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New Jersey Democratic Gov.-elect Mikie Sherrill, a former Navy helicopter pilot, speaks during an election night party in East Brunswick, N.J., on Tuesday.



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Democrat Abigail Spanberger speaks on stage after she was declared the winner of the Virginia governor's race on Tuesday in Richmond, Va.

Democrats dominate at polls

Takeaways from Election Day 2025 as economic woes take a toll on Trump's GOP

BY STEVE PEOPLES AND WILL WEISSERT
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats are dominating the first major Election Day since President Donald Trump returned to the White House.

And while a debate about the future of the Democratic Party may have only just begun, there are signs that the economy — specifically, Trump's inability to deliver the economic turnaround he promised last fall — may be a real problem for Trump's GOP heading into next year's higher-stakes midterm elections.

Democrats on Tuesday won governor's races in Virginia and New Jersey, the only states electing new chief executives this year. They also swept a trio of state Supreme Court contests in swing-state Pennsylvania and ballot measures from Colorado to Maine.

Trump was largely absent from the campaign trail, but Republlican candidates closely aligned themselves with the president, betting that his big win last year could provide a path to victory this time. They were wrong.

Democrats are hoping the off-year romp offers a new winning playbook, but some caution may be warranted. Tuesday's elections were limited to a handful of states, most of which lean blue, and the party that holds the White House typically struggles

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Army orders leaders to move more quickly when soldiers go missing

BY COREY DICKSTEIN
Stars and Stripes

The Army wants its leaders to act more quickly when a soldier does not report for duty and cannot be found, according to a new directive from the service's top civilian.

Commanders must report a missing soldier to law enforcement within three hours and notify family members of the soldier's missing status within eight hours, according to an Oct. 28 memorandum issued by Army Secretary Dan Driscoll.

The memo was meant to provide a more specific course of action for leaders dealing with missing soldiers, according to the Army. Previous Army policy gave commanders a day or more before they had to act on a soldier's disappearance.

Driscoll's directive instructs Army commanders to place missing soldiers in the duty status of "absent-unknown" within three hours of discovering they are missing "and make every effort to locate the soldier." Commanders must also alert Army law enforcement officials to the missing sol-

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BUSINESS/WEATHER

Pizza Hut's parent company considering selling chain

Associated Press

Pizza Hut could soon be up for sale.

Yum Brands, Pizza Hut's parent company, said Tuesday it's conducting a formal review of options for the brand, which has struggled to compete in a crowded pizza market.

Yum CEO Chris Turner said Pizza Hut has many strengths, including a global footprint and strong growth in many markets. Pizza Hut has nearly 20,000 stores in more than 100 countries, and its international sales were up 2% in the first nine months of this year.

But Pizza Hut gets nearly half its sales from the U.S., where it has around 6,500 stores, and U.S. sales fell 7% in the same period. Pizza Hut was long saddled with large, outdated dine-in restaurants at a time when consumers wanted fast pickup and delivery.

In 2020, one of Pizza Hut's largest franchisees filed for bankruptcy protection and closed 300 stores. Pizza Hut now controls 15.5% of U.S. pizza chain sales, down from 19.4% in 2019.

"The Pizza Hut team has been working hard to address business and category challenges; however, Pizza Hut's performance indicates the need to take additional action to help the brand realize its full value, which may be better executed outside of Yum Brands," Turner said in a statement.

"To truly take advantage of the brand we've built and the opportunities ahead, we've made the decision to initiate a thorough review of strategic options."

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates

Euro costs (Nov. 6)	0.85
British pound (Nov. 6)	$1.27
Japanese yen (Nov. 6)	149.00
South Korean won (Nov. 6)	1411.00

Commercial rates

Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3744
Britain (Pound)	1.3014
Canada (Dollar)	1.4128
China (Yuan)	7.1295
Denmark (Krone)	6.5066
Egypt (Pound)	47.3617
Euro	0.8717
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Hungary (Forint)	337.051
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Kuwait (Dinar)	0.3068
Norway (Krone)	10.2258
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Poland (Zloty)	3.7064
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7461
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3081
South Korea (Won)	1443.50
Switzerland (Franc)	0.8116
Thailand (Baht)	32.516
Turkey (NewLira)	42.0937

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Interest Rates Discount rate	4.00
Federal funds market rate	3.88
3-month bill	3.89
30-year bond	4.67

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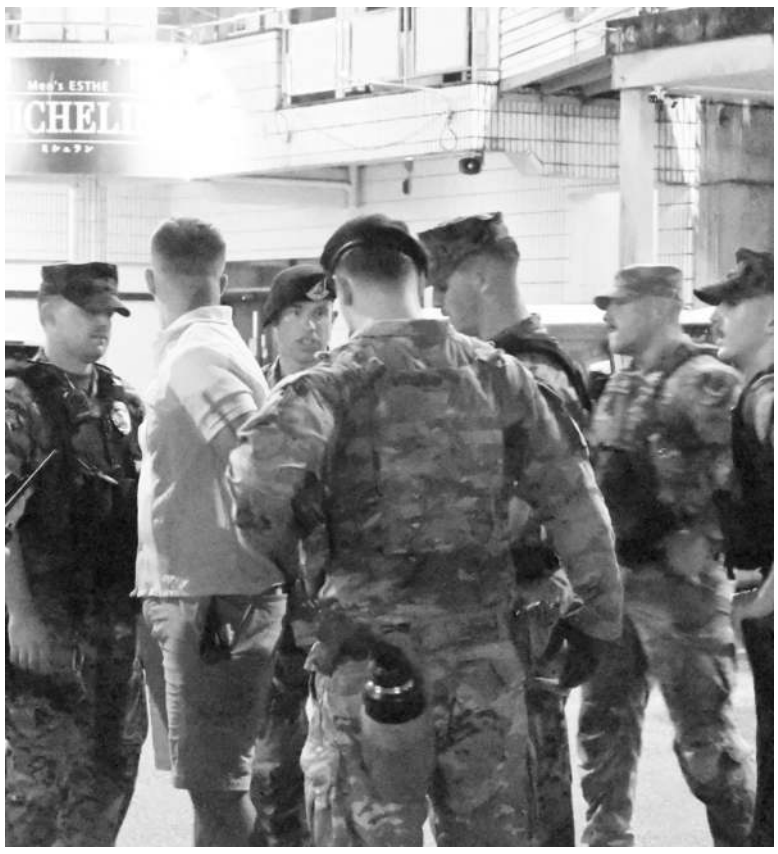
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MILITARY



BRIAN MCELHINEY/Stars and Stripes

U.S. military police detain a service member during a joint patrol of Gate 2 Street in Okinawa city, Okinawa, on Sept. 27.

15 arrests made on Okinawa city patrol as liberty order enforced

BY BRIAN MCELHINEY
Stars and Stripes

U.S. military police arrested 15 service members during a recent patrol of the nightlife district in Okinawa city — the highest number of arrests on a single night since the patrols began in April, according to U.S. Forces Japan.

The patrol took place between midnight and 2 a.m. Saturday, a city spokesman said Wednesday. Gate 2 Street in Okinawa city, lined with bars and nightclubs, is just outside Kadena Air Base.

Two other service members were arrested the same night during a separate patrol of Naha city, USFJ spokesman Army Maj. D. Hunter Nix said Wednesday.

The patrols — some of which include Japanese police — are part of an ongoing crackdown on U.S. military crime after a series of sexual assault allegations involving U.S. troops on the island that began in December 2023. A USFJ liberty order issued in October 2024 prohibits service members from drinking in off-base establishments between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m.

During their sixth joint patrol with Japanese police in Okinawa city, the U.S. military arrested the 15 service members on accusations of violating the liberty order and the Uniform Code of Military Justice, Nix said.

The remaining two were arrested during the U.S. military's first solo patrol of Naha, Okinawa's capital, that same morning, Nix said.

Military police detained two Marines after they threw water bottles at patrol officers, Marine Corps Installations Pacific commander Maj. Gen. Brian Wolford said at the scene.

Wolford accompanied the patrol that night and described the Naha streets as relatively quiet.

Nix declined to release additional details, including suspects' branches of service or the specific charges they may face. Their commanders will "impose appropriate sanctions on those found in violation of the Liberty Order or the Uniform Code of Military Justice," he said.

"These patrols contribute to the maintenance of good order and discipline and help foster strong relationships with local communities," Nix added. "We will continue planning, coordinating, and executing these patrols in close collaboration with our Japanese partners."

The Okinawa city patrol took place between midnight and 2 a.m. and included 17 Japanese participants from the city, the prefecture, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Okinawa Liaison Office, and the Okinawa Defense Bureau, a city spokesman said by phone Wednesday. About eight U.S. military police took part.

Some Japanese government officials can speak to the media only on condition of anonymity.

Stars and Stripes reporter Keishi Koja contributed to this report.

Air Force has new rules on mustaches, sideburns

Guidance mandates neatly trimmed facial hair, beards allowed only under exception

BY MATTHEW ADAMS
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The Air Force has new regulations on how long mustaches and sideburns can be, a spokesperson confirmed Tuesday.

"The new guidance mandates that sideburns must be above the ear opening and mustaches are prohibited from going beyond the corners of the mouth or into a respirator seal zone," an Air Force spokesperson said on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly on the matter.

The grooming standards were outlined in an Oct. 29 memo, with graphics provided as examples. Mustaches must be neatly trimmed, and handlebar styles, twists, curls, and goatees are prohibited, according to the 10-page memo.

Beards are not authorized unless for "medical reasons, recommended by a medical official, and approved by applicable unit commander or as authorized pursuant to a request for a religious accommodation," the memo states.

"When authorized for medical reasons, members will keep all facial hair trimmed to the same length and it may not exceed 1/4-inch in length," the memo reads.

The policy comes following Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth's speech to top military officers in Quantico, Va.

"No more beardos," Hegseth said during a 45-minute presentation Sept. 30. "The era of rampant and ridiculous shaving profiles is done. Simply put, if you do not meet the male-level physical standards for combat positions, cannot pass a [physical training] test or don't want to shave and look professional, it's time for a new position or a new profession."

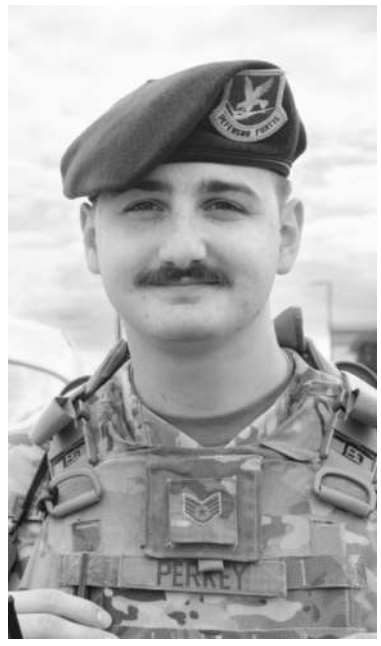
Hegseth has railed against bearded troops for months and ordered a military-wide review of grooming standards in March. The Army and Marine Corps tightened rules on medical shaving waivers shortly after that order.

The Pentagon published a memo following the secretary's speech that it would cease granting permanent medical shaving exemptions and end most religious exemptions that have allowed some U.S. military troops to wear beards in uniform in recent years. The department gave military branches 60 days to construct plans for implementing the new grooming policies and about 90 days to enforce them.

Hegseth's policy allows male service members to wear sideburns "above ear openings," and "neatly trimmed" mustaches which cannot "extend past the mouth corners or into a respirator seal zone."

The policy also ends permanent shaving profiles for those who suffer from pseudofolliculitis barbae, or razor bumps. Current troops with razor-bump profiles can be granted shaving exemptions for up to 12 months, but they must also have a treatment plan. Those with permanent conditions will be considered for administrative separation, Hegseth wrote.

Pseudofolliculitis barbae, caused by curly hairs growing back into the skin, disproportionately affects Black men and is associated with frequent shaving, according to a study by the Society of Federal Health Professionals.



ASHA WILTSHIRE /U.S. Air Force

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Lance Perkey at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., on Nov. 25. A new Air Force guideline says mustaches must be neatly trimmed.

USS Washington visits South Korea for first time in more than a decade

BY ALEX WILSON AND YOOJIN LEE
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The USS George Washington steamed into Busan Bay on Wednesday, making its first visit to the Korean Peninsula since 2014, according to South Korea's navy.

The aircraft carrier arrived at Busan Naval Base alongside the guided-missile destroyers USS Shoup and USS Milius and the guided-missile cruiser USS Robert Smalls, the navy said in a news release.

The George Washington and its crew of approximately 4,700 sailors are expected to rest and replenish supplies, and the South Korean military plans to "further strengthen exchanges and cooperation" between the two countries, according to the release.

A spokesperson for South Korea's navy said by phone Wednesday he was not authorized to speak with foreign news agencies and referred all additional questions to U.S. Forces Korea.

USFK directed inquiries to the U.S. 7th Fleet, which acknowledged Stars and Stripes' request for comment but was unable to respond by Wednesday evening.

The George Washington's arrival comes less than a week after it left its homeport at Yokosuka Naval Base in Japan, where it made a brief mid-deployment stop. While in Yokosuka, the carrier served as a platform for President Donald Trump's address to troops on Oct. 28.

This marks the George Washington's first stop in South Korea since 2014 and its first visit since South Korean President Lee Jae Myung took office on June 4. The last U.S. aircraft carrier to visit the peninsula was the USS Carl Vinson, which docked in Busan on March 2.

That stop prompted Kim Yo Jong, the influential sister of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, to warn Washington and Seoul against testing "the will and ability" of the regime. She said the visit regarded Pyongyang's security concerns and represented a "hostile policy" toward the North.

North Korea had not publicly commented on the George Washington's arrival as of Wednesday afternoon.

MILITARY



DANA MILLINGTON/Australian Defence Department

Samoan first responders pull simulated casualties out of the water during a disaster-relief exercise in the island nation in late October as part of the annual U.S. Navy-led Pacific Partnership humanitarian mission.

Navy Pacific Partnership mission preps Samoa for mass rescues

BY SETH ROBSON
Stars and Stripes

American sailors and personnel from nine other nations recently wrapped up a two-week exercise in the South Pacific island nation of Samoa as part of an annual U.S. Navy humanitarian mission.

The sailors, along with personnel from Samoa, Australia, Canada, Germany, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea, Singapore and the United Kingdom, rehearsed a mass rescue in the islands, according to an Australian Defence Department news release Wednesday.

Samoa is vulnerable to extreme weather, and the drill sought to improve disaster readiness and the ability of South Pacific nations to work together, the release said.

Five to nine named tropical cyclones could occur in the Southwest Pacific between this month and April, New Zealand's National Institute for Water and Atmospheric Research reported Oct. 8.

The expeditionary sea base USS John L. Canley arrived in Samoa on Oct. 21, the Samoan News Hub website reported Wednesday.

The commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, Adm. Steve Koehler, attended Friday's closing ceremony for the exercise aboard the French patrol vessel Auguste Bénébig docked at Apia, the Samoan capital, according to the report.

The Navy's work in Samoa was part of Pacific Partnership, an annual deployment conceived after the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami that involves port calls in developing nations throughout the region.

This year's mission, involving more than 1,500 personnel, included stops in Papua New Guinea, Federated States of Micronesia, Palau, Samoa, Vanuatu, the Philippines, Fiji, and Tonga, according to a July 9 Navy news release.

The dock landing ship USS Pearl Harbor began its Pacific Partnership voyage on July 8 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

The operation, led by the commander of Destroyer Squadron 31, Capt. Mark Stefanik, is focused on engineering, disaster management and medical support, according to the Navy release.

"This enduring mission provides us the opportunity to build on our relationships, share expertise, and learn from one another," he said in the release. "Our shared experiences help create more resilient communities, and I'm proud to lead a team committed to strengthening partnerships across the Indo-Pacific."

Living quarters upgrade in works at camp in Kenya

BY JOHN VANDIVER
Stars and Stripes

A remote outpost in Kenya used to support U.S. military operations in Somalia is getting a quality-of-life boost, with troops moving out of tents and into hardtop shelter.

The switch is part of a larger initiative aimed at improving security and overall operational readiness at Camp Simba, the 406th Air Expeditionary Wing said in a recent statement.

The first phase of the project will replace 10 large deployable tents typically used for crisis operations with 88 containerized housing units, according to the statement. Such housing was a common feature on many bases used by U.S. forces during the war years in Iraq.

"The current tent structures are vulnerable to fire, pests and severe weather, while the new units will provide a safer, more reliable and sustainable living environment," the statement said.

Situated near the border of Somalia in coastal Kenya, Camp Simba has played a role in supporting U.S. Africa Command missions in the neighboring war-torn country.

The camp also has found itself in the crosshairs of al-Shabab, the Islamic extremist group that's been waging an insurgency in Somalia for two decades.

In 2020, al-Shabab militants launched an attack on Manda Bay airfield, about a mile down the road from Camp Simba. Both sites are used by U.S. forces.



CARL GOOD/US. Air Force

U.S. airmen watch the action at a construction site on Oct. 22 at Camp Simba, Kenya.

Army Spc. Henry Mayfield Jr., 23, and two Defense Department pilot contractors, Dustin Harrison and Bruce Triplett, were killed when the insurgents overran the Manda Bay site.

AFRICOM had to dispatch a quick-reaction force based out of Djibouti to reinforce the base.

In the aftermath, security measures were bolstered at Manda Bay and Camp Simba to better protect U.S. troops.

The ongoing modernization at Camp Simba "reflects the U.S. military's commitment to sustaining the base and protecting the force by providing safe, functional facilities," the wing said.

Senators say DOD is stonewalling lawmakers on policy changes

BY SVETLANA SHKOLNIKOVA
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Republican defense hawks on Tuesday lashed out at the Pentagon for failing to engage with Congress on major policy decisions, accusing officials of acting unilaterally and stonewalling lawmakers.

"We're not getting anything," said Sen. Dan Sullivan, R-Alaska. "Trust me, I've been trying."

"It just seems like there's this pigpen-like mess coming out of the policy shop that you don't see" from other offices, said Sen. Tom Cotton, R-Ark.

The admonishments came after the Pentagon last week announced it would withdraw a brigade from Romania, catching lawmakers by surprise. The move followed other decisions that have blindsided Congress, including reviews of a nuclear submarine agreement with Australia and the stationing of U.S. troops abroad.

Sen. Roger Wicker of Mississippi, the Republican chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said the panel has struggled to receive information on the policy changes and has learned of many of them through news reports.



Dahmer

"At times, Pentagon officials have pursued policies that are not in accord with President Trump's orders or seem uncoordinated within the administration," he said. "The situation needs to improve if we are to craft the best defense policy."

The latest frustration came Sunday night, when the Pentagon informed the committee it had changed the title of the assistant secretary of defense for strategy, plans and capabilities, senators said. The change, which replaced the word "capabilities" with "forces," had been made nearly a month prior, according to senators.

On Tuesday, the nominee for the position, Austin Dahmer, appeared before the panel for his confirmation hearing and defended the Pentagon's decision-making process for pulling troops from Romania, saying the country and other allies had been consulted.

Dahmer, who is currently the acting deputy undersecretary of defense for policy, said the Defense Department's legislative affairs office had briefed Congress "no less than four times on this issue," including three times before the drawdown was made public and a briefing on Monday.

But Wicker and other senators said they had no knowledge of any briefing taking place Monday.

"I wasn't invited," said Sen. Rick Scott, R-Fla.

Sen. Elissa Slotkin, D-Mich., said the Romanian ambassador to the U.S. and other senior Romanian officials had told lawmakers that they found out about the U.S. withdrawal from Romania from the press.

Senators from both parties also repeatedly questioned Dahmer, a former adviser to Sen. Josh Hawley, R-Mo., on a reported decision this year to briefly halt weapons shipments to Ukraine.

Dahmer said he was not aware of any pause in military aid to Ukraine, citing "inaccurate reporting." He blamed "fake news" for the string of controversies that have involved the Pentagon's policy office.

If confirmed, Dahmer would report to Elbridge Colby, the undersecretary of defense for policy. Sullivan on Tuesday singled out Colby for failing to respond to lawmakers, describing him as the "hardest guy to get a hold of" in the Trump administration.

"He came to this committee and said, 'Hey, I'm going to work with the Congress' — he hasn't, on big issues," Sullivan said.

The frustration from Republican lawmakers comes amid a bipartisan push for more information from the Pentagon on a range of issues.

The leaders of the Senate Armed Services Committee on Friday released two letters sent to Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth demanding copies of orders issued for the strikes on alleged drug boats in the Caribbean and Pacific, along with the legal justification behind them.

The requests, sent in September and October, have gone unanswered.

MILITARY

Catholics dismayed by contract cancelation

By Lara Korte
Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — Army chaplains ministering to Catholics in military communities here and elsewhere say their pastoral burden has become overwhelming since the service canceled contracts for a number of vital support roles earlier this year.

That decision deprived Army religious communities of staffers whose duties included such things as educational instruction, music for worship and administrative assistance.

Although the mandate is not directed at a specific denomination, Catholic leaders have been particularly vocal about the change, as highlighted by an October pastoral letter from the head of the Archdiocese for the Military Services.

Archbishop Timothy Broglio said the action "disproportionately harms Catholics" because priests are already in high demand and the Catholic liturgy requires specialized support.

"In canceling these contracts, the Army over-burdens Catholic chaplains, harms chapel communities, and impedes the constitutional guarantee of the free exercise of religion especially for Catholics," Broglio wrote on Oct. 17.

