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## New top US Marine in Japan

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CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — As Lt. Gen. John Wissler stepped down as the top U.S. Marine in Japan on Friday — the anniversary of 9/11 — he thanked the men and women in his charge who have kept “the wolf away from the door” since the terror attacks claimed 2,977 lives 14 years ago.

Wissler turned over the command colors and responsibility of Marine Forces Japan and III Marine Expeditionary Force to Lt. Gen. Lawrence Nicholson in front of columns of Marines and a massive American flag during a small ceremony on the

Camp Foster parade grounds.

Wissler said he was able to succeed due to the proficiency of the Marines under him and because of the invaluable partnerships between allies. The ceremony was attended by representatives from the Australian, South Korean, Japanese and British militaries.

“Those Marines are the ones who truly make a difference,” he said. “They make a difference every day. ... Their sacrifices have allowed them to save lives and ease suffering.”

Nicholson, who arrived from a command assignment with the 1st Marine Division, vowed to strengthen partnerships and to be ready in response

to any crisis or humanitarian operation.

“Your MEF will be ready whenever you need it,” he told Lt. Gen. John Toolan Jr., commander of Marine forces in the Pacific. Then, he turned to his Marines and sailors before him: “I will give you everything I’ve got. I will spare nothing. I expect the same of you.”

Both Wissler and Nicholson are Marine parents. Nicholson said he had patrolled in both Fallujah, Iraq, and Helmand province, Afghanistan, with his children, who have served. He vowed to “get it right” because each Marine is someone’s son or daughter.

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## Small protest at Japan base over security bills, Reagan

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YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — A protest against the upcoming arrival of nuclear-powered carrier USS Ronald Reagan and proposed security legislation to expand the role of Japan’s Self-Defense Force largely fizzled Sunday, with only a fraction of the turnout that organizers predicted.

The protesters came from a variety of groups organized by labor unions and the Japanese Community Party, according to spokesman Hideo Higashimori. Turnout outside Yokosuka Naval Base was in the hundreds; organizers had expected 10,000.

Most appeared to be people from outside the area, coming in from Tokyo, Osaka and Yokohama. Some represented groups that oppose war, nuclear weapons, the Marine Corps presence on Okinawa and the deployment of Osprey aircraft to U.S. bases in Japan.

The protest began with a rally at nearby Verny Park. The demonstrators then formed small groups and marched through Yokosuka, pausing briefly to rally in front of the base’s main gate before finishing at the Yokosuka-Chuo train station. The protest remained organized and quiet, with the base gates remaining open.

The Reagan is expected to arrive next month, replacing the nuclear-powered carrier USS George Washington, which sparked similar protests when it first arrived. The deployment of the more modern Reagan is part of Washington’s “Pacific Pivot,” reflecting the Obama administration’s view of the region as its highest long-term priority.

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## China may be building runway on reef

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China appears to be grading land for a runway on a second artificially built island in the South China Sea in a move that could further bolster its ability to defend several heavily contested islands in the region.

Grading at Subi Reef appears to be about 7,200 feet long and 200 feet wide, according to Digital Globe satellite imagery captured Sept. 3 and acquired by author and journalist Victor Robert Lee. Subi Reef, which lies about midway between the Philippines and Vietnam but is controlled by China, is claimed by all three nations and Taiwan.

During the past year, China has added land to several disputed reefs, rocks and islets in the sea’s Spratly Islands, a move condemned by the United States and multiple nations in the Asia-Pacific region.

The grading appears unfinished and could ultimately run another 3,300 feet, Lee said. If it does, it would equal the length of the runway at Fiery Cross Reef, about 100 miles southwest of Subi.

In May, a Navy P-8 surveillance craft flew with a CNN crew near Fiery Cross, over what the U.S. considers international airspace. A Chinese dispatcher told the plane to “please go away.” The Navy plane instead asserted its right to freedom of overflight.

