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## Naval training rises after ship collisions

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ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Lt. Devan Gurecki remembers feeling uneasy the first time she set foot on the bridge of a Navy ship. All she knew about warships she had learned in officer candidate school classrooms. Suddenly, she was a lookout on the bridge and giving directions.

"I literally walked on board my ship the first day, and they threw me on the bridge, and I was like, 'Wait, really? There's no qualification except for my ensign bars? This is it?' And I had never done it before, and it was kind of scary because it is a big responsibility," she said.

Now, as an instructor for the U.S. Naval Academy's Yard Patrol program, she's glad to see the military college host about 80 future naval officers from Navy ROTC. The training

is designed to make students put their classroom navigation knowledge to use at sea. It's the first time Navy ROTC students have participated in the academy's unique, decades-old training program.

Interest in the Yard Patrol program, abbreviated YP, has increased as the Navy explores how to prevent collisions at sea like the ones last year in the Pacific that led to the deaths of 17 sailors in separate incidents involving the USS Fitzgerald and the USS John S. McCain, which is named for the late senator, his father and grandfather. The college has reviewed its seamanship and navigation training curriculum, including the YP program, as part of a larger Navy review. Vice Adm. Ted Carter, the academy's superintendent, told the academy's board that the motor skills midshipmen learn in the ships, also

known as YPs, are valuable.

"If we can get the other community to get even a basic touchstone of some YP time, it will make a difference," Carter, referring to Navy ROTC, told the board, which includes members of Congress and is similar to a board of trustees at a civilian college.

The newest class of YP vessels are 119 feet long and about 27 feet wide. Slow and lumbering in the water, they're rated for about 12 knots, or about 14 mph. They resemble oceangoing research vessels with about a 30-person crew. The vessels have equipment comparable to that used on Navy ships, including electronic navigation and an automatic radar plotting aid.

In addition to training trips into the nearby Chesapeake Bay, they take trips at sea for about 2½ weeks during summer

up the East Coast, including stops in Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and Newport, R.I., or Boston.

Lt. Carlton Smith, who graduated from the academy in 2012 and is now a YP trainer, said the program enables students to start building muscle memory needed to drive a ship.

"While it's not 100 percent identical to what to expect on a warship, it's still extremely close," Smith said.

The YP program teaches students basic "rules of the road" at sea and how to maneuver around other ships. Students also stand watch, conduct drills and learn about the routine of being aboard. Students work as a team to navigate the ship, plotting positions and communicating with other vessels in the area. They also work on adjusting for mechanical problems.

## Virginia Beach sailor recruits for US Navy on Reddit

The Virginian-Pilot

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — In a hotel lobby at Town Center in Virginia Beach, Michael Ivey set up his personal laptop computer and did something no other American sailor has done before.

He logged onto the news and discussion website Reddit and took over the Navy's official recruiting account to take part in an "AMA," which stands for Ask Me Anything. But his job isn't as a recruiter or a public affairs officer who is expected to put forward the best face possible for the Navy.

He's an equipment operator — a Navy Seabee — stationed at Little Creek whose job it is to make sure sailors in the rest of the fleet who are deployed have

a roof over their heads, running water and communication lines.

Without anyone looking over his shoulder or approving his posts, Ivey answered questions in real time for two hours about his background, about life in the Navy and even things he dislikes about the service. He didn't try to duck a question about his views on allowing transgender sailors to serve.

"My entire intent of this was not to be the voice of the Navy but to be the voice of Michael," Ivey said. "If you cherry-pick questions that you want to answer, then it becomes very obvious that you're trying to push a narrative. I wanted this to be as organic as possible. So with that, you have to answer

the hard questions, you have to answer the silly questions; whether I like pineapple pizza or how I feel about the transgender ban."

The unusual session was part of a broader shift in the Navy's recruiting strategy that focuses less on reaching young people through television advertisements and more on connecting with them online through the authentic stories of sailors in the fleet. The Navy has gone from spending about 70 percent of its \$40 million media budget on broadcast in the 2017 fiscal year to 45 percent in the 2018 fiscal year. The Navy plans to spend 70 percent of its media budget on digital in the 2019 fiscal year that begins Oct. 1.

"It is important to note that

the current marketing campaign is the most cost-efficient in Navy history. That is because the majority of the paid advertising is appearing on the digital and social media platforms that are most popular with the Centennial generation," said Lt. Cmdr. Jessica L. McNulty, a Navy Recruiting Command spokeswoman.

"This media strategy shift is helping ensure that the Navy is reaching the right audience, at the right time, on the most appropriate media platforms to maximize impact. And the increased emphasis on digital and social media marketing is enabling the Navy to more precisely measure the campaign's effectiveness and then adjust accordingly."

# Congress faces busy agenda, midterms

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Keep the government running and confirm Brett Kavanaugh as the next Supreme Court justice. Those are the big-ticket items that Republican leaders in Congress hope to accomplish as lawmakers look to wrap up their work and head home to campaign for the November elections.

Democrats want to keep the government open, but they also are fighting to derail the nomination of Kavanaugh, the second Supreme Court nominee from President Donald Trump.

Other items on the agenda when Congress returns Tuesday include passing a farm bill, renewing federal aviation programs and grilling social media executives about foreign interference in their operations and whether they are biased against conservatives, as Trump has alleged.

Republican leaders are expected at the White House on Tuesday for a meeting with Trump on their goals.

