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Navy bans drinking, curbs off-base activities in Japan

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YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — Sailors in Japan are barred until further notice from nonessential, off-base activities and banned from drinking alcohol, Navy officials announced Monday following a recent spate of high-profile arrests of servicemembers and civilians.

The order covers all ranks and bans both on- and off-base alcohol consumption, according to a joint announcement from 7th Fleet and Commander Naval Forces Japan.

“These measures are not taken lightly,” said Rear Adm. Matthew Carter, CNFJ. “For decades, we have enjoyed a strong relationship with the people of Japan. It is imperative that each sailor understand how our actions affect that relationship, and the U.S.-Japan alliance as a whole.”

Sailors living off base can commute to work and engage in “essential activities,” such as grocery shopping, gym use, child care and gasoline pickup, according to a Navy statement.

Sailors must clear other off-base activities through their chains of command, officials said Monday.

The order is the most wide-ranging restriction in several years for sailors in Japan, where the Navy has periodically ordered alcohol bans and curfews for all ranks, but particularly for younger, enlisted sailors.

Military officials said privately Monday

that misconduct is taking up considerable time among senior leaders, stealing focus from the region’s myriad security challenges.

The restrictions covering off-base liberty will remain active until unit commanders, executive officers and enlisted leaders conduct face-to-face training with all personnel.

The alcohol ban will remain until the Navy is “comfortable that all personnel understand the impact” of irresponsible behavior “on the U.S.-Japan alliance and the United States’ ability to provide security and stability in the Indo-Asia-Pacific” region, according to a Navy statement.

The Navy Exchange at Yokosuka has stopped selling alcoholic beverages in support of the order, according to signs posted at base stores. The effects of the curfew also were evident Monday night in the Honch, a drinking district just outside the base that is popular with Navy personnel. Bars and restaurants normally filled with American customers were mostly deserted, aside from small groups of civilians affiliated with the base.

The order includes sailors stationed in Japan and those arriving on temporary duty.

The order does not apply to civilians, contractors, family members and personnel from other services stationed at Navy bases; however, Navy officials have requested that they take the order into account.

Sailor could face 15 years in Okinawa crashes

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CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — A 21-year-old Navy sailor could face up to 15 years in jail for crashing into two cars, injuring two people, while driving the wrong way on an Okinawa highway.

Aimee Mejia, a Navy petty officer second class assigned to Navy Munitions Command at Kadena Air Base, originally was charged with suspicion of drunken driving after a Breathalyzer test put her blood-alcohol content at 0.18 percent — six times the legal limit in Japan.

Okinawa police on Monday referred the case to the Naha prosecutor’s office, recommending a charge of dangerous driving resulting in injuries. The charge carries a maximum penalty of 15 years.

Mejia was traveling south in the northbound lane of Highway 58, a main artery on Okinawa’s west coast, about 11:40 p.m. Saturday near Kadena Gate 4, police said. Her car crashed into an oncoming vehicle, injuring a 35-year-old woman in the chest. Mejia’s car then struck another car, bruising the arm of a 30-year-old man, police said.

The new restrictions on sailors are not a response to any one particular incident, but to a negative trend of behavior in the force, officials said Monday.

Army Reserve lieutenant crowned Miss USA

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The newly crowned Miss USA is a 26-year-old Army Reserve officer from the District of Columbia who gave perhaps the strongest answer of the night when asked about women in combat.

“As a woman in the United States Army, I think ... we are just as tough as men. As a

commander of my unit, I’m powerful, I am dedicated,” Deshauna Barber said. “Gender does not limit us in the United States.”

The winner of Sunday’s Miss USA competition held at the T-Mobile Arena off the Las Vegas Strip will go on to compete in the Miss Universe contest.

Barber is the first military member to win Miss USA.

The Washington Post reported that Barber served with the 988th Quartermaster Detachment at Fort Meade, Md.

Barber said she plans to use the pageant’s spotlight and her title to support veterans’ causes and tackle the issue of suicide and post-traumatic stress disorder among military members.