China maintains an ambiguous claim to 90 percent of the South China Sea, including waters and airspace the U.S. considers part of the global commons, free to both navigation and surveillance.

South China Sea shipping accounts for more than \$5.2 trillion in annual global trade, according to recent estimates.

During the Shangri-La Dialogue security summit in Singa-

pore in late May, U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter called for a moratorium for all nations on island building in the sea. Soon after, China announced it had finished artificially adding to its claimed islands, but that it would continue construction on top of them. At the time, satellite imagery of some islands showed self-propelled howitzers, radar stations and barracks buildings.

At the same security summit, Adm. Sun Jianguo, the Chinese military’s deputy chief of staff, said China would set up an Air Defense Identification Zone if it felt its air and sea security were threatened in the South China Sea.

China declared a similar zone over the East China Sea and the Japan-administered Senkaku Islands — which China claims — in 2013. The U.S. has not abided by China’s unilateral declaration.

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## Pomp, protocol await Francis

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When Pope Francis arrives in the United States, he will get an airport welcome that few world leaders have ever received: a planeside greeting from President Barack Obama.

The extraordinary gesture on Sept. 22 is just the beginning of the pomp and protocol that Washington will put on display to welcome the leader of the world's 1.2 billion Roman Catholics on his first U.S. visit.

The next day, Francis, 78, will be just the third pope to visit the White House, being greeted as most heads of state are, with his car pulling slowly up the South Lawn's driveway to the spot where a red carpet will be rolled out.

Francis has shown little interest in protocol and the trappings of his office. But he does put himself through the motions of diplomatic etiquette to be respectful of his hosts.

# Russia reportedly expanding airport in pro-Assad region

Associated Press

BEIRUT — Russian forces are working to expand the tarmac of a major airport in Syria's coastal province of Latakia, a stronghold of President Bashar Assad and his minority sect, a prominent Syrian monitoring group said Sunday.

The report comes amid rising concern among U.S. officials of increased Russian military activity in Syria. President Barack Obama cast the buildup as an effort to prop up the embattled leader, warning Moscow against doubling down on Assad.

Russia, a longtime backer of Syria's government, denies it's trying to bolster Assad and instead says its increased military activity is part of the international effort to defeat the Islam-

ic State group.

The Associated Press reported last week, quoting a former Lebanese general with knowledge of the Syrian military, that there were plans to build a military base in the coastal town of Jableh, more than 24 miles south of Latakia city. It is where the airport under development is located. The airport, known by its old name, Hemeimeem, already houses a military base and has come under shelling from militants who have advanced in the countryside of the province.

It is the second-most important government-controlled airport in Syria after the Damascus airport. The Hemeimeem airport was renamed the Basel al-Assad International airport, after the brother of the current

president who died in a car accident in 1994. According to the Syrian Civil Aviation Authority website, the airport's tarmac is 3,000 yards long and 49 yards wide. It has only one terminal, according to the site.

The head of the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, Rami Abdurrahman, said witnesses, including officials inside the airport, describe the tarmac development as planned to ensure larger planes can land there.

The Alawite sect, from which Assad and his family descend, makes up about 13 percent of Syria's prewar population. It has historically been centered in the towns of Syria's mountainous coast that make up the provinces of Latakia and Tartous.

## Civil War MOH recipient's London grave gets marker

BY ADAM L. MATHIS

Stars and Stripes

LONDON — A U.S. Medal of Honor recipient whose body lay for nearly a century in an unmarked grave has been rescued from obscurity thanks to the efforts of a British amateur historian.

Maurice Wagg, one of thousands of Britons who served in the U.S. Civil War, was buried in a pauper's grave at the East London Cemetery when he died in 1926. The sailor received the Medal of Honor for helping rescue the crew of the USS Monitor, an ironclad vessel that sank during a storm off the North Carolina coast in 1862.

