

Navy shipbuilding plan will cost more

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The Navy's plan to create a larger, more lethal fleet will cost billions of dollars more than the service says while reducing its firepower in the short term, an analysis by the Congressional Budget Office found.

The service plans to retire more destroyers, cruisers and submarines than it will commission over the next 10 years, according to a CBO report released Thursday. The CBO analyzed the service's 2024 30-year shipbuilding plan submitted to Congress in March.

If the Navy sticks to its schedule for retiring ships, the fleet will reach a low of 285 ships by 2026 and 2027 before increasing in size. Overall, the fleet would be smaller than it is now for the next decade, the CBO said.

The fleet's lethality, "as measured in part by the total number of missile cells, would decline by 12 percent until 2032," the CBO said in the report. The trend would then reverse and the fleet would have about 20% more vertical launch system cells in 2053 than it does now, the CBO report noted.

Costs for the Navy to acquire a fleet of the future — buying as many as 340 ships — would average \$34 billion to \$36 billion annually for the next 30 years. That's 16% more

than the service estimates, the CBO said.

Purchasing, operating and maintaining that fleet would require the Navy's annual budget to increase about 30%, from "about \$245 billion today to between \$315 billion and \$330 billion (in 2023 dollars) in 2053," the CBO said.

The Navy's 2024 shipbuilding plan includes three long-term alternatives to grow the fleet and its capabilities over the next 30 years. Like the 2023 plan, it continues a pivot from large surface vessels to smaller, more nimble combat ships to ultimately increase the fleet to as many as 367 ships.

Under the first alternative, the Navy would buy 290 ships, adding 38 more small surface and medium landing ships to the fleet, according to the report. That would increase the number of Navy combat ships from 290 today to 319 by 2053.

Two other plans would see the fleet grow to 328 and 367, respectively, the CBO said.

None of the alternatives accounted for the service's maintaining 31 midsize and large amphibious ships as mandated by the 2023 National Defense Authorization Act.

The Navy wouldn't purchase enough to replace those that will reach the end of their service lives over the next 30 years, even though naval and Marine Corps officials

have said it was a priority, the report stated.

Purchasing new ships would cost about \$910 billion, or an average of \$30.3 billion annually over the next 30 years for the first alternative, the CBO said. The Navy's estimate for the same plan came in at \$776 billion, or an average of \$25.9 billion each year over the same period.

The difference, in part, is because the Navy uses a methodology in its estimates that does not realistically account for historically faster growth in the costs of labor and materials in the shipbuilding industry, the CBO said.

Uncertainty over the design and capabilities of larger ships, such as the next-generation destroyer and submarine, also contributed to the difference, the report stated.

Overall growth in Navy and CBO estimates in the 2024 plan is attributable to a rise in the estimated costs of many shipbuilding programs, particularly those of submarines, the report stated.

"Some ships have taken longer and been more difficult to build than the Navy anticipated," the CBO said. "Some ships' designs have proved more complicated than expected, and the estimated costs of some ships were unrealistically low in earlier shipbuilding plans."

Israel pushes into Gaza as strikes near hospitals

Associated Press

KHAN YOUNIS, Gaza Strip — Israeli troops and tanks pushed deeper into Gaza on Monday, freeing a soldier held captive by Hamas militants and advancing on two sides of the territory's main city. The U.N. and medical staff warned that airstrikes have hit closer to hospitals where tens of thousands of Palestinians have sought shelter alongside thousands of wounded.

The military said a female soldier captured during Hamas' wide-ranging Oct. 7 at-

tack inside Israel had been released during its ground operation — the first such rescue since the weeklong war began. The statement provided few details, but said Pvt. Ori Megidish "is doing well" and has met with her family.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu welcomed her home in a brief statement, saying "our forces" had freed her from Hamas. He said the "achievement" by Israel's security forces "illustrates our commitment to free all the hostages."

Hamas, which has released four hostages, has said it would let the others go in return for thousands of Palestinian prisoners held by Israel, including many implicated in deadly attacks on Israelis.

Israel has dismissed the offer. Earlier Monday, Netanyahu had said that the ground invasion "creates opportunities to release hostages."

Meanwhile, crowded hospitals in northern Gaza came under growing threat.

Gaza's Health Ministry shared video footage that ap-

peared to show an explosion and a column of smoke near the Turkish-Palestinian Friendship Hospital for cancer patients. The hospital director, Dr. Sobhi Skaik, said it had sustained damage in a strike that endangered patients.

All 10 hospitals operating in northern Gaza have received evacuation orders, the U.N.'s office for the coordination of humanitarian affairs said. Staff have refused to leave, saying evacuation would mean death for patients on ventilators.

Court arguments begin on blocking Trump from ballot

Associated Press

DENVER — Efforts to use the U.S. Constitution's "insurrection" clause to bar former President Donald Trump from running for the White House again entered a new phase Monday in a hearing focused on whether the Jan. 6 Capitol attack meets the Constitution's definition of the word and whether Trump's role meets the threshold for being barred.

The Colorado hearing is the first of two states' lawsuits that could end up reaching the U.S. Supreme Court. Monday's testimony began with details about the 2021 assault that was intended to halt certification of Joe Biden's election win.