In Kaiserslautern, chaplains who serve in the U.S. Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz lost out on their ability to fill a yearlong vacancy for the post of pastoral life coordinator.

The previous holder of that job performed administrative duties for three locations, including keeping track of sacramental records and coordinating with the Army to make sure community needs were met.

Chaplains and volunteers have been trying to keep pace in the interim, but now they worry that they'll have to shoulder the burden indefinitely.

"If you ask any Catholic chaplain, they will tell you we are struggling to manage a crisis that we are not prepared for," said Maj. Philip Tah, one of three full-time Catholic priests serving U.S. Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz.



Stephen Perez/U.S. Army

Col. Andrew Lawrence, the Installation Management Command–Europe command chaplain, speaks at a celebration in Wiesbaden, Germany, July 29 honoring the 250th anniversary of the Army Chaplain Corps.

Each Catholic chaplain in the garrison is assigned to a unit, where they serve soldiers during the week, in addition to celebrating daily Mass and officiating Sunday services.



Tah

It's already a demanding job, but having to pick up the duties of the pastoral life coordinator has been nearly impossible, Tah said, adding that some days he doesn't even have time to eat lunch.

The contract cancellations were to take effect no later than Oct. 1, according to a March memo from Installation Management Command's Religious Support Office, which oversees religious activities in Army garrisons.

The command raised concerns that the religious coordinator contracts overlapped with the duties of chaplains or other support personnel.

"It creates a redundancy and is strictly prohibited to use a different funding stream to contract for tasks and services already included in validated manning requirements," the memo states.

But Scott Matthews, a retired Army colonel and president of the pastoral advisory council at the Daenner Catholic Community in Kaiserslautern, said the contract support is essential.

"Service members and their families are used to this kind of support at Catholic parishes back home, and they deserve the same level of pastoral care while serving overseas," Matthews said.

Broglio's letter, which was also sent to all members of Congress, emphasized the work of pastoral life coordinators and coordinators of religious education.

The Archdiocese for the Military Services "has been especially dependent upon the professional skills and theological training" of the religious education coordinators, whose responsibilities include coordinating catechist certification and ensuring the use of proper materials, he wrote.

He added that despite repeated assurances the Army would provide substitutes to fill the gaps caused by the cancellation of the contracts, "that has not happened, and it is, in fact, impossible."

For Kaiserslautern-area residents like Jessica Castillo, having a thriving church community is important to service members so far from home.

In this part of Germany, there are few Catholic services offered in English.

Castillo regularly attends Mass at the Daenner Kaserne chapel with her three children and her husband, an Army lieutenant colonel. On a recent Sunday, nearly 200 members of the U.S. military community packed the pews of the chapel for Mass.

Castillo and her husband volunteer to help with religious education, but she said she's concerned about what will happen now that the Army has canceled the support contracts.

"Our priests give so much of themselves," Castillo said. "But at the same time, without volunteers and priests willing to just pour themselves out, it doesn't work."

Ashley Cranfill, whose husband is on active duty in the Air Force, has been coming to Daenner Chapel with their two kids for nearly three years.

Cranfill said three or four volunteers have been filling in since their congregation lost its pastoral life coordinator last year. She's not sure how sustainable that solution will be in the long term.

"I'm grateful for the community and that we're rallying together," she said. "But it will become burdensome if we have to continue to do it all by ourselves."

Some hope for a restoration of the support positions came in an email the Archdiocese for the Military Services sent to chaplains in late October.

It said Army Secretary Daniel Driscoll had committed to reinstating the contracts within one month.

However, an Army spokesman who responded to questions about Broglio's concerns declined to provide a timeline or say whether Driscoll had made such a commitment.

Contract support for religious services will be reexamined to soften the impact on the military, Col. Marty Meiners said in a statement.

"These roles are vital in supporting the spiritual well-being of our community," Meiners said. "The Army is committed to ensuring the continued provision of comprehensive religious support for all our service members and their families."

Missing: Changes come after service faced years of criticism

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dier during that time frame. Law enforcement officials must then "create a blotter entry," issue a "Be-On-The-Lookout," or BOLO, order for the missing soldier and enter "all relevant information into the Missing Persons File of the National Crime Information Center database," which provides information to law enforcement officials nationwide.

Local law enforcement officials must also be notified of the missing soldier's status during that three-hour period, Driscoll wrote.

If the soldier cannot be located in 48 hours, commanders are to determine "by a preponderance of evidence" if that soldier's absence is voluntary or involuntary.

Those found to be missing intentionally will be reported as Absent Without Leave, or AWOL, and potentially face criminal charges.

Those found to be involuntarily absent, or if there is a lack of evidence to determine if they left intentionally, should be reported missing to law enforcement and their status declared "duty status-whereabouts unknown," or DUSTWUN.

Missing soldiers who have indicated the potential for self-harm are also to be reported missing to law enforcement, according to the memo.

Driscoll's order comes after the service has for years faced criticism that it has acted slowly to find missing soldiers. It updates the missing soldier processes that were implemented after high-profile investigations into the disappearance and slaying of 20-year-old Spc. Vanessa Guillen at Fort Hood, Texas in 2020. The Army launched an internal command investigation into Guillen's death and a separate probe into Fort Hood's command climate and culture after her death conducted by a panel of outside experts dubbed The Fort Hood Independent Review Committee.

After those investigations, the Army added the "absent-unknown" status to allow commanders to assess the situation without immediately labeling them AWOL, which carries a negative connotation and implies they are intentionally missing, Army leaders said at the time.

Driscoll wrote in his new memo that his new policy should provide a detailed explanation of how commanders and Army law enforcement should handle all missing soldiers.

"The Army will always place people first and will never leave a soldier behind," he wrote.

NATION

Shutdown becomes longest on record

By Lisa Mascaro and Mary Clare Jalonick
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government shutdown entered its 36th day Wednesday, breaking the record as the longest ever and disrupting the lives of millions of Americans with program cuts, flight delays and federal workers nationwide left without paychecks.

President Donald Trump has refused to negotiate with Democrats over their demands to salvage expiring health insurance subsidies until they agree to reopen the government. But skeptical Democrats question whether the president will keep his word, particularly after the administration restricted SNAP food aid despite court orders to ensure funds are available to prevent hunger.

Trump, whose first term at the White House set the previous government shutdown record, said this one was a "big factor, negative" in the GOP's election losses Tuesday and he repeated his demands for Republicans to end the Senate filibuster as a way to reopen government — something senators have refused to do.

"We must get the government back open soon," Trump said during a breakfast meeting Wednesday with GOP senators at the White House.

Trump pushed for ending the Senate rule, which requires a 60-vote threshold for advancing most legislation, as a way to steamroll the Democratic minority on the shutdown and pass a long list of other GOP priorities. Republicans now hold a 53-47 majority in the Senate, and Democrats have been able to block legislation that would fund the government, having voted more than a dozen times against.

"It's time for Republicans to do what they have to do, and that's terminate the filibuster," Trump told the senators.

That push is likely to go unmet by Republican senators but could spur them to deal with the Democrats.

Trump has remained largely on the sidelines throughout the shutdown, keeping a robust schedule of global travel and events, including at his private Mar-a-Lago club in Florida. Instead, talks have intensified among a loose coalition of centrist senators trying to negotiate an end to the stalemate.

Expectations are high that the logjam would break once election results were fully tallied in the off-year races widely watched as a gauge of voter sentiment over Trump's second term. Democrats swept key contests, emboldening progressive senators who want to keep fighting for health care funds. Moderate Democrats have been more ready to compromise.

The top Democrats in Congress demanded that Trump meet with Capitol Hill leaders to negotiate an end to the shutdown and address health care.

Nonprofits raise concerns about rising need from veterans

By Linda F. Hersey
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Higher costs for groceries, utilities and housing, cutbacks on food stamps and the federal government shutdown are all contributing to headwinds that disabled and low-income veterans are facing, according to major nonprofit agencies that support former service members and their families.

That message was delivered Tuesday by four organizations that assist veterans with emergency dollars to cover bills, housing for the homeless and support for family caregivers that enable sick and injured veterans to keep living at home.

The groups offered firsthand accounts of what they described as a recent spike in requests for help from veterans and their families.

"A lot of veterans and their families are living at or below the poverty line. In the last three weeks, we've seen a 500% increase in financial need in the context of the federal government shutdown and complexities of an individual's own situation. My team is working in hyper-drive," said Steve Schwab, chief executive officer of the Elizabeth Dole Foundation in Washington, D.C.

"When Our Heroes Need Help" was the title of the forum in the nation's capital that featured representatives from the Elizabeth Dole Foundation, Veterans Community Project, Wounded Veterans Relief Fund and the University of Arizona's Veterans Advocacy Law Clinic.



VETERANS COMMUNITY PROJECT

Veterans Community Project reports a surge in veterans' requests for food at its commissary and for help paying basic bills.

Schwab offered the recent case of a veteran with children who contacted the foundation because he did not have enough money to buy food and pay his bills.

"We sent them money to purchase food. His car broke down, and we repaired it for him so he could go to work," Schwab said.

With Veterans Day on Tuesday, the groups said they wanted to step out from their usual roles working behind the scenes providing advocacy and financial help to share concerns about a rising need for assistance.

Contributing to the demand are furloughed federal workers sent home Oct. 1 when the federal government shut down after Congress failed to pass a funding extension bill.

Up to a third of federal government workers are veterans.

"There are 18 million veterans in the United States who served their country when called. This Veterans Day, far too many of these American heroes and their loved ones need our help — with health care, with housing, sometimes with simply accessing the benefits they're entitled to or should have," the organizations said in a joint statement.

Vincent Morales, co-founder of Veterans Community Project based in Kansas City, Mo., said his organization is seeing a surge in demand for groceries at its commissary and for financial help with basic bills.

"For us, this is business as usual, but this is more business," Morales said.

There is an "overflow" of requests to Veterans Community Project — which provides short-term housing and other assistance — as other funding dries up at nonprofits that rely on government dollars.

Veterans Community Project is largely funded by private donations.

Low-income and disabled veterans also face new restrictions for government-funded food assistance and health care.

More than 1.2 million low-income veterans who rely on food assistance were told to expect possible cuts to their monthly benefits in November. The federal government shutdown has resulted in the suspension of funds for SNAP — the nation's largest anti-hunger program serving 42 million Americans.

President Donald Trump on social media Tuesday threatened to keep withholding SNAP funds after his administration earlier agreed to tap a contingency fund to pay half the amount people normally receive each month.

The program primarily serves the elderly, children and disabled.

White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt said later the administration will fully comply with the orders, but it will take some time to "dig into the contingency fund" and get the money out to recipients.

Veterans groups also warned that new Medicaid work rules adopted in the "Big Beautiful Bill" Trump recently signed into law could create hardships for individuals who are homeless or without a steady income.

About 1.6 million veterans are enrolled in the government health insurance program.

"We are trying to serve as many veterans as we possibly can. Every month we have to shut down applications because demand is so high," said Nick Cameron, director of operations for Wounded Veterans Relief Fund, in Florida, which provides emergency dollars to veterans behind on their bills or who need money for groceries.

"When a veteran finally raises a hand for help it's almost too late," he said. Their lights are turned off or their car is about to be repossessed, Cameron said.

Referral to German food aid disappears from Army website

By Matthew M. Burke
Stars and Stripes

GRAFENWOEHR, Germany — A U.S. Army garrison in Germany's largest state briefly offered community members seeking food aid amid the government shutdown an online referral to German public resources.

The list of five German support organizations appeared on the "shutdown guidance" web page of U.S. Army Garrison Bavaria but was removed sometime Wednesday.

Before it was taken down, an image of the listings was posted on a handful of Reddit pages. The garrison includes installations in Grafenwoehr, Vilseck, Hohenfels, and Garmisch.

It's unclear when the list was posted on the garrison website or whether Americans qualify for assistance from any of the five German agencies. Garrison officials did not immediately respond to requests seeking comment Wednesday afternoon.

Food aid for U.S. military families is available from various American-run sources.

The Bavaria Community and Spouses' Club operates two food pantries out of the thrift shops on Tower Barracks in Grafenwoehr and Rose Barracks in Vilseck.

Grafenwoehr Elementary School began accepting nonperishable food items Oct. 27 to aid those in need, according to a flyer distributed by the school.

No-questions-asked pickups can be scheduled for any school day starting at 2:45 p.m. via email.

Requests should be directed to school counselor Cherine Redmond at:

cherine.redmond@dodea.edu.

The school is still accepting donations including staples like rice, soup, soap and other nonperishables, the flyer said. Donation bins are located by the school entrance.

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Election: Poll finds economy top concern among voters

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in off-year elections.

Meanwhile, Republicans in Washington may be more excited than Democrats that a self-described democratic socialist will become New York City's next mayor.

Here's some top takeaways:

■ **A new Democratic playbook emerges:** Former Rep. Abigail Spanberger will become Virginia's next governor — and its first female chief executive — while Rep. Mikie Sherrill won the New Jersey governor's office by running campaigns focused largely on the economy, public safety and health care.

Early results showed Democrats outperforming their margins from four years ago in fast-growing suburbs, rural areas and even places with high concentrations of military voters.

The Democrats won by actively distancing themselves from some of the Democratic Party's far-left policies and emphasized what Spanberger described in her victory speech as "pragmatism over partisanship."

A growing collection of Democratic leaders believe the moderate approach holds the key to the party's revival after the GOP won the White House and both congressional chambers last year.

Above all, the Democrats in both states focused on rising costs such as groceries, energy and health care, which Trump has struggled to control.

In addition to tacking to the middle on economic issues, Spanberger and Sherrill downplayed their support for progressive priorities, including LGBTQ rights and resistance against Trump's attack on American institutions. Spanberger rarely even mentioned Trump's name on the campaign trail.

Both also have resumes that appealed to the middle.

Spanberger is a former CIA case officer who spent years abroad working undercover, while Sherrill spent a decade as an active-duty helicopter pilot for the Navy before entering Congress. Both played up their public safety backgrounds as a direct response to the GOP's attack that Democrats are soft on crime.



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Aldona Martinka carries her 2-month-old daughter while voting at Minneapolis Elections and Voter Services ahead of Election Day, on Monday, in Minneapolis.

■ **It's (still) the economy, stupid:** Trump and his Republican allies have been especially focused on immigration, crime and conservative cultural issues.

But voters who decided Tuesday's top elections were more concerned about the economy, jobs and costs of living. That's according to the AP Voter Poll, an expansive survey of more than 17,000 voters in New Jersey, Virginia, California and New York City suggesting that many voters felt they can't get ahead financially in today's economy.

Ironically, the same economic anxieties helped propel Trump to the White House just one year ago. Now, the economic concerns appear to be undermining his party's political goals in 2025 — and could be more problematic for the GOP in next year's midterm elections, which will decide the balance of power for Trump's final two years in office.

That's even as Trump regularly brags about stock prices booming and boasted about leading a new renaissance of American manufacturing.

About half of Virginia voters said the economy was the most important issue facing their state while most New Jersey voters said either taxes or the economy were the top issue in their state. Just over half of New York City voters said cost of living was their top concern.

It was unclear whether kitchen table concerns weighing so heavily on voters might help break the impasse that has prompted the government shutdown, which has spanned more than a month.

■ **A referendum on Trump:** This was the first major Election Day since Trump returned to the White House. And voters rejected candidates and causes aligned with Trump's Republican Party from Virginia and Pennsylvania to Maine and New Jersey.

They also expressed strong feelings about the direction of the country under his leadership.

About 6 in 10 voters in Virginia and New Jersey said they are "angry" or "dissatisfied" with the way things are going in the country today, according to the AP Voter Poll. Just one-third said they are "enthusiastic" or "satisfied."

In a sign of the extent of the GOP's struggles, Republicans lost the Virginia attorney general's race to Democrat Jay Jones, who was forced to apologize after text messages surfaced weeks before Election Day in which he depicted the murder of political opponents.

Fearing a bad night, Trump tried to distance himself from the election results.

The president endorsed Republican Jack Ciattarelli in New Jersey but held only a pair of tele-town halls on his behalf, including one Monday night. Trump also did a Monday night tele-town hall for Virginia Republican candidates, but he focused mostly in favor of the GOP candidate for attorney general, who also lost.

Despite Trump's distance, his policies — including his "big, beautiful" budget bill and his massive cuts to the federal workforce — played a central role in Virginia, New Jersey and even New York City's mayoral contest. And the Republicans in each refused to distance themselves from the president or his agenda.

The results left the president ducking blame.

"TRUMP WASN'T ON THE BALLOT, AND SHUTDOWN, WERE THE TWO REASONS THAT REPUBLICANS LOST ELECTIONS TONIGHT," according to pollsters, he posted on his social media account.

Trump held a breakfast meeting Wednesday at the White House with Senate Republicans who have so far opposed his calls to end the shutdown by abandoning the legislative filibuster, the 60-vote minimum needed to pass most major legislation though the Senate.

■ **A new star for Democrats (and Republicans) in New York City:** Moderates won in Virginia and New Jersey. But it was a self-described democratic socialist who cruised to victory in New York City.

Zohran Mamdani, a 34-year-old state legislator who backs radical changes to address economic inequality, will serve as the next mayor of the nation's largest city.

His bold agenda and inspirational approach helped generate the largest turnout in a New York City mayoral race in at least three decades. It also spooked some business leaders and voices in the Jewish community, who otherwise support Democrats but oppose some of Mamdani's past statements about personal wealth accumulation and Israel.

Trump, who actually endorsed Mamdani's independent opponent, former Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo, falsely called Mamdani a communist on the eve of the election.

Some Republicans in Washington were quietly rooting for a Mamdani victory. Even before his win was final, Republican campaign committees launched attack ads against more than a dozen vulnerable House Democrats in New York and New Jersey linking them to Mamdani and his far-left politics.

The ad campaign is expected to extend to Democrats across the country ahead of next year's midterms.

■ **More Democratic wins:** The Democratic successes extended beyond Virginia, New Jersey and New York.

In Pennsylvania, Democrats swept all three elections for state supreme court justices. The wins could have implications for key cases involving redistricting and balloting for midterm elections — and the 2028 presidential race — in the nation's most populous swing state.

Conservative causes struggled on ballot questions in other states as well.

Maine voters defeated a measure that would have mandated showing an ID at the polls while approving a "red flag" rule meant to make it easier for family members to petition a court to restrict a potentially dangerous person's access to guns.

Colorado approved raising taxes on people earning more than $300,000 to fund school meal programs and food assistance for low-income state residents.

And in California, Gov. Gavin Newsom, frequently mentioned as a 2028 presidential hopeful, led a triumphant charge to redraw congressional maps to give Democrats as many as five more House seats in upcoming elections.

The push is the centerpiece of a Democratic effort to counter new Republican maps in Texas and elsewhere that were drawn to boost the GOP's chances in next year's fight to control Congress. For the new maps to count in 2026, however, Californians had to vote on a yes-or-no ballot question known as Proposition 50. It was easily approved.

Pa. reelects Supreme Court justices, extending Dem's majority

Associated Press

HARRISBURG, Pa. — All three of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court justices who sought reelection Tuesday will get another term, ensuring Democratic jurists keep their majority on the presidential battleground state's highest court — one at the center of pivotal fights over voting rights, redistricting and elections.

The result shapes the makeup of the seven-member court through the next presidential election in 2028.

The three justices had been elected as Democrats, and voters were deciding whether to extend the court's Democratic majority. Rejecting all three could have plunged the court into a partisan deadlock if the state's politically divided government could not agree on temporary appointees to fill in.

Justices Christine Donohue, Kevin Dougherty and David Wecht won new terms, with support from the Democratic Party and allies including Planned Parenthood, labor unions, trial lawyers and a constellation of progressive groups.

In a statement, Donohue said the result shows that "Pennsylvanians have trust in the independence of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and, additionally, appreciate the importance of a stable Pennsylvania Supreme Court."

Democratic Gov. Josh Shapiro — considered a potential White House contender in 2028 who is up for reelection next year — appeared in ads for the justices and lobbied for their retention.

Pennsylvania "sent a resounding message by voting to retain all three Supreme Court Justices who will continue to defend the rule of law, safeguard our elections, and protect our constitutional rights," Shapiro said in a statement.

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Dem Sherrill elected governor of New Jersey

Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — U.S. Rep. Mikie Sherrill on Tuesday was elected governor of New Jersey, raising hopes for Democrats and highlighting Republican vulnerabilities after there had been signs of a rightward shift in recent years in what has been a reliably blue state.

Sherrill, a former Navy helicopter pilot and four-term member of Congress, defeated Jack Ciattarelli, who was endorsed by President Donald Trump, and quickly cast her victory late Tuesday as a referendum on the Republican president and some of his policies — from health care to immigration and the economy.

"We here in New Jersey are bound to fight for a different future for our children," Sherrill told her supporters gathered to celebrate her victory. "We see how clearly important liberty is. We know that no one in our great state is safe when our neighbors are targeted, ignoring the law and the Constitution." She was joined on stage with her husband and children.

Sherrill, 53, offers some reassurance for moderates within the Democratic Party as they navigate the path forward for next year's midterms. A former prosecutor and military veteran, Sherrill and Abigail Spanberger, the other Democrat who was elected as Virginia governor, embody a brand of centrist Democrats who aim to appeal to some conservatives while still aligning with some progressive causes. Sherrill campaigned on standing up to Trump and casting blame for voters' concerns over the economy on his tariffs.

Ciattarelli called Sherrill to congratulate her on the results and did not mention Trump in his address.

"It is my hope that Mikie Sherrill has heard us in terms of what we need to do to make New Jersey that place where everybody can once again feel that they can achieve their American dream," Ciattarelli said.