Michael Hammerson identified Wagg's grave in the course of a project he began several years ago to gather information about Civil War veterans buried in England, Wales and

Scotland. The Civil War enthusiast was among nearly a dozen Americans and Britons who gathered Thursday to dedicate a new marker for Wagg's grave. The marker was provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and arranged for by Hammerson and the Sons of Union Veterans.

"I'll do my best to try and trace where any of them are and, if possible, to try and get some information about their careers, their lives before the war, their lives after the war and, obviously, where they are buried," Hammerson said.

"My family and I appreciate the time and effort that has gone into organizing and researching his story," Mike Garrick, a great-great-nephew of Wagg, said after the dedication.

Hammerson thinks there are many more graves and stories out there to be discovered.

## Police: Man killed family, self

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The founder of a social-networking service for nurses used a shotgun to kill his wife and three children before turning the gun on himself, police said Saturday after the release of autopsy reports.

Investigators believe Brian Short killed his wife, Karen, and their three teenage children in their Greenwood, Minn., home late Monday or early Tuesday, Mike Siitari, the interim chief of the South Lake Minnetonka police department, told The Associated Press.

"All evidence indicates Brian Short killed his family members in their bedrooms before turning the gun on himself," the department said in a news release.

Officers found the dead family members Thursday during a welfare check at their home. A co-worker of Brian Short told

police they hadn't been heard from him in days. The children hadn't reported to school since it resumed on Tuesday.

Police found Karen Short, 48, and the three children — Cole, 17; Madison, 15; and Brooklyn, 14 — dead in their bedrooms. Brian Short, 45, was found dead in the home's eight-car garage.

The Hennepin County medical examiner ruled Saturday that all five died from shotgun wounds to the head, and that only Brian Short's wound was self-inflicted.

No motive has been discovered, the police department statement said.

Short was the founder of AllNurses.com, a social-networking site for nurses that he started in 1994, when he was still a nursing student. He depicted The Excelsior-based company as a success in a 2014 interview with the Star Tribune newspaper.

# Kenseth rules at Richmond; Chase set

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — There was a stretch of Saturday night's race when all four of Joe Gibbs' cars were leading the pack around Richmond International Raceway.

The team owner could barely stand to watch.

"That is the most nervous that I get," Gibbs said. "I saw them up there. I saw some beating and banging there. I think that's when I'm always the most nervous, when you've got your cars up front and having a good night."

He should be used to it by now.

JGR continued its dominating season with an exhibition from its roster that ended with Matt Kenseth's fourth win of the season. The win put Kenseth in a tie with JGR teammate Kyle Busch and six-time champion Jimmie Johnson for the top seeds in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship.

The 10-race playoff series begins Sunday at Chicagoland.

Kenseth has won three of the last six races, and JGR has won eight of the last 11.

"Certainly right now as a company we're on a roll," said Kenseth, who led 352 of the 400 laps.

The 16-driver Chase field was set in the regular-season finale, where only four spots were really up for grabs. Jamie McMurray clinched his berth as soon as he took the green flag, but Jeff Gordon, Ryan Newman, Paul Menard and Clint Bowyer all had to protect their positions.

Gordon had to finish 17th or better to guarantee his slot, and he finished a solid seventh.

Bowyer was in a little bit more of a precarious position as he came to Richmond ranked 16th in the field and unable to afford any mistakes Saturday night. He never doubted he was up for the challenge at one of his favorite tracks, and he finished 10th to give Toyota five cars in the Chase field.

Aric Almirola briefly tried to shake up

the playoff picture by charging his way to the front to race with the leaders. He made it to fourth, but had nothing for the JGR cars. Had Almirola won, he'd have earned an automatic berth into the Chase and bumped another driver.

Instead, he'll watch the championship race go on without him after he made it last season with a surprise victory at Daytona.

It's the first playoff berths for McMurray and Menard, and last for Gordon, who is retiring at the end of the season.