Mom of 3-year-old who entered zoo's gorilla exhibit won't be charged

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — A prosecutor said Monday that he isn't seeking charges against the mother of a 3-year-old boy who got into the Cincinnati Zoo's gorilla exhibit, resulting in the shooting of an endangered gorilla to protect him.

Hamilton County Prosecutor Joe Deters said the child's mother had three other children with her, and she was attending to them when the 3-year-old "just scampered off" on May 28.

The Cincinnati police had investigated the family's actions.

Legal experts had said that prosecution on child endangerment or similar charges seemed unlikely. The family has declined to comment.

The zoo plans to reopen its Gorilla World on Tuesday with a higher, reinforced barrier. The boy apparently climbed over the outer barrier before falling some 15 feet into a shallow moat. A special response team shot and killed the 17-year-old western lowland gorilla named Harambe to protect the boy.

The zoo's role will be reviewed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which enforces the Animal Welfare Act. An animal protection watchdog group has urged that the zoo face federal fines.

The shooting caused a wide outpouring of criticism, blaming the boy's parents or the zoo for the gorilla's death. A Cincinnati police spokesman said last week police planned to "reach out" to the boy's mother to advise her of threatening language in some posts.

The zoo said that there had been no earlier breaches in Gorilla World's 38-year history and that the previous barrier had passed multiple inspections by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, which accredits zoos. Zoo spokeswoman Michelle Curley said the outer barrier will now be 42 inches high — a half-foot taller than before — with solid, wooden beams on top and at the bottom, plus knotted rope netting at the bottom.

A Cincinnati police report identified the boy's mother as Michelle Gregg, 32, who works at a preschool near Cincinnati. The child's father isn't named in the report, and it's not clear whether he was at the zoo that day.

The boy's family has said he is doing well at home. Police said he had scrapes on his head and knee, but was alert and talking when rescued.

University of Dayton law professor Lori Shaw said earlier that child endangering cases are complicated and fact-specific. She said Ohio law requires that the defendant be found "reckless" and to have exposed a child to "substantial risk," or a strong possibility of harm.

A record of police calls shows nine minutes passed between the first emergency call about the boy falling into the enclosure and when the child was safe.

The police report states that witnesses said the gorilla initially appeared to be protecting the child, but after onlookers started screaming, it became "agitated and scared" and began dragging the child.

The boy's family has expressed gratitude to the zoo for protecting his life.

Navy officer investigated in Belgium

By JENNIFER SVAN

Stars and Stripes

A U.S. Navy officer is under investigation in connection with the death of his wife in Belgium, where he has been jailed since March, U.S. officials and Belgian media said.

The sailor, a lieutenant, is assigned to NATO Special Operations Headquarters at SHAPE (Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe), according to the Army.

Stars and Stripes is withholding his name because he has not been charged.

An Army spokesman in Europe said military officials were aware of the allegations but referred queries to the Belgian prosecutor's office in Mons, since Belgium currently has jurisdiction over the case.

Dominique Schollaert, a spokesman for the Royal Prosecutor's Office in Mons, told Stars and Stripes on Monday the officer "is suspected of having been involved in an attempted murder" but would not provide further details.

A local newspaper, La Province, said the victim was the officer's wife, who died in October after falling from the balcony of their apartment in Mons.

Militants reportedly shooting civilians fleeing Fallujah

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The Islamic State group has been shooting at civilians as they try to flee the nearly two-week battle between Iraqi government forces and Islamic State militants in the city of Fallujah, west of Baghdad, an international aid organization and Iraqi military say.

On Sunday, the militants shot and killed seven civilians and seven Islamic State defectors inside Fallujah as they attempted to flee, Iraqi Maj. Ali Hanoon said.

Hanoon, who is with the elite Iraqi counterterrorism forces, on Monday put the number of civilians killed by the Islamic State since the operation started at "dozens" but declined to be more specific, saying the information coming out of Fallujah

is sporadic and often incomplete. Iraqi officials said the total is likely higher.