Here's a look at some of what's coming up on Capitol Hill:

■ Replacing Justice Kennedy. The Senate Judiciary

Committee begins confirmation hearings for Kavanaugh, a federal appeals court judge, on Tuesday with his introduction and opening statements from lawmakers. Questioning of the nominee will begin the next day, and testimony from the American Bar Association, outside legal experts and those who know him best will follow.

Trump nominated Kavanaugh to succeed Justice Anthony Kennedy, considered the swing vote on some of the most important issues decided in recent years. Democrats are worried that Kavanaugh's confirmation will cement a right-leaning court for many years to come. They contend his elevation could lead the court to restrict a woman's right to choose an abortion, equal rights for gays and lesbians and environmental protections.

With liberal advocacy groups adamantly opposed to Kavanaugh and Democrats wanting to fire up their base for the coming election, Senate questioning will be aggressive and opening statements forceful. But Republicans, with their 50-49 majority, have the edge.

■ Keeping the government

open. Lawmakers face a Sept. 30 deadline to pass spending bills to keep the government open.

The House and the Senate both have approved a series of measures, but have not agreed on a unified bill that could go to the president's desk.

Lawmakers hope to approve at least three compromise bills that fund a large portion of the government, including the military and most civilian agencies, before the new budget year begin Oct. 1.

In a shift from previous years, the Senate has approved nine of 12 mandatory spending bills, enough to fund nearly 90 percent of the government. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., called that "an important step forward" and evidence that "Congress is in good hands" under GOP majorities in the House and the Senate.

Still, lawmakers from both parties remain wary of a government shutdown, which Trump has threatened unless he gets a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border. Democrats have resisted Trump's plan to spend \$25 billion to fulfill that

key Trump campaign promise.

A shutdown just weeks before the November elections would be the third under unified Republican control of Washington, following stoppages in January and February. That prospect has provoked widespread anxiety among Republicans facing tough re-election fights.

Trump has called a possible shutdown "a great political thing, because people want border security."

■ Negotiating a farm bill. Congress has until Sept. 30 to reauthorize farm programs that, among other things, provide payments to farmers when prices for major crops decline. Pleas from farm groups for action come as they deal with the Trump administration's decision to use tariffs as leverage in trade disputes; major trading partners have responded with tariffs of their own on farm products from the U.S.

The farm bill also would extend food aid for low-income Americans. House-passed legislation significantly tightens existing work requirements for aid recipients, an approach Trump has said he hopes makes it into the final bill.

## Trump sees mixing trade, foreign policy as good politics

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When President Donald Trump pulled the plug on an upcoming trip to North Korea

**ANALYSIS** by his secretary of state, he pointed a finger of blame at China and the global superpower's trade practices.

In his recent trade breakthrough with Mexico, Trump praised the country's outgoing president for his help on border security and agriculture.

Both developments offered fresh evidence of how Trump has made trade policy the connective tissue that ties together

different elements of his "America First" foreign policy and syncs them with his political strategy for the 2020 presidential election.

Trump's 2016 triumph was paved in part by his support among blue-collar voters in Midwestern manufacturing states that narrowly supported him over Democrat Hillary Clinton, including Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

His aggressive trade tactics, epitomized by tariffs and standoffs with longtime economic partners and allies, are aimed at reversing what he has long viewed as unfair trade deals while maintaining support among largely white,

working-class voters who have been hurt by the loss of manufacturing jobs.

"Trump understands that economic policy is foreign policy and vice versa," said Stephen Moore, a former Trump campaign adviser and visiting fellow at The Heritage Foundation. "The most important element of foreign policy is to not just keep the world safe, but to also promote America's economic interest. That's what Trump does — this is America First."

It's also good politics, in Trump's view. "It's a populist position. But it's also a popular position with a lot of Americans," Moore said.

As he puts a high premium on trade gains, Trump is intertwining the issue with a host of top foreign policy concerns.

Trump, asked by reporters last week about North Korea's living up to its commitments to denuclearize, said "part of the North Korean problem is caused by our trade disputes with China," pointing to the U.S. trade imbalance with China.

Trade has been a common refrain at the president's rallies.

Trump's second year as president has been marked by a number of trade disputes with traditional U.S. allies and global rivals alike, an approach cemented by his tweet that "trade wars are good."



## Tropical storm set to take aim at Gulf Coast

Associated Press

Tropical Storm Gordon lashed South Florida with heavy rains and high winds on Monday, forcing holiday beachgoers to drier ground. Weather forecasters said the storm could strengthen to near-hurricane force by the time it hits the central U.S. Gulf Coast.

Gordon formed into a tropical storm near the Florida Keys early Monday as it moved west-northwest at 16 mph. The storm was expected to reach coastal Mississippi and Louisiana by late Tuesday and move inland over the lower Mississippi Valley on Wednesday.

The National Hurricane Center in Miami said that the storm was centered 60 miles west-northwest of Key Largo and 50 miles south-southeast of Marco Island at midday Monday.

Miami Beach Police said via Twitter that the Labor Day holiday was “NOT a beach day,” with rough surf and potential rip currents. Red flags flew over Pensacola-area beaches in Florida’s Panhandle, where swimming and wading in the Gulf of Mexico was prohibited.

A hurricane watch — meaning that hurricane conditions are possible — was put into effect for the area stretching from the mouth of the Pearl River in Mississippi to the Alabama-Florida border.