"It's nice to be in the Chase and take that relief and take that breath and now go reset and see what we can do over the next 10," Gordon said.

It does indeed reset now as the Chase gives the entire field an equal shot to race for the championship. Divided into three rounds before the Nov. 22 finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway, a win automatically advances the driver into the next round. Four drivers will be knocked out after every third race.

"It's a whole new ballgame now," said reigning series champion Kevin Harvick, who finished a quiet 14th at Richmond.

But it's unclear if anyone will have enough to challenge JGR down the stretch.

Denny Hamlin tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee earlier this week, but vowed it wouldn't affect his performance. He proved that on his home track by charging from 25th — the fourth lowest starting position at Richmond of his career — to take the lead during a segment of the race that was a JGR exhibition.

Hamlin led teammates Kyle Busch, Kenseth and Carl Edwards around and around the track as the Toyota contingent showed why they've been the most dominant team in NASCAR all summer.

Kenseth eventually worked his way to the front, while Busch finished second and Hamlin was fifth.

## Ortiz hits 500th HR in Red Sox's win

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — David Ortiz had the option of taking a day off. He quickly turned that offer down, responding to a text message from Boston interim manager Torey Lovullo on Saturday morning by saying he wanted to play.

Good choice, Big Papi.

Ortiz homered twice to become the 27th player in major league history to reach 500 homers, and the Red Sox beat the Tampa Bay Rays 10-4 on Saturday night.

"In the history of the game, you don't see that many players getting to the 500 club, so I'm going to take a lot of pride on that," Ortiz said. "They starting mentioning your name, comparing your name to legends, it's something that I'm going to take very humble, I'll take as a compliment."

With an overflow crowd in the right-field stands on their feet and chanting "Let's go Papi!," Ortiz reached the milestone when he lined a shot to right-center on a 2-2 pitch from Matt Moore leading off the fifth. He connected for No. 499 in the first.

Big Papi has 50 multihomer games in a 19-year career. He joins Albert Pujols as the only players to hit both 499 and 500 in the same game.

The designated hitter connected in the first on a 1-2 pitch from Moore, a towering three-run shot into the right field stands.

Ortiz has eight homers in his last 14 games, and 34 this season to become the fourth player to reach the milestone while playing for the Red Sox. He joins Jimmie Foxx (1940), Ted Williams (1960) and Manny Ramirez (2008), who also hit their 500th homer on the road.

Moore (1-4) gave up eight runs and nine hits over five innings.

Rick Porcello (8-12) got the win after allowing three runs and five hits in seven innings.

Ortiz was not alone when it came to long balls for the Red Sox.

Boston took a 5-0 lead on consecutive third-inning solo shots by Mookie Betts and Dustin Pedroia. Betts had extended his career-high hitting streak to 17 games on an infield single in the first.

Pedroia drove in a pair with a fourth-inning double and Travis Shaw hit a two-run homer in the seventh.

John Jaso hit a two-run homer and Richie Shaffer had a solo shot for Tampa Bay.

**Blue Jays 9-10, Yankees 9-5:** Toronto opened a season-high 4½-game lead in the AL East, sweeping a doubleheader from sagging host New York.

Jose Bautista homered twice, Chasen Shreve forced in three runs with bases-loaded walks in the 11th inning, and the Blue Jays rallied from a 4-1 deficit in the opener.

Cliff Pennington hit a two-run homer and former-Yankee Russell Martin added a two-run double in a six-run second inning against Ivan Nova that boosted the Blue Jays in the rain-interrupted nightcap.

**Giants 8, Padres 0:** Madison Bumgarner lost his bid for a perfect game on a base hit with two outs in the eighth inning, the only blemish for the San Francisco ace in a win over visiting San Diego.

Bumgarner (18-7) retired his first 23 batters before pinch-hitter Melvin Upton Jr. sent a clean single up the middle.

**Royals 14, Orioles 6:** Mike Moustakas hit two home runs, including a grand slam, and finished with a franchise-record nine RBIs to lead visiting Kansas City.