Attorney Eric Olson, representing a group of Colorado voters seeking to keep Trump off the ballot, recounted Trump's violent rhetoric and encouraging of a crowd that came within "40 feet" of the vice president when they stormed the Capitol. He said Trump "summoned and organized the mob."

"We are here because Trump claims, after all that, that he has the right to be president again," Olson said. "But our Constitution, the shared charter of our nation, says he cannot do so."

However, an attorney representing Trump, Scott Gessler, called the lawsuit "anti-democratic" and said at least one other presidential candidate — socialist labor organizer Eugene Debs — ran from prison without people trying to disqualify him.

A former Colorado secretary of state, Gessler said there is an informal principle in election law known as "the rule of democracy," which essentially means to "err on the side of letting people vote" whenever there is an ambiguity.

On Thursday, oral arguments are scheduled before the Minnesota Supreme Court on an effort to kick the Republican former president off the ballot in that state. Whether the judges keep Trump on the ballots or boot him, their rulings are likely to be swiftly appealed, eventually

ly to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Dozens of cases citing Section Three of the 14th Amendment have been filed in recent months, but the ones in Colorado and Minnesota seem the most important, according to legal experts. That's because they were filed by two liberal groups with significant legal resources. They also targeted states with clear, swift processes for challenges to candidates' ballot qualifications.

The plaintiffs in the cases argue the issue is simple:

"Four years after taking an oath to 'preserve, protect and defend' the Constitution as President of the United States ... Trump tried to overthrow the results of the 2020 election, leading to a violent insurrection at the United States Capitol to stop the lawful transfer of power to his successor," alleges the Colorado lawsuit, filed on behalf of Republican and unaffiliated voters by the liberal group Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington.

Gag order reimposed in Trump 2020 case

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The federal judge overseeing Donald Trump's 2020 election interference case in Washington has reimposed a narrow gag order barring him from making public comments targeting prosecutors, court staff and potential witnesses.

U.S. District Judge Tanya Chutkan is presiding over the federal case charging Trump with plotting to overturn his 2020 election loss. She had temporarily lifted the gag order as she considered the Republican former president's request to keep it on hold while he challenges the restrictions on his speech in higher courts.

But Chutkan on Sunday agreed to reinstate the order after prosecutors cited Trump's recent social media comments about his former chief of staff Mark Meadows that they said represented an attempt to influence and intimidate a likely witness in the case.

"This statement would almost certainly violate the Order under any reasonable definition of 'targeting,'" Chutkan wrote.

The order is a fresh reminder that Trump's penchant for incendiary and bitter rants about the legal troubles he's facing, though politically beneficial in rallying his supporters as he seeks to reclaim the White House, carry practical consequences in court.

Two judges have now imposed orders mandating that he rein in his speech, with the jurist presiding over a civil fraud trial in New York issuing a monetary fine last week.

Cornell University police probe violent, antisemitic messages posted online

Associated Press

Cornell University administrators dispatched campus police to a Jewish center after threatening statements appeared on a discussion board Sunday.

Cornell President Martha E. Pollack issued a statement explaining there were a series of "horrendous, antisemitic messages" threatening violence against the university's Jewish

community, specifically naming the address of the Center for Jewish Living.

"Threats of violence are absolutely intolerable, and we will work to ensure that the person or people who posted them are punished to the full extent of the law," Pollack said. "Our immediate focus is on keeping the community safe; we will continue to prioritize that."

The Cornell University Police

Department is investigating and has notified the FBI of a potential hate crime, she said.

Pollack said the website was not affiliated with the school in Ithaca, N.Y., about 227 miles northwest of New York City.

"The virulence and destructiveness of antisemitism is real and deeply impacting our Jewish students, faculty and staff, as well as the entire Cornell community," Pollack said.

GM, UAW reach tentative agreement

Associated Press

DETROIT — General Motors and the United Auto Workers union have reached a tentative contract agreement that could end a 6-week-old strike against Detroit automakers, a person briefed on the deal said Monday.

The deal follows the pattern set with Ford last week and Jeep maker Stellantis over the weekend.

The deals will last four years and eight months and include 25% general pay raises and cost of living adjustments. Combined they bring the wage increase to over 30% over the life of the contract.

The person briefed on the

matter, who didn't want to be identified because they were not authorized to speak publicly about the deal, said the deal was to be announced early Monday.

The contract with GM will essentially be the same as the other two automakers but will have differences.

GM was the last company to reach a deal, and the union added a factory in Tennessee to the strike list on Saturday in an effort to turn up the pressure. The UAW reached tentative agreement last week with Ford and it wasted no time in hitting GM where it hurts financially.

Nearly 4,000 unionized workers on Saturday walked out of GM's largest North American

plant in Spring Hill, Tenn., hours after the deal with Stellantis was announced.

They join about 14,000 GM workers already striking at factories in Texas, Michigan and Missouri.

Spring Hill produces the engines for vehicles assembled at nine plants as far afield as Mexico, including Silverado and Sierra pickups.