The Miami-based center said the storm was also expected to bring “life-threatening” storm surge to portions of the central Gulf Coast.

A storm surge warning was issued for the area stretching from Shell Beach, La., to the Mississippi-Alabama state line. The warning means there is danger of life-threatening inundation. The region could see rising waters of 3 to 5 feet.

Separately, Tropical Storm Florence continues to hold steady over the eastern Atlantic. Forecasters say little change in strength is expected in coming days and no coastal watches or warnings are in effect.

## Pollution rules rollback will harm coal country

Associated Press

GRANT TOWN, W.Va. — It’s coal people like miner Steve Knotts, 62, who make West Virginia Trump Country.

So it was no surprise that President Donald Trump picked the state to announce his plan to roll back Obama-era pollution controls on coal-fired power plants.

Trump left one thing out of his remarks, though: Northern West Virginia coal country will be ground zero for increased deaths and illnesses from the rollback on regulation of harmful emission from the nation’s coal power plants.

An analysis done by his own Environmental Protection Agency concludes that the plan would lead to a greater number of people here dying prematurely, and suffering health problems that they otherwise would not have, than elsewhere in the country, when compared with health impacts of the Obama plan.

Knotts, a coal miner for 35 years, wasn’t fazed when he heard that warning, a couple of days after Trump’s West Virginia rally. He said the last thing people in coal country want is the government slapping down more controls on coal — and the air here in the remote West Virginia mountains seems fine to him.

“People here have had it with other people telling us what we need. We know what we need. We need a job,” Knotts said at lunch hour at a Circle K in a tiny town between two coal mines, and 9 miles down the road from a coal power plant, the Grant Town plant.

Clean-air controls since the 1980s largely turned off the columns of black soot that used to rise from coal smokestacks. The regulations slashed the national death rates from coal-fired power plants substantially.

These days pollutants rise from smoke stacks as gases, before solidifying into fine particles — still invisible — small enough to

pass through lungs and into bloodstreams.

An EPA analysis said those pollutants would increase under Trump’s plan, when compared with what would happen under the Obama plan. And that, it says, would lead to thousands more heart attacks, asthma problems and other illnesses that would not have occurred.

Nationally, the EPA said, 350 to 1,500 more people would die each year under Trump’s plan. But it’s the northern two-thirds of West Virginia and the neighboring part of Pennsylvania that would be hit hardest, by far, according to Trump’s EPA.

Trump’s rollback would kill an extra 1.4 to 2.4 people a year for every 100,000 people in those hardest-hit areas, compared with under the Obama plan, according to the EPA analysis. For West Virginia’s 1.8 million people, that would be equal to at least a couple of dozen additional deaths a year.

Trump’s acting EPA administrator, Andrew Wheeler, a former coal lobbyist whose grandfather worked in the coal camps of West Virginia, headed to coal states this week and last to promote Trump’s rollback. The federal government’s retreat on regulating pollution from coal power plants was “good news,” Wheeler told crowds there.

In Washington, EPA spokesman Michael Abboud said Trump’s plan still would result in “dramatic reductions” in emissions, deaths and illness compared with the status quo instead of to the Obama plan. Obama’s Clean Power Plan targeted climate-changing carbon dioxide, but since coal is the largest source of carbon dioxide from fossil fuels, the Obama plan would have curbed other harmful emissions from the coal-fired power plants as well.

Trump’s Affordable Clean Energy program would dismantle President Barack Obama’s 2015 Clean Power Plan, which has been caught up in court battles without yet being implemented.

## Deputy shoots man who fired gun over sold-out concert

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — A man who was told no more tickets were available for an Ice Cube concert at a racetrack was shot by a sheriff’s deputy Sunday night after he fired his gun into a crowd, the San Diego Sheriff’s Department said.

The man, whose name and age were not given, came to the ticket window at the Del

Mar Fairgrounds about 6:40 p.m., the department said in a news release. Shortly after he was told there were no more tickets, an argument ensued and nearby deputies came to the scene. The man pulled out a semi-automatic handgun and fired several shots into an area crowded with people, the department said. The deputies shot him.

The man was taken to Scripps Memorial

Hospital La Jolla, the department said. His condition was not released. It appears no one else was injured, the department said.

A video of the shooting that was posted on Twitter records the sounds of several shots being fired before a man falls to the ground. Two deputies appear to holster their guns as one shouts at a gathering crowd to “get back, get back, get back.”

## China's Xi pledges \$60B in financing for Africa

Associated Press

BEIJING — Chinese President Xi Jinping on Monday pledged \$60 billion in financing for projects in Africa in the form of assistance, investment and loans, as China furthers efforts to link the continent's economic prospects to its own.

Speaking to a gathering of African leaders in Beijing, Xi said the figure includes \$15 billion in grants, interest-free loans and concessional loans, \$20 billion in credit lines, \$10 billion for "development financing" and \$5 billion to buy imports from Africa.

In addition, he said China will encourage companies to invest at least \$10 billion in Africa during the next three years.

No details were given on specific projects, although Xi said China was planning initiatives in eight areas, including providing \$147 million in emergency food aid, sending 500 agricultural experts to Africa, and providing scholarships, vocational training and trade promotion opportunities.

The pledge comes on top of a 2015 promise to provide African countries with \$60 billion in funding that Xi said had either been delivered or arranged.