**Marlins 2, Nationals 0:** Jose Fernandez returned from the disabled list and became only the third pitcher since 1914 to win his first 16 career decisions at home as Miami beat fading Washington.

**Mets 6, Braves 4:** At Atlanta, Kelly Johnson drove in the tiebreaking run in

the ninth inning, Yoenis Cespedes homered for the eighth time in 11 days and NL East-leading New York won its sixth straight.

**Reds 4-5, Cardinals 2-1:** Skip Schumaker hit a three-run homer, rookie Anthony DeSclafani pitched six strong innings and host Cincinnati beat St. Louis for the second time in the day.

Earlier, Adam Duvall's two-run homer in the eighth lifted the Reds to a win in the completion of a game suspended by rain on Friday.

**Pirates 10, Brewers 2:** Jeff Locke pitched one-run ball into the seventh inning and Michael Morse hit a pinch-hit grand slam as host Pittsburgh tightened up the NL Central race.

**White Sox 8, Twins 2:** Adam Eaton had three hits, Carlos Sanchez hit a two-run double and Chicago used a seven-run fourth inning to beat visiting Minnesota.

**Phillies 7, Cubs 5:** Pinch-hitter Cody Asche hit a walk-off, two-run homer with two outs in the ninth inning to lead host Philadelphia.

**Athletics 5, Rangers 3:** Mark Canha had a three-run homer and Danny Valencia a two-run shot in the fifth inning, leading Oakland past host Texas.

**Angels 3, Astros 2:** C.J. Cron hit a tie-breaking home run to lead off the eighth inning and host Los Angeles pulled to 3½ games behind Houston in the American League West.

**Mariners 7, Rockies 2:** Robinson Cano, Jesus Montero, Franklin Gutierrez and Nelson Cruz all homered to lead Seattle past visiting Colorado.

**Dodgers 9, Diamondbacks 5:** Corey Seager had four hits, including his first career homer, as Los Angeles went deep four times in a win over host Arizona.

Joc Pederson, Adrian Gonzalez and Carl Crawford also homered for the Dodgers.

## NBA star Malone dead at 60

Associated Press

Moses Malone, a three-time NBA MVP and one of basketball's most ferocious rebounders, died Sunday. He was 60.

Det. Jeffrey Scott of the Norfolk, Va., Police Department confirmed that Malone died in a Norfolk hotel room. He said there was no indication of foul play. Malone's body was discovered when he failed to report to a celebrity golf tournament in which he was scheduled to play.

Malone was part of the 76ers' 1983 NBA championship team, and the club said he will "forever be remembered as a genuine icon and pillar of the most storied era in the history of Philadelphia 76ers basketball."

A 6-foot-10 center who made the leap right from high school to the pros, Malone is the NBA's career leader in offensive rebounds and led the league in rebounds per game for five straight seasons from 1980-85.

Malone was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2001 and attended the induction ceremonies for this year's class in Springfield, Mass., over the weekend before returning to his native Virginia.

Malone played for eight NBA clubs and was the league's MVP in 1979 and 1982 while playing for the Houston Rockets.

Malone joined the 76ers the following season and added his third MVP award while leading the 76ers to that championship after making his famed "Fo', Fo', Fo'," prediction that the Sixers would win their playoff series in four-game sweeps.



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# Mayweather dominates Berto

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — His career winding down to its final seconds, Floyd Mayweather Jr. took a victory lap around the ring, his fist raised in triumph.

After 19 years of perfection in the ring, he deserved one final bow.

Mayweather capped a remarkable career with a typical Mayweather fight Saturday night, using his defensive wizardry to frustrate Andre Berto on his way to a decision so lopsided one judge gave him every round.

The \$32 million he earned was pocket change compared to what he got for Manny Pacquiao in his last fight. But the more important number was win No. 49 in the final fight of his unblemished career, tying the mark of the late heavyweight champion, Rocky Marciano.