It's a big money maker for GM that amplifies the company's financial pain after workers walked off the job last week in Arlington, Texas, where full-size SUVs including the Tahoe and Suburban are produced.

Vehicles assembled at the Spring Hill plant now joining

the strike include the electric Cadillac Lyriq, GMC Acadia and Cadillac crossover SUVs.

Presidents of the Ford union locals voted unanimously in Detroit on Sunday to endorse that tentative contract after UAW President Shawn Fain explained its details, the union tweeted.

As he explained the particulars to the full membership in a later livestream, Fain, along with Chuck Browning, the UAW vice president, said the deal represents a "historical inflection point" for reviving union power in an America where "we were being left behind by an economy that only works for the billionaire class."

Halloween weekend shootings across US leave at least 11 dead

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Shootings across the U.S. over the weekend before Halloween have left at least 11 people dead and more than 70 injured, authorities said.

The deaths between Friday and Sunday included two in Tampa, Fla., three in Texarkana, Texas, and two each in Dodge City, Kan.; San Antonio, Texas; and Mansfield, Ohio, according to police. Many involved altercations arising from Halloween celebrations, including the mass shooting in Tampa's Ybor City section early Sunday as bars were closing and scores of people in costumes spilled out on the streets before groups began arguing.

The spate of weekend violence unfolded as people mourn the 18 people killed by a gunman last week in Lewiston, Maine. More than 1,000 people turned out Sunday for a vigil.

One suspect, 22-year-old Ty-

rell Phillips, is charged with second-degree murder in the Tampa case and there may be other arrests, Police Chief Lee Bercaw said Sunday.

Police initially said there were 18 injured in Tampa but have now revised that number to 16, with five remaining hospitalized Sunday night.

Phillips had his initial court appearance Monday but has not yet entered a plea. He remains jailed without bail pending another hearing set Thursday.

In Indianapolis, a shooting early Sunday at a large party left a teenager dead and nine other teens and young adults between the ages of 16 and 21 injured, police said. The injured were in stable condition.

As of Monday morning, there have been no arrests, said Officer Samone Burris, who said "the case remains active and the investigation is ongoing." Multiple firearms were found at the scene.

In Chicago, police said at least 15 people were injured, two of them critically, after a shooter fired shots into a crowd at a Halloween party early Sunday. The suspect was taken into custody, but officials had not announced any charges as of Monday morning.

In Texas, five people were killed and another six were hurt in two separate shootings Saturday night.

San Antonio police said a 13-year-old girl was wounded and her parents were killed after a shootout at a house party. A 20-year-old man arrived at the party and an argument ensued, police said. The man started firing a gun, and a 40-year-old man returned fire.

The older man and a 35-year-old woman died at the home, police said. The younger man and his relative and the 13-year-old girl were taken to the hospital with wounds that were not life threatening, police said.

'Fantasy Fest' limits decadence

Associated Press

KEY WEST, Fla. — The 10-day Fantasy Fest costuming and masking celebration ended late Sunday in Key West, after some 100 events with an increased emphasis on imaginative costuming and decreases in past years' decadence.

Tens of thousands of spectators thronged the subtropical island's historic downtown Saturday night for Fantasy Fest's highlight event, a parade featuring over 40 motorized floats and costumed marching groups.

Its 2023 theme was "Uniforms and Unicorns ... 200 Years of Sailing into Fantasy," in salute to the Florida Keys' bicentennial and of the U.S. Navy's presence in Key West.

"The parade demonstrated the festival's direction away from decadent aspects and into good fun and off-the-charts creativity," said Fantasy Fest director Nadene Grossman Orr.

Biden aims for speed on AI safeguards

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden on Monday will sign a sweeping executive order to guide the development of artificial intelligence — requiring industry to develop safety and security standards, introducing new consumer protections and giving federal agencies an extensive to-do list to oversee the rapidly progressing technology.

The order reflects the government's effort to shape how AI evolves in a way that can maximize its possibilities and contain its perils. AI has been a source of deep personal interest for Biden, with its potential to affect the economy and national security.

White House chief of staff Jeff Zients recalled Biden giving his staff a directive to move with urgency on the issue, having considered the technology a top priority.

“We can't move at a normal government pace,” Zients said the Democratic president told him. “We have to move as fast, if not faster than the technology itself.”

In Biden's view, the government was late to address the risks of social media and now U.S. youth are grappling with related mental health issues. AI has the positive ability to accelerate cancer research, model the impacts of climate change, boost economic output and improve government services among other benefits. But it could also warp basic notions of truth with false images, deepen racial and social inequalities and provide a tool to scammers and criminals.

The order builds on voluntary commitments already made by technology companies. It's part of a broader strategy that administration officials say also in-

cludes congressional legislation and international diplomacy, a sign of the disruptions already caused by the introduction of new AI tools such as ChatGPT that can generate new text, images and sounds.

Using the Defense Production Act, the order will require leading AI developers to share safety test results and other information with the government.

The National Institute of Standards and Technology is to create standards to ensure AI tools are safe and secure before public release.