Iraqi forces, backed by U.S.-led coalition airstrikes, have been fighting to retake Fallujah since late May but the advance stalled last week because of heavy resistance the militants have put up and because an estimated 50,000 civilians remain trapped inside the city. On Sunday, Iraqi forces secured the southern edge of Fallujah, a largely agricultural area.

"They know that if they trap the civilians, it will slow our progress," Hanoon said.

Last week, a suicide bomber blew himself up in a crowd of civilians attempting to flee Fallujah, killing two people and wounding three, according to police.

From Baghdad, the Norwegian Refugee

Council, which works with refugees and internally displaced Iraqis, said late Sunday that a number of fleeing civilians have been killed as they tried to cross the Euphrates River. Iraqi officials had no immediate information on the river incident.

The NRC cited interviews with some of those who fled the city,

"Our biggest fears are now tragically confirmed with civilians being directly targeted while trying to flee to safety," said Nasr Muflahi, the NRC Country Director in Iraq. "This is the worst that we feared would happen to innocent men, women and children who have had to leave everything behind in order to save their lives."

Warriors blow out Cavaliers in Game 2

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. —When the Golden State Warriors returned to Cleveland in January for the first time since clinching the championship there last June, Stephen Curry raised a little stir when he said he hoped the visiting locker room “still smells a little bit like champagne.”

The way the Warriors have thoroughly thrashed the Cavaliers through two games of the NBA Finals rematch, the MVP could soon be drenching that carpet again.

The Warriors won the first two games of the series by a combined 48 points, exhibiting a toughness and ferocity that was overshadowed by their glitzy offense during a record-setting regular season.

They have beaten LeBron James seven straight times — something no team has done before — and completely outclassed Cleveland in every facet of the game. After Sunday's 110-77 thrashing in Game 2, the Cavaliers head home looking for answers they may not be capable of finding.

“I know the other side is looking forward to coming to our building where they had a lot of success last year,” said James, who let it be known in January that Curry's comment didn't sit well with him. “So we've got to bear down.”

Even more troubling for the Cavaliers is that the Warriors have not been the precise offensive machine they were during their 73-win regular season. They have turned the ball over 30 times in the two games and Curry is averaging just 14.5 points per game.

But the Warriors have dominated the series with defense and rebounding, blasting the Cavs on the glass, locking down Kyrie Irving and making James work to

get to the rim.

“I just think it's easy to fall in love with our offense,” Warriors guard Klay Thompson said. “For the casual fan, the whole year they see the highlights. Our rim protection and perimeter defenders have been so great.”

Andrew Bogut blocked five shots in Game 2 and the Warriors squeezed seven turnovers out of James, who made just 7 of 17 shots. Coach Tyronn Lue has tried a number of different lineups looking for a spark, but has come up empty against a Warriors defense that is equipped to handle anything.

“They were tougher than us and more aggressive,” Lue said.

For two years now the Warriors have heard criticism that they are just a finesse team, that they are just jumpshooters benefiting from the league's current hands-off rules. That they are a team that wouldn't hold up in the tougher eras of yesteryear against Jordan's Bulls or Bird's Celtics or Magic's Lakers.

But what they've shown in these Finals, in overwhelming the Cavaliers, is that they are so much tougher than some of the ornery old-timers give them credit for.

Two more victories would put the Warriors in the conversation for the best team ever. But that conversation already started in the postgame press conference after their 33-point win in Game 2.

“To say we're better than the Showtime Lakers, how can you say that?” Draymond Green asked. “We never played them.”

“We're better than the Showtime Lakers,” Thompson quipped, a jab at his father Mychal who played on those teams.

The zinger drew big laughs, much like their play is doing to the Finals. They have turned one of the most anticipat-

Curry won't be on US team in Rio

Stephen Curry has withdrawn from consideration from the Olympics, leaving the U.S. basketball team without the NBA's MVP.