"You gotta know when to go. I've had a great career," Mayweather said. "I'm leaving with all my faculties. I feel like I'm smart and sharp."

Mayweather wasn't about to change what he does best in his last fight.

Both dominant and defensive, he used all the tricks learned in a pro career that began in 1996 to take a unanimous decision over Berto and retain his welter-

weight titles in what he insists was his final fight.

Mayweather won yet again in a fight where he was chased but never really tested. He piled up points with a sharp jab and quick counter punches, leaving Berto swinging at air most of the night.

The ringside scorecards reflected Mayweather's dominance, with one judge scoring a 120-108 shutout. The other scores were 118-110 and 117-111, while The Associated Press had Mayweather winning 119-109.

Mayweather added to his pay-per-view riches once again, and once again he didn't seem to have to work too hard to make it. Berto, who had lost three of his last six fights, tried to make it a fight but his punches were wide and mostly missed their marks.

"I pushed him to the limit," Berto said. "But he was just better."

Mayweather did what he's done best in his long career, fighting defensively and picking his shots against Berto. He was especially effective when Berto rushed at him, using his counter punching skills to keep Berto away.

It was a winning combination once again, just as it had been in his 48 previous fights.

Ringside punch stats showed Mayweather's defensive wizardry. Mayweather was credited with landing 232 of 410 punches, while Berto landed only 83 of 495.

Mayweather, in his 26th title fight, controlled the action all night, not allowing Berto to land more than one punch at a time. He was never able to hurt Berto, though, and passed up chances to engage him in exchanges.

Berto was surprisingly passive early, doing little in the opening rounds but throw punches that hit nothing but air. He picked up the pace beginning in the fourth round, but Mayweather had little trouble ducking and moving away from his wild punches.

By the 10th round they were talking so much trash that referee Kenny Bayless called a halt to the action and told both fighters they needed to shut up.

If Mayweather retires it will end a career that saw him become a pay-per-view star and earn more money than any boxer before him. Though most in boxing believe he will some day fight again, the 38-year-old said he had plenty of money and his health is more important than chasing records.

# Pennetta beats Vinci at US Open

Associated Press

NEW YORK — After winning her first Grand Slam title at age 33, while seeded 26th, by beating the woman who beat Serena Williams, Flavia Pennetta provided this U.S. Open full of surprises with one last twist.

After meeting her opponent, Roberta Vinci, at the net for a long hug — both from the southern heel of Italy's boot, they were childhood friends, then doubles partners and roommates as teens — Pennetta let Vinci in on a little secret that would soon be shared with the world.

Pennetta decided about a month ago she would be retiring after this season, and this would be her last appearance at Flushing Meadows.

Talk about going out on top. In one of the unlikeliest major finals in women's tennis history, Pennetta beat Vinci 7-6 (4), 6-2 in the U.S. Open final at Flushing Meadows on Saturday, then revealed during the trophy ceremony that she is ready to hang up her racket.

She is the oldest woman in the Open era, which began in 1968, to become a Grand Slam champion for the first time. Vinci, who is 32, would have earned that distinction had she been able to follow her stunning upset of Williams in Friday's semifinals with another victory.

This was the first major final for either participant, and the first time since WTA computer rankings were instituted in 1975 that both U.S. Open women's finalists were ranked outside the top 20 (Vinci is 43rd).

## How the AP College Football Top 25 fared

**1 Ohio St. (2-0) beat Hawaii 38-0.** At Columbus, Ohio, Ezekiel Elliott had three short touchdown runs and Ohio State overcame a slow start to score a flurry of late points.

**Next:** vs. Northern Illinois, Saturday.

**2 Alabama (2-0) beat Middle Tennessee 37-10.** At Tuscaloosa, Ala., Jake Coker passed for 214 yards in the first half and Derrick Henry ran for three touchdowns to lead Alabama.