The Commerce Department is to issue guidance to label and watermark AI-generated content to help differentiate between authentic interactions and those generated by software. The order also touches on matters of privacy, civil rights, consumer protections, scientific

research and worker rights.

An administration official who previewed the order on a Sunday call with reporters said the to-do lists within the order will be implemented and fulfilled over the range of 90 days to 365 days, with the safety and security items facing the earliest deadlines. The official briefed reporters on condition of anonymity, as required by the White House.

Last Thursday, Biden gathered his aides in the Oval Office to review and finalize the executive order, a 30-minute meeting that stretched to 70 minutes.

Biden was profoundly curious about the technology in the months of meetings that led up to drafting the order.

“He was as impressed and alarmed as anyone,” deputy White House chief of staff Bruce Reed said in an interview.

Kherson hit in ‘terrifying night’ of shelling by Russia

Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Russian shells struck residential areas of Ukraine's southern Kherson region, killing a 91-year-old woman in what a local official described Monday as a “terrifying night” in the 20-month war that shows no signs of ending.

The overnight shelling set fire to a high-rise apartment building, blew out windows and reduced some apartments to rubble, according to video footage posted by Kherson Gov. Oleksandr Prokudin.

The woman died when an apartment wall fell on her, according to her daughter, who lived with her on the ninth floor.

The victim was one of three Ukrainian civilians killed in the east and south of the country over the previous 24 hours, with at least five people injured, Ukraine's presidential office re-

ported Monday.

Apart from reportedly fierce fighting at some points along the front line, the conflict appears largely deadlocked and focused on long-range fire.

The daughter of the woman killed in Kherson said the destruction caused by the missile blast enabled her to get out of the building alive.

“I don't know how I would have gotten out if (the) doors hadn't been blown out,” Nataliia, who gave no surname, told Radio Liberty.

Meanwhile, Ukrainian air defenses intercepted all 12 Shahed drones that Russia fired at several regions overnight and two Kh-59 guided missiles, according to the country's air force.

The Kremlin's forces also unleashed a missile attack on a ship repair plant in the southern Odesa area on Monday morning.

In Beijing, Russian official says US fuels global tensions

Associated Press

BEIJING — Russia's defense minister accused the United States on Monday of fueling geopolitical tensions to uphold its “global dominance by any means” and warned of the risk of confrontation between nuclear-armed countries.

Speaking at a defense forum in Beijing, Sergei Shoigu also accused NATO of trying to expand its footprint in the Asia-Pacific under the pretense of seeking dialogue and collaboration with regional countries.

“Washington for years has deliberately undermined and destroyed the foundations of international security and strategic stability, including the system of arms control agreements,” Shoigu said at the Xiangshan Forum, China's biggest annual event centered on military diplomacy.

He added that the U.S. and its Western allies are threatening

Russia through NATO's expansion “to the east.” Shoigu also reiterated Moscow's stance that Russia was open to negotiations about the war in Ukraine under what he described as the right conditions.

“The Western line of steady escalation of the conflict with Russia carries the threat of a direct military clash between nuclear powers, which is fraught with catastrophic consequences,” he said.

Shoigu's speech followed that of Zhang Youxia, China's second-ranking military official and vice chairman of the Central Military Commission.

The Beijing event, attended by military representatives from dozens of countries, is an occasion for China to project regional leadership and boost military cooperation. The U.S. is represented by a delegation led by Xanthi Carras, the Defense Department's leading official on China.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

High court upholds prison in nursing home thefts

OH COLUMBUS — The Ohio Supreme Court upheld a 65-year prison term imposed on a central Ohio woman who pleaded guilty to stealing jewelry and other valuables from several dozen elderly residents at nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

Former nurse's aide Susan Gwynne pleaded guilty in 2016 to 46 of 101 charges, including burglary, theft and receiving stolen property. As part of a plea deal, she acknowledged stealing jewelry, watches and other items from residents of senior living facilities. Gwynne told the judge she began stealing items from patients' rooms to support her cocaine habit while working as a nurse at an assisted living facility in 2004. She said she was later fired but kept going to facilities in her uniform and stealing from rooms. Investigators found more than 3,000 items at her home.

The Columbus Dispatch reported that Gwynne, now 62 and incarcerated at the Ohio Reformatory for Women in Marysville, isn't scheduled for release until 2081.

Turnpike budget vetoed, delays future toll increase

NJ TRENTON — Gov. Phil Murphy vetoed the New Jersey Turnpike Authority's 2024 budget, a decision that delays a planned 3% toll increase.

The Democratic governor announced his decision in a social media post made Thursday, stating he was not satisfied with the justification for the toll increase included in the agency's

\$2.6 billion budget. Murphy said he wants more information on why the hike is needed.

Authority board members had voted 6-0 to approve the budget Tuesday. The agency operates the Garden State Parkway and the Turnpike.

Defense contractor set to build \$33M missile facility

AR LITTLE ROCK — Defense contractor RTX will build a \$33 million facility in south Arkansas to manufacture missiles to be used in U.S. and Israeli air defense systems, the company and Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders announced Thursday.