The start of voting on Tuesday was disrupted after officials in seven counties received e-mailed bomb threats later determined by law enforcement to be unfounded, said the state's top election official, Lt. Gov. Tahesha Way. A judge granted a one-hour extension at some polling places after Democrats made a request for three schools that received the threats earlier Tuesday.

Sherrill will be New Jersey's second female governor, after Republican Christine Todd Whitman, who served between 1994 and 2001. Her victory also gives Democrats three straight gubernatorial election wins in New Jersey, the first time in six decades that either major party has achieved a three-peat.

Ciattarelli lost his second straight general election after coming within a few points of defeating incumbent Gov. Phil Murphy four years ago.

New Jersey's odd-year race for governor, one of just two this year along with Virginia, often hinged on local issues such as property taxes. But the campaign also served as a potential gauge of national sentiment, especially how voters are reacting to the president's second term and Democrats' messaging ahead of the 2026 midterm elections.

Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly, chair of the Democratic Governors Association, praised Sherrill's win as "a roadmap for how Democrats can overcome precedent and win in deeply competitive races when we stay laser-focused on our positive vision to address the biggest issues impacting families in their daily lives."

In her speech on Tuesday, Sherrill said voters were concerned with attacks on their civil liberties as well as on their economic well-being. She said Trump is "ripping away" health care and targeting food benefits. Democratic governors across the country have been pushing back on those issues, as well as planned National Guard deployments in their states.

During her campaign, Sherrill leaned hard into her credentials as a congresswoman and onetime prosecutor as well as her military service. But she also had to defend her Navy service record after a news report that she was not allowed to participate in her 1994 graduation ceremony from the U.S. Naval Academy commencement in connection with an academic cheating scandal at the school.

Sherrill said the punishment was a result of not turning in some classmates, not because she herself had cheated. But she declined to release additional records that the Ciattarelli campaign said would shed more light on the issue.



MATT ROURKE/AP

U.S. Rep. Mikie Sherrill and her running mate, Dale Caldwell, celebrate during an election night party in East Brunswick, N.J., on Tuesday.

Spanberger elected Virginia governor in a historic first

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Democrat Abigail Spanberger won the Virginia governor's race Tuesday, defeating Republican Lt. Gov. Winsome Earle-Sears to give Democrats a key victory heading into the 2026 midterm elections and make history as the first woman ever to lead the commonwealth.

Spanberger's win was the first in a big night for Democrats in Virginia and around the country, casting new doubts about President Donald Trump's political strength less than a year into his second White House term.

"We sent a message to every corner of the commonwealth, a message to our neighbors and our fellow Americans across the country," Spanberger told supporters Tuesday night in Richmond. "We sent a message to the whole word that in 2025, Virginia chose pragmatism over partisanship. We chose our commonwealth over chaos."

Also Tuesday, Democrat Ghazala F. Hashmi won the lieutenant governor's race and will succeed Earle-Sears. Hashmi is the first Muslim woman to win a statewide office in the U.S. And in a night of firsts, Democratic challenger Jay Jones defeated Republican Jason Miyares to become the state's first Black attorney general and complete a Democratic sweep of the commonwealth's statewide posts. Democrats also retained control of the state legislature.

Spanberger, a former congresswoman and CIA case officer, won by emphasizing economic issues, a strategy that may serve as a model for other Democrats in next year's elections as they try to break Republicans' hold on power in Washington and gain ground in statehouses.

Campaigning, Spanberger often sidestepped the historic potential of her candidacy. In victory, she embraced it.



Hashmi

"Just a few minutes ago, Adam said to our daughters, your mom's going to be the governor of Virginia. And I can guarantee those words have never been spoken in Virginia ever before," she said.

"It's a big deal," she added, "that the girls and the young women I have met along the campaign trail now know with certainty that they can achieve anything."

Spanberger's eyes welled up as she told her family she loved them. Her husband and three daughters, standing behind her, wiped tears from their cheeks.

Throughout the campaign, Spanberger made carefully crafted economic arguments against Trump's policies, while she spent considerable sums on ads tying Earle-Sears to the president. She campaigned across the state, including in Republican-leaning areas, and in her first appearance as governor-elect she wore a bright red suit.

Yet Spanberger also emphasized her support for abortion rights in the last Southern state that has not enacted new restrictions or bans on the procedure, and she railed against Trump's Department of Government Efficiency, the U.S. government shutdown and their negative impact on a state with several hundred thousand federal employees.

That approach helped corral Democrats' core supporters while attracting the kinds of swing voters who elected Republican Gov. Glenn Youngkin four years ago. It also continued a historical trend for Virginia: Since Jimmy Carter won the White House in 1976, Virginia has backed a governor from the opposite party of every first-term president in the following year. This year is a special case, given the gap between Trump's terms.

Earle-Sears 61, would have become the first Black woman to be elected as a governor in the U.S.

"My opponent, Abigail, ran as a moderate," Earle-Sears said in her concession speech. "If she governs as one, then she will unite us, and she'll heal our divide and win our support. I hope and pray she does."



STEPHANIE SCARBROUGH/AP

Democrat Abigail Spanberger points out at the crowd after she was declared the winner of the Virginia governor's race Tuesday in Richmond, Va.

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Mamdani vows to make city better in mayor victory



YUKI IWAMURA/AP

Zohran Mamdani gives a victory speech at a mayoral election night watch party Tuesday, in New York.

BY ANTHONY IZAGUIRRE AND JILL COLVIN
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Zohran Mamdani was elected mayor of New York on Tuesday, capping a stunning ascent for the 34-year-old, far-left state lawmaker, who promised to transform city government to restore power to the working class and fight back against a hostile Trump administration.

In a victory for the Democratic party's progressive wing, Mamdani defeated former Gov. Andrew Cuomo and Republican Curtis Sliwa. Mamdani must now navigate the unending demands of America's biggest city and deliver on ambitious — skeptics say unrealistic — campaign promises.

With his commanding win, the democratic socialist will etch his place in history as the city's first Muslim mayor, the first of South Asian heritage and the first born in Africa. He will also become New York's youngest mayor in more than a century when he takes office on Jan. 1.

"The conventional wisdom would tell you that I am far from the perfect candidate. I am young, despite my best efforts to grow older. I am Muslim. I am a democratic socialist. And most damning of all, I refuse to apologize for any of this," Mamdani declared to a roaring crowd at his victory party.

He cast his win as a boon for blue-collar workers struggling to get by. "New York, tonight you have delivered a mandate for change," he said, vowing to "wake up each morning with a singular purpose: To make this city better for you than it was the day before."

More than 2 million New Yorkers cast ballots in the contest, the largest turnout in a mayoral race in more than 50 years, according to the city's Board of Elections. With roughly 90% of the votes counted, Mamdani held an approximately 9 percentage point lead over Cuomo.

Mamdani's unlikely rise gives credence to Democrats who have urged the party to embrace more progressive candidates instead of rallying behind centrists in hopes of winning back swing voters who have abandoned the party.

He has already faced scrutiny from national Republicans, including President Donald Trump, who have eagerly cast him as a threat and the face of a more radical Democratic Party that is out of step with mainstream America. Trump has repeatedly threatened to cut federal funding to the city — and even take it over — if Mamdani won.

At his victory party in Brooklyn, Mamdani supporters cheered and embraced, some tearfully, after The Associated Press called the race. Campaign posters flew through the air, as one person hoisted the official flag of New York City and Bad Bunny played from the speakers.

The mood was far more muted at Cuomo's party at a midtown Manhattan theater. In his concession speech, a defiant Cuomo called his campaign "a caution flag that we are headed down a dangerous, dangerous road" and noted that "almost half of New Yorkers did not vote to support a government agenda that makes promises that we know cannot be met."

Still, he corrected his supporters when they began to boo at the mention of Mamdani's name.

"No, that is not right," he said, offering to help the incoming mayor in any way. "Tonight was their night."

Mamdani, who was criticized throughout the campaign for his thin resume, will now have to begin staffing his incoming administration and planning how to accomplish the ambitious but polarizing agenda that drove him to victory.

Among the campaign's promises are free child care, free city bus service, city-run grocery stores and a new Department of Community Safety that would send mental health care workers to handle certain emergency calls rather than police officers. It is unclear how Mamdani will pay for such initiatives, given Democratic Gov. Kathy Hochul's steadfast opposition to his calls to raise taxes on wealthy people.

Mary Sheffield becomes Detroit's first female mayor in election win

Associated Press

DETROIT — City Council President Mary Sheffield will be Detroit's newest mayor and the first woman to lead the city.

Sheffield defeated popular megachurch pastor the Rev. Solomon Kinloch in Tuesday's general election.

She will take office in January and succeed three-term Mayor Mike Duggan who announced last year that he would not seek reelection. Duggan is running for Michigan governor as an independent to replace term-limited Democrat Gretchen Whitmer.

Sheffield thanked voters in her victory speech Tuesday night, addressing those who voted for her and those who didn't.

"I am here to listen to you, to fight for you and to serve you," she said. "Because, at the end of the day, we all want the same thing, a Detroit that works for everyone."

Sheffield will inherit a city that continues to improve following Detroit's 2014 exit from the largest municipal bankruptcy in U.S. history. Duggan was elected in 2013 and took office in January 2014. Under his watch, Detroit has dramatically improved city services, including shorter police response times, public lighting and blight elimination.

Detroit has had 12 consecutive years of balanced budgets and the city has been showing historically low violent crime numbers.

Its population also has grown following decades of losses. Earlier this year, the U.S. Census estimated Detroit's population at 645,705, according to the city.

Sheffield, 38, first was elected to the City Council in 2013 at age 26 and has been council president since 2022.

Sheffield said during her campaign that focusing on educating Detroit's children, and continuing to improve public safety and life in the neighborhoods would be among her priorities.



PAUL SANCYA/AP

City Council President Mary Sheffield speaks after winning the mayoral race Tuesday, in Detroit.

"My commitment, Detroit, is to build on the foundation that has been laid working with Mayor Duggan and our council ... by expanding opportunities, strengthening our neighborhoods and making sure that Detroit's progress reaches every block and every family of this city," Sheffield said alongside Duggan at a September campaign event.

Jersey City mayoral race advances to runoff vote

Associated Press

JERSEY CITY, N.J. — Former New Jersey Gov. Jim McGreevey is going another round in his attempted political comeback, more than two decades after he resigned from office.

McGreevey will take on James Solomon in a Dec. 2 runoff election in the race for mayor of Jersey City, the state's second-largest city.

McGreevey and Solomon were the top two vote getters in Tuesday's nonpartisan election but neither received more than 50% of the vote, forcing a runoff.

Both candidates say they're better situated to address affordability of the city. And they're not shy about drawing contrasts.

"The runoff will be about competing visions, experiences, and records for Jersey City. While Mr. Solomon served on the council for eight years, James has done nothing to address pocketbook concerns and the daily lives of working families," McGreevey said.

And in a statement, Solomon went on the attack, too: "While I have fought my entire career against the corrupt political machine that makes everything more expensive, Jim McGreevey is the living embodiment of the corrupt, failed, politicians of the past. He already had his chance, and he resigned in disgrace."



STEFAN JEREMIAH/AP

Jersey City mayoral candidate Jim McGreevey speaks to supporters at his election party Tuesday, in Jersey City, N.J.

They were among seven candidates on the ballot vying to replace Mayor Steven Fulop, who declined to run for a fourth four-year term.

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California voters OK redistricting measure

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — California voters approved new congressional district boundaries Tuesday, delivering a victory for Democrats in the state-by-state redistricting battle that will help determine which party wins control of the U.S. House in 2026 and, with it, the power to thwart or advance President Donald Trump's agenda.

The approval of Proposition 50 gives Democrats a shot at winning as many as five additional seats, just enough to blunt Texas Republicans' move to redraw their own maps to pick up five GOP seats at Trump's urging. Texas' move and California's response have kicked off a flurry of redistricting efforts around the country, with Republican states appearing to have an edge. Deeply blue California is Democrats' best opportunity to make up seats.

Midterm elections typically punish the party in the White House, and Trump is fighting to maintain his party's slim House majority. Republicans hold 219 seats to Democrats' 213.

Tuesday's results mark a political victory for Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom, who cast the measure as an essential tool to fight back against Trump and protect American democracy.

Speaking to reporters in Sacramento, Newsom cast the California vote as part of a broader national rejection of Trump's policies that saw Democratic governors elevated in New Jersey and Virginia. But he warned the more consequential battle would come next year.

If Democrats win the House majority, they can "end Donald Trump's presidency as we know it," Newsom said. "It is all on the line, a bright line, in 2026."

California's Proposition 50 asked voters to suspend House maps drawn by an independent commission and replace them with rejiggered districts adopted by the Democratic-controlled Legislature. Those new districts would be in place for the 2026, 2028 and 2030 elections.

The recast districts aim to dilute Republican voters' power, in one case by uniting rural, conservative-leaning parts of far northern California with Marin County, a famously liberal coastal stronghold across the Golden Gate Bridge from San Francisco.

The measure was spearheaded by Newsom, who threw the weight of his political operation behind it in a major test of his mettle ahead of a potential 2028 presidential campaign. Former President Barack Obama urged voters to pass it as well.

"Republicans want to steal enough seats in Congress to rig the next election and wield unchecked power for two more years," Obama said in one ad. "You can stop Republicans in their tracks."

Critics said two wrongs don't make a right. They urged Californians to reject the measure, even if they have misgivings about Trump's moves elsewhere.

Among the most prominent critics was Arnold Schwarzenegger, the movie star and former Republican governor who pushed for the creation of the independent commission, which voters approved in 2008 and 2010. It makes no sense to fight Trump by becoming him, Schwarzenegger said in September, arguing that the proposal would "take the power away from the people."

"I don't want Newsom to have control," said Rebecca Fleshman, a 63-year-old retired medical assistant from Southern California, who voted against the measure. "I don't want the state to be blue. I want it to be red."

After an early burst of TV advertising, opponents of the plan struggled to raise cash in a state with some of the nation's most expensive media markets.

The campaign followed an unusual trajectory. A handful of Republican congressmen who will see their districts dramatically reshaped — and their jobs endangered — mostly stayed away from the campaign spotlight. With opponents short on cash, Newsom and his supporters dominated TV screens in the critical closing weeks.

The GOP congressmen — Reps. Ken Calvert, Darrell Issa, Kevin Kiley, David Valadao and Doug LaMalfa — will see right-leaning voters reduced and left-leaning voters boosted in their respective districts in a shift that would make it likely a Democratic candidate would prevail in each race.



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Gov. Gavin Newsom speaks during an election night press conference at a California Democratic Party office Tuesday, in Sacramento.

Voter ID effort loses in Maine as Texans OK citizenship wording

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine — Maine voters on Tuesday rejected a suite of Republican-backed changes to the state's voting procedures that have been animating conservatives across the country.

The Maine initiative focused on voter ID and absentee balloting changes and was one of two GOP-led measures — the other in Texas — under consideration by voters that proponents said would safeguard elections. The Maine proposal would have implemented a photo ID requirement for voters, limited the use of drop boxes for returning completed ballots and made changes to the state's absentee voting system. Meanwhile, voters in Texas, where Republicans control the government, approved a proposal to amend the state constitution to add "persons who are not citizens of the United States" to the list of those excluded from participating in elections.

Opponents of the measures had argued that they were intended to make voting more difficult or address issues that aren't major problems.

Voters decided the measures at a time when President Donald Trump and national Republicans have pushed for new voting restrictions. Both initiatives are part of a nationwide Republican push to enact strict voter ID laws and highlight the exceedingly rare problem of noncitizen voting.

National Democrats heralded the defeat of the Maine proposal as a victory for voting rights.

"Question 1 would have ended absentee voting as we know it, further diluting the voting rights of people with disabilities, seniors, and working Mainers who are unable to take the day off from work to vote," said Democratic National Committee Chair Ken Martin.

Proponents of the Maine voting proposal had accused Maine Secretary of State Shenna Bellows, a Democrat, of writing the ballot question in a deliberately confusing way. They took that argument to the state's highest court and lost in July. On Tuesday, the campaign for voter ID said in a statement that Bellows "weaponized" the ballot question and opponents of the initiative ran a fear-based campaign.

"The opposition claimed that Question 1 would get rid of absentee voting, and centered their campaign on that fiction. Instead of honestly debating the merits of Voter ID, they spread lies and fear, convincing voters to vote against their own interests," the campaign said in a statement.

Maine Gov. Janet Mills was one of many Democrats in the state who spoke out against the voter ID initiative. She said she saw it as an attack on the right to vote itself.

Maine voters approve red flag gun law after reservist killed 18

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine — Two years after the deadliest mass shooting in state history, Maine residents voted Tuesday to make it easier for family members to petition a court to restrict a potentially dangerous person's access to guns.

A ballot question asked residents if they wanted to build on the state's yellow flag law, which allows police officers to initiate a process to keep someone away from firearms. Approval adds Maine to more than 20 states that have a red flag law, which empowers family members to take the same step.

Gun safety advocates began pushing for that after 18 people were killed when an Army reservist opened fire at a bowling alley and a bar and grill in Lewiston in October 2023. An independent commission appointed by Maine's governor later concluded that there were numerous opportunities for intervention by both Army officials and civilian law enforcement.

The yellow flag law requires police to take the potentially dangerous person into protective custody and hold them for a mental health evaluation. Gun control proponents characterized that law as too weak and difficult to implement.

"Maine voters have taken the safety of our communities into our own hands by passing commonsense, responsible gun legislation that will save lives and help keep our kids and families safe, not just from the horrors of a tragedy like Lewiston, but from the devastating impacts of everyday gun violence," said Nacole Palmer, executive director of the Maine Gun Safety Coalition, which sponsored Tuesday's proposal.

Opponents of the red flag law said Tuesday that the state's yellow flag law, which they consider more effective, is still state law.

"We are glad that Maine's yellow flag law remains intact, and we look forward to continuing to work to improve our state's safety. We're going to be reviewing all options to keep Mainers safe as we move into the future of the state," the No on 2 Coalition said in a statement.

In the aftermath of the shooting, law enforcement officers testified before the independent commission that they had difficulty implementing the state's existing yellow flag law, which they described as cumbersome and time-consuming.

The red flag proposal encountered resistance from Republicans, hunting groups, gun rights organizations and some Democrats. Maine is a state with relatively low crime where gun ownership is common, and the state's laws should reflect that, opponents have said.

Maine Gov. Janet Mills, a Democrat, opposed the ballot question. She said in October that the yellow flag law was "carefully crafted" with Maine in mind, and it remains the right law for the state. On Tuesday, Mills said she would "work with law enforcement and the public to implement this new law, along with our existing extreme risk protection law, to best ensure the safety of Maine people."

The ballot question campaign came as the legal aftermath of the Lewiston shooting is still unfolding.

The survivors and family members of victims of the deadly shooting have sued the U.S. Army and the Department of Defense, seeking unspecified damages and arguing the U.S. Army could have stopped Robert Card, the reservist, from carrying out the shootings. They also point to a Department of Defense watchdog report issued in September that faults the U.S. Army for a high rate of failure to report violent threats by service members.

The report specifically mentions Card, who died by suicide two days after the shootings. It says failure to consistently report violent threats "could increase the risk of additional violent incidents by service members, such as what occurred with SFC (Sgt. 1st Class) Card."

NATION



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Posters of a person throwing a sandwich are pictured along H Street, Aug. 17 in Washington.

Man who threw sandwich at agent calls it protest, not crime

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hurling a sandwich at a federal agent was an act of protest for Washington, D.C., resident Sean Charles Dunn. A jury must decide if it was also a federal crime.

"No matter who you are, you can't just go around throwing stuff at people because you're mad," Assistant U.S. Attorney John Parron told jurors on Tuesday at the start of Dunn's trial on a misdemeanor assault charge.

Dunn doesn't dispute that he threw his submarine-style sandwich at a U.S. Customs and Border Protection agent outside a nightclub on the night of Aug. 10. It was an "exclamation point" for Dunn as he expressed his opposition to President Donald Trump's law-enforcement surge in the nation's capital, defense attorney Julia Gatto said during the trial's opening statements.

"It was a harmless gesture at the end of him exercising his right to speak out," Gatto said.

A bystander's cellphone video of the confrontation went viral on social media, turning Dunn into a symbol of resistance against Trump's federal takeover. Murals depicting him mid-throw popped up in the city virtually overnight.

"He did it. He threw the sandwich," Gatto told jurors. "And now the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia has turned that moment — a thrown sandwich — into a criminal case."

A grand jury refused to indict Dunn on a felony assault count. After the rare rebuke from the grand jury, U.S. Attorney Jeanine Pirro's office charged Dunn instead with a misdemeanor.

CBP Agent Gregory Lairmore, the government's first witness, said the sandwich "exploded" when it struck his chest hard enough that he could feel it through his ballistic vest.

"You could smell the onions and the mustard," he recalled.

Lairmore and other CBP agents were standing in front of a club hosting a "Latin Night" when Dunn approached and shouted profanities at them, calling them "fascists."

Dunn was a Justice Department employee who worked as an international affairs specialist in its criminal division. After Dunn's arrest, Attorney General Pam Bondi announced his firing in a social media post that referred to him as "an example of the Deep State."

Dunn was released from custody but rearrested when a team of armed federal agents in riot gear raided his home.

Justices appear to be skeptical of Trump tariffs

BY LINDSAY WHITEHURST
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Key Supreme Court conservatives seemed skeptical Wednesday that President Donald Trump has the power to unilaterally impose far-reaching tariffs, potentially putting at risk a key part of his agenda in the biggest legal test yet of his unprecedented presidency.