Also on Monday, Xi promoted Beijing's initiative to build ports and other infrastructure as a tool for "common prosperity" in a world facing challenges from trade protectionism.

Addressing businesspeople prior to the formal opening of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation, Xi said the "Belt and Road" initiative will expand markets. He tried to mollify concern that Beijing wants to build strategic influence, promising Chinese investment comes with "no political strings attached."

"Unilateralism and protectionism are on the rise. Economic growth lacks robust drive," Xi said in a speech. "China-Africa cooperation under the BRI is a way to common prosperity that brings benefits to both our peoples."

## Rights group: Strike on Yemeni bus is an 'apparent war crime'

Associated Press

CAIRO — An airstrike by the Saudi-led coalition fighting Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthi rebels in Yemen that killed dozens of people last month is an "apparent war crime," an international rights group said Sunday.

The report came days after U.N. human rights experts said all sides in the fighting may have been responsible for committing war crimes in the 3½-year-old conflict.

The coalition backing Yemen's internationally recognized government expressed regret Saturday and pledged to hold accountable those found to be responsible for the airstrike, which hit a bus carrying children in a busy market in the northern province of Saada. At least 51 people, including 40 children, were killed, and 79 others, including 56 children, were wounded.

Human Rights Watch said the attack adds to the coalition's "already gruesome track record of killing civilians at weddings, funerals, hospitals and schools in Yemen."

The New York-based group said it spoke by phone to 14 witnesses, including nine children, who said that shortly before 8:30 a.m. on Aug. 9, a bomb fell onto the market in Dhahyan, a town north of Saada in Houthi-controlled northwestern Yemen, 37 miles from the Saudi border.

The bomb landed a few meters from a bus packed with boys on an excursion organized by a mosque to visit the graves of men who had been killed in fighting, the group said. The bus was parked outside a grocery store where the driver had gone to buy water for the children, HRW said.

"I saw bodies torn into pieces, pieces of my friends. ... Many of my friends died," the group

quoted Ahmad Hanash, 14, as saying. He and his brothers, Hassan, 13, and Yahia, 11, were wounded in the attack.

Bill Van Esveld, senior children's rights researcher for HRW, urged the U.S. and other countries to "immediately stop weapons sales to Saudi Arabia and support strengthening the independent U.N. inquiry into violations in Yemen, or risk being complicit in future atrocities."

The coalition said it has accepted the conclusions of its investigative body, known as the Joint Incidents Assessments Team, which found that the airstrike involved "mistakes," including failing to take measures to minimize collateral damage.

The coalition said in its statement Saturday that "it will take all the legal measures to hold accountable those who were proven to have committed mistakes" once it officially receives the findings. It also pledged to coordinate with Yemen's government to compensate civilians.

The U.S. State Department on Sunday welcomed the coalition's statement as "an important first step toward full transparency and accountability." It urged all sides of the conflict to "abide by the Law of Armed Conflict, to mitigate harm to civilians and civilian infrastructure, and thoroughly investigate and ensure accountability for any violations."

HRW's statement came after U.N. human rights experts said last week that the governments of Yemen, the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia might have been responsible for committing war crimes, including rape, torture, arbitrary detention and the use of child soldiers. The U.N. panel also pointed to possible war crimes committed by the Houthi rebels fighting the coalition.

## DOD canceling \$300M in aid for Pakistan

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon says it's taken final steps to cancel \$300 million in planned aid to Pakistan.

The move earlier this summer reflects the Trump administration's dissatisfaction with Pakistan's commitment to assisting the U.S. strategy for pressuring the Taliban, whose leaders use Pakistan as a sanctuary.

It comes at a delicate moment in the U.S.-Pakistan relationship following the election victory of Imran Khan, the new

Pakistani prime minister. His foreign minister, Shah Mehmood Qureshi, said Sunday in Islamabad that he's expecting a visit Wednesday by U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.

"We will hear him and let him know the aspiration of the nation," Qureshi said.

Pentagon officials say a request was submitted to Congress this summer for authorization to use the \$300 million for other purposes. The request has not yet been approved. The move first was reported by Reuters.

A Pentagon spokesman,

Army Lt. Col. Kone Faulkner, said Sunday the request to Congress was made in June or July and was "due to a lack of Pakistani decisive actions in support of" the U.S. strategy for bringing the Afghan conflict to a political solution.

The Pentagon announced in January that it was suspending aid, known as coalition support funds, to Pakistan, and subsequently, Congress canceled \$500 million in such aid. But the Pentagon did not take final steps on the \$300 million until this summer.



# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Pilot almost lands at wrong airport

**FL** FORT MYERS — An American Airlines flight from Philadelphia almost landed at the wrong Florida airport before air traffic controllers guided it back on course.

The Fort Myers News-Press reported that a pilot began approaching Page Field on Thursday, but the plane was supposed to be landing at Southwest Florida International Airport more than 7 miles away.

A local pilot who examined flight data told the newspaper the Airbus A320 descended to about 800 feet on approach to Page Field before it climbed back to 1,500 feet and zigzagged to the correct airport.

## Horse with injured leg rescued in mountains

**OR** ESTACADA — An injured horse found wandering alone in a north-eastern Oregon wilderness was rescued.

KATU-TV reported that the 8-year-old horse, named Sandy, was led out of the Wallowa Mountains last week and is recovering at the Eagle Fern Equine Hospital in Estacada.