RTX, formerly Raytheon, will build the manufacturing facility in East Camden in partnership with Rafael Defense Systems. The facility, which will employ 30 people, will produce the Tamiir missile for Israel's Iron Dome Weapon System and its U.S. variant, the SkyHunter missile.

RTX plans to break ground on the new facility by the end of the year with a goal to begin production in 2025, said Jeff Shockley, senior vice president for global government relations.

YouTube suspends LAPD channel for posting attack

CA LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Police Department said Saturday that its YouTube account was suspended by the company after the department posted video of a violent assault in an attempt to get the public's help and that its appeal for reinstatement was denied.

LAPD Officer Drake Madison said Saturday that he did not have details on when the de-

partment was notified of the suspension or when its appeal was denied.

The department sought the public's help in an Oct. 26 news release describing a "brutal assault" in which two suspects punched a victim and struck the victim in the head with bolt cutters. Detectives wanted help identifying the two suspects.

The accompanying video on the news release was removed "for violating YouTube's Terms of Service," according to a note on the video. The department said it will continue communicating critical information to the public on its website.

Pandas will return to China in mid-November

DC WASHINGTON — The National Zoo's three celebrity giant pandas will be heading home a little earlier than expected. Zoo officials told The Associated Press on Thursday that adult bears Mei Xiang and Tian Tian and their cub Xiao Qi Ji will be returning to China sometime in mid-November.

The zoo's exchange agreement with the Chinese government, originally brokered by President Richard Nixon 50 years ago, expires Dec. 7. Ongoing negotiations to extend the agreement haven't produced results, amid speculation from China-watchers that Beijing is pulling its pandas from Western nations due to deteriorating diplomatic relations with the U.S. and other countries.

The bears have been a wildly popular attraction and an unofficial symbol of the nation's capital for decades. Every birthday and anniversary was an occasion for public celebration and

the long-shot birth of Xiao Qi Ji in the midst of the pandemic in August 2020 drove millions of viewers to the zoo's panda-cam.

Zoo officials said they remain hopeful they will come to a new agreement with the Chinese government. The departure of the National Zoo's bears would mean that the only giant pandas left in America are at the Atlanta Zoo — and that loan agreement expires late next year.

Congressional, legislative districts to be redrawn

GA ATLANTA — A federal judge ruled Thursday that some of Georgia's congressional, state Senate and state House districts were drawn in a racially discriminatory manner, ordering the state to draw an additional Black-majority congressional district.

U.S. District Judge Steve Jones also ordered the state to draw two new Black-majority districts in Georgia's 56-member state Senate and five new Black-majority districts in its 180-member state House.

Jones ordered Georgia's Republican majority General Assembly and governor to take action before Dec. 8, saying he wouldn't permit 2024 elections to go forward under the current maps. That would require a special session, as lawmakers aren't scheduled to meet again until January.

The move could shift one of Georgia's 14 congressional seats from Republican to Democratic control. GOP lawmakers redrew the congressional map from an 8-6 Republican majority to a 9-5 Republican majority in 2021.

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Several NFL quarterbacks suffer injuries

Associated Press

Kirk Cousins, Matthew Stafford, Kenny Pickett and Tyrod Taylor were the latest quarterbacks to go down with injuries.

Cousins' injury is likely the worst of the bunch. Minnesota Vikings coach Kevin O'Connell said the team fears the four-time Pro Bowl QB hurt his Achilles tendon — and if an MRI confirms the tendon is torn, Cousins' season is over.

The 35-year-old veteran, who has never missed a game to injury, limped to the sideline after suffering the non-contact injury in the fourth quarter of a 24-10 win at Green Bay on Sunday. He then was carted to the locker room.

"I do know that it is going to have to be an injury that makes him not capable physically of playing because if it has any-

thing to do with pain tolerance or a choice to go out on the football field, Kirk Cousins is going to be out on the field," O'Connell said. "We will figure out the severity of it and let you guys know what my fear of is right now of the injury. When we confirm that as an organization we will try to move forward in the short term knowing that I'm not sure anybody in this league overall was playing as well as Kirk at the position this year."

The Vikings could struggle to match Cousins' production with the other quarterbacks on their roster. Jaren Hall, a rookie fifth-round pick from BYU, replaced him on Sunday. Minnesota has veteran Nick Mullens on injured reserve and Sean Mannion on its practice squad.

Stafford couldn't finish a lopsided loss at Dallas because of a

thumb injury. He also bloodied his elbow catching a 2-point conversion in the Rams' 43-20 loss to the Cowboys. Rams coach Sean McVay said he didn't know the extent of Stafford's injury.

Pickett and Taylor both injured ribs.

Pickett left Pittsburgh's game in the first half after taking a hard shot from Jaguars defensive end Adam Gotsis. Backup Mitch Trubisky threw two interceptions and the Steelers lost 20-10 to visiting Jacksonville. Steelers coach Mike Tomlin didn't have an update on Pickett's injury.

Taylor was taken to a hospital to be evaluated after injuring his ribs in the first half of the New York Giants' 13-10 overtime loss to the Jets. The team said Taylor would remain hospitalized overnight.

Taylor started his third game for Daniel Jones, who has been sidelined by a neck injury.