Curry says Monday in a statement that he has decided to pull out for “several factors — including recent ankle and knee injuries.”

He is the highest-profile absence for the two-time defending gold medalists, who will already be without NBA All-Stars Chris Paul and Anthony

Davis.

Curry has won a pair of world titles with the Americans and was a starter when they won the 2014 Basketball World Cup. He had spoken of wanting the chance to win Olympic gold, but missed six games in the postseason with a right knee injury.

His decision to withdraw was first reported by the Mercury News.

— Associated Press

ed matchups in years — Curry vs. LeBron Part II — into a laugh.

They have dismantled the Cavaliers at every turn and now it's uncertain that star forward Kevin Love will be ready for Game 3 on Wednesday after taking a blow to the head in the second quarter of Game 2. He is in the league's concussion protocol.

After the first two games, it looks like the Warriors passed their biggest test in the Western Conference finals when they rallied from a 3-1 deficit to beat Oklahoma City.

The Thunder gave the Warriors fits with their length and athleticism, and the tandem of Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook matched Golden State's intensity like few others could.

Through two games, Cleveland just hasn't measured up. And even James, one of the most cerebral players in the league, is having trouble identifying what the Cavs can do to turn things around.

“It's hard for me to kind of pinpoint

what's not working and what could work right now,” James said. “Obviously not much is working, especially offensively.”

The Warriors insist that this is not as easy as they're making it look. They point out to whoever will listen that they haven't done anything yet and that this is no time to celebrate.

“It's a trap to think that we've figured things out and that we have the perfect formula to beat Cleveland and they have no chance in the series,” Curry said. “That's probably going to be the chatter the next 48 hours, but we have to stay inside our own little bubble and worry about what we're doing.”

They say the series is a long way from over, even if it looks that way right now.

“The hardest part of the series is coming up when we go to Cleveland,” Thompson said. “They'll be playing with a sense of desperation, and their fans are going to be really hungry.”

Cleveland's Love leaves with concussion

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Kevin Love lay on the court grabbing the back of his head after taking an elbow from Harrison Barnes.

The Cleveland Cavaliers forward tried to gut it out before pulling himself from the game. And the Golden State Warriors may have delivered the knockout blow in the NBA Finals as well.

Love was limited to 20 minutes because of the head injury and the Cavaliers were taken apart in a 110-77 loss on Sunday night to fall behind 2-0 in the series.

LeBron James had 19 points, nine assists, eight rebounds and seven turnovers, and the Cavaliers now head back to Cleveland with a mountain to climb. And it's unclear whether Love will be available to help.

“It's hard for me to pinpoint what's not working and what could work right now,” James said. “Obviously not much is working.”

Barnes hit Love in the back of the head with an inadvertent elbow while going for a rebound in the second quarter. Love was on the ground grabbing the back of his head for several minutes and was examined on the bench during the ensuing timeout.

He returned to the game, finished the first half and started the second half before heading back to the locker room. The NBA said he experienced dizziness after playing in the third quarter and has been placed in the

league's concussion protocol.

The league and the Cavaliers say Love did not immediately exhibit symptoms of a concussion in the first half or at halftime that would have caused him to be removed immediately.

Love missed the final seven games of the 2011-12 season with the Minnesota Timberwolves because of a concussion. Game 3 is not until Wednesday, so he has two days to be fully evaluated and examined. He finished the game with five points on 2-for-7 shooting in just under 21 minutes.

“Losing one of our top three players is always going to be a big impact,” coach Tyronn Lue said. “Right now he's in a concussion protocol and he's just day to day.”

Kyrie Irving had 10 points and missed nine of his 14 shots while also getting torched on the defensive end of the floor. He is 12-for-36 in the first two games.

“I'm not disappointed in our guys or frustrated,” James said. “We've just got to do a better job. We've got to be better at all facets, both physically and mentally.”