A U.S. Forest Service lookout on Mule Peak spotted the horse with an injury to her left back leg several weeks ago. He called for help after spotting her again a week later.

## Ankle monitors place suspects at burglary

**AK** FAIRBANKS — Authorities said two Alaska men were arrested after their court-ordered GPS ankle monitors placed them at the scene of a burglary.

The Fairbanks Daily News-Miner reported the men, both of North Pole, are each charged

with felony second-degree burglary, three counts of felony second-degree theft and misdemeanor second-degree vehicle theft following their arrest Wednesday.

A criminal complaint says both men were out on bail for pending criminal cases and were wearing ankle monitors.

The owner of the North Pole shop called Alaska State Troopers on Monday to report someone broke in and stole a \$19,000 Can-Am side-by-side utility vehicle, among other things.

## Man arrested for firehouse swastikas

**NY** NEW YORK — Authorities said a man was arrested for vandalizing a New York City firehouse and several ambulances with swastikas and hateful language.

City fire marshals arrested Jem Ibrahimov, 42, on Saturday.

A fire department spokesman said on Facebook that Ibrahimov was arrested by fire marshals who caught him in the act while they were staking out an upper Manhattan firehouse that had been vandalized twice before. Authorities believe Ibrahimov also scrawled graffiti on at least six ambulances.

Police said Ibrahimov was arrested on multiple charges including aggravated harassment.

## Semiretired pastor is facing eviction

**VA** FREDERICKSBURG — A battle is brewing at a Virginia apartment complex over a semiretired pastor's Bible studies.

The Free Lance-Star in Fredericksburg reported Friday that the complex's owner has threatened to evict Kenneth Hauge, 86, if he continues hosting the Bible studies. Hauge is

fighting back with the help of a national nonprofit focused on protecting religious freedom.

The complex, Evergreens at Smith Run, says Hauge pressured tenants to join his Bible studies and made them feel so uncomfortable that they left the clubroom.

The Texas-based First Liberty Institute accuses the complex of blatant discrimination.

## Border street's residents irked

**VT** MONTPELIER — Some residents of a Vermont street that is split by the Canadian border are irked by what they feel is the latest indignity imposed on them by U.S. border officials who they feel make it harder for them to reach their homes.

Officials with U.S. Customs and Border Protection say the "hydraulic barrier" they are installing in the Beebe Plain neighborhood of Derby is part of a broader effort to ensure they know who is entering the U.S. from Canada.

The officials say they are doing everything they can to minimize disruptions for the people in the 14 Vermont homes on Canusa Avenue.

## City sees wave of bus driver assaults

**OH** CINCINNATI — Authorities in Cincinnati are looking at possible solutions to an ongoing problem of city bus drivers getting assaulted by passengers.

According to Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority records, Cincinnati Metro bus drivers have been assaulted 14 times since 2016, with nine in 2017 and two so far in 2018. The Cincinnati Enquirer reported that there is a bill in the Ohio Legislature that would

increase the charge for assaulting a transit worker from a misdemeanor to a felony.

Cincinnati Metro is also considering installing new Plexiglas barriers to shield drivers.

## Dad video chats to find missing child

**FL** ODESSA — A Florida dad used FaceTime to help find his daughter, 5, trapped in the back seat of a car while the driver was passed out drunk.

Pasco County Sheriff's officials said Matthew Nisse began searching for the woman and his daughter after finding them missing when he came home from work. He finally got the child to answer a cellphone on Aug. 28. He told a 911 operator he used video chat to pinpoint their location.

Authorities did not reveal the couple's relationship, but the Tampa Bay Times reported that Sarah Nisse, 30, is his wife.

Authorities said her blood-alcohol was more than three times the legal limit. She was charged with child neglect and driving under the influence.

## Camera, 'decoy' tent used to watch for bear

**MT** WEST GLACIER — Glacier National Park officials have deployed a game camera and empty "decoy" tent at a popular campground to watch for a bear that's believed to have torn into an unoccupied tent.

Park officials said an animal ripped through the side of the tent at Rising Sun Campground and pulled out bedding and pillows. Hair samples and a scat pile believed to be from a bear were found at the scene.

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## US Open

# Serena makes quarterfinals

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Serena Williams' yells of "Come on!" crescendoed right along with the tension in a fourth-round U.S. Open match that began as a rout and suddenly became riveting.

When she ripped a backhand winner to claim the third set's opening game Sunday, Williams let out her loudest shout of the day, leaning forward and rocking both arms. This turned into a test, and she passed it.

Williams reached the quarterfinals at Flushing Meadows for a 10th consecutive appearance — she wasn't there last year because she gave birth to her daughter during the tournament — by picking her level up after a lull and using 18 aces to beat Kaia Kanepi of Estonia 6-0, 4-6, 6-3.

"It was a 'Serena scream.' I don't try to do it. It just comes out, and it's just emotions," said Williams, a six-time U.S. Open champion who finished with more than twice as many winners as Kanepi, 47-22.

"This is my job and this is what I do. This is how I earn a living. I'm going to do it the best I can," she added. "Winning a big game and a very important game and a really tight game, I think it was just a relief."

This match was filled with big hitting by both women, along with all manner of shifts in momentum and quality of play. In the 18-minute shutout of the first set, Kanepi's strokes were off and Williams' were pretty much perfect.