Tommy DeVito, an undrafted rookie out of Illinois and Syracuse and a New Jersey native, replaced Taylor and threw just one pass in regulation.

He scored on a 6-yard touchdown run that gave the Giants a lead in the third quarter and finished 2-for-7 for minus-1 yard.

Atlanta's Desmond Ridder was evaluated for a concussion and cleared, but the Falcons switched to Taylor Heinicke in the third quarter of a 28-23 loss at Tennessee. Coach Arthur Smith said he held Ridder out as a precaution.

"I'm going to listen to the medical experts and see how this week goes," Smith said when asked which quarterback will start next week.

Prescott, Lamb lead Cowboys in rout of Rams

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Dak Prescott threw two of his four touchdown passes to CeeDee Lamb, DaRon Bland recorded his NFL-leading third interception return for a score, and Dallas beat Los Angeles.

Lamb had career highs with 12 catches for 158 yards, including another personal best with 122 yards before halftime.

Sam Williams blocked a punt for a safety before KaVontae Turpin returned the ensuing punt 63 yards to set up Lamb's first TD grab, helping the Cowboys (5-2) to a 33-3 lead late in the first half.

Prescott finished the first half 17-for-21 for 225 yards. He ended up with his first 300-yard game of the season (25-for-31 for 304 yards with an interception).

Dallas won its 11th straight home game, matching the club's longest since an 11-game run at Texas Stadium in 1991-92.

Vikings 24, Packers 10: Kirk Cousins threw a pair of touchdown passes before leaving with what the team fears is an Achilles tendon injury, and visiting Minnesota beat slumping Green Bay.

Broncos 24, Chiefs 9: Russell Wilson threw three touchdown passes, Justin Simmons had two of his team's five takeaways, and host Denver stymied an ill Patrick Mahomes in snapping its 16-game losing streak to Kansas City.

Bengals 31, 49ers 17: Joe Burrow threw three touchdown passes, Cincinnati intercepted Brock Purdy on back-to-back passes in the second half and beat host San Francisco for its fourth win in five games.

Eagles 38, Commanders 31: Jalen Hurts threw for four touchdowns while gutting through a knee injury, A.J. Brown had 130 yards receiving, and visiting Philadelphia beat Washington to move to 7-1.

Dolphins 31, Patriots 17:

Tua Tagovailoa threw for 324 yards and three touchdowns, Jalen Ramsey intercepted a pass in his debut with his new team, and host Miami beat New England.

Jets 13, Giants 10 (OT): Greg Zuerlein kicked a 35-yard field goal on the final play of regulation and converted a 33-yarder with 6:09 left in overtime, and the Jets rallied to beat their New York rivals.

Seahawks 24, Browns 20: Geno Smith threw a 9-yard touchdown pass to Jaxon Smith-Njigba with 38 seconds left, and host Seattle rallied past Cleveland after blowing an early 14-point lead.

Chargers 30, Bears 13: Justin Herbert passed for 298 yards and three touchdowns, including a 39-yarder to Austin Ekeler, and host Los Angeles beat Chicago to stop a two-game slide.

Titans 28, Falcons 23: Rookie Will Levis threw for 238 yards and four touchdowns in

his NFL debut, and host Tennessee scored its most points since 2021 in beating Atlanta.

Jaguars 20, Steelers 10: Trevor Lawrence threw for 292 yards with a touchdown and an interception, and visiting Jacksonville beat Pittsburgh for its fifth straight victory.

Panthers 15, Texans 13: Bryce Young outdueled C.J. Stroud in a battle of the NFL's top two draft picks, and Eddy Pineiro made a 23-yard field goal as time expired to give host Carolina its first win of the season.

Ravens 31, Cardinals 24: Gus Edwards ran for two of his three touchdowns following interceptions by his team's stout defense, and visiting Baltimore beat Arizona.

Saints 38, Colts 27: Derek Carr threw for 310 yards and two touchdowns in a bounce-back performance, Taysom Hill and Alvin Kamara scored two TDs apiece, and visiting New Orleans beat Indianapolis.

Blaney wins, will race for first Cup title

Associated Press

Ryan Blaney was in tears back in May when the crowd chanted “Blaney! Blaney! Blaney” after he snapped a 59-race losing streak with his win at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

He was so thrilled in that moment to get back to victory lane and rebuild his confidence after a winless 2022 season. Little did Blaney know at the time that his Coca-Cola 600 win jump-started his march into NASCAR’s championship race.

Blaney will race for his first Cup title after qualifying for the championship-deciding finale with a win on Sunday at Martinsville Speedway. His third win of the season — equaling his career best — put him in the final four next week at Phoenix Raceway, where he will race Kyle Larson, Christopher Bell and William Byron for the Cup championship.

“All you want is a shot at a championship. You get your

shot when the playoffs start, if you make ‘em, OK, you have a shot. But then your real shot is if you get to Phoenix, right?” Blaney said. “It’s just nice to have an opportunity to actually race for a championship.

“I don’t think you can ever count anybody else out, any team out. It’s about peaking at the right time. Our group is doing that.”