Love did not play for the Cavaliers in the Finals last season because of a shoulder injury, and his presence this year along with a healthy Irving had the Cavs hopeful the result would be different this time around.

Even with a fully healthy roster this time, they were going to be underdogs in a series against the defending champions, who set the single-season record for wins with 73.

But now the task of delivering the first sports cham-

pionship to Cleveland in 52 years seems much more daunting.

Of the 31 teams who have taken a 2-0 lead in the finals, 28 have won the title. The Miami Heat were the last team to rally from an 0-2 hole in the finals when they beat Dallas in 2006. Lue spent the previous two days trying to get his Cavaliers to pick up the pace in hopes that the transition opportunities would create easier shots and increase the ball movement around the perimeter.

It wound up playing right into Golden State's hands, and the Warriors were only too happy to put their foot on the gas. They were careless with the ball, turning it over 21 times, but it didn't matter.

Lue tried a little bit of everything to throw the Warriors off. He put James at center to go small, and the Warriors blitzed them 27-16.

He went to Timofey Mozgov to try to get some size in the paint and the Warriors ran circles around him.

It was Cleveland's seventh straight loss to Golden State and now the Cavs head back to Ohio looking to defend their home court. But they also are facing the possibility that there is nothing they can do to stop this Warriors train that is running them over.

“What we've done these last two games doesn't put a damper or a cloud over what got to us at this point,” James said. “We're still here and we still have a chance to turn this thing around.”



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Broncos CB Talib OK after being shot

Associated Press

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Star cornerback Aqib Talib will miss the Denver Broncos' trip to the White House on Monday after getting shot at a Dallas nightclub early Sunday morning.

Talib, who was shot in the lower right leg, wasn't expected to be released from a Dallas hospital until Monday, team spokesman Patrick Smyth said. So, he "won't be able to join the team for its trip to Washington," where the team will celebrate its Super Bowl 50 title, Smyth said.

Earlier, the Broncos said they had spoken with Talib and "we are glad he is OK and will make a full recovery."

Although he wasn't expected to require surgery, it's not known how much time, if any, Talib might have to miss because of his gunshot wound, which Smyth said was described as minor.

The team's three-day mandatory mini-camp starts Tuesday and there's a final set of offseason practices next week before the champs scatter until training camp in late July.

Last week, Talib said he was eager to meet President Barack Obama and had purchased a custom-made suit for the occasion.

"I'm looking forward to seeing how that looks," Talib said after practice Tuesday. "Meet Obama before he get up out (of there). Something I've never done before. With these guys, too, man, there are so many characters in this locker room, so just to be able to do something I've never done before with these guys, it will be a blast for us."

The Broncos were trying to get more information on the shooting of their Pro Bowl cornerback and have been in contact with the NFL.

On Sunday afternoon, Dallas police posted a blog about the overnight shootings of Talib and another person, but the links to the incident reports were invalid because the reports weren't uploaded.

Police told The Dallas Morning News that Talib was one of two people shot in an altercation at the Vlive club and that both victims were hospitalized with non-life-threatening wounds.

Broncos cornerback Kayvon Webster tweeted, "My boy Talib is fine thanking man upstairs!"

Along with fellow Pro Bowl cornerback Chris Harris Jr., Bradley Roby and Webster, Talib makes up what's considered by many the best cornerback crew in the NFL. His 30 interceptions and eight pick-6s are tops in the league since 2008, his rookie year in Tampa Bay.

Talib is entering his ninth NFL season and third in Denver. He signed a six-year,

\$57 million contract in 2014 that includes a base salary of \$8.5 million for this upcoming season and a roster bonus of nearly \$500,000.

Last year he made \$5.5 million minus one game check of \$323,529 after being suspended for deliberately poking an Indianapolis Colts player in the eye after a play the previous week.

Talib finished the season with 45 tackles, 13 pass breakups and three interceptions, two of which he returned for touchdowns, in earning his third consecutive Pro Bowl berth.