But after compiling 14 winners and only two unforced errors in that set, Williams began making mistakes, becoming less and less comfortable as Kanepi grew increasingly so. Kanepi is ranked only 44th, but she's been a top-20 player in the past and has made it to Grand Slam quarterfinals a half-dozen times. Plus, it's worth remembering this: Kanepi eliminated No. 1 Simona Halep on Day 1 of this tournament.

When Williams shanked a backhand return of a 103 mph serve, the match was a little more than an hour old, and it was all tied at a set apiece. That was the first set she had lost against Kanepi of the 10 they'd played to that point, and the first set Williams had lost at the 2018 U.S. Open, a run that included a 6-1, 6-2 victory over her older sister Venus in the third round Friday night.

Next for the 36-year-old American comes a quarterfinal against 2016 runner-up Karolina Pliskova.

American Madison Keys reached the quarterfinals by defeating Dominika Cibulkova 6-1, 6-3 on Monday.

## College football

# Tigers rout No. 8 'Canes

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Nick Brossette and Joe Burrow waited a long time for their chance to be impact players. They helped No. 25 LSU make a strong opening statement.

Brossette ran for 125 yards with his first two career touchdowns and grad transfer quarterback Burrow, who appeared in 10 games the past two seasons at Ohio State, won his first college start as the Tigers beat No. 8 Miami 33-17 on Sunday night.

"I knew I needed to be patient and humble, and that my time would come," said Brossette, who had only 96 yards rushing all last season for the Tigers as a third-string junior.

Once the game started, the Hurricanes never really backed the bravado they showed in a feisty exchange of words and some shoving between the teams during warmups about 75 minutes before kickoff.

LSU led 27-3 by halftime after Jacob Phillips returned an interception 45 yards for a touchdown.

"Regardless of what's out there and what people say, we believe in each other in that room, and we proved it tonight," Tigers coach Ed Orgeron said about the perception that his team was the underdog.

Miami, which has lost four games in a row since a 10-0 start last season, never got to celebrate with that gaudy turnover chain that comes out when the Hurricanes get a takeaway.

"We certainly had some things go well and some things not well," said Miami coach Mark Richt, in his third season at his alma mater. "A lot of self-inflicted wounds, not to take anything away from what LSU did. They beat us soundly."

LSU went ahead to stay in the final minute of the first quarter after Burrow changed a play at the line of scrimmage. Brossette then took an inside handoff and went untouched down the middle of the field for a 50-yard TD run that snapped a 3-3 tie.

"I saw the goal line," Brossette said. "It opened up, which shocked me. I put my head down and ran."

Burrow finished 11 of 24 for 140 yards, and Orgeron said the quarterback did a great job "just managing the game," remaining cool under pressure and making adjustments when necessary.

"Execute, do what the game plan says," Burrow said "Really all that was on my mind was going out and playing with my brothers and executing at a high level."

Brossette's 1-yard run made it 17-3 on

an 11-play drive when LSU twice converted fourth-and-1 — on a 2-yard gain by Brossette near midfield, and when Miami jumped offside.

"We saw it in camp, I thought he was our most physical back," Orgeron said.

Cole Tracy, a kicker last season at Division II Assumption College, made four field goals in his Tigers debut. His 54-yarder, which tied a school record, just skimmed over the crossbar and made it 33-3 late in the third quarter.

When LSU fumbled on its opening drive, receiver Dee Anderson managed to recover after taking a shot to the head and losing the ball briefly at the end of an 11-yard catch for a first down. The Hurricanes instead lost starting cornerback Trajan Bandy when he was ejected for targeting.

The Hurricanes thought they had a fumble return for a touchdown later in the first quarter, but a replay review determined it was an incomplete pass by Burrow.

## The takeaway

**Miami:** Malik Rosier had a record-setting season last year with his 31 touchdowns (26 passing, five rushing) and 3,588 total yards, but had some of the same issues that plagued him late. Rosier was 15-for-35 for 259 yards with two interceptions against LSU. The Hurricanes were down 33-3 before his 3-yard TD keeper and 32-yard TD pass to Brian Hightower in the fourth quarter. In the losing streak to end last season, he had three total TDs (all passing) with five interceptions.

"The whole game was a huge learning experience for us," Rosier said. "They did some stuff that we weren't prepared for. That's why I had so many scrambles and stuff."

**LSU:** The Tigers had three other division foes from the brutal SEC West ranked ahead of them in the preseason Top 25. They have one more game before an early opportunity to show if they are for real. They play at No. 9 Auburn in two weeks.

## Impressive catches

Jeff Thomas led Miami with five catches for 132 yards, including an impressive 1-handed grab along the sideline on a first-quarter drive that led to a Hurricanes field goal. Thomas had another highlight play in the third quarter, when he went high in the air to make a two-handed catch in front of defenders along the sideline.



## College football

# Weather has Nebraska, Iowa State scrambling

Associated Press

With bowl eligibility potentially at stake for both schools later in the season, officials at Nebraska and Iowa State said Sunday they'll work to find opponents to fill out their schedules after their openers were canceled because of severe weather.

Nebraska and Iowa State were among several teams across the nation that contended with weather problems Saturday on the first full weekend of college football. The Akron-Nebraska and South Dakota State-Iowa State games were called off shortly after they started, and other games had lengthy delays.

A team needs to win six games to assure itself of bowl eligibility. Nebraska went 4-8 last season and hopes to rebound under new coach Scott Frost. Deputy athletic director Bob Burton said Nebraska would begin looking immediately for an opponent, whether it be from the Bowl Subdivision or second-tier Championship Subdivision. The Cornhuskers have an open date Oct. 27.