Byron, who led the Cup Series with six wins this season, earned the fourth and final slot in the championship by limping to a 13th-place finish. Byron had padded his position with bonus points earned all season and edged Denny Hamlin, who finished third at Martinsville on Sunday, by eight points to qualify for NASCAR’s championship.

Blaney and Byron will race Christopher Bell and Kyle Larson next Sunday at Phoenix Raceway, where the Cup championship will go to the highest-finishing driver.

Larson and Byron gave Hendrick Motorsports a pair of Chevrolets in the final four, Bell is in a Toyota for Joe Gibbs Racing and Blaney drives a Ford for Team Penske. Blaney can give Roger Penske back-to-back titles following Joey Logano’s win last year.

Larson is the only driver in the field with a Cup title and returns to the final four for the second time in three years. Bell is back in the championship for the second consecutive year; Blaney and Byron are racing for the Cup title for the first time.

Byron said his helmet fan stopped working during the race and he dropped to the ground outside his car following the race.

“It’s our worst race of the year,” Byron said. “With 50 (laps) to go, I felt really, really bad and I just had to drive the hell out of it. The guys stuck with me and just kept motivating me through, little bits and

pieces, and just keeping my mind straight.”

Hamlin was pretty much in a must-win situation Sunday after a mechanical failure last week caused him to crash and dropped him below the cutoff line for elimination at Martinsville. He wasted no time going after the win and led a race-high 156 laps.

“I’m not counting points. I’m doing everything I can to win. Everything,” Hamlin radioed before the final stage.

But Hamlin lost ground after the final round of pit stops — when he and Blaney each took four tires — and he never could work his way back through the traffic to challenge for the win. Hamlin was also eliminated from championship contention at Martinsville last year on a last-lap Hail Mary move by Ross Chastain.

Blaney won for the third time this season, tying his career high, and led 145 laps.

Monk, Kings top Lakers, spoil James’ anniversary

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Malik Monk scored 11 of his 22 points in overtime and fed Kevin Huerter for a key 3-pointer with 32 seconds left, and the Sacramento Kings spoiled the 20th anniversary of LeBron James’ NBA debut in the same city with a 132-127 win over the Los Angeles Lakers on Sunday night.

De’Aaron Fox had 37 points and eight assists for the Kings, scoring eight points in the final six minutes of regulation after returning from an ankle injury earlier in the fourth quarter. Domantas Sabonis added 12 points and 15 rebounds before fouling out.

“That was a gritty win by our team,” Kings coach Mike Brown said. “We’re making steps in the right direction. We had a lot of great performances

from a lot of people. Malik was big for us, especially in overtime.”

James, the No. 1 overall pick in 2003 by the Cleveland Cavaliers, finished with 27 points, 15 rebounds and eight assists in 39 minutes. He had 25 points, nine assists and six rebounds on Oct. 29, 2003, in a loss to the Kings in their former arena.

James’ first basket in that game was a jumper that cut an early Kings lead to 7-6. On Sunday, James’ first basket was a 3-pointer that cut the Kings’ lead to 7-6.

“It’s pretty cool when you look at it,” James said. “It’s when I started my career, and being at Arco Arena at the time, lots of memories. It’s special and I’m still doing it.”

Anthony Davis added 30 points and 16 rebounds for the Lakers (1-2), who trailed by 15

before closing the fourth quarter on a 9-2 run to force overtime.

Nuggets 128, Thunder 95: Nikola Jokic had 28 points and 14 rebounds to help visiting Denver roll past Oklahoma City for its third straight win to open the season.

Oklahoma City’s Chet Holmgren was the No. 2 pick in the 2022 draft, but he missed last season with a foot injury. He got a loud cheer when he was introduced with the starters in his first regular-season home game and delivered a team-leading 19 points.

Warriors 106, Rockets 95: Stephen Curry had 24 points, with four 3-pointers down the stretch, and Klay Thompson added 19 points to lead visiting Golden State over Houston.

The Warriors led by as many as 16 before the Rockets began

chipping away at the lead.

Hawks 127, Bucks 110: Trae Young scored 20 points to lead eight players in double figures, and visiting Atlanta limited Damian Lillard to six points while routing Milwaukee for its first victory of the season.

76ers 126, Trail Blazers 98: Joel Embiid had 35 points and 15 rebounds, Tyrese Maxey added 26 points and 10 boards, and James Harden watched it all from Philadelphia’s bench as his team beat visiting Portland.

Clippers 123, Spurs 83: Kawhi Leonard scored 21 points, Paul George added 19 and the Los Angeles stars schooled San Antonio rookie Victor Wembanyama in his first road game.

Wembanyama was held to 11 points, five rebounds, two assists and one block. He committed five of the Spurs’ season-worst 25 turnovers.

First 2 games of World Series: No errors

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Arizona Diamondbacks shortstop Geraldo Perdomo ranged a step to his right and snagged a hot smash with a smooth, backhanded play, wheeling and firing to first baseman Christian Walker, who stretched for the ball, picked up the short hop and somehow managed to keep his foot on the bag for the first out of the inning.

The D-backs and Texas Rangers have been great with the leather all season long.

So far in the World Series, that trend is continuing.