The Republican administration is trying to defend the tariffs central to Trump's economic agenda after lower courts ruled the emergency law he invoked doesn't give him near-limitless power to set and change duties on imports.

The Constitution says Congress has the power to levy tariffs. But the Trump administration argues that in emergency situations the president can regulate importation — and that includes tariffs.

Justice Amy Coney Barrett grilled the government on that point. "Has there ever been another instance in which a statute has used that language to confer the power?" she asked.

Justice Neil Gorsuch also questioned whether Trump's position would hand too much congressional power to the president. "Is the constitutional assignment of the taxing power to Congress, the power to reach into the pockets of the American people, just different?" he asked.

"And it's been different since the founding?"

Questions from Chief Justice John Roberts also suggested he might not be convinced. With the court's three liberal-leaning justices seeming deeply dubious, the tariffs challengers could win by swaying two conservatives.

A decision in the case could take weeks or months.

Trump has called the case one of the most important in the country's history and said a ruling against him would be catastrophic for the economy.

The challengers argue the 1977 emergency powers law Trump used doesn't even mention tariffs, and no president before has used it to impose them. A collection of small businesses say the uncertainty is driving them to the brink of bankruptcy.

The case centers on two sets of tariffs. The first came in February on imports from Canada, China and Mexico after Trump declared a national emergency over drug trafficking. The second involves the sweeping "reciprocal" tariffs on most countries that Trump announced in April.

Multiple lawsuits have been filed over the tariffs, and the court will hear suits filed by Democratic-leaning states and small businesses focused on everything from plumbing supplies to women's cycling apparel.

Lower courts have struck down the bulk of Trump's tariffs as an illegal use of emergency power, but the nation's highest court may see it differently.

Trump helped shape the conservative majority court, naming three of the nine justices in his first term.

FBI fires additional agents who participated in Trump investigation

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The FBI has continued its personnel purge, forcing out additional agents and supervisors tied to the federal investigation into President Donald Trump's efforts to overturn the 2020 election. The latest firings came despite efforts by Washington's top federal prosecutor to try to stop at least some of the terminations, people familiar with the matter told The Associated Press.

The employees were told this week that they were being fired, but those plans were paused after D.C. U.S. Attorney Jeanine Pirro raised concerns, according to two people who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to publicly discuss personnel matters.



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FBI Director Kash Patel

The agents were then fired again Tuesday, though it's not clear what prompted the about-face. The total number of fired agents was not immediately clear.

The terminations are part of a broader personnel upheaval under the leadership of FBI Director Kash Patel, who has pushed out numerous senior officials and agents involved in investigations or actions that have angered the Trump administration. Three ousted high-ranking FBI officials sued Patel in September, accusing him of caving to political pressure to carry out a "campaign of retribution."

The FBI Agents Association, which has criticized Patel for the firings, said the director has "disregarded the law and launched a campaign of erratic and arbitrary retribution."

The 2020 election investigation that ultimately led to special counsel Jack Smith's indictment of Trump has come under intense scrutiny from GOP lawmakers, who have accused the Biden administration's Justice Department of being weaponized against conservatives. Sen. Chuck Grassley, the Republican chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, has in recent weeks released documents from the investigation provided by the FBI, including ones showing that investigators analyzed phone records from more than a half dozen Republican lawmakers as part of their inquiry.

The Justice Department has fired prosecutors and other department employees who worked on Smith's team, and the FBI has similarly forced out agents and senior officials for a variety of reasons as part of an ongoing purge that has added to the tumult and sense of unease inside the bureau.

The FBI in August ousted the head of the bureau's Washington field office as well as the former acting director who resisted Trump administration demands to turn over the names of agents who participated in Jan. 6 Capitol riot investigations. And in September, it fired agents who were photographed kneeling during a racial justice protest in Washington that followed the 2020 death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police officers.

NATION

Another alleged drug boat hit in deadly US strike

BY KONSTANTIN TOROPIN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth announced yet another deadly strike on a boat accused of ferrying drugs in the eastern Pacific Ocean, coming the same day an aircraft carrier began heading to the region in a new expansion of military firepower.

The attack Tuesday killed two people aboard the vessel, Hegseth said, bringing the death toll from the Trump administration's campaign in South American waters up to at least 66 people in at least 16 strikes.

President Donald Trump has justified the strikes by saying the United States is in "armed conflict" with drug cartels and claiming the boats are operated by foreign terror organizations. The administration has not provided evidence or more details.

"We will find and terminate EVERY vessel with the intention of trafficking drugs to America to poison our citizens," Hegseth posted while on a trip to Asia.

Lawmakers from both parties have pressed the Trump administration for more information on who is being targeted and the legal justification for the strikes given that Congress has not authorized military action. United Nations human rights chief Volker Türk last week called for the U.S. to halt the attacks and "prevent the extrajudicial killing of people aboard these boats."

The latest strike comes as the USS Gerald R. Ford aircraft carrier has left the Mediterranean Sea on its way to the Caribbean after Hegseth ordered it to the region more than a week ago. It will join an already robust buildup of American planes, ships and thousands of troops in Latin America.

A defense official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss ship movements, confirmed that the Ford and the destroyer USS Bainbridge crossed through the Straits of Gibraltar and into the Atlantic on Tuesday.

The Ford originally deployed with five destroyers, but it's not clear if all of them will go to the Caribbean. Two of the other destroyers in the Ford's strike group, the USS Winston Churchill and the USS Mahan, are in the Mediterranean now, with the Mahan in port at Rota, Spain.

The other two destroyers, the USS Forrest Sherman and the USS Mitchener, are in the Red Sea, the official said.

With the strikes and military assets in the region expanding, Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro, who has been charged with narcoterrorism in the United States, has said the U.S. government is "fabricating" a war against him.

During a interview that aired Sunday on CBS' "60 Minutes," Trump was asked if the U.S. was going to war with Venezuela. He responded: "I doubt it. I don't think so. But they've been treating us very badly, not only on drugs."

Norah O'Donnell, in the interview conducted Friday, also asked Trump if Maduro's days were numbered.

"I would say yeah. I think so, yeah," the president said. Trump would not say whether or not he would order land strikes in Venezuela.



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A fireball erupts near airport property after reports of a plane crash at Louisville International Airport, Tuesday, in Louisville, Ky.

Fireball erupts as UPS plane fatally crashes at Ky. airport

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — First responders were searching for more victims Wednesday after a UPS cargo plane crashed and exploded in a massive fireball at the company's global aviation hub in Kentucky, killing at least nine people, authorities said.

Gov. Andy Beshear again predicted the death toll in Louisville would grow and said 16 families gathered at a reunification center "have reported loved ones unaccounted for."

The plane crashed about 5:15 p.m. Tuesday as it was departing for Honolulu from UPS Worldport at Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport. Video showed flames on the plane's left wing and a trail of smoke. The National Transportation Safety Board was sending a team of investigators.

"Thankfully, a local restaurant that is right there ... was missed and now is helping the search and rescue," Beshear said during a news conference Wednesday. "Another blessing is this plane could have potentially hit the major Ford factory or the convention center, those are all close by, and did not."

There were "extra smaller explosions" at Kentucky Petroleum Recycling, but it could have been worse, the governor said. Grade A Auto Parts was also hit.

University of Louisville Hospital said two people were in critical condition in the burn unit Wednesday and that 13 others had been treated and discharged. Norton Hospital said it had released three people.

The airport is 7 miles from downtown Louisville, close to the Indiana state line, residential areas, a water park and museums. A shelter-in-place order was in effect for a quarter of a mile radius, as officials monitored air quality. People in the immediate area were told not to drink tap water.

Beshear said he didn't know the status of the three crew members aboard the plane, a McDonnell Douglas MD-11 made in 1991.

The Louisville package handling facility is the company's largest. UPS announced late Tuesday that package sorting at the center was halted, and the company told workers to not show up Wednesday, too.

The hub employs thousands of workers, handles 300 flights daily and sorts more than 400,000 packages an hour.

Pablo Rojas, an aviation attorney, said that based on the videos it looked like the aircraft was struggling to gain altitude as a fire blazed on its left side around one of its engines. Given the large amount of fuel it was carrying, once the fire started in that area, it would've been only a matter of time before there was an explosion or the fire grew rapidly.

2nd escaped monkey fatally shot, 1 still loose after crash

Associated Press

HEIDELBERG, Miss. — A second monkey has been shot and killed and authorities said Tuesday that they were still searching for a third missing monkey a week after their escape from a truck that overturned on a Mississippi highway.

Someone shot the monkey after seeing it cross the highway on Monday evening about a mile from the scene of the Oct. 28 crash, Jasper County Sheriff Sheriff Randy Johnson said. Johnson said he was contacted by a person with the transport company who recovered the monkey after a civilian shot it.

The Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks confirmed Tuesday in a news release that one monkey was still unaccounted for after two of the escaped monkeys were "recovered deceased." Officials have warned that people should not approach the Rhesus monkeys, saying they are known to be aggressive.

Over the weekend, a woman who said she feared for the safety of her children shot and killed another escaped monkey after her 16-year-old son saw a monkey outside their home near Heidelberg. Jessica Bond Ferguson said she and other residents had been warned that the escaped monkeys carried diseases so she shot it.

A truck carrying 21 monkeys overturned on Interstate 59 north of Heidelberg last week and several monkeys escaped. Video from the scene showed monkeys and wooden crates in tall grass beside the interstate. Searchers in protective equipment were seen scouring nearby fields and woods for missing primates. Five monkeys were killed during the search and three were missing initially, officials said.

The monkeys had been housed at the Tulane University National Biomedical Research Center in Louisiana, which routinely provides primates to scientific research organizations, according to the university. Tulane has said it wasn't transporting the monkeys and they do not belong to the university. The remaining 13 monkeys arrived at their original destination last week, according to Tulane.

PreLabs, which describes itself on its website as a biomedical research support organization, said in a statement Monday that a vehicle transporting its non-human primates was involved in the crash and the animals were being lawfully transported to a licensed research facility. It stressed that the monkeys weren't carrying any known diseases but asked the public not to approach them as they were likely frightened and disoriented.

"We are cooperating with authorities and reviewing all safety procedures to ensure the continued well-being of both the animals and the community," PreLabs said.

WORLD

Death toll rises in Philippines as typhoon heads to Vietnam

By Jim Gomez
Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — Typhoon Kalmaegi has left at least 85 people dead with 75 others missing in the central Philippines, many in widespread flooding that trapped people on their roofs and swept away cars in a hard-hit province still recovering from a deadly earthquake, officials said Wednesday.

Among the dead were six people who were killed when a Philippine air force helicopter crashed in the southern province of Agusan del Sur on Tuesday. The crew was on its way to provide humanitarian help to provinces battered by Kalmaegi, the military said. It did not give the cause of the crash.

Kalmaegi blew away from western Palawan province into the South China Sea before noon Wednesday with sustained winds of up to 81 mph and gusts of up to 112 mph, according to forecasters.

Bernardo Rafaelito Alejandro IV, deputy administrator of the Office of Civil Defense, and provincial officials said many of the deaths were reported in the central province of Cebu, which was pummeled by Kalmaegi on Tuesday, setting off flash floods and causing a river and other waterways to swell.

The resulting flooding engulfed residential communities, forcing startled residents to climb on their roofs, where they desperately pleaded to be rescued as the floodwaters rose, officials said.

At least 49 drowned in floods and others died as a result of landslides and falling debris in Cebu, where 13 people were reported missing, the Office of Civil Defense said. It added that 62 others were reported missing in surrounding provinces.



Jacqueline Hernandez/AP

A resident returns to what remains of his home after Typhoon Kalmaegi caused devastation in communities along the Mananga River in Talisay City, central Philippines, on Wednesday.

Forecasters estimate the storm will reach Vietnam's coast Friday morning. Meanwhile, Thailand's weather agency issued an advisory for the northern, eastern and central parts of the country, warning that Kalmaegi could cause flash floods, landslides and river overflows.

Israel returns bodies of 15 Palestinians to Gaza

Associated Press

DEIR AL-BALAH, Gaza Strip — Officials at Gaza's largest functioning hospital said Wednesday that the bodies of 15 more Palestinians were returned from Israel, as exchanges outlined in last month's fragile ceasefire continued despite allegations of violations.

The International Committee of the Red Cross has transported 285 bodies held in Israeli custody to Gaza since last month's agreement was brokered, though health officials in Gaza have said identifying the remains is complicated by a lack of DNA testing kits. Israel has not disclosed how many bodies it is holding or where they were recovered, but has been returning 15 each time the remains of an Israeli hostage are returned from Gaza.

The 15 were returned to Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis on Wednesday a day after Palestinian militants in Gaza handed over the body of an Israeli soldier taken hostage in the Oct. 7, 2023, attack that started the war.

The exchanges are the central component of the initial phase of the U.S.-brokered agreement that requires Hamas return all hostage remains as quickly as possible. The exchanges have gone ahead even as Israel and Hamas have accused each other of breaching other terms of the deal.

Hamas returned 20 living hostages to Israel on Oct. 13. The group has since also returned the remains of 21 bodies. Israeli officials have decried parts of the process as a violation of the agreement, accusing Hamas of handing over partial remains in some instances and staging the discovery of bodies in others. It has pushed to speed up the returns and in certain cases has said the remains were not those of hostages.

Hamas has said recovering bodies is complicated by the widespread devastation in the coastal enclave and has returned one to three bodies every few days. It has accused Israel of opening fire at civilians and restricting the flow of humanitarian aid into the territory. The number of casualties has dropped since the ceasefire took effect.

The deal will not move to subsequent phases until all the remains of Israeli hostages are returned.

France to suspend access to Shein website as retailer opens Paris store

Associated Press

PARIS — France's government said Wednesday it has started a procedure to suspend access to Shein's online marketplace until the company proves that its content conforms with French law, after authorities found firearms and sex dolls with childlike features listed for sale on the fast-fashion giant's website.

The Finance Ministry said the government made the decision after officials found "large quantities" of illegal weapons on Shein's popular e-commerce platform Wednesday. The ministry said if prohibited items remain, authorities may suspend the site in France.

The decision came on the same day Shein opened its first permanent store in Paris inside one of the city's most iconic department stores. The opening drew crowds of shoppers as well as protesters. The ministry did not say whether the physical store would be affected.

In response, Shein pledged to work with French authorities to "address any concerns swiftly as we have always done and we are seeking dialogue with the authorities and government bodies on this issue."

French authorities have legal power to order online platforms to remove clearly illegal content such as child pornography within 24 hours. If they fail to comply, authorities can require internet service providers and search engines to block access and delist the site.

Access to, and orders from the French version of Shein's website was still possible Wednesday following the government's announcement.



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Dinner at the shore

A person feeds seagulls at sunset on Loyola Beach, in Chicago. Loyola Beach features a walking trail along the beach and Lake Michigan.

Courts order ICE not to deport freed man

PHILADELPHIA — Two separate courts have ordered immigration officials not to deport a Pennsylvania man who spent four decades in prison before his murder conviction was overturned.

Subramanyam Vedam, 64, is currently detained at a short-term holding center in Alexandria, La., that's equipped with an airstrip for deportations. Vedam, a legal permanent resident known as "Subu," was transferred there from central Pennsylvania last week, relatives said.

An immigration judge stayed his deportation last week until the Bureau of Immigration Appeals decides whether to review his case. That could take several months. Vedam's lawyers also got a stay the same day in U.S. District Court in Pennsylvania, but said that case may be on hold given the immigration court ruling.

Vedam came to the U.S. legally from India as an infant and grew up in State College, where his father taught at Penn State. He was serving a life sentence in a friend's 1980 death before his conviction was overturned this year.

He was released from state prison on Oct. 3, only to be taken straight into immigration custody.

The Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement is seeking to deport Vedam over his no contest plea to charges of LSD delivery, filed when he was about 20.

Law to protect Jewish students faces challenge

SAN FRANCISCO — The American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee is challenging a new California law designed to protect Jewish students from discrimination, but that plaintiff teachers and students say is unconstitutionally vague and violates their free speech rights.

The federal complaint, filed Sunday in San Jose, seeks to invalidate legislation Gov. Gavin Newsom signed last month, creating an Office of Civil Rights to help schools identify and prevent antisemitism. State lawmakers approved the legislation as political tensions have flared in the U.S. over Israel's war in Gaza.

The new law, which takes effect Jan. 1, does not define antisemitism but gives educators the impression that they could be charged with discrimination "if they expose their students to ideas, information, and instructional materials that may be considered critical of the State of Israel and the philosophy of Zionism," according to the complaint.

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of individual teachers and students in California public schools, and the Los Angeles Educators for Justice in Palestine.

In the complaint, middle school science teacher Jonah Olson says students at his rural, largely Christian school district, often ask him what it means to be Jewish. He responds in part by saying that his Judaism does not include support for the State of Israel, and now he fears that might violate the law.

Man convicted in another 'pillowcase rapist' attack

MIAMI — A man suspected of being the "pillowcase rapist" in a string of South Florida rapes back in the 1980s was convicted Monday in another one of the attacks.

Miami-Dade County jurors found Robert Koehler, 66, guilty of sexual battery, kidnapping and burglary after deliberating for less than two hours. His sentencing is scheduled for Nov. 24.

Monday's conviction involves a woman who was 22 years old in 1984 when someone broke into her southwest Miami-Dade County home and raped her. Koehler was sentenced to 17 years in prison nearly three years ago for a similar attack on a 25-year-old woman in 1983.

Authorities say the "pillowcase rapist" terrified his victims by breaking into their homes at night. The attacker used a pillowcase or other fabric to cover his face — or the faces of his victims — before assaulting them, tying them up and stealing from their homes.

The assaults attracted extensive media attention in South Florida and authorities created a task force to investigate. The trail had turned cold until 2020, when authorities say a DNA hit for one of Koehler's relatives led police to him.

US might revoke 20-year oil, gas development ban

ALBUQUERQUE — The Trump administration says it will be initiating formal meetings with Native American tribes in the southwestern U.S. as it considers revoking a 20-year ban on oil and gas development across of hundreds of square miles of federal land surrounding Chaco Culture National Historical Park.

The Bureau of Land Management made the announcement in a letter sent to tribal leaders last month, saying the agency will conduct an environmental assessment of the proposal to put the federal parcels back on the board for future leasing. A public comment period will follow.

The UNESCO World Heritage site has been at the center of a fight over drilling for years, having spanned multiple presidential administrations. Within park boundaries are the towering remains of stone structures built centuries ago by the region's first inhabitants, and ancient roads and related sites are scattered farther out across the desert plains and sandstone canyons.

With the urging of some pueblo leaders, former President Joe Biden's administration in 2023 issued an order banning new oil and gas development for two decades within 10 miles of the historic site in northwestern New Mexico.

Court: City's voter ID measure violates law

SANTA ANA — A California appeals court ruled Monday that a Huntington Beach measure requiring voter identification at the polls violates state law.

The Fourth District Court of Appeal in Santa Ana determined that the measure passed by voters in the seaside city of 200,000 people should be struck down because it conflicts with state election law, said Lee Fink, a lawyer for Huntington Beach resident Mark Bixby, who challenged the city's measure. California Attorney General Rob Bonta also sued over the Huntington Beach law, contending it would disenfranchise voters.

Corbin Carson, a Huntington Beach spokesperson, said the city is reviewing the appeals court's ruling.

Residents of Huntington Beach voted last year to let local officials require voter identification at the polls starting in 2026. The measure also allows the city to increase in-person voting sites and monitor ballot drop boxes in local elections.

Bonta filed a lawsuit saying the measure conflicts with state law and could make it harder for poor, non-white, young, elderly and disabled voters to cast ballots. California Gov. Gavin Newsom, a Democrat, then signed into state law a measure barring local governments from establishing and enforcing laws that require residents provide identification to vote in elections.

Banks dies in prison 43 years after murdering 13

HARRISBURG — George Banks, one of the most notorious mass murderers in the U.S., has died.

Banks, 83, died Sunday afternoon at Phoenix state prison in Pennsylvania, the state Department of Corrections said. Banks died of complications from renal neoplasm, or kidney cancer, said Montgomery County Coroner Dr. Janine Darby.

Banks had been in prison since 1982 after shooting 14 people, and killing 13, including his own children, during a rampage in Wilkes-Barre. At time, it was considered one of the worst mass murders in American history. He was convicted of 12 counts of first-degree murder and one count of third-degree murder.

Banks had been drinking at a party late at night before using an AR-15 rifle to start the rampage at his home.

Five victims were his children, ages 1 to 6. Four more were the mothers of his children.

Eventually, state courts prevented his execution, saying he wasn't mentally competent. That left Banks with a sentence of life imprisonment.

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From left: Howard Leese, Paul Rodgers and Mick Ralphs, shown in 2013, will join the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame as members of Bad Company.

Great week for Bad Company

Supergroup's induction into Rock Hall happens Saturday

BY MARK KENNEDY
Associated Press

Bad Company singer-songwriter Paul Rodgers treasures one of his last phone calls with guitarist Mick Ralphs. It was to deliver the news that, at long last, they'd been inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

"I said to him, 'Do you remember when we were looking for a band name and we called each other with silly names?' And then I just called him up one day and I said, 'Bad Company' and he dropped the phone and he said, 'Oh yeah, that's it. That's the name,'" Rodgers says.

"I said, 'From then, it's a long way, but it seems like we just blinked our eyes a couple of times and here we are at the Hall of Fame.' So at least I was able to tell him that."