"I think we're going to consider everything," he said.

Akron athletic director Larry Williams, however, said the Zips and Nebraska are in talks to make up the game Dec. 1 if either team needs the game to become bowl eligible.

Players were pulled off the field at Memorial Stadium immediately after the opening kickoff because of lightning in the Lincoln area. The game was called off after a 2-hour, 40-minute delay.

"During the delay, there were numerous scenarios discussed for contingency plans for playing the game, including a scenario to play the game on Sunday," Athletic director Bill Moos said in a statement. "Unfortunately, Akron faced some logistical challenges and the

decision was made to cancel the game."

Williams said Akron tried to find lodging within "a reasonable distance from Lincoln."

"These accommodations were not available or would have required our team to stay in multiple locations, which is not in the best interests of our team and student-athletes," Williams said.

As for whether Akron would receive its \$1.17 million payout from Nebraska, Burton said, "I think that's to be determined."

"When Bill went to meet with Akron about a game on Sunday, he came back and said they did not want to play," Burton said.

Iowa State athletic director Jamie Pollard, who was unavailable for an interview, wrote in a letter to fans Sunday the Cyclones are trying to find an opponent to play either on its October open date or on Dec. 1 if, at that time, it needs another win to achieve bowl eligibility. The Cyclones were 8-5 last season and have high hopes for this year.

Iowa State's game against South Dakota State was canceled shortly after it started because of storms in the Ames area. Pollard wrote there was no serious consideration given to playing the game Sunday because it would have required finding lodging for SDSU late Saturday night, thrown off preparations for the teams' games this week, and the Sunday forecast called for more stormy weather.

South Dakota State is unavailable during Iowa State's Oct. 20 open date and hopes to be participating in the FCS playoffs on Dec. 1, which also is the same date as the Big 12 championship game. ISU officials said South Dakota received its payout of \$425,000.

If the Cyclones achieve six wins by November, Pollard said, a 12th regular-season game wouldn't be needed.

## NASCAR

# Keselowski, Logano finish 1-2 at Darlington Raceway

Associated Press

DARLINGTON, S.C. — Watch out Big Three, Team Penske is coming on strong.

Penske racers Brad Keselowski and Joey Logano finished first and second in the Southern 500 at Darlington Raceway on Sunday night in a powerful performance that gives them confidence of being a factor in the upcoming playoffs in couple of weeks.

Keselowski swept both Darlington races after his Xfinity victory here Saturday. He used a fast pit stop and a quick, efficient restart to pull in front of leader Kyle Larson and bring Penske its first Darlington win since 1975.

Now, the two are looking for bigger things in a year dominated by past champions Kevin Harvick, Kyle Busch and Martin Truex Jr.

"Yeaaaaa!" Logano said when asked about out-running the three here.

"The fact that we can keep up and race them and pass them,

that felt good," Logano said. "That's been about a year since I passed one of those cars. So that feels really good."

Keselowski said it's been a frustrating year because the Penske cars haven't had the speed they've usually enjoyed. "When we've had the speed, I completely messed them up," he said.

Both races at Daytona this year and at Talladega, Keselowski felt his own mistakes cost the team victories. To give up chances like that is difficult because you can't ever be sure, the 2012 NASCAR champion said, when you'll ever get a car strong enough to win again.

When you don't have the speed, Keselowski said, "you literally beat your head against the wall."

Keselowski now thinks a renewed Team Penske might have something for the rest of the playoff field.

"I sure ain't complaining about the one-two finish," he said. "And I know no one at Penske is complaining."

## IndyCar

# Sato wins, Dixon keeps title in sight with fifth-place finish

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Scott Dixon claimed to remember little about his last race at Portland International Raceway, a visit 16 years and four championships ago.

Should he win a fifth IndyCar title this season, his return to the Pacific Northwest will be one he never forgets.

Dixon salvaged his championship run Sunday with an improbable comeback that made the championship his to lose.

Dixon finished fifth, far behind race winner Takuma Sato, but put together the kind of

drive that may define his season. He started 11th, was collected in an opening-lap crash, penalized for speeding on pit road and twice drove through the field from 20th. His Chip Ganassi Racing team was forced to change its strategy several times, and caution flags helped Dixon cycle ahead of the other championship contenders. He goes to the Sept. 16 season finale with a 29-point over Alexander Rossi.

"Huge day for the team; feels like a win for us," said Dixon. "The points, whatever it is, is not a huge amount."



# Kemp, Dodgers rally over Diamondbacks

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — This was one rerun Dodgers fans were happy to watch again.

Matt Kemp beat the Diamondbacks for the second straight game, hitting a two-run double in the ninth inning that lifted Los Angeles over Arizona 3-2 Sunday for sole possession of first place in the NL West.

A day after Kemp launched a go-ahead, three-run homer in the eighth against Archie Bradley, the Dodgers slugger tagged him again on the first pitch to break a tie for the division lead.

"I'm a little upset right now," Bradley said. "To our fans, don't panic. It's only one loss."

But a costly one. The Diamondbacks dropped a game back of the Dodgers and Rockies, who beat San Diego 4-2.

The Dodgers were 4½ games out of first after a loss on Aug. 22, but have gone 8-1 in their last nine games to regain the division lead for the first time since Aug. 7.

