this young NBA season with a victory over New York.

Bruins remain unbeaten in regulation

Associated Press

BOSTON — David Pastrnak scored his second penalty-shot goal of the season and banked in an empty-netter, leading the Boston Bruins past the Detroit Red Wings 4-1 on Saturday night.

Pavel Zacha and Charlie McAvoy scored first-period goals and Jeremy Swayman made 22 saves for the Bruins, who improved to 7-0-1. Boston posted NHL records with 65 wins and 135 points last season.

After blowing a two-goal lead in the final minute of regulation before losing in overtime against Anaheim on Thursday, the Bruins closed this one out in an Original Six matchup between two Eastern Conference teams off to strong starts.

Joe Veleno sent a wristler over Swayman's left shoulder from the slot, slicing it to 2-1 midway into the third period.

But Pastrnak was awarded the penalty shot when he was slashed by defenseman Jake Walman breaking to the net. The Bruins winger went down the middle, shifted the puck a few times before lifting a wristler over Ville Husso 11:19 into

the third period.

Pastrnak fired a shot off the side boards near center ice that caromed into an empty net for his team-leading eighth goal with just over 2 minutes left.

Husso made 27 stops for the Red Wings, who dropped their third straight game.

Predators 3, Maple Leafs 2 (OT): Roman Josi scored at 2:13 of overtime and host Nashville beat Toronto.

Ryan O'Reilly scored two power-play goals and Juuse Saros made 33 saves for the Predators, who have won three of four.

Rangers 4, Canucks 3 (OT): K'Andre Miller scored his first goal of the season at 3:48 of overtime to lift visiting New York to its fourth straight win.

Artemi Panarin, Mika Zibanejad and Adam Fox all scored power-play goals for the Rangers. Igor Shesterkin finished with 30 saves. Zibanejad also had two assists, and Panarin and Fox each had one.

Panthers 3, Kraken 2: Matthew Tkachuk snapped the longest start-of-season, goal-scoring drought of his career, Nick Cousins scored the go-

ahead goal with 5:52 left and host Florida beat Seattle.

Gustav Forsling also scored and Sergei Bobrovsky made 30 saves for the Panthers, who have now won 13 games since the start of the 2021-22 season after trailing by at least two goals.

Golden Knights 4, Kings 3 (SO): Jack Eichel scored the only goal in the shootout and visiting Vegas bounced back from its first loss of the season.

Mark Stone, Michael Amadio and William Carrier all scored in regulation for the Golden Knights, who improved to 8-0-1 one night after a 4-3 overtime defeat to the Chicago Blackhawks. Logan Thompson made 29 saves through overtime before stopping all three attempts in the shootout.

Islanders 2, Blue Jackets 0: Semyon Varlamov stopped 35 shots for his 39th career shutout, leading visiting New York to its second straight victory and first on the road.

Kyle Palmieri and Matt Martin scored for New York in Varlamov's first win of the season.

Senators 5, Penguins 2: Brady Tkachuk scored twice,

Joonas Korpisalo made 39 saves and visiting Ottawa snapped a three-game losing streak.

Ridley Greig, Dominik Kubalik and Drake Batherson also scored for the Senators. Claude Giroux added two assists. Korpisalo withstood relentless early pressure from the Penguins to win for the second time in five starts.

Canadiens 4, Jets 3 (SO): Nick Suzuki scored the only shootout goal to lift host Montreal past Winnipeg.

Justin Barron, Sean Monahan and Joel Armia scored in regulation for the Canadiens. Kaiden Guhle had two assists and Jake Allen stopped 42 shots.

Ducks 7, Flyers 4: Frank Vatrano recorded his fifth career hat trick and visiting Anaheim beat Philadelphia.

Adam Henrique, Ryan Strome, Trevor Zegras and Brett Leason also scored for the Ducks. Lukas Dostal had 27 saves as Anaheim improved to 3-0 on its four-game trip east, with overtime wins in Columbus and Boston before the dominating effort in Philadelphia.

Fury wins split decision over former UFC star Ngannou

Associated Press

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Reigning WBC heavyweight champion Tyson Fury's appearance against an MMA fighter making his boxing debut figured to be another show to go along with his other ventures.

Francis Ngannou proved, however, he wouldn't be the pushover so many anticipated.

Ngannou not only shockingly took Fury the 10-round distance, he came within one judge's scorecard of pulling off the upset early Sunday morning. Juan Carlos Pelayo of Mexico scored the fight 96-93 for Fury and Alan Krebs of the United States gave him a 95-94 victory. Ed Garner of Canada gave the fight to Ngannou at 95-94.

"That definitely wasn't in the script," Fury said. "Francis is a hell of a fighter —

stronger, big puncher and a lot better boxer than we all thought he would ever be."

Fury remained undefeated at 34-0-1 with 24 knockouts.

Ngannou, whose UFC record was 17-3, knocked down Fury in the third round, but this was a missed opportunity at a major upset. Ngannou landed only six of 38 punches in the final two rounds, according to CompuBox, compared to 14 of 37 for Fury.

Fury landed more punches overall (71-59), but Ngannou hit the mark with more power shots (37-32).

"I feel fantastic," Ngannou said. "I'm very happy. It didn't go my way, but I want to thank ... the kingdom of Saudi Arabia (for) the opportunity to prove people wrong one more time."

Fury's championship belt was never on

the line in this bout, though it counts as an official fight.

He was a prohibitive minus-1,800 favorite, according to FanDuel Sportsbook, though some late money came in on Ngannou.

In the co-feature between two undefeated British heavyweights, Fabio Wardley knocked down David Adeleye with a right-left combination in the final minute of the seventh round, then finished him off at 2:43 when referee John Latham stopped the fight. Adeleye then shoved Latham, which could draw a suspension.

Wardley, 28, improved to 17-0 with 16 knockouts, and he owns the British, Commonwealth Boxing and WBO European heavyweight championships. Adeleye, 26, is 12-1.