Ralphs died in June, just weeks after learning the induction news.

Rodgers and drummer Simon Kirke are the last surviving original members of the British supergroup that crafted such arena-rock staples as "Feel Like Makin' Love," "Can't Get Enough" and "Rock 'n' Roll Fantasy." They will be part of the celebrations Saturday at the Peacock Theater in Los Angeles, which will stream live on Disney+. ABC will air a prime-time special on Jan. 1, available on Hulu the next day.

"The fans have just been so great throughout the years. We feel like we're celebrated, but it's just not been stamped officially. That's the only difference," Rodgers says.

Bad Company will join rock legend Chubby Checker, late soul singer Joe Cocker, pop icon Cyndi Lauper, hip-hop pioneers Outkast, rock duo the White Stripes and grunge masters Soundgarden in the class of 2025.

Salt-N-Pepa, the first female rap act to achieve platinum status, and the late singer-songwriter Warren Zevon will get in via the Musical Influence Award. The late record producer Thom Bell, pianist Nicky Hopkins and bassist Carol Kaye will each get the Musical Excellence Award.

Rodgers this month begged off performing at the Rock Hall "to prioritize my health," but he said Kirke will be doing so with "some outstanding musicians."

Formed in 1973 in London, Bad Company brought together Rodgers and Kirke from the band Free, Ralphs from Mott the Hoople and bassist Boz Burrell fresh out of King Crimson. The group was managed by the legendary Peter Grant and signed to Led Zeppelin's Swan Song label.

"We had everything we needed," Rodgers says. "You can't really have a better start than that for a fledgling band. We had the music. We had Atlantic Records behind us. It was a magic roller coaster ride, actually."

Kirke said Bad Company appeared on a music scene that was then dominated by a lot of glam and glitter — think David Bowie and Queen — and went back to basics.

"When we got together, I think the communal goal was we just wanted to do something that was stripped-down, right to the point, gritty and a little cheeky, a bit of fun," he says.

Right out of the gate, the band had killer songs in their pockets. Ralphs had "Can't Get Enough," "Movin' On" and "Ready for Love" ready. Rodgers had "Rock Steady" and, with Ralphs, "Seagull." And Rodgers and Kirke wrote the song "Bad Company," with the lyrics "Bad company / 'Til the day I die." The band's self-titled 1974 debut album hit No. 1 on the Billboard 200, going five-times platinum.

The band made six albums before disbanding following 1982's "Rough Diamonds." Bad Company later reformed with lineup changes and reunion tours. Original bassist Burrell died of cancer in 2006.



Bad Company drummer Simon Kirke, shown performing in 2013, will attend Saturday's Rock Hall ceremony honoring the band.

Kirke says Bad Company influenced many bands that followed, like Foreigner, Iron Maiden and Def Leppard. But he notes that Bad Company was influenced, in turn, by the Beatles and soul and blues artists.

"We just passed it on," he says.

The induction ceremony comes a few weeks after the release of a 10-track tribute album — "Can't Get Enough: A Tribute to Bad Company" via Primary Wave Music.

Def Leppard's Joe Elliott and Phil Collen offer a rendition of "Seagull," Rodgers teams up with Halestorm for "Shooting Star," The Struts knock out "Rock 'n' Roll Fantasy," Slash and Myles Kennedy and the Conspirators crush "Feel Like Makin' Love" and members of Blackberry Smoke tackle "Run with the Pack."

"What it's really about is one generation inspiring the next generation, and that's really what Otis Redding did for me," Rodgers says.

"Music was my calling — not to receive accolades — but to express myself, my thoughts and my opinions about love and life through song and hopefully send out a positive vibration from my heart to others."

AARP career achievement honor going to Sandler

Adam Sandler will be the next recipient of AARP's Movies for Grownups career achievement award, the group said Tuesday.

And maybe this time, the actor will wait for his signal.

When Sandler won the group's best actor prize in 2020 for"Uncut Gems," he rushed to the stage too fast — before host Conan O'Brien had time to sing his praises. O'Brien made comic hay of the moment, sending the sheepish actor back to his seat with instructions to await "a signal."

From his "Saturday Night Live" roots to beloved comedies like "Billy Madison" (1995) and the cult classic "Happy Gilmore" (1996) to dramas like "Punch-Drunk Love" (2002) and his high-energy turn in "Uncut Gems" (2019), Sandler, 59, has displayed an ever-growing range.

This summer he reprised his role in "Happy Gilmore" on Netflix and in November will appear alongside George Clooney in Noah Baumbach's "Jay Kelly."

Winner of the 2023 Mark Twain Prize for American Humor, Sandler "is one of Hollywood's most enduring and ever-evolving stars, whose talents resonate across generations," AARP said in a statement on Tuesday.

AARP launched the Movies for Grownups initiative in 2002 to advocate for audiences over 50, fight ageism in Hollywood and promote movies "for grown-ups, by grown-ups." The ceremony will take place Jan. 10 and air on PBS in February.

Mirren to get Globes' Cecil B. DeMille award

Helen Mirren has portrayed multiple queens, a prime minister, a detective, "Barbie" narrator and many other roles in more than a half-century of acting. Her latest: Golden Globe lifetime achievement honoree.

Mirren will receive the 2026 Cecil B. DeMille Award in January, the Golden Globes announced Wednesday.

"Helen Mirren is a force of nature and her career is nothing short of extraordinary," Helen Hoehne, Golden Globes president, said in a statement. "Her transcendent performances and commitment to her craft continue to inspire generations of artists and audiences alike."

This time, the award will be presented during a new annual prime-time special, "Golden Eve," for recipients of both the DeMille Award and the Carol Burnett Award, which honors achievement in television. The Jan. 8 special will stream on Paramount+.

An Oscar winner for "The Queen," her 2006 portrayal of Queen Elizabeth II, Mirren has also won three Golden Globes. She is also an Emmy, SAG, BAFTA and Tony-winning actor.

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OPINION

Trump's Asia trip had good optics, better results

BY ARTHUR I. CYR

President Donald Trump's trip to Malaysia, Japan and South Korea, in that order, was long on ceremony but not short on substance, which is promising regarding international relationships. The promising cooperative agreements reached are especially noteworthy given the tone of nationalism and confrontation so prominent in this administration.

Visiting Malaysia first, before moving on to the other countries, definitely reflects the steadily growing economic importance of Southeast Asia. That includes manufacturing powerhouse Vietnam. Japan and South Korea are more customary presidential stops.

In Kuala Lumpur, Trump signed several regional agreements, including a peace accord between Cambodia and Thailand.

The visit to Malaysia involved elaborate ceremonies, including beautiful, symmetrical traditional dance and military displays.

Gifts are usually prominent in Trump's travels. Japan gave the president a golf club used by the late Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, who became a good friend, along with 250 cherry blossom trees to replace some of those donated by that nation early in the 20th century.

South Korea presented a replica gold crown from an ancient dynasty. A banquet featured beef patties with ketchup, a favorite dish of the president.

Trump's stop in Korea included a meeting with President Xi Jinping of China. That discussion resulted in important agreements on rare earths and agriculture, along with limiting drug trafficking.

In a similar Asia trip in 2009, President Barack Obama described himself as the "first Pacific President" of the United States, referring to his birth in Hawaii and education in Indonesia. That statement may be described as a mild exaggeration.

U.S. involvement in Asia dates back much further in our history.

President Millard Fillmore opened Japan to the outside world in 1854. Commodore Matthew Perry delivered a letter of friendship from Fillmore, accompanied by a very heavily armed naval flotilla.

Fillmore, not a great president, can be labeled "first" in Pacific terms.

President Theodore Roosevelt has the greatest claim to be our first Pacific commander in chief. He won the first Nobel Peace Prize in 1905 for ending the brutal Russo-Japanese War, a great accomplishment.

At the time, Roosevelt declared that as the 20th century unfolded Asia would become in some respects more important than Europe for the United States. In this realm, as in others, history has vindicated TR.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower received an "education" in the Philippines in useful ways as aide to imperious Gen. Douglas MacArthur. His farewell address warns of the growing "military-industrial complex." and mentioned "four major wars" of "great powers" in the 20th century, three involving the U.S.

He does not name them, but he almost certainly meant the two world wars, the Korean War and Russo-Japanese War. Three involved Asia.

The 21st century is more peaceful — so far — permitting government leaders to focus more on economic concerns and less on armed conflict.

Both China and Japan have enormous economies that remain smaller than the U.S., and are fairly predictable. Scare stories about China distort a reality in which all three economies are increasingly integrated and mutually dependent.

The whirlwind itinerary Oct. 26 to 30 included the Association of Southeast Asian Nations summit held in Kuala Lumpur. ASEAN dates from 1967 and includes Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

Trump and Xi meeting in South Korea embodies the growing power and international influence of that nation. President Harry Truman in 1950 supported United Nations defense of South Korea. South Korea returned the favor by providing enormously effective troops to support the U.S. and South Vietnam in the Vietnam War.

Military cooperation remains close.

Trump's trip fortunately included specific, positive agreements. That dimension is especially important in this confrontational, nationalistic time.

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Operation Midway Blitz honors my late daughter Katie

BY JOE ABRAHAM
Chicago Tribune

My late daughter, Katie Abraham, touched many lives, each in their own way. She had friends from every walk of life. She was kind, empathetic and endlessly curious. She made people feel seen and valued. Then her life was stolen by a criminal immigrant in the country illegally.

And she was also a young woman with a deep sense of fairness — someone who believed in rules, accountability and justice. She wanted things done the right way, not the easy way.

That's why I have supported and continue to support the Donald Trump administration's "Operation Midway Blitz," the mission launched in her honor. Contrary to some of the criticism about it, this mission is not political. It is moral. It is to prevent what happened to Katie from happening to anyone else. This will be only a small part of Katie's legacy, but I'm proud to honor the beauty of her through this mission.

Katie's death was preventable. She was killed by a man, Julio Cucul Bol, who entered and remained in our country illegally. He was using multiple aliases, exploiting gaps in an overwhelmed and disorganized immigration system. Illinois' sanctuary law allowed this monster to roam free. He should have been removed long before he could take my daughter's life.

It would be unjust and unreasonable to separate my family's loss from the policies that failed us. We did everything right. We worked hard, obeyed the law, paid our taxes and trusted that government would protect us in return. That trust was broken. Our leaders — from the governor's office on down — have not treated immigration as a matter of public safety or national security.

My parents immigrated legally to this country in the 1960s. They worked hard to build a life here, and they taught me to respect those who follow the same path. I reject the false idea that demanding order and accountability is anti-immigrant. But when politicians open the back door, creating a haven for criminals and rewarding behavior that puts American lives at risk, we all suffer, American citizens and legal immigrants alike.

Illinois' leaders undermined our nation's immigration system, unleashing chaos on our streets. My family and thousands of other angel families have become collateral damage to a reckless experiment of sanctuary cities and states. That is not compassion. That is exploitation.

For families like ours, there is no "due process." Katie didn't get one. We are serving a life sentence of grief, while those responsible for the conditions that allowed this tragedy to occur have faced no accountability.

When we cried out for justice, we were met with silence. No calls returned, no statements issued, no genuine empathy offered, just bureaucratic coldness. It's as though my daughter's tragic death was just a bad data point on a spreadsheet.

What I have left of Katie is a dream, a legacy and a voice. And I'll use that voice to keep her memory alive and make this nation a better place for America's future. If even just one life is saved because of her story, then I know my Katie would be proud that I spoke up. And I'll never stop fighting for her.

As parents, we all process grief in different ways. The best way I know to honor my daughter is to help prevent other families from living this nightmare. To honor her memory truthfully, we must hold on to that part of who she was, too.

So, when people speak of Katie's legacy, I ask only that they remember all of her — not just the parts that fit a particular political message. She stood for compassion, and she had a deep sense of fairness. She believed in rules, accountability and justice. To honor her, we must reflect that same balance: kindness with accountability, empathy with lawfulness.

Katie would have supported a system where people could come to this country, live the American Dream, and embrace our culture. But she'd also want to live in a world where her family and friends were safe — where her children could play outside without fear.

Operation Midway Blitz, at its heart, is about restoring that balance. It seeks an immigration system that is both humane and secure. That's what Katie would have wanted: a country that keeps its promises, a state that safeguards its citizens and leaders who put their people first.

Her death cannot be in vain. Her legacy belongs to all who loved her — and to a nation that still has the power to learn from its mistakes.

Joe Abraham is a Glenview parent, born and raised in Illinois, whose parents immigrated legally to the United States.

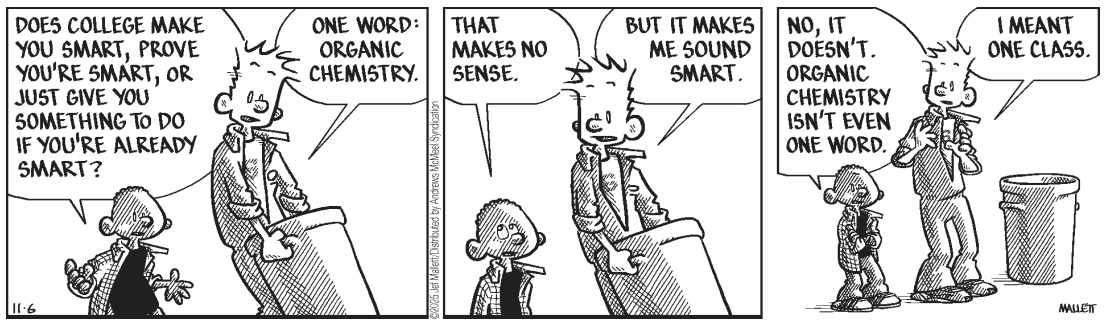
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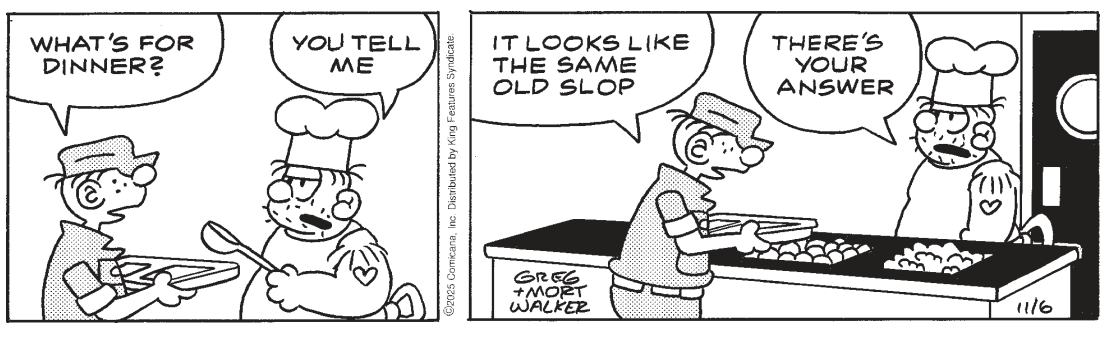
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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15 Curbside pickup places
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18 Texter's chuckle
19 Did a slow burn
21 Kvetched
24 "Diamonds" singer
25 Charged bit
26 California's Big —
28 More pleasant
32 Dance move
34 Future flower
36 Forbidden act
37 Activist Chavez
39 "O Sole —"
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42 Spasm
44 Writer Marcel
46 Urban transport
50 USN bigwig
51 North Sea feeder
52 Course summary
56 Any time now
57 Wrench, for one
58 Internet address
59 Libretto
60 Online auction site
61 — -Cat

DOWN

1 Pick up a perp
2 Post-op area
3 City transit routes
4 Championships
5 Gold, to Manuel
6 Strike callers
7 Demolishes, in Dover
8 Positive ingredient
9 Beehive State
10 Roof overhang
11 Winter coaster
16 Abel, to Eve
20 Aachen article
21 Minn. neighbor
22 Table d'—
23 Name
27 Pirate's drink
29 Ohio city
30 Slaughter of baseball
31 Source
33 "Grey's Anatomy" extra
35 Chips go-with
38 Rock's Ocasek
40 By word of mouth
43 Social group
45 — Mae (Whoopi's "Ghost" role)
46 Try out
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49 Informal party request (Abbr.)
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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals P

SCOREBOARD

DEALS

Tuesday's transactions

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Acquired RHP Andrew Kittredge from the Chicago Cubs in exchange for cash considerations. Agreed to terms with LHP Josh Walker on a major league contract.

BOSTON RED SOX — Announced 3B Alex Bregman declined 2026 option and RHP Lucas Giolito declined mutual option. Agreed to terms with OF Jarren Duran on a major league contract.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Named Zach Bove as major league pitching coach. Exercised the club option for OF Luis Robert for 2026. Announced LHP Martín Pérez declined mutual option.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Agreed to terms with C Salvador Perez on a two-year contract.

NEW YORK YANKEES — Announced 1B/OF Cody Bellinger declined 2026 option.

SEATTLE MARINERS — Exercised the club option for RHP Andrés Muñoz for 2026.

TEXAS RANGERS — Agreed to terms with RHP Declan Cronin on a minor league contract.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Declined 2026 option on RHP Elvin Rodriguez.

ATLANTA BRAVES — Announced INF Ha-Seong Kim declined 2026 option. Released RHP Nathan Wiles.

CINCINNATI REDS — Agreed to terms with RHP Keegan Thompson on a major league contract.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Declined the club option on C William Contreras. Announced 1B Rhys Hoskins and LHP José Quintana declined mutual option.

NEW YORK METS — Acquired RHP Joey Gerber from Tampa Bay in exchange for cash considerations. Agreed to terms with LHP Brandon Waddell on a major league contract. Declined 2026 option on RHP Drew Smith. LHP A.J. Minter and RHP Frankie Montas have exercised their 2026 player options. INF Pete Alonso and RHP Edwin Díaz have declined their 2026 player options.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Announced OF Harrison Bader declined 2026 mutual option.

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Announced RHP Robert Suarez declined 2026 option. Exercised the club option for LHP Brooks Raley for 2026.

BASKETBALL
Women's National Basketball Association

TORONTO TEMPO — Named Sandy Brondello head coach.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Released TE Josiah Deguara.

ATLANTA FALCONS — Signed OL Andrew Stueber. Released K Parker Romo. Released K Ben Sauls from the practice squad. Signed LS Zach Triner to the practice squad.

BALTIMORE RAVENS — Acquired LB Dre'Mont Jones from Tennessee in exchange for a 2026 conditional fifth-round pick. Signed S Keondre Jackson from the practice squad to the active roster. Signed TE Scotty Washington to the practice squad. Waived S Sanoussi Kane.

CAROLINA PANTHERS — Signed RB Dee-Jay Dallas and S Israel Mukuamu to the practice squad. Released QB Hendon Hooker, T Michael Tarquin and LB Carlos Basham from the practice squad.

CHICAGO BEARS — Acquired DE Joe Tryon-Shoyinka and a 2026 seventh-round pick from Cleveland in exchange for a 2026 sixth-round pick. Signed OL Kyle Hergel to the practice squad. Placed DE Dayo Odeyingbo on injured reserve.

DALLAS COWBOYS — Acquired LB Logan Wilson from Cincinnati in exchange for a 2026 seventh-round pick. Acquired DT Quinnen Williams from the New York Jets in exchange for DT Mazi Smith, a 2026 second-round pick and a 2027 first-round pick. Waived RB Malik Davis.

DETROIT LIONS — Released G Justin Herron.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Placed TE Tucker Kraft on injured reserve. Signed DL Arron Mosby and TE Josh Whyle from the practice squad to the active roster. Signed TE McCallan Castles, TE Drake Dabney, LB Kristian Welch and WR Michael Woods II to the practice squad. Released OL Lecitus Smith from the practice squad.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Acquired CB Sauce Gardner from the New York Jets in exchange for WR Adonai Mitchell, a 2026 first-round pick and a 2027 first-round pick. Signed LB Chad Muma and S Trey Washington to the practice squad. Released CB David Long Jr. from the practice squad.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Acquired WR Jakobi Meyers from Las Vegas in exchange for a 2026 fourth-round and a 2026 sixth-round pick.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Signed DE Malik Herring to the practice squad.

LOS ANGELES CHARGERS — Acquired OL Trevor Penning from New Orleans in exchange for a 2027 sixth-round pick. Placed LS Rick Lovato on reserved/retired list.

LOS ANGELES RAMS — Signed LS Jake McQuaide to the practice squad. Released OL Wyatt Bowles from the practice squad.

MIAMI DOLPHINS — Signed CB Clarence Lewis to the practice squad.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Signed WR Brenden Rice to the practice squad. Released WR Jonathan Ward from the practice squad.

NEW YORK JETS — Acquired DB Ja'Sir Taylor from the Los Angeles Chargers in exchange for a 2028 conditional seventh-round pick.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Waived LB Patrick Johnson.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Signed WR Marquez Valdes-Scantling, CB Daequan Hardy and LB Mark Robinson to the practice squad. Released DE K.J. Henry and WR John Rhys Plumlee from the practice squad.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Acquired WR Rashid Shaheed from New Orleans in exchange for 2026 fourth and fifth-round picks. Signed WR Mac Dalena to the practice squad. Waived S Jerrick Reed II.

TENNESSEE TITANS — Signed CB Keydrain Calligan to the practice squad. Released CB Alex Johnson from the practice squad.

WASHINGTON COMMANDERS — Placed LB Frankie Luvu on the reserve/suspended list. Placed DB Marshon Lattimore and WR Luke McCaffrey on injured reserve.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

BUFFALO SABRES — Placed F Jason Zucker on injured reserve. Recalled F Noah Östlund from Rochester (AHL).