"Just grinding, not panicking," Kemp said.

The Dodgers beat the Diamondbacks by identical 3-2 scores three days in a row, after Arizona won the series opener at Dodger Stadium.

Brad Boxberger (2-5) started the ninth and put the potential tying and go-ahead runs on with consecutive walks to pinch-hitter Alex Verdugo and Max Muncy. The runners advanced on Enrique Hernandez's sacrifice bunt and set up Kemp, who pinch-hit in the seventh and stayed in the game.

"That's why we call him Hollywood," Cody Bellinger said. "He likes the big moments."

# Astros jump on Angels in Ohtani's return to mound

Associated Press

HOUSTON — George Springer hit a two-run homer and finished a triple shy of the cycle to lead the Houston Astros to a 4-2 win over the Los Angeles Angels in Shohei Ohtani's return to the mound on Sunday night.

Ohtani (4-2) lasted just 21/3 innings in his first time pitching since June 6 because of an elbow strain. Both of the hits he allowed were to Springer — a lead-off single and his two-run shot in the third that made it 2-0.

Alex Bregman finished with two hits and his solo homer in the seventh inning pushed the lead to 4-2.

Ohtani joined Babe Ruth as the only players in major league history to start 10 games as a pitcher and hit 10 homers in a single season. The rookie, who has 15 homers, missed almost a month after he was injured before returning as the team's designated hitter on July 3.

He threw 49 pitches, striking out two and walking two. His fastball was routinely between 96-99 mph in the first two innings, but his velocity dipped dramatically by the third, with his fastball only reaching between 89-92 mph.

Houston starter Gerrit Cole (13-5) allowed six hits and two runs in 52/3 innings for his third straight win after losing three in a row. Roberto Osuna pitched a perfect ninth for his 12th save.

After Springer's single in the first, Ohtani walked Carlos Correa with two outs, but he struck out Tyler White to end the threat. He pitched a 1-2-3 second inning before Tony Kemp drew a walk to start the third. Springer then sent a 77 mph slider into the Crawford Boxes in left field with two strikes for his first homer since Aug. 5. After Jose Altuve grounded out, Ohtani was replaced by Jim Johnson.

## Roundup

# Braves beat Pirates, boost NL East lead

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Ronald Acuna Jr. loves being a spark at the top of the Braves' batting order.

"It's part of my personality and the kind of baseball player that I am," he said through a translator. "That's the energy I try to bring. The energy is contagious, and I just try to make sure I bring it out there and help everyone win in that way."

Acuna hit his seventh lead-off homer of the season and scored the tiebreaking run in a four-run eighth inning to help NL East-leading Atlanta beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 5-1 on Sunday.

The 20-year-old Acuna singled off Steven Brault to begin the eighth, advanced on a bunt and scored from second on a headfirst slide after second baseman Kevin Newman errantly let Freddie Freeman's hard grounder bounce between his legs and roll into shallow right field.

Acuna's first-inning shot was his 23rd overall and tied the franchise record for lead-off homers that Marquis Grissom set in 1996.

The Braves increased their division lead over Philadelphia to four games.

**Rays 6, Indians 4:** Rookie Brandon Lowe homered and drove in three runs to lead visiting Tampa Bay.

The Rays have won 11 of 13 and are a season-high 10 games over .500 (73-63). Tampa Bay trails Oakland by eight games for the second wild card spot in the AL.

**Reds 6, Cardinals 4:** Eugenio Suarez's two-run homer off of Bud Norris in the 10th inning lifted Cincinnati past host St. Louis.

**Athletics 8, Mariners 2:** Stephen Piscotty homered twice and drove in five runs as Oakland widened its lead to 5½ games over visiting Seattle for the second AL wild-card spot.

**Mets 4, Giants 1:** Noah Syndergaard pitched a two-hitter for his first career complete game, striking out 11 as New York beat host San Francisco.

**Rockies 7, Padres 3:** Chris Iannetta hit a go-ahead, two-run double in the seventh inning and visiting Colorado salvaged a split of the four-game series to stay within a half-game of the NL West lead.

Colorado, which lost to Arizona in the NL wild-card game last year, won for the third time in seven games.

**Rangers 18, Twins 4:** Yo-hander Mendez earned his first major league win and Nomar Mazara hit two of host-Texas' six homers.

**White Sox 8, Red Sox 0:** James Shields threw six scoreless innings, Tim Anderson and Daniel Palka homered and Chicago beat visiting Boston.

**Cubs 8, Phillies 1:** Javier Baez hit one of three solo home runs off Cy Young candidate Aaron Nola to reach 30 home runs and 100 RBIs, and Jon Lester pitched six shutout innings to continue his mastery of host Philadelphia and help lead NL Central-leading Chicago.

**Tigers 11, Yankees 7:** Rookie Victor Reyes hit his first major league home run, doubled twice and singled, leading visiting Detroit over New York.

**Royals 9, Orioles 1:** Jorge Lopez showed some of the potential the Royals saw when they traded for him in late July, scattering five hits over a career-best seven innings and helping host Kansas City rout Baltimore.

**Brewers 9, Nationals 4:** Christian Yelich hit his first career grand slam, Keon Broxton added a three-run homer, and visiting Milwaukee beat Washington.

**Blue Jays 6, Marlins 1:** At Miami, Sean Reid-Foley struck out 10 over seven innings and earned his first major league win to lead Toronto.