He helped shut down Carolina's vaunted offense in the Super Bowl, breaking up two of Cam Newton's passes and collecting five tackles in Denver's 24-10 win. He also drew a pair of personal foul penalties in that game, for taunting and facemask fouls in the second quarter that resulted in fines totaling \$26,044.

D-backs snap Arrieta's streak

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Jake Arrieta had been winning at such a remarkable rate it was almost jarring to see the reigning NL Cy Young Award winner lose a game.

Yes, it finally happened.

Arrieta's franchise-record streak ended at 20 wins when Patrick Corbin and the struggling Arizona Diamondbacks beat the Chicago Cubs 3-2 on Sunday.

"Well, it was a good run," Arrieta said.

One that stretched over 24 regular-season starts since he took the loss in Cole Hamels' no-hitter for Philadelphia at Wrigley Field on July 25. Arrieta did lose to the New York Mets in the NL Championship Series last season and was 2-1 in the playoffs.

Arrieta (9-1) lasted five innings this time, allowing three runs and nine hits. He threw 108 pitches and struck out a season-high 12 while walking one.

The Cubs lost for only the second time in 12 games and finished 8-2 on their homestand. Both losses came in starts by Arrieta after they won 23 in a row with him on the mound.

"Obviously, Jake is a human. He's going to give it up sometimes," catcher Miguel Montero said.

Arrieta, however, had been unbeatable during a historic run that placed him among the game's best. The 20 consecutive winning decisions tied him with Roger Clemens (1998-99) for third-most in the majors since 1913.

The Diamondbacks — who struck out a franchise record-tying 18 times — took a patient approach at the plate and wound up with hits nine of the 10 times they put the ball in play against Arrieta.

Corbin (3-5) went seven innings to lead Arizona to its second victory in seven games. The left-hander gave up two runs and five hits, struck out five and did not walk a batter.

"Everyone knows about his (Arrieta's) story," Corbin said. "It's tough to go out there and face a guy like that. It's going to be tough. The team got a couple of runs early, which helped, and was able to keep them off the board just enough."

Marlins 1, Mets 0: Jose Fernandez tied a career high with 14 strikeouts in seven scoreless innings to outpitch a resurgent Matt Harvey, and host Miami averted a series sweep, beating shorthanded New York.

Fernandez (9-2) won his eighth consecutive start to tie Chris Hammond's team record, set in the franchise's first season in 1993.

Blue Jays 5, Red Sox 4: Marco Estrada took a no-hitter into the eighth inning for the third time in a year before it was broken up by Chris Young's home run with one out, and Toronto held off host Boston.

Rangers 3, Mariners 2: Jurickson Profar hit

a tiebreaking single in a three-run fifth inning and host Texas beat Seattle, sweeping a three-game series between the top two teams in the AL West.

Cardinals 6, Giants 3: Aledmys Diaz, Matt Adams and Yadier Molina each had an RBI during a four-run sixth inning and host St. Louis came from behind for the second straight game to beat San Francisco.

The tiebreaking run came on an RBI fielder's choice with the bases loaded by Molina, who entered the at-bat in an 0-for-20 skid.

Angels 5, Pirates 4: Albert Pujols hit a two-run home run off reliever Tony Watson in the top of the eighth inning to lead Los Angeles over host Pittsburgh.

It was Pujols' 30th career homer at PNC Park, the most of any road ballpark for the 36-year-old slugger.

Tigers 5, White Sox 2: Justin Verlander pitched seven strong innings and Justin Upton drove in a pair of runs as host Detroit swept Chicago.

Dodgers 12, Braves 6: Yasmani Grandal hit a three-run homer, Corey Seager added two more home runs and host Los Angeles beat Atlanta to complete a three-game sweep with its seventh win in a row at home.

Nationals 10, Reds 9: Daniel Murphy homered and drove in three runs, and Jonathan Papelbon pitched out of his own major jam in the ninth inning to preserve Washington's victory over host Cincinnati.