CALGARY FLAMES — Recalled D Yan Kuznetsov from Calgary (AHL).

EDMONTON OILERS — Activated D Alec Regula from injured reserve.

NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Recalled F Zachary L'Heureux from Milwaukee (AHL).

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Schedule

Tuesday
MIDWEST

Miami (Ohio) (5-3) at Ohio (5-3)
Umass (0-8) at Akron (3-6)

Wednesday

MIDWEST

Kent St. (3-5) at Ball St. (3-5)
N. Illinois (2-6) at Toledo (4-4)

Thursday

SOUTH

Georgia Southern (3-5) at Appalachian St. (4-4)
UTSA (4-4) at South Florida (6-2)

Friday

EAST

Delaware St. (6-3) at Morgan St. (3-6)
Harvard (7-0) at Columbia (1-6)

SOUTH

Houston (7-2) at UCF (4-4)
Tulane (6-2) at Memphis (8-1)

FAR WEST

Northwestern (5-3) at Southern Cal (6-2)

Saturday

EAST

Va. Lynchburg (0-3) at Sacred Heart (6-3)
Stonehill (3-6) at CCSU (6-3)
Mercyhurst (3-6) at St. Francis (Pa.) (0-8)
Wagner (3-6) at Robert Morris (3-6)
James Madison (7-1) at Marshall (4-4)
SMU (6-3) at Boston College (1-8)
Holy Cross (1-8) at Lehigh (9-0)
Yale (5-2) at Brown (3-4)
NC A&T (2-7) at Stony Brook (4-5)
Temple (5-4) at Army (4-4)
Colorado (3-6) at West Virginia (3-6)
Duquesne (5-4) at LIU Brooklyn (3-6)
Indiana (9-0) at Penn St. (3-5)
Colgate (4-5) at Lafayette (6-3)
Cornell (3-4) at Penn (5-2)
New Hampshire (5-4) at Monmouth (NJ) (8-1)
Stetson (3-6) at Marist (3-6)
Bucknell (4-5) at Fordham (1-8)
Villanova (6-2) at Towson (4-5)
Princeton (3-4) at Dartmouth (5-2)
Bryant (2-7) at Albany (NY) (1-8)
Richmond (5-4) at Georgetown (5-4)
Maryland (4-4) at Rutgers (4-5)
Louisiana Tech (5-3) at Delaware (4-4)
Duke (5-3) at Uconn (6-3)
Merrimack (3-6) at New Haven (4-5)

SOUTH

Furman (5-4) at Chattanooga (4-5)
Georgia (7-1) at Mississippi St. (5-4)
Missouri St. (5-3) at Liberty (4-4)
Presbyterian (8-1) at Davidson (1-8)
Maine (5-4) at Hampton (2-7)
The Citadel (4-5) at Mississippi (8-1)
Butler (5-4) at Morehead St. (5-5)
Wofford (3-6) at VMI (1-8)
SE Missouri (3-6) at Gardner-Webb (5-4)
Howard (4-5) at SC State (6-3)
Rhode Island (7-2) at Elon (4-5)
Incarnate Word (3-6) at Northwestern St. (1-8)
Tennessee St. (2-7) at UT Martin (4-5)
Norfolk St. (1-8) at NC Central (6-3)
William & Mary (5-4) at Campbell (2-7)
Mercer (7-1) at W. Carolina (6-3)
Jackson St. (6-2) at MVSU (1-7)
Tulsa (2-6) at FAU (3-5)
Charlotte (1-7) at East Carolina (5-3)
FIU (3-5) at Middle Tennessee (1-7)
Texas Southern (4-4) at Alabama St. (6-2)
Prairie View (6-3) at Alabama A&M (4-5)
S. Utah (4-5) at E. Kentucky (4-5)
Bethune-Cookman (5-4) at Grambling St. (6-3)
Syracuse (3-6) at Miami (6-2)
ETSU (4-5) at Samford (1-8)
Southern U. (1-8) at Alcorn St. (3-6)
West Georgia (6-3) at North Alabama (2-7)
Georgia St. (1-7) at Coastal Carolina (5-3)
Auburn (4-5) at Vanderbilt (7-2)
Cent. Arkansas (3-6) at Austin Peay (5-4)
Stanford (3-6) at North Carolina (3-5)
Texas State (3-5) at Louisiana-Lafayette (3-6)
Florida St. (4-4) at Clemson (3-5)
California (5-4) at Louisville (7-1)
Wake Forest (5-3) at Virginia (8-1)
LSU (5-3) at Alabama (7-1)
Florida (3-5) at Kentucky (3-5)

MIDWEST

San Diego (5-4) at Valparaiso (1-8)
St. Thomas (Minn.) (6-3) at Drake (6-2)
Illinois St. (6-3) at Indiana St. (3-6)
Ohio St. (8-0) at Purdue (2-7)
Bowling Green (3-6) at E. Michigan (2-7)
Tennessee Tech (9-0) at E. Illinois (3-6)
Murray St. (0-9) at N. Iowa (2-7), 2 p.m.
S. Illinois (6-3) at Youngstown St. (5-4)
N. Dakota St. (9-0) at North Dakota (6-3)
Lindenwood (Mo.) (4-5) at W. Illinois (2-7)
Texas A&M (8-0) at Missouri (6-2)
Oregon (7-1) at Iowa (6-2)
S. Dakota St. (7-2) at South Dakota (6-4)
Washington (6-2) at Wisconsin (2-6)
Navy (7-1) at Notre Dame (6-2)

SOUTHWEST

Southern Miss. (6-2) at Arkansas St. (5-4)
BYU (8-0) at Texas Tech (8-1)
UAB (3-5) at Rice (4-5)
Jacksonville St. (5-3) at UTEP (2-6)
Florida A&M (3-5) at Ark.-Pine Bluff (4-5)
Utah Tech (2-7) at Abilene Christian (5-4)
Stephen F. Austin (7-2) at Houston Christian (2-7)
Iowa St. (5-4) at TCU (6-2)
SE Louisiana (7-2) at Lamar (7-2)
McNeese St. (3-6) at East Texas A&M (2-7)
Nicholls (3-6) at UT Rio Grande Valley (6-3)

FAR WEST

Weber St. (3-6) at Montana St. (7-2)
E. Washington (4-5) at Montana (9-0)
Kansas (5-4) at Arizona (5-3)
Kennesaw St. (6-2) at New Mexico St. (3-5)
Sacramento St. (5-4) at Portland St. (1-8)
N. Colorado (3-6) at N. Arizona (5-4)
Cal Poly (3-6) at Idaho St. (3-6)
Air Force (2-6) at San Jose St. (3-5)
UC Davis (6-2) at Idaho (4-5)
Nevada (1-7) at Utah St. (4-4)
Nebraska (6-3) at UCLA (3-5)
UNLV (6-2) at Colorado St. (2-6)
Sam Houston St. (0-8) at Oregon St. (2-7)
San Diego St. (7-1) at Hawaii (6-3)

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Tuesday men's scores

EAST

Manhattan 125, St. Joseph's (Brooklyn) 59
Monmouth 96, Caldwell 68
NJIT 72, Fordham 61
Sacred Heart 103, US Merchant Marine Academy 46
UMBC 74, Penn State-York 53
West Virginia 70, Mount St. Mary's 54

SOUTH

Duke 75, Texas 60
East Carolina 92, Georgia Southern 89
East Tennessee State 102, Converse 50
Florida State 108, Alcorn State 76
Kentucky 77, Nicholls State 51
South Carolina 91, North Carolina A&T 72

MIDWEST

Iowa 101, Robert Morris 69
Kansas State 93, UNC Greensboro 64
Missouri State 88, Missouri Southern State 70
Purdue 82, Evansville 51
SIU-Edwardsville 119, East-West 50
Valparaiso 66, Eastern Illinois 63
Waldorf 84, Martin Luther 62
Wichita State 75, UNC Asheville 58

SOUTHWEST

Little Rock 92, Arkansas Baptist Buffaloes 63
Oklahoma State 95, Oral Roberts 71
Rice 109, CBS Ambassadors 38
Texas Tech 98, Lindenwood 60

FAR WEST

Arizona State 81, Southern Utah 64
Idaho State 81, Park Gilbert Buccaneers 71
Nevada 77, Louisiana Tech 50
New Mexico State 83, Adams State 72
Oregon 60, Hawai'i 59
Sacramento State 103, Dominican (CA) 79
San Diego 88, Occidental 59
San Diego State 77, Long Beach State 45
Santa Clara 83, Cal Poly Humboldt 53
Stanford 89, Portland State 79
Tennessee-Martin 86, UNLV 81
UC Santa Barbara 98, San Francisco State 67
Utah Valley 116, West Coast Baptist 35

Tuesday women's scores

EAST

Albany 74, Marist 46
Colgate 53, Siena 43
Drexel 68, Pittsburgh 60
Howard 68, Providence 56
Merrimack 97, UMass Boston 46
Saint Joseph's 69, West Chester 46
Seton Hall 88, Saint Peter's 39
Syracuse 74, Stony Brook 50
UConn 79, Louisville 66
Vermont 137, Dean 31

SOUTH

Florida Atlantic 89, Florida Memorial 46
Kennesaw State 85, Shorter 36
LSU 108, Houston Christian 55
Liberty 78, Frostburg State 49
North Carolina State 80, Tennessee 77
Richmond 83, Mount St Marys 49
Virginia 86, Morgan State 36
Virginia Tech 100, Towson 56

MIDWEST

Bradley 94, Judson 33
DePaul 92, Valparaiso 54
Illinois 91, Southeast Missouri State 67
Indiana 80, Lipscomb 46
Lehigh 88, Cincinnati 85
Michigan 100, Canisius 40
Michigan State 125, Mercyhurst 39
Minnesota 91, North Dakota 47
Southern Illinois 69, Lewis 53
Western Illinois 116, Westminster (Mo.) 46
Xavier 53, New Haven 46

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas 93, Louisiana Tech 81
Houston 76, UT Arlington 59
SMU 96, Grambling State 70

FAR WEST

Cal State Northridge 103, Bethesda 13
Colorado State 75, Weber State 58
Idaho State 99, Westminster (UT) 47
Montana 81, Seattle Pacific 44
Montana State 93, Carroll College 41
Northern Colorado 105, Northern New Mexico 31
Pepperdine 84, Cal State Fullerton 70
Portland 95, Willamette 43
Saint Mary's 56, Wyoming 47
USC 87, New Mexico State 48

PRO FOOTBALL

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	7	2	0	.778	237	169
Buffalo	6	2	0	.750	235	167
Miami	2	7	0	.222	180	243
N.Y. Jets	1	7	0	.125	168	221

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	7	2	0	.778	290	181
Jacksonville	5	3	0	.625	176	184
Houston	3	5	0	.375	168	121
Tennessee	1	8	0	.111	130	257

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	5	3	0	.625	202	195
Baltimore	3	5	0	.375	202	216
Cincinnati	3	6	0	.333	216	300
Cleveland	2	6	0	.250	126	184

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	7	2	0	.778	225	166
L.A. Chargers	6	3	0	.667	215	193
Kansas City	5	4	0	.556	235	159
Las Vegas	2	6	0	.250	132	210

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	6	2	0	.750	208	185
Dallas	3	5	1	.389	263	277
Washington	3	6	0	.333	201	236
N.Y. Giants	2	7	0	.222	197	249

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	6	2	0	.750	197	178
Carolina	5	4	0	.556	170	205
Atlanta	3	5	0	.375	143	178
New Orleans	1	8	0	.111	138	243

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	5	2	1	.688	206	166
Detroit	5	3	0	.625	239	178
Chicago	5	3	0	.625	215	227
Minnesota	4	4	0	.500	182	186

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	6	2	0	.750	231	150
L.A. Rams	6	2	0	.750	209	127
San Francisco	6	3	0	.667	194	188
Arizona	3	5	0	.375	180	171

Thursday's game

Baltimore 28, Miami 6

Sunday's games

Carolina 16, Green Bay 13
Chicago 47, Cincinnati 42
Denver 18, Houston 15
L.A. Chargers 27, Tennessee 20
Minnesota 27, Detroit 24
New England 24, Atlanta 23
Pittsburgh 27, Indianapolis 20
San Francisco 34, N.Y. Giants 24
Jacksonville 30, Las Vegas 29, OT
L.A. Rams 34, New Orleans 10
Buffalo 28, Kansas City 21
Seattle 38, Washington 14
Open: Cleveland, N.Y. Jets, Philadelphia, Tampa Bay

Monday's game

Arizona 27, Dallas 17

Thursday, Nov. 6

Las Vegas at Denver

Sunday, Nov. 9

Atlanta vs. Indianapolis at Berlin
Baltimore at Minnesota
Buffalo at Miami
Cleveland at N.Y. Jets
Jacksonville at Houston
N.Y. Giants at Chicago
New England at Tampa Bay
New Orleans at Carolina
Arizona at Seattle
Detroit at Washington
L.A. Rams at San Francisco
Pittsburgh at L.A. Chargers
Open: Cincinnati, Kansas City, Tennessee, Dallas

Monday, Nov. 10

Philadelphia at Green Bay

Thursday, Nov. 13

N.Y. Jets at New England

Sunday, Nov. 16

Washington vs. Miami at Madrid
Carolina at Atlanta
Chicago at Minnesota
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh
Green Bay at N.Y. Giants
Houston at Tennessee
L.A. Chargers at Jacksonville
Tampa Bay at Buffalo
San Francisco at Arizona
Seattle at L.A. Rams
Baltimore at Cleveland
Kansas City at Denver
Detroit at Philadelphia
Open: Indianapolis, New Orleans

AP SPORTLIGHT

Nov. 6

1869 — The first U.S. college football game is played, with Rutgers defeating Princeton 6-4.

1934 — Joe Carter scores four touchdowns and Swede Hanson rushes for 190 yards as the Philadelphia Eagles crush the Cincinnati Reds 64-0.

1966 — Philadelphia's Timmy Brown returns kickoffs 93 yards and 90 yards for touchdowns to lead the Eagles to a 24-23 victory over the Dallas Cowboys.

1981 — Larry Holmes knocks out Renaldo Snipes in the 11th round to retain the world heavyweight title in Pittsburgh.

1983 — James Wilder of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers rushes for 219 yards and a touchdown in a 17-12 victory over the Minnesota Vikings.

1988 — Britain's Steve Jones win the New York City Marathon in 2:08:20, the fastest time in the world this year. His margin of victory, 3 minutes and 21 seconds over Salvatore Bettiol, is the largest in the history of the five-borough race. Grete Waitz wins an unprecedented ninth women's title, finishing in 2:28:07 well ahead of Italy's Laura Fogli (2:31:26).

1992 — Manon Rheaume of the Atlanta Knights becomes the first woman to suit up for a regular-season pro hockey game. The 20-year-old goalie doesn't play in Atlanta's 3-2 overtime loss to Cincinnati in the IHL game.

1993 — French-based Arcangues stages the biggest Breeders' Cup upset, rallying to beat Bertrando by 2 lengths in the $3 million Classic at Santa Anita. Arcangues went off at 133-1 and returned $269.20 on a $2 bet.

1993 — Evander Holyfield regains the WBA and IBF heavyweight championships from Riddick Bowe in a fight disrupted by a parachutist. During the seventh round at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, the chutist tumbles into the ringside seats and stops the fight for 21 minutes. Holyfield becomes the fourth man to become a heavyweight champion at least twice.

1995 — Browns owner Art Modell officially announces the team is moving to Baltimore to become the Ravens. The Cleveland franchise would restart three years later, with Modell continuing to own the Baltimore franchise until 2004.

1999 — Charles Roberts rushes for 409 yards and five touchdowns to lead Sacramento State past Idaho State 41-20, setting a new NCAA record for a single-game rushing performance.

2005 — Annika Sorenstam becomes the first player in LPGA Tour history to win a tournament five straight times, shooting an 8-under 64 for a three-stroke victory in the Mizuno Classic.

2010 — Michigan wins the highest scoring game in its 131-year history by stopping a 2-point conversion attempt in the third overtime for a 67-65 victory over Illinois.

2010 — Zenyatta comes within a head of finishing a perfect career. Horse racing's biggest star closes from dead last, but Blame holds off the 6-year-old mare and wins the $5 million Breeders' Cup Classic under the lights Churchill Downs. Zenyatta entered the race hoping to improve to 20-0 on her career.

NHL

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	13	9	3	1	19	48	41
Detroit	14	9	5	0	18	44	42
Boston	15	8	7	0	16	49	51
Toronto	13	7	5	1	15	47	47
Tampa Bay	13	6	5	2	14	37	36
Ottawa	13	6	5	2	14	48	51
Buffalo	13	5	4	4	14	38	40
Florida	13	6	6	1	13	34	41

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	13	9	4	0	18	46	40
Pittsburgh	14	8	4	2	18	49	40
Carolina	12	8	4	0	16	44	32
Philadelphia	13	7	5	1	15	38	35
Columbus	12	7	5	0	14	40	36
N.Y. Islanders	13	6	5	2	14	43	46
N.Y. Rangers	14	6	6	2	14	31	34
Washington	12	6	5	1	13	31	29

Western Conference

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	14	8	1	5	21	50	37
Winnipeg	13	9	4	0	18	45	33
Utah	13	9	4	0	18	44	35
Dallas	13	7	3	3	17	37	39
Nashville	15	5	6	4	14	39	51
Chicago	13	5	5	3	13	39	38
Minnesota	14	5	6	3	13	40	51
St. Louis	13	4	7	2	10	37	53

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	12	8	3	1	17	48	37
Vegas	12	7	2	3	17	40	32
Seattle	12	6	2	4	16	33	33
Los Angeles	14	6	4	4	16	40	44
Edmonton	15	6	5	4	16	46	48
Vancouver	14	7	7	0	14	40	45
San Jose	13	4	6	3	11	42	53
Calgary	14	3	9	2	8	31	48

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Monday's games

Toronto 4, Pittsburgh 3
St. Louis 3, Edmonton 2
Vancouver 5, Nashville 4, OT
Seattle 3, Chicago 1

Tuesday's games

Carolina 3, N.Y. Rangers 0
Utah 2, Buffalo 1, OT
Boston 4, N.Y. Islanders 3, SO
Philadelphia 5, Montreal 4, SO
Anaheim 7, Florida 3
Minnesota 3, Nashville 2, OT
Dallas 4, Edmonton 3, SO
Colorado 3, Tampa Bay 2
Vegas 1, Detroit 0
Los Angeles 3, Winnipeg 0

Wednesday's games

Utah at Toronto
St. Louis at Washington
Columbus at Calgary
Chicago at Vancouver
San Jose at Seattle

Thursday's games

Minnesota at Carolina
Montreal at New Jersey
Ottawa at Boston
St. Louis at Buffalo
Washington at Pittsburgh
Anaheim at Dallas
Philadelphia at Nashville
Florida at Los Angeles
Tampa Bay at Vegas

Friday's games

Minnesota at N.Y. Islanders
N.Y. Rangers at Detroit
Chicago at Calgary
Winnipeg at San Jose

Scoring leaders

Through Monday

	GP	G	A	PTS
Mark Scheifele, WPG	12	9	11	20
Nick Suzuki, MTL	13	3	16	19
Connor McDavid, EDM	14	3	16	19
Evgeni Malkin, PIT	14	3	16	19
Jack Eichel, LV	11	8	11	19
Nathan MacKinnon, COL	13	10	9	19
Cale Makar, COL	13	4	14	18
William Nylander, TOR	10	5	13	18
David Pastrnak, BOS	15	7	11	18
Macklin Celebrini, SJ	13	7	11	18
Nick Schmaltz, UTA	13	8	10	18
Dylan Larkin, DET	13	8	10	18
Kyle Connor, WPG	12	8	9	17
Martin Necas, COL	13	9	8	17
Sidney Crosby, PIT	14	9	8	17

ROUNDUP

Hurricanes snap Rangers' win streak

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Pyotr Kochetkov made 25 saves in his season debut, Nikolaj Ehlers, Sean Walker and Seth Jarvis scored and the Carolina Hurricanes beat the New York Rangers 3-0 on Tuesday night.

Ehlers, who signed with Carolina last summer after 10 seasons with Winnipeg, scored his first goal with the Hurricanes with 6:30 left in the opening period. Walker made it 2-0 with 3:53 to go in the second on a long shot from the right point that eluded goalie Igor Shesterkin.

Seth Jarvis added an empty-netter for his team-leading eighth goal. Mike Reilly had two assists.

Kochetkov missed the start of the season because of a lower-body injury. He won 27 games for Carolina last season. The 26-year-old Russian made a point-blank stop on New York captain J.T. Miller just over two minutes into the middle period during a power play. The shutout was the 11th of his career.

The Rangers had a three-game winning streak snapped. They are winless at home with just six goals in six games.



NOAH K. MURRAY/AP

Carolina defenseman Sean Walker, right, fights Rangers left wing Artemi Panarin for the puck during the third period Tuesday in New York. The Hurricanes defeated the Rangers 3-0.

Mammoth 2, Sabres 1 (OT): Clayton Keller scored 47 seconds into overtime to lift visiting Utah over Buffalo.

Keller wheeled through the Sabres zone and drove to the net where he slipped a shot past Alex Lyon that helped the Mammoth snap a two-game losing skid.

Nick Schmaltz also scored, and Karel Vejmelka made 17 saves for Utah and added an assist on the winning goal.

Noah Ostlund scored and Lyon made 33 saves for Buffalo. The Sabres have one win in their last five games, which each went to overtime or shootout, and have points in seven straight.