**Next:** vs. No. 17 Mississippi, Saturday.

**3 TCU (2-0) beat Stephen F. Austin 70-3.** At Fort Worth, Texas, Trevone Boykin threw for 285 yards and four touchdowns, Aaron Green ran for two scores and TCU routed a lower-division team.

**Next:** vs. SMU, Saturday.

**4 Baylor (2-0) beat Lamar 66-31.** At Waco, Texas, Corey Coleman had a Baylor-record four touchdown catches, and the Bears had 785 total yards in their victory over FCS team Lamar.

**Next:** vs. Rice, Saturday, Sept. 26.

**5 Michigan St. (2-0) beat No. 7 Oregon 31-28.** At East Lansing, Mich., Connor Cook threw two touchdown passes, and the Spartans held on with one final defensive stand.

**Next:** vs. Air Force, Saturday.

**6 Auburn (2-0) beat Jacksonville State 27-20, OT.** At Auburn, Ala., the Tigers dodged an upset that would have ranked with the biggest in college football history, riding Melvin Ray's touchdown catch in the final minute and Peyton Barber's overtime scoring run for a victory.

**Next:** at No. 14 LSU, Saturday.

**7 Oregon (1-1) lost to No. 5 Michigan State 31-28.** At East Lansing, Mich., Oregon's Vernon Adams threw a 15-yard touchdown pass to Byron Marshall with 3:25 remaining to close to 31-28, and the Ducks drove to the Spartans 33 before the drive stalled.

**Next:** vs. Georgia State, Saturday.

**8 Southern Cal (2-0) beat Idaho 59-9.** At Los Angeles, Cody Kessler threw for a career-high 410 yards and hit JuJu Smith-Schuster with two of his three touchdown passes.

**Next:** vs. Stanford, Saturday.

**9 Notre Dame (2-0) beat Virginia 34-27.** At Charlottesville, Va., backup quarterback DeShone Kizer threw a 39-yard touchdown pass to Will Fuller with 12 seconds left to lift the Irish.

**Next:** vs. No. 15 Georgia Tech, Saturday.

**10 Georgia (2-0) beat Vanderbilt 31-14.** At Nashville, Tenn., Nick Chubb ran for 189 yards and Isaiah McKenzie returned a punt 77 yards for a touchdown.

**Next:** vs. South Carolina, Saturday.

**11 Florida State (2-0) beat South Florida 34-14.** At Tallahassee, Fla., Dalvin Cook ran for 266 yards and three touchdowns on 30 carries for the Seminoles.

**Next:** at Boston College, Friday.

**12 Clemson (2-0) beat Appalachian State 41-10.** At Clemson, S.C., Deshaun Watson threw for 248 yards and three touchdowns in Clemson's his first game since all-ACC receiver Mike Williams fractured a bone in his neck.

**Next:** at Louisville, Saturday.

**13 UCLA (2-0) beat UNLV 37-3.** At Las Vegas, Paul Perkins ran for 151 yards and two touchdowns, Josh Rosen threw for a score and UCLA rolled past UNLV.

**Next:** vs. BYU, Saturday.

**14 LSU (1-0) beat No. 25 Mississippi State 21-19.** At Starkville, Miss., Leonard Fournette ran for 159 yards and three touchdowns. LSU won when Mississippi State's Devon Bell missed a 52-yard field goal as time expired.

**Next:** vs. No. 6 Auburn, Saturday.

**15 Georgia Tech (2-0) beat Tulane 65-10.** At Atlanta, Justin Thomas passed for two touchdowns and ran for one to help Georgia Tech romp to another victory.

**Next:** at No. 9 Notre Dame, Saturday.

**16 Texas A&M (2-0) beat Ball State 56-23.** At College Station, Texas, Kyle Allen threw for 126 yards and three touchdowns in the first half and the Aggies rolled past Ball State.