The D-backs and Rangers combined for zero errors over the first two games of the Fall Classic, which is the first time that's happened since 2018. That's no accident. The two teams made the fewest errors in the big leagues during the regular season and have a combined eight finalists for Gold Glove awards.

"When the defense is playing clean baseball — picking it up and throwing it, hitting cutoffs, all the little things, it's hard to blow an inning open," Walker

said. "There are a lot of outs to be made over the course of a game if you keep yourself in position to let that happen."

Game 3 of the World Series was set for Monday night in Phoenix with the series tied 1-1.

The Rangers have five Gold Glove finalists this season, including catcher Jonah Heim, first baseman Nathaniel Lowe, second baseman Marcus Semien, shortstop Corey Seager and right fielder Adolis García, who has one of the best outfield arms in the big leagues.

This is the first World Series since 1993 — and fifth ever — that will feature all of its games on artificial turf, in addition to the 2020 neutral-site championship at Texas' Globe Life Field.

"The pitching is going to come and go at times, hitting will, but one thing we can do is focus on defense every day," Rangers manager Bruce Bochy said. "And I'm proud of these guys. We have five guys that are finalists and a couple, I think, that were left out, to be honest, Josh Jung and (Leody) Taveras. They both have had

fine years defensively."

The D-backs have three Gold Glove finalists — catcher Gabriel Moreno, center fielder Alek Thomas and Walker. Arizona doesn't have a weak spot defensively with at least average glove work at every position. Veteran third baseman Evan Longoria made a leaping catch of a line drive before firing to second for a double play in the first game of the NL Wild Card series against the Brewers, which helped persevere a win and start Arizona on its postseason roll.

Walker actually made a couple of plays in Game 2 that helped the D-backs to a 9-1 win. Heim hit a bouncer down the first-base line that hit the bag and took a wild carom, but Walker snagged it out of the air with his bare hand and flipped to pitcher Merrill Kelly for the out.

Right-handed reliever Ryan Thompson — who was on the mound for Longoria's catch — said having a great defense behind him is something he doesn't take for granted.

"I can pitch in situations

where I go for the strikeout, but typically I'm a contact guy by design," Thompson said. "So for me to come in for those spots, not alter my approach and let these guys hit the ball, there's added confidence when you have those guys back there."

D-backs manager Torey Lovullo says that good defense is part of his team's overall ethos, which is using athleticism in the field and on the basepaths to slowly wear down opponents.

Arizona stole five bases in the first two games of the series, including four in Game 1. They have 21 stolen bases this postseason, three shy of the 2008 Tampa Bay Rays for the record.

"My philosophy is I have to manage the team that we have, and it's always going to be a little bit different," Lovullo said. "I might have a team in a year or two that can hit three-run home runs and win a different way.

"But in this particular case we have a bunch of speed and guys that love to execute."

Sabres goalie Luukkonen earns first career shutout

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen made 26 saves in his first career shutout and JJ Peterka, Casey Mittelstadt, Tyson Jost and Rasmus Dahlin scored for the Buffalo Sabres in a 4-0 win over the Colorado Avalanche on Sunday.

Colorado closed a three-game trip with consecutive shutout losses, ending a record NHL streak of 15 wins in a row on the road.

Luukkonen was Buffalo's third goaltender to start the season, but has been thrust into action because of injuries to Devon Levi and Eric Comrie. The victory was the Sabres' most decisive so far in starting the season 4-5-0.

Alexandar Georgiev had 25 saves for the Avalanche.

Devils 4, Wild 3: Jesper Bratt scored twice and added an assist, Vitek Vanecek

made 31 saves, and host New Jersey beat Minnesota.

Erik Haula and Tyler Toffoli also scored to help the Devils get their fifth win in eight games. Luke Hughes had two assists.

Pat Maroon, Ryan Hartman and Jake Middleton scored for Minnesota, which has lost three straight. Marc-Andre Fleury finished with 26 saves. Minnesota had a power play for the game's final 1:37 but could not convert.

Capitals 3, Sharks 1: Tom Wilson scored the tiebreaking goal late in the third period and host Washington got its third straight win.

Dylan Strome and Evgeny Kuznetsov also scored, Alex Ovechkin had two assists, and the Capitals have their longest winning streak since also winning three straight last December. Darcy Kuemper

stopped 30 shots.

Luke Kunin scored for San Jose and Mackenzie Blackwood finished with 39 saves. The Sharks fell to 0-7-2 and have lost 15 straight dating back to last season.

Oilers 5, Flames 2: Evander Kane had a goal and two assists as host Edmonton beat rival Calgary in the Heritage Classic outdoor game at Commonwealth Stadium.

Brett Kulak, Zach Hyman, Evan Bouchard and Vincent Desharnais also scored for the Oilers, who snapped a four-game skid (0-3-1). Stuart Skinner stopped 24 shots.

A.J. Greer and Nazem Kadri had goals for the Flames in their fifth straight loss. Jacob Markstrom had 29 saves.

It was much warmer (about 37 degrees at puck drop) than at the original Heritage Classic 20 years ago, which reached minus-22 with the wind chill in 2003.