Bruins 4, Islanders 3 (SO): Marat Khusnutdinov tied it late in the third period and had the lone shootout goal, helping visiting Boston beat New York for its fourth straight victory.

Viktor Arvidsson and Pavel Zacha also scored for the Bruins. Jeremy Swayman made 25 saves.

Bo Horvat scored twice for the Islanders. Anthony Duclair also scored, and 18-year-old defenseman Mathew Schaefer had an assist. Ilya Sorokin stopped 23 shots.

Swayman denied Simon Holmstrom, Horvat and Jonathan Drouin in the shootout as Boston improved to 8-7-0.

Flyers 4, Canadiens 3 (SO): Bobby Brink scored twice, Trevor Zegras had the shootout winner and visiting Philadelphia beat Montreal after blowing a three-goal lead.

Nikita Grebenkin and Cam York also scored for the Flyers. York added an assist, Zegras had two helpers and Dan Vladar stopped 16 shots.

Philadelphia led 3-0 lead before the game was eight minutes old. Brink deflected a hard pass past Montembeault at 1:56 and the Flyers struck twice more thanks to a 5-on-3 power play.

The Canadiens erupted with four goals in the second. Dach sparked the surge by hammering a shot into the net off the end boards before Demidov set up Suzuki on the power play. Dach then tied it, and Demidov put Montreal up 4-3 with a power-play marker.

Ducks 7, Panthers 3: Cutter Gauthier had his first career hat trick during a four-point performance, and host Anaheim routed Florida for its fourth consecutive victory.

Nikita Nesterenko scored the go-ahead goal late in the second period before Jacob Trouba, Chris Kreider and Jansen Harkins added third-period goals for the upstart Ducks, who surged back into first place in the Pacific Division.

Lukas Dostal made 18 saves as Anaheim improved to 4-1-0 at home and beat the defending champs for the second time in eight days.

Sergei Bobrovsky made 25 saves as the Panthers dropped to 1-5-0 on the road.

Wild 3, Predators 2 (OT): Marcus Johansson scored at 3:38 of overtime with the goal off its moorings and host Minnesota overcame a last-second tying goal to beat Nashville.

Steven Stamkos tied it for the Predators with 0.3 seconds left in regulation and Annunen off for an extra attacker, beating the clock and goalie Filip Gustavsson with a one-timer from the left side. Defenseman Nick Blankenburg kept the puck in at the blue line and got the puck to Stamkos for his second goal of the season and 584th overall.

The Wild closed a six-game homestand with consecutive victories after dropping the first four. Kirill Kaprizov and Zeev Buium scored power-play goals for Minnesota, and Gustavsson made 32 saves.

Stars 4, Oilers 3 (SO): Wyatt Johnston had three assists before making the game-ending shot in a shootout as host Dallas beat Edmonton in their first meeting since the Oilers eliminated the Stars in the Western Conference Final for the second season in a row.

Mikko Rantanen had two goals and an assist for Dallas.

Leon Draisaitl, Connor McDavid and Vasily Podkolzin scored for Edmonton, which led 2-0 only 7:07 in while playing for the third time in four days. Stuart Skinner, who beat the Stars in the last two West finals, stopped 24 shots.

Avalanche 3, Lightning 2: Victor Olofsson scored twice, Scott Wedgewood made 22 saves for his NHL-leading eighth victory of the season and host Colorado held off Tampa Bay in a rematch of the 2022 Stanley Cup Finals.

Playing against his former team, Ross Colton also scored to help the Avalanche push their points total to an NHL-best 21. The Lightning had won five in a row.

Nikita Kucherov scored his fifth goal of the season for Tampa Bay, giving the 32-year-old right wing seven points in his past three games against Colorado. The goal gave him 1,005 career points, breaking a tie with Brian Propp for 100th place in NHL history.

Golden Knights 1, Red Wings 0: Akira Schmid made 24 saves for his second regular-season NHL shutout, Ivan Barbashev scored and host Vegas beat Detroit.

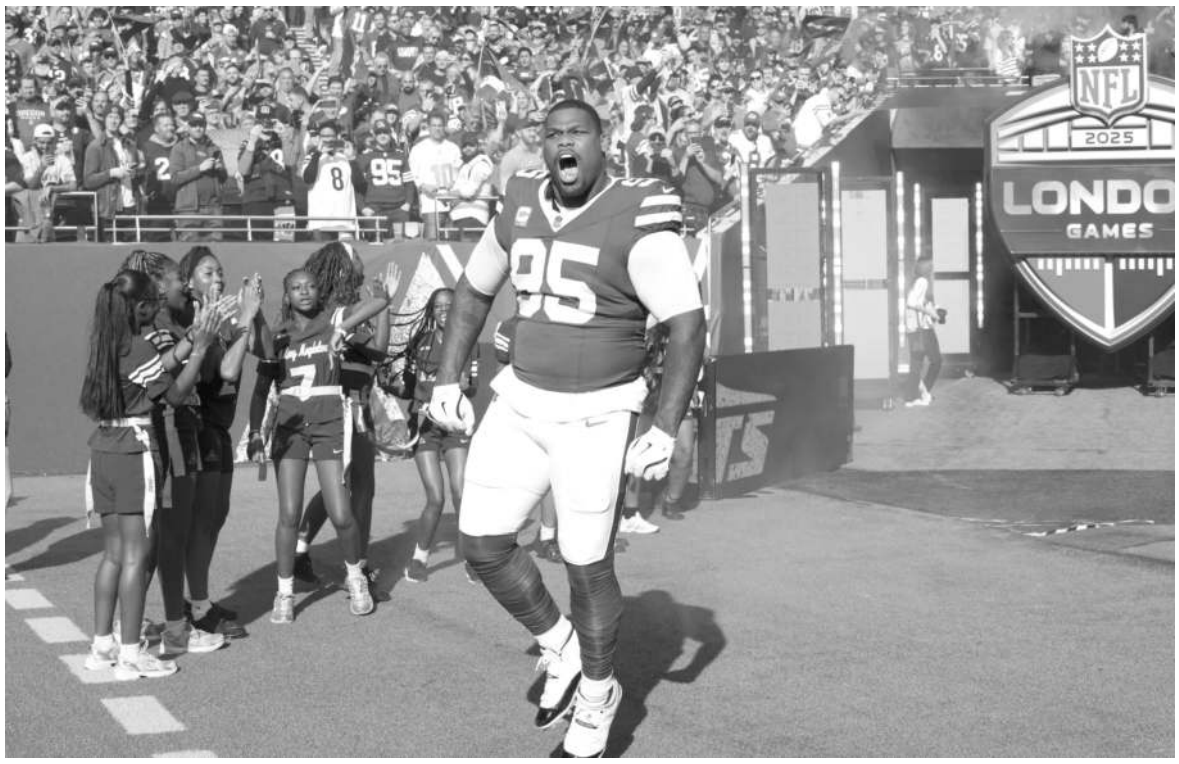
Barbashev scored with 6:15 left in the second period, beating goalie John Gibson with a backhander off a rebound.

The Red Wings missed a chance to take the Eastern Conference lead, finishing 3-2-0 on a five-game trip.

Kings 3, Jets 0: Adrian Kempe scored his 200th NHL career goal, Drew Doughty broke the Los Angeles record for goals by a defenseman and the host Kings beat Winnipeg.

Darcy Kuemper made 23 saves and Kevin Fiala added a late power-play goal to help LA get its first home win of the season in six games.

NFL



DAVE SHOPLAND/AP

New York Jets DT Quinnen Williams takes the field for a game against the Denver Broncos on Oct. 12 in London. The Dallas Cowboys acquired Williams in the hopes he can help them get back to the playoffs.

Cowboys upgrade defense, trade for Jets DT Williams

Associated Press

FRISCO, Texas — The Dallas Cowboys traded for star defensive tackle Quinnen Williams of the New York Jets on Tuesday in a major move to try to improve one of the NFL's worst defenses.

The deal for Williams came about two hours before the trading deadline, following a lower-profile addition in linebacker Logan Wilson from the Cincinnati Bengals, who was acquired for a seventh-round pick in the upcoming draft.

The Cowboys are giving the Jets a 2027 first-round pick, a 2026 second-rounder and underperforming defensive tackle Mazi Smith.

New York will get the better of Dallas' 2027 first-rounders. The Cowboys added first-round choices each of the next two years in another blockbuster, the trade that sent star pass rusher Micah Parsons to the Green Bay Packers a week before the season.

Dallas was talking to the Jets about Williams when it was trying to find a resolution to the contract stalemate with Parsons during training camp. The Cowboys also got defensive tackle Kenny Clark in the Green Bay trade.

Williams was the No. 3 overall pick of New York in 2019 out of Alabama and has steadily developed into one of the NFL's top interior defensive linemen.

Jets general manager Darren Mougey wouldn't say whether Williams requested a trade, but added the deal with Dallas "came together and it was a good value for us today, so we went ahead and did that."

The deal came with New York (1-7) among three teams with an NFL-worst one victory, while the Cowboys (3-5-1) are trying to keep pace in the NFC a year after missing the playoffs. Dallas made three straight postseasons from 2021-23.

"New York will always have a special place in my heart," Williams wrote on X.

"To the fans, thank you for embracing a kid from Alabama and showing love through every high and low. You welcomed me with open arms, and gave me a place to grow. I'm excited for what's next in Dallas and can't wait to get to work."

The trade gives the Cowboys the potential for one of the best interior defensive lines in the league in Williams and Clark, who has been good for them but hasn't been able to reverse the club's struggles in recent years trying to stop the run. Osa Odighizuwa has started alongside Clark.

It remains to be seen how Williams will help edge rushers who struggled badly early in the season without Parsons. The pressure has been better recently for Dallas, but mostly because of increased blitzing.

The Cowboys are on their bye week coming off a 27-17 loss to the Arizona Cardinals and next play at the Las Vegas Raiders in another Monday night game Nov. 17.

An All-Pro in 2022 and a three-time Pro Bowl selection, Williams has 40 sacks and routinely drew double teams from opposing offensive lines that tried to neutralize him — often creating opportunities for other defenders. He signed a four-year, $96 million contract extension with the Jets, including $66 million guaranteed, in July 2023.

Williams, 27, will be reunited with defensive line coach Aaron Whitecotton, his position coach the previous four seasons with New York. Brian Schottenheimer, a first-time head coach after a quarter-century as an NFL assistant, hired Whitecotton after getting promoted from offensive coordinator.

Smith has been a disappointment in three seasons since Dallas drafted him 26th overall in the first round. He has alternated between playing and being a healthy scratch most of this season. He was inactive against the Cardinals.

In other trade news:

■ The Jets acquired cornerback Ja'Sir Taylor from the Los Angeles Chargers for a conditional seventh-round pick in 2028 just before the deadline at 4 p.m. EST. Taylor was a sixth-round pick of the Chargers in 2022 out of Wake Forest.

■ The Seattle Seahawks got wideout Rashid Shaheed from the New Orleans Saints for picks in the fourth and fifth rounds. Shaheed goes from the 1-8 Saints to the 6-2 Seahawks, giving Sam Darnold another option along with Jaxon Smith-Njigba.

■ Edge rusher Joe Tryon-Shoyinka was traded from the Cleveland Browns to the Chicago Bears for a seventh-round pick.

■ Los Angeles got offensive lineman Trevor Penning from New Orleans for a 2027 sixth-round pick.

Weekly statistics

AFC individual leaders

Quarterbacks

	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
D.Jones, Ind	293	204	2404	14	6
Herbert, LAC	325	220	2390	18	8
Mahomes, KC	316	204	2349	17	5
Maye, NE	255	189	2285	17	4
Flacco, Cin	333	205	2069	13	8
Nix, Den	322	197	1976	17	6
Lawrence, Jac	293	175	1840	9	6
Allen, Buf	223	157	1833	13	4

Rushers

	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Taylor, Ind	157	895	5.7	80t	12
Cook, Buf	153	867	5.7	64t	7
Dobbins, Den	135	695	5.1	41	4
Henry, Bal	128	629	4.9	49	6
Achane, Mia	121	606	5.0	49t	3
Etienne, Jac	119	598	5.0	71	2
Hall, NYJ	117	581	5.0	35	2
Jeanty, Las	124	487	3.9	64t	3
Judkins, Cle	118	486	4.1	46t	5
Pollard, Ten	119	480	4.0	21	2

Receivers

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Chase, Cin	76	831	10.9	64t	5
Waddle, Mia	41	586	14.3	46t	4
Sutton, Den	38	566	14.9	52t	4
Pittman, Ind	52	561	10.8	27t	6
Flowers, Bal	46	550	12.0	56	1
Kelce, KC	41	540	13.2	44	3
McConkey, LAC	47	524	11.1	42	3
Allen, LAC	50	520	10.4	31	4
Warren, Ind	42	518	12.3	41	3
Diggs, NE	45	508	11.3	33	2

Punters

	No	Yds	Lg	Avg
Rehkow, Cin	38	2006	70	52.8
Stout, Bal	25	1284	64	51.4

Scoring

Touchdowns

	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	Pts
Taylor, Ind	14	12	2	0	84
Achane, Mia	7	3	4	0	42

Kicking

	PAT	FG	LG	Pts
Dicker, LAC	21/21	20/21	55	81
Fairbairn, Hou	12/12	22/25	57	78
Boswell, Pit	20/20	16/18	60	68

Kickoff Returners

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Mostert, Las	13	421	32.4	54	0
Davis, NYJ	11	323	29.4	41	0

NFC individual leaders

Quarterbacks

	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
Prescott, Dal	329	228	2319	17	6
Stafford, LAR	274	184	2147	21	2
Darnold, Sea	216	152	2084	16	5
Love, GB	250	177	2071	13	3
Mayfield, TB	269	172	1919	13	2
Ca.Williams, Chi	257	158	1916	12	4
Goff, Det	240	177	1915	17	3
Jones, SF	250	168	1832	10	5

Rushers

	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Dowdle, Car	131	735	5.6	53	4
J.Williams, Dal	139	716	5.2	66	8
McCaffrey, SF	168	596	3.5	16	4
Robinson, Atl	118	595	5.0	81t	2
K.Williams, LAR	132	586	4.4	20	3
Gibbs, Det	113	551	4.9	78t	6
Jacobs, GB	141	534	3.8	19	10
Barkley, Phi	127	519	4.1	65t	4
Walker, Sea	106	472	4.5	31	3
Swift, Chi	100	464	4.6	23	4

Receivers

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Smith-Njigb., Sea	58	948	16.3	61t	4
Pickens, Dal	49	764	15.6	45	6
Nacua, LAR	61	711	11.7	39t	3
Jefferson, Min	47	649	13.8	50	2
St. Brown, Det	59	635	10.8	34	7
McCaffrey, SF	61	626	10.3	39	4
D.Smith, Phi	44	588	13.4	79t	2
D.London, Atl	47	587	12.5	43	5
Egbuka, TB	34	562	16.5	77t	5
Olave, NO	55	560	10.2	57	3

Punters

	No	Yds	Lg	Avg
Mann, Phi	34	1781	70	52.4
Whelan, GB	22	1142	65	51.9

Scoring

Touchdowns

	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	Pts
Jacobs, GB	10	10	0	0	60
J.Williams, Dal	9	8	1	0	54

Kicking

	PAT	FG	LG	Pts
Aubrey, Dal	28/29	17/18	64	79
Pineiro, SF	14/15	19/19	59	71
Myers, Sea	27/27	14/18	56	69

Kickoff Returners

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Young, Sea	10	322	32.2	60	0
McCaffrey, Was	26	769	29.6	58	0

AFC team statistics

Average per game

Offense

	Yards	Rush	Pass
Buffalo	385.5	161.5	224.0
Indianapolis	383.3	125.6	257.8
L.A. Chargers	374.6	124.0	250.6
Kansas City	370.1	121.2	248.9
New England	350.7	112.3	238.3
Denver	347.3	133.6	213.8
Jacksonville	338.9	123.6	215.2
Houston	321.1	108.9	212.2
Baltimore	318.5	135.5	183.0
Cincinnati	308.2	78.8	229.4
N.Y. Jets	300.1	143.6	156.5
Miami	291.4	97.2	194.2
Pittsburgh	288.1	87.2	200.9
Las Vegas	283.2	89.1	194.1
Cleveland	263.5	89.5	174.0
Tennessee	244.0	81.2	162.8

Defense

	Yards	Rush	Pass
Houston	267.4	89.9	177.5
Cleveland	276.9	94.2	182.6
Denver	279.9	93.1	186.8
L.A. Chargers	286.8	109.7	177.1
Kansas City	291.8	104.6	187.2
New England	299.0	75.4	223.6
Buffalo	311.2	141.4	169.9
Indianapolis	331.8	87.0	244.8
Las Vegas	333.4	109.4	224.0
N.Y. Jets	335.4	135.8	199.6
Jacksonville	336.1	86.9	249.2
Miami	343.7	145.6	198.1
Tennessee	356.7	141.3	215.3
Baltimore	373.6	123.6	250.0
Pittsburgh	383.8	105.5	278.2
Cincinnati	426.6	166.4	260.1

NFC team statistics

Average per game

Offense

	Yards	Rush	Pass
Chicago	378.4	144.4	234.0
Dallas	378.4	120.7	257.8
L.A. Rams	369.9	111.9	258.0
Green Bay	360.4	112.9	247.5
Seattle	359.0	103.9	255.1
San Francisco	352.1	97.1	255.0
Detroit	350.8	125.1	225.6
Atlanta	335.9	116.8	219.1
Washington	329.4	139.9	189.6
Tampa Bay	323.0	98.1	224.9
N.Y. Giants	322.0	117.9	204.1
Arizona	314.0	111.5	202.5
Carolina	310.7	139.8	170.9
Philadelphia	304.4	111.6	192.8
Minnesota	291.8	99.9	191.9
New Orleans	287.1	89.6	197.6

Defense

	Yards	Rush	Pass
Atlanta	282.5	124.4	158.1
Green Bay	286.4	89.4	197.0
Detroit	294.8	94.5	200.2
L.A. Rams	302.9	99.8	203.1
Seattle	303.9	85.9	218.0
Carolina	316.6	110.8	205.8
Minnesota	316.8	122.2	194.5
Tampa Bay	321.4	92.6	228.8
San Francisco	332.6	108.9	223.7
New Orleans	333.3	129.4	203.9
Arizona	335.4	103.6	231.8
Philadelphia	336.2	120.4	215.9
Chicago	368.8	131.1	237.6
Washington	377.8	124.2	253.6
N.Y. Giants	382.1	150.0	232.1
Dallas	397.4	143.0	254.4

NBA

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	5	2	.714	—
New York	4	3	.571	1
Toronto	4	4	.500	1½
Boston	3	5	.375	2½
Brooklyn	0	7	.000	5

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	4	3	.571	—
Atlanta	4	4	.500	½
Orlando	3	5	.375	1½
Charlotte	3	5	.375	1½
Washington	1	6	.143	3

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	6	1	.857	—
Detroit	5	2	.714	1
Milwaukee	5	3	.625	1½
Cleveland	4	3	.571	2
Indiana	1	6	.143	5

Western Conference

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	5	1	.833	—
Houston	4	2	.667	1
Memphis	3	5	.375	3
Dallas	2	5	.286	3½
New Orleans	1	6	.143	4½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	8	0	1.000	—
Denver	4	2	.667	2½
Minnesota	4	3	.571	3
Portland	4	3	.571	3
Utah	3	4	.429	4

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	6	2	.750	—
Golden State	5	3	.625	1
L.A. Clippers	3	4	.429	2½
Phoenix	3	5	.375	3
Sacramento	2	5	.286	3½

Monday's games

Milwaukee 117, Indiana 115
Minnesota 125, Brooklyn 109
New York 119, Washington 102
Utah 105, Boston 103
Detroit 114, Memphis 106
Houston 110, Dallas 102
Denver 130, Sacramento 124
L.A. Lakers 123, Portland 115
Miami 120, L.A. Clippers 119

Tuesday's games

Toronto 128, Milwaukee 100
Chicago 113, Philadelphia 111
New Orleans 116, Charlotte 112
Atlanta 127, Orlando 112
Golden State 118, Phoenix 107
Oklahoma City 126, L.A. Clippers 107

Wednesday's games

Brooklyn at Indiana
Philadelphia at Cleveland
Utah at Detroit
Minnesota at New York
Washington at Boston
Houston at Memphis
New Orleans at Dallas
Miami at Denver
Golden State at Sacramento
Oklahoma City at Portland
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers

Thursday's game

L.A. Clippers at Phoenix

Friday's games

Boston at Orlando
Cleveland at Washington
Detroit at Brooklyn
Houston at San Antonio
Toronto at Atlanta
Charlotte at Miami
Chicago at Milwaukee
Dallas at Memphis
Utah at Minnesota
Golden State at Denver
Oklahoma City at Sacramento

Saturday's games

Dallas at Washington
Toronto at Philadelphia
L.A. Lakers at Atlanta
Chicago at Cleveland
Portland at Miami
New Orleans at San Antonio
Indiana at Denver
Phoenix at L.A. Clippers

Sunday's games

Houston at Milwaukee
Brooklyn at New York
Boston at Orlando
Oklahoma City at Memphis
Detroit at Philadelphia
Indiana at Golden St.
Minnesota at Sacramento

Thunder avoid post-title hangover

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

The last team standing last season is the last team to remain undefeated this season.

So much for that championship hangover.

Jalen Williams hasn't played yet, Chet Holmgren is dealing with a balky back, Lu Dort just missed a game because of illness … and yet the defending NBA champion Oklahoma City Thunder are still rolling along, off to a 8-0 start despite using four different starting lineups in those eight games.