Astros 5, Athletics 2: Evan Gattis homered for the third straight game, Carlos Gomez connected for the first time this season and Carlos Correa delivered a tiebreaking double in the seventh inning, helping host Houston beat Oakland for a three-game sweep.

Rockies 10, Padres 3: Carlos Gonzalez hit two two-run homers and drove in five runs, Jon Gray struck out a career-high 12 and Colorado beat host San Diego to snap a four-game losing streak.

Indians 7, Royals 0: Francisco Lindor hit one of host Cleveland's four solo homers and drove in three runs, and the Indians completed a four-game sweep of World Series champion Kansas City with a rain-delayed victory.

Rays 7, Twins 5: Evan Longoria homered for the fourth consecutive game, connecting twice, and Tampa Bay beat Minnesota.

Phillies 8, Brewers 1: Aaron Nola pitched six scoreless innings and matched his career high with nine strikeouts and host Philadelphia backed him with three home runs in a win over Milwaukee.

Wieters helps O's rally past Yanks

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Matt Wieters was sitting around for more than five hours when Orioles manager Buck Showalter summoned him to handle an extremely difficult task: Go to plate as a pinch-hitter to face Aroldis Chapman, who regularly busts the radar gun at over 100 mph.

Wieters followed a lengthy rain delay with a tiebreaking two-run, pinch-hit single in the eighth inning, and Baltimore rallied past the New York Yankees 3-1 Sunday.

"Big win, against the division rival and on top of that, that bullpen is pretty good," Wieters said.

Trailing 1-0 in the eighth, Baltimore had runners at first and second and one out when play was halted by heavy rain. After a delay of 1 hour, 37 minutes, Chapman entered seeking to earn his 10th save in 10 tries.

The hard-throwing closer struck out Jonathan Schoop before Fernando Pena singled to load the bases. Wieters then fell behind 0-2 before bouncing a 101 mph fastball up the middle, and a third run scored on the play when center fielder Jacoby Ellsbury threw wild to the plate.

Showalter smiled when asked about sending Wieters to the plate in that situation.

"Sometimes, you kind of wait till the last second to throw something at somebody that's going to be challenging," the manager said.

T.J. McFarland (1-1) pitched two scoreless innings in relief of Kevin Gausman and Zach Britton got three straight outs for his 17th save.

Baltimore's comeback ruined a decent outing by New York starter CC Sabathia, who allowed two hits and a career-high tying six walks over 5 1/3 shutout innings. Kirby Yates and Dellin Betances (2-4) followed.

New York fell to 25-1 when leading after seven innings.

"They're not going to be perfect. They're going to be really, really good," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said of the bullpen trio of Betances, Andrew Miller and Chapman.

Chapman had been perfect in save situations until this one.

"It's tough for Chappie to have to come back out after an hour-and-a-half delay," Girardi said. "He got the count where he wanted. Just didn't get the ball where he wanted." Girardi said. "

The Yankees' lone run came in the third inning on an RBI single by Alex Rodriguez. They stranded 10 and went 1-for-11 with runners in scoring position.

"We had a lot of opportunities but weren't able to get the big hit," Girardi lamented. "They got the big hit at the end and that's why we lost."

New York dropped two of three to the Orioles to complete a 10-game swing through Tampa Bay, Toronto, Detroit and Baltimore with a 4-6 record.

Until the eighth inning, the Yankees stymied a team that scored 37 runs and hit 11 homers in its previous four games.

Gausman gave up one run and seven hits in six innings. The right-hander owns a decent 3.52 ERA but is winless in nine starts.

Sabathia kept the 1-0 lead intact in the bottom of the third by using three pitches to strike out Mark Trumbo with the bases loaded and two outs.

Gausman returned the favor in the fourth, striking out Ellsbury after New York filled the bases with two outs.

In the fifth, Trumbo again came to the plate with the bases loaded and two outs. As before, Sabathia struck him out on three pitches.

"I was just battling," Sabathia said. "I was just trying to do whatever I could to keep us with that one-run lead."