**Next:** vs. Nevada, Saturday.

**17 Mississippi (2-0) beat Fresno State 73-21.** At Oxford, Miss., Chad Kelly threw for 346 yards and four touchdowns, three to Quincy Adebeyejo, in the Rebels' victory over Fresno State.

**Next:** at No. 2 Alabama, Saturday.

**18 Arkansas (1-1) lost to Toledo 16-12.** At Little Rock, Ark., former Alabama reserve quarterback Phillip Ely threw for 237 yards and the Rockets defense rattled the Razorbacks into a number of mistakes in an upset victory.

**Next:** vs. Texas Tech, Saturday.

**19 Oklahoma (2-0) beat No. 23 Tennessee 31-24, 20T.** At Knoxville, Tenn., Baker Mayfield threw an 18-yard touchdown pass to Sterling Shepard in double overtime after the Sooners overcame a 17-point deficit.

**Next:** vs. Tulsa, Saturday.

**20 Boise State (1-1) lost to BYU 35-24.** At Provo, Utah, freshman Tanner Mangum threw a 35-yard touchdown pass to Mitchell Juergens with 45 seconds left to give BYU another last-second, come-from-behind victory.

**Next:** vs. Idaho State, Friday.

**21 Missouri (2-0) beat Arkansas State 27-20.** At Jonesboro, Ark., Maty Mauk threw three touchdown passes and the Tigers extended their road winning streak to 11 games.

**Next:** vs. UConn, Saturday.

**22 Arizona (2-0) beat Nevada 44-20.** At Reno, Nev., Nick Wilson ran for 194 yards and three touchdowns and Anu Solomon passed for 264 yards and two scores for Arizona.

**Next:** vs. Northern Arizona, Saturday.

**23 Tennessee (1-1) lost to No. 19 Oklahoma 31-24, 20T.** At Knoxville, Tenn., Tennessee went ahead 17-0 in the first 18 minutes and still led 17-3 until Baker Mayfield engineered two fourth-quarter touchdown drives.

**Next:** vs. Western Carolina, Saturday.

**24 Utah (2-0) beat Utah State 24-14, Friday.** At Salt Lake City, Devontae Booker ran for 120 yards and a touchdown in the Utes' victory marred by a shoulder injury to starting quarterback Travis Wilson.

**Next:** at Fresno State, Saturday.

**25 Mississippi State (1-1) lost to No. 14 LSU 21-19.** At Starkville, Miss., the Bulldogs offense shook off an ugly first half to score two fourth-quarter touchdowns.

**Next:** vs. Northwestern State, Saturday.

## Air Force tops San Jose St.

Associated Press

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — A late San Jose State turnover paved the way for D.J. Johnson's fourth-quarter surge.

Johnson ran for 103 yards and three touchdowns, all in the final quarter, as Air Force pulled away to beat San Jose State 37-16 on Saturday night.

Quarterback Nate Romine added 116 yards rushing, running for a score and setting up another before leaving late in the game with a leg injury.

Tyler Ervin ran for 121 yards and a touchdown and also caught a 17-yard scoring pass from Kenny Potter for San Jose State (1-1, 0-1 Mountain West).

The Spartans were trailing 17-16 when Potter threw behind Tim Crawley and the ball skipped off his hands into the arms of Kalon Baker, who made his first career interception.

**UConn 22, Army 17:** UConn quarterback Bryant Shirreffs threw for 270 yards and the Huskies got touchdown runs from Arkeel Newsome and Ron Johnson to beat visiting Army.

The win gives UConn its first 2-0 start since 2008 and drops the Black Knights to 0-2 for the first time since 2012.

Army's Ahmad Bradshaw rushed for 129 yards, including a 56-yard first-half touchdown. His backup, A.J. Schurr, threw a 71-yard touchdown to Joe Walker in the fourth quarter to make the game close.

But safety Andrew Adams intercepted a pass with 2:21 left and the Huskies ran the clock out.