"We have a DNA," said Shai Gilgeous-Alexander, the Thunder's reigning NBA MVP, NBA Finals MVP and scoring champion.

"We have an identity. We understand how to play basketball. We understand how to win. Win games, big moments and it's done with all five guys on the court on both ends and that's engraved in us. That's something that is almost a habit now and every night we try to implement that."

Such was the case last year, when the Thunder went 68-14 and won the Western Conference's No. 1 seed by 16 games. Put that into some perspective: Oklahoma City could have ended the season on an 18-game losing streak and it still would have won the No. 1 seed at 53-29, or one game better than Houston's 52-30.

Add the 16 playoff wins from last season and the 8-0 start this season, and Oklahoma City is 94-22 since October 2024. That's 20 wins or so more than any other team in that span, and all by an average of about 12 points per game.



Jayne Kamin-Oncea/AP

Oklahoma City Thunder guard Shai Gilgeous-Alexander drives past Clippers forward Nicolas Batum during the first half on Tuesday night in Los Angeles. The Thunder beat the Clippers 126-107.

It is a historic level of dominance, as proven by how last season's 12.9-point-per-game differential in the regular season smashed the existing NBA record that had stood for more than a half-century. And then after Sunday's victory over New Orleans, Gilgeous-Alexander sounded an alarm that the NBA probably didn't want to hear.

"It feels like we're a better team," Gilgeous-Alexander said. "It feels like we've had a year to get better, honestly."

They survived two double-overtime games to start the season — the opener against Houston, then the NBA Finals rematch two nights later against an Indiana team that is very different than the one that played a Game 7 in Oklahoma City for the Larry O'Brien Trophy 4½ months ago.

They have faced a deficit of no more than five points in five of their games, winning two wire-to-wire. They led New Orleans by 36 on Sunday, led Washington by 24 on Oct. 30, led Atlanta by 24 on Oct. 25, led Dallas by 22 on Oct. 27.

And on Tuesday night, the Thunder extended their season-opening winning streak to eight games with a 126-107 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers.

With Gilgeous-Alexander scoring 30 points and dishing out 12 assists, the Thunder overcame an early surge by the Clippers to set a franchise record for consecutive victories to start a season.

After trailing by as many as 13 points in the first half, the Thunder took the lead for good at 81-78 on a 3-pointer from Aaron Wiggins with 3:34 remaining in the third quarter.

Yet, such success still has not come easy.

"I think it has not been like smooth sailing through the first seven games," Thunder coach Mark Daigneault said. "We've played a lot of close games that we've had to kind of grind out. We've played some games in the mud; you have to be able to win a lot of different ways and so embracing the game when it's a little ugly, I think, is important. We've got some injuries and so we've had to lean on our depth and different combinations of people."

It bears noting that only seven teams have won a championship one season and started better than 8-0 in the following season. The champion gets everybody's best shot, without fail. The Thunder have a giant target on their backs and haven't seem bothered.

"Obviously, we're dealing with some injuries to start the year, but because we've gotten better 1 through 15, we were able to plug and play and figure it out on the fly and still have good results," Gilgeous-Alexander said. "So yeah, we're definitely a better team than we were a year ago."

ROUNDUP

Bulls rally from 24 down, beat 76ers

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Josh Giddey had a triple-double with 29 points, 15 rebounds and 12 assists, Nikola Vucevic made a 3-pointer with 3.2 seconds remaining and the Chicago Bulls came back from a 24-point deficit to beat the Philadelphia 76ers 113-111 on Tuesday night.

Philadelphia's Quentin Grimes missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer that would have won it.

Giddey is the first Bulls player to have back-to-back triple-doubles since Michael Jordan in 1989. He drove to the basket before hitting Vucevic with a pass for the corner 3 on the game's decisive possession.

Vucevic finished with 19 points and 10 rebounds. Isaac Okoro added 16 points. The Bulls held the 76ers to 16 points in the fourth quarter.

The Sixers scored 45 points in the first to take an 18-point lead and stayed in front for the majority of the game. Tyrese Maxey scored 12 points on 4 of 6 shooting from 3-point range during the early offensive outburst.

The Bulls trailed by 24 points late in the second quarter, but rallied to cut the deficit to 95-84 by the start of the fourth. Chicago continued chipping away, pulling within 111-110 on Giddey's basket with 1:19 left.

Raptors 128, Bucks 100: Scottie Barnes and RJ Barrett each scored 23 points, Immanuel Quickley and Sandro Mamukelashvili both had 15 and host Toronto won its third straight game by thumping Milwaukee.

Gradey Dick scored 14 points and Brandon Ingram had 13. Toronto posted its biggest margin of victory of the season, eclipsing a 20-point win at Atlanta on Oct. 22.

It was Milwaukee's most lopsided loss of the season, easily exceeding the five-point margin in a 118-113 defeat at Cleveland on Oct. 26.

Pelicans 116, Hornets 112: Jose Alvarado made a go-ahead 3-pointer with 16 seconds left as host New Orleans won for the first time this season by beating Charlotte.

Trey Murphy III scored 21 points for the Pelicans, who had dropped their first six games. Their victory left the Brooklyn Nets (0-7) as the NBA's only winless team.

Hawks 127, Magic 112: Zaccharie Risacher scored 21 points, Nickeil Alexander-Walker had 20 and host Atlanta beat Orlando.

Dyson Daniels added 18 points, Jalen Johnson had 17 and Kristaps Porzingis finished with 15 as the Hawks won for the third time in four games. Onyeka Okongwu added 14 points and seven rebounds off the bench.



Nam Y. Huh/AP

Bulls guard Josh Giddey, right, had 29 points, 15 rebounds and 12 assists in a 113-111 win over the Philadelphia 76ers on Tuesday night in Chicago.

Warriors 118, Suns 107: Stephen Curry scored 28 points with five 3-pointers, Moses Moody came off the bench to score 24 and also hit five 3s, and Golden State jumped to a big early lead before holding on for a victory over visiting Phoenix.

Quinten Post contributed 14 points with four 3s and six rebounds for the Warriors, while Brandin Podziemski had 13 points and Buddy Hield added 12.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Top prospects leading stacked freshmen class

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Darryn Peterson and A.J. Dybantsa sat behind tables about 20 feet apart inside the T-Mobile Center, the site of the Big 12 men's basketball tournament, a couple of weeks ago, dutifully answering questions about their upcoming freshman seasons.

Peterson for Kansas, Dybantsa for BYU.

It was inevitable that one would be asked about the other. Peterson and Dybantsa had been ranked Nos. 1A and 1B among prep basketball players for years, their paths seemingly always intertwined. Perhaps their most famous showdown came during a Grind Session game in Atlanta on the winter AAU circuit, when Peterson poured in 58 points for Prolific Prep, hitting the winning 3-pointer in the final seconds. Dybantsa scored 49 for Utah Prep that night.

"He's tough, man. Probably one of the better scorers I played against," Dybantsa said, glancing at Peterson. "I take a lot of pride in my defense, but he's just a professional scorer. He can score at all three levels, and he makes all the right reads."

Many NBA analysts have one of these two young stars pegged as the No. 1 prospect for next year's draft.

Yet the reality is that Peterson and Dybantsa are but two of a dozen — or more — potential one-and-done first-round draft picks scattered across the college basketball landscape this season. The loaded freshman class comes on the heels of an influx of foreign-born players with backgrounds in pro ball, and the explosion of the transfer portal, which was supposed to mean older rosters and fewer first-year players capable of making such an immediate impact.

"To me, Darryn's the best player we've recruited since we've been here," said Kansas coach Bill Self, whose own one-and-done history includes the likes of Joel Embiid, Andrew Wiggins and, most recently, Grady Dick.

Peterson is at a different level, though. Need proof? How about the 24 points he scored in the first half alone of an exhibition win at Louisville, when the 6-foot-5 combo guard was able to get whatever shot he wanted, whenever he wanted it. He scored 21 points in 22 minutes of the season-opening win over Green Bay on Monday night.

Dybantsa showcased his own potential by pouring in 30 points for BYU in its preseason game against North Carolina and added 21 more in a win over Villanova as Peterson was doing his thing in Lawrence.

The ceiling of this year's one-and-done class is unquestionably high, but so is the depth.

Duke has two likely first-round picks in the Boozer twins, Cameron and Cayden, whose father Carlos starred for the Blue Devils a generation ago. You could make it three elite freshmen if you count Dame Sarr, who played some pro ball in Europe.

The 6-foot-9, 250-pound Cameron Boozer is the centerpiece, illustrated by his performances in exhibition wins against UCF (33 points, 12 rebounds) and at Tennessee (24 points, 23 rebounds). Coach Jon Scheyer, who has routinely coached high-end pro prospects such as last year's Associated Press national player of the year and No. 1 overall NBA pick Cooper Flagg, said Cameron Boozer has "high-level feel" and intense competitiveness.

Bitter rival North Carolina has 6-foot-9 forward Caleb Wilson, and ACC foe Louisville features 6-5 guard Mikel Brown Jr. In the SEC, forward Nate Ament is the centerpiece of Rick Barnes' recruiting class at Tennessee, and John Calipari is back to landing one-and-dones with Darius Acuff Jr. and Meleek Thomas forming one of the nation's top backcourts at Arkansas.

"(Ament) certainly has a great respect for his teammates. They have a great respect for him," Barnes said, "because they see how diligent he goes about his job every day. He's going to work hard, whether that's in the weight room — whatever he has to do, he's going to do it at max ability. I think his teammates respect that a great deal."



CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

Kansas guard Darryn Peterson dunks the ball during the first half against Green Bay on Monday in Lawrence, Kan.

Then there's the Big 12, which might have the best collection of freshmen assembled by a single conference in recent history.

Peterson and Dybantsa will face off Jan. 31, when Kansas welcomes BYU to Allen Fieldhouse.

But both of those teams could be chasing Houston, which is coming off a national runner-up finish last season, and supplemented a returning core of experienced players with 6-foot-5 guard Isiah Harwell and 6-10 forward Chris Cenac Jr.

The NBA could similarly be the finishing factory for a pair of Arizona recruits, Koa Peat and Brayden Burries; Peat had 30 points and was often spectacular in leading the No. 13 Wildcats to a 93-87 win over third-ranked and defending national champion Florida in his debut.

Baylor forward Tounde Yessoufou moved from the West African nation of Benin to play high school ball in California and said his coaches and teammates made the transition comfortable.

"I'm not nervous (about college basketball). More excited to go out there and compete," he said. "It wasn't easy. It was hard sometimes. But I got more comfortable."

Yessoufou better not get too comfortable at Baylor.

The NBA could be calling him soon, along with so many other freshmen in college basketball this season.

TOP 25 ROUNDUP

Loyer shoots career-high 30, No. 1 Purdue routs Evansville

Associated Press

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Fletcher Loyer opened his final college season by scoring a career-high 30 points and preseason All-American Braden Smith added 11 assists as Purdue protected its first preseason No. 1 ranking with a rousing 82-51 season-opening rout over Evansville on Tuesday night.

Loyer was 8 of 11 from the field and made seven 3-pointers. Smith scored just six points but passed former Illinois star Bruce Douglas for third on the Big Ten's career assists list. Smith increased his total to 769, four more than Douglas. Former Michigan State guard Matten Cleaves is second at 816.

Purdue has won 33 consecutive non-conference home games — this one despite playing without preseason all-conference forward Trey Kaufman-Renn, who missed the game with an injured hip.

Joshua Hughes had 15 points and AJ Casey added 14 for Evansville, which faced the Boilermakers for the first time in 20 years. Defending Missouri Valley Conference Defensive Player of the Year Connor Turnbull also sat out for an undisclosed reason.

Without Turnbull, Purdue made this one look easy even though it played raggedly at times — missing shots at the rim, struggling to grab rebounds and just getting into a normal flow.

But the Boilermakers managed to take control with an early 11-0 run and then closed the first half by scoring the final five points to make it 41-22. They started the second half on a 12-0 spurt that made it 53-22.

No. 6 Duke 75, Texas 60: Isaiah Evans scored 23 points, Cameron Boozer had a big second half and finished with 15 points and 13 rebounds as the Blue Devils overcame a sluggish start to beat the Longhorns at the Dick Vitale Invitational.



MICHAEL CONROY/AP

Purdue guard Fletcher Loyer looks to pass around Evansville forward Trent Hundley during the 2nd half in West Lafayette, Ind., on Tuesday.

Duke got 10 points from Patrick Ngongba and used a stifling defense to limit Texas to 32% shooting and force 16 turnovers.

Dailyn Swain had 16 points, while Jordan Pope and Matas Vokietaitis each had 15 to lead the Longhorns in coach Sean Miller's debut.

No. 8 Kentucky 77, Nicholls 51: Collin Chandler scored a career-high 15 points to lead the host Wildcats over the State Colonels in the opener for both teams.

Otega Oweh, the preseason Southeastern Conference player of the year, scored nine of his 13 points in the second half for Kentucky. Freshman Jasper Johnson added 11 points and Florida transfer Denzel Aberdeen scored 10.

The Wildcats overcame a slow start by outscoring Nicholls 49-36 in the second half to put the game out of reach. They made just three of their first 15 shots but regrouped and shot 61% in the second half. Kentucky made seven 3-pointers in the second half, including back-to-back makes by Chandler, who ended an eight-point stretch with a one-handed dunk.

No. 10 Texas Tech 98, Lindenwood 60: Christian Anderson had career highs with 34 points and 11 assists, leading the host Red Raiders over the Lions as Texas Tech extended its nonconference home winning streak to 39 games.

The Red Raiders, who have the highest preseason ranking in school history coming off the program's third Elite Eight appearance, were without preseason Big 12 player of the year JT Toppin and LeJuan Watts, a Washington State transfer who is also the preseason newcomer of the year.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Spotlight: Big 12 has never had season with multiple playoff teams

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staying in the present, blocking out the outside noise and just focusing on what's going on here in the building and taking that week by week and day by day."

Short CFP history

The Big 12 has never had two teams in the CFP. Arizona State was the lone participant in the 2024 expanded playoff.

The league was shut out in four of the 10 seasons when the playoff was a four-team field. Oklahoma was the Big 12's representative four times and TCU and Texas one apiece.

The 12-team field will be announced Dec. 7.

Final month

Besides playing Texas Tech, BYU's other marquee matchup is Nov. 22 at Cincinnati. The Cougars have other remaining games against TCU and UCF. The Red Raiders finish the season against UCF and West Virginia.

The Bearcats, who qualified for the playoff as a member of the American Athletic Conference in 2021, are coming off a lopsided loss at Utah. Cincinnati doesn't play Texas Tech during the regular season, are idle this week and have games left against Arizona and TCU.

"We've still got a lot to play for — everything to play for, quite honestly," Bearcats coach Scott Satterfield said.

What about teams with two league losses?

To have any chance at making the league title game, Arizona State, Houston, TCU and Utah must win out and hope the teams above them falter.

"Any given Saturday, crazy things can happen, and it usually happens in November," McGuire said.

Staying healthy

Several top teams have seen key players banged up.

Texas Tech's Morton returned from a two-game absence last week. Backup QB Will Hammond was lost for the season last month with a knee injury and defensive tackle Skyler Gill-Howard is out indefinitely after undergoing ankle surgery.

Big 12 rushing leader LJ Martin of BYU used a bye week to nurse an upper body injury. Sitake said Martin was practicing this week.

Cincinnati running back Evan Pryor missed the Utah game with an ankle injury and linebacker Jake Golday, tied for the Big 12 lead in tackles, left the game with an undisclosed injury.



CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

Texas Tech wide receiver Caleb Douglas celebrates with offensive lineman Sheridan Wilson after scoring a touchdown during the second half against Kansas State on Saturday in Manhattan, Kan.



JAY LAPRETE/AP

Ohio State, led by quarterback Julian Sayin (10), got the top spot in the first College Football Playoff rankings of the season after winning a national title and getting off to an 8-0 start.

Ohio State gets top billing in opening CFP rankings

By Eddie Pells
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The closest thing resembling drama for the first big reveal of this season's College Football Playoff rankings hinged on which undefeated team would receive top billing.

Answer: The defending champions at Ohio State.

The Buckeyes took the top spot in the first set of 2025 rankings Tuesday night, followed by Indiana and Texas A&M.

In choosing the two Big Ten teams ahead of the Aggies, the 12-person committee appeared to give less weight to A&M's tougher schedule and its 41-40 win over tenth-ranked Notre Dame and more to the way Ohio State and the Hoosiers have mowed down opponents this year, with only two games between the two of them decided by less than 10 points.

"I think statistically when we looked at A&M defensively, they're just lower than both Ohio State and Indiana," committee chair Mack Rhoades said.

"We had to make a hard decision, and you're trying to find separators, and that was a separator for us."

Another team with no losses, BYU, of the Big 12, was ranked seventh.

Nos. 4, 5 and 6 went to Southeastern Conference teams with one loss each — Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi. All of the top six came from either the Big Ten or SEC, a dose of business as usual despite a season that has been anything but predictable.

This marked the first of six weekly rankings the committee will release this season, ending Dec. 7 when the final list will set the bracket for the second 12-team playoff in major college football history.

That tournament begins Dec. 19-20 with four games on the campus of seeds Nos. 5-8. The top four seeds play winners of those games over the New Year holiday and the title game is set for Jan. 19 at Hard Rock Stadium outside Miami.

Texas Tech was ranked eighth and Oregon came in at No. 9. Rounding out the top 12 were Notre Dame — the only team in the Top 25 not from a power conference — then Texas and Oklahoma.

But if the bracket were set today, the Longhorns and Sooners would miss out, bumped by No. 14 Virginia of the ACC and Memphis of the American. That's thanks to a rule that places the five best-ranked conference champions into the bracket even if they're not in the top 12.

Memphis wasn't among the committee's top 25 but was still the highest ranked leader in a Group of Five conference.

There is, of course, plenty of time for teams to make their cases, with four more weeks of the regular season, then a slate of conference title games set for the first weekend in December.

The final tally in the top 12: The SEC has six teams, the Big Ten three, the Big 12 two and the ACC none, with one independent.

Among those still holding out hope are teams such as 16th-ranked Vanderbilt and 17th-ranked Georgia Tech, each of whom spent time in the AP top 10 this season thanks to upsets that turned college football upside down in September and October.

The first-round matchups based on CFP rankings:

■ No. 12 Memphis at No. 5 Georgia, winner vs. No. 4 Alabama. You can almost hear SEC commissioner Greg Sankey breaking his TV wondering how an unranked team is in here over one of his.

■ No. 11 Virginia at No. 6 Ole Miss, winner vs. No. 3 Texas A&M. Virginia's only Top 25 meeting this season was against Florida State, which does not resemble a Top 25 team now.

■ No. 10 Notre Dame at No. 7 BYU, winner vs. No. 2 Indiana. The Fighting Irish have to hope some of the teams immediately below them — like Texas and Oklahoma — do not put up impressive wins since they close with Navy, Pitt, Syracuse and Stanford.

■ No. 9 Oregon at No. 8 Texas Tech, winner vs. No. 1 Ohio State. A Booster Bowl pitting teams backed by billionaires Phil Knight (Ducks) and Cody Campbell (Red Raiders).

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BYU head coach Kalani Sitake and defensive end Viliami Po'uha (45) sing the fight song with the team after a win over Iowa State on Oct. 25 in Ames, Iowa.

Looking for bigger spotlight

Big 12 seeks multiple CFP berths with No. 8 BYU, No. 9 Texas Tech set to battle

BY JOHN RABY
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BYU and Texas Tech are leading the Big 12's charge for multiple berths in the College Football Playoff for the first time.

A league that hasn't won a national championship in two decades and scraps for a piece of the spotlight that shines brighter on the Big Ten and Southeastern Conference is basking in the possibility.

"I really hope that the Big 12 gets the respect that I think this conference deserves," Texas Tech coach Joey McGuire said.

There's other business to take care of first.

No. 8 BYU and the No. 9 Red Raiders play Saturday in Lubbock, Texas. It's the first matchup of AP top 10 teams from the league since 2021. ESPN's "College GameDay" will be there, too.



McGuire

"Lubbock's going to be jumping, for sure," Red Raiders quarterback Behren Morton said.

It might not be the only meeting this season between the teams that have played just twice previously. They could reunite in the Dec. 6 conference championship game, where the winner gets an automatic berth in the 12-team CFP. If the league doesn't cannibalize itself, a second team could get in the playoff.

BYU was seventh, Texas Tech eighth and Utah 13th in the first CFP rankings released Tuesday night.

With a month of games still left, the Cougars (8-0, 5-0 Big 12) are alone in first place, just ahead of the Red Raiders (8-1) and No. 25 Cincinnati (7-2), both at 5-1 in the league. The No. 17 Utes (7-2) and others with two league losses hope to defy longer odds and wedge their way into the title game.

Addressing noise

McGuire wears his love for college football on his sleeve and says he's gets "fired up" every year when watching the weekly CFP rankings come out.

"I'm a fan of that stuff," McGuire said. "I've been that way since they've been doing it."

BYU coach Kalani Sitake, on the other hand, couldn't care less as long as a conference title is at stake.

"Nope," Sitake said. "Haven't talked about it before and probably won't talk about it again."

Sitake's players fall in line with their coach, and for good reason. Last year the Cougars started 9-0, then lost two straight and missed a spot in the Big 12 championship game.

"At this level of football, there's always going to be a lot of noise," BYU kicker Will Ferrin said. "I think the team is very good at

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