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## Navy preps as Hurricane Florence nears

*From wire reports*

ATLANTA — Tropical Storm Florence turned into a hurricane Sunday morning, and the U.S. Navy has ordered ships in Hampton Roads, Va., to prepare on Monday to leave port.

“Our ships can better weather storms of this magnitude when they are underway,” U.S. Fleet Forces Commander Adm. Christopher Grady said in a news release. If the forecast for Florence changes, the Navy could cancel or alter the preparations.

Sortie Condition Charlie was set on Friday and “indicates the onset of destructive weather conditions to the port within approximately 72 hours.”

Sortie Condition Bravo was

set on Saturday and indicates “when onset of destructive weather conditions to the port are within approximately 48 hours.”

The Navy orders Sortie Condition Alpha when the storm is within 24 hours. That would be when ships would actually leave Hampton Roads.

Florence swirled toward the U.S. for what forecasters said could be a direct hit on the Southeast toward the end of the week.

The storm’s sustained winds reached 75 mph, just over the threshold for a hurricane, as it made its way across the Atlantic on Sunday, about 750 miles southeast of Bermuda, the National Hurricane Center said. It

was moving west at 6 mph.

The Miami-based center said it was still too early to predict the hurricane’s exact path but that a huge coastal area from South Carolina to the mid-Atlantic region should prepare for a major strike late in the week.

“All indications are that Florence will be an extremely dangerous Category 4 hurricane while it moves over the western Atlantic toward the southeastern United States,” the hurricane center said.

The storm brings with it an increasing risk of two life-threatening impacts: storm surge along the coast and freshwater flooding from prolonged rains, the hurricane center said.

It is forecast to approach

the southeastern U.S. coast on Thursday.

Governors in both South Carolina and Virginia declared a state of emergency Saturday to give their states time to prepare for the possible arrival of the storm.

On Friday, North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper declared a state of emergency and urged residents to use the weekend to prepare for the possibility of a natural disaster.

Dangerous swells generated by Florence affected Bermuda and have begun to reach parts of the Eastern Seaboard. The National Weather Center in Melbourne, Fla., warned of dangerous rip currents along the state’s east-central coast, including Brevard County.

## No advanced missiles at huge N. Korean parade

*Associated Press*

PYONGYANG, North Korea — North Korea rolled out some of its latest tanks and marched its best-trained goose-stepping units through Kim Il Sung Square in a major military parade on Sunday to mark its 70th anniversary, but held back its most advanced missiles and devoted nearly half of the event to civilian efforts to build the domestic economy.

The strong emphasis on the economy underscores leader Kim Jong Un’s new strategy of putting economic development front and center.

Tens of thousands of North Koreans waving brightly colored plastic bouquets filled Pyongyang’s Kim Il Sung Square as the parade began. Pyongyang residents have been training for months for the anniversary and held up the bouquets to spell out words and

slogans that can be seen from the VIP viewing area.

Kim attended the morning parade but did not address the assembled crowd, which included the head of the Chinese parliament and high-level delegations from countries that have friendly ties with the North.

At the end of the two-hour event, he strolled to the edge of the balcony with the Chinese special envoy, Li Zhanshu, who is also the third-ranking member in China’s ruling Communist Party. The two held up their joined hands to symbolize the countries’ traditionally close ties, though the absence of Chinese President Xi Jinping could indicate Beijing still has some reservations about Kim’s initiatives.

Senior statesman Kim Yong Nam, the head of North Korea’s parliament, set the relatively

softer tone for the event with an opening speech that emphasized the economic goals of the regime, not its nuclear might. He called on the military to be ready to work to help build the economy.

After a truncated parade featuring tanks and some of its biggest artillery, fewer than the usual number of missiles and lots of goose-stepping units from all branches of the military, the focus switched to civilian groups ranging from nurses to students to construction workers, many with colorful floats beside them.

The combining of military and civilian sections is a familiar North Korean parade format.

The past two big anniversaries of North Korea’s founding, in 2008 and 2013, did not feature the Korean People’s Army, only the civil defense units, which

are officially called “Worker Peasant Red Guards.”

Although North Korea stages military parades almost every year — and held one just before the Olympics began in South Korea in February — Sunday’s parade came at a particularly sensitive time.

Kim’s effort to ease tensions with President Donald Trump has stalled since their June summit in Singapore. Both sides are now insisting on a different starting point. Washington wants Kim to commit to denuclearization first, but Pyongyang wants its security guaranteed and a peace agreement formally ending the Korean War.

Soon after the Sunday celebrations ended, Kim was scheduled to meet in Pyongyang with South Korean President Moon Jae-in to discuss ways to break the impasse over his nuclear weapons.

# Australia, New Zealand join N. Korea sanctions enforcement

BY SETH ROBSON  
*Stars and Stripes*

Australia and New Zealand are sending military aircraft to Japan to help enforce sanctions on North Korea, government officials said Friday.

A Royal New Zealand Air Force P-3K2 Orion will deploy to Kadena Air Base in Japan to support the enforcement of United Nations sanctions against the communist state, according to a statement from New Zealand Foreign Affairs Minister Winston Peters and Minister of Defence Ron Mark.

Australian Defence Minister Christopher Pyne announced the same day that two Australian AP-3C Orions would also fly to Japan to help enforce the sanctions, The Australian newspaper reported.

The sanctions are designed to pressure North Korea to aban-

don its nuclear and ballistic missile programs. Last month, the U.S. penalized a pair of Russian firms and six ships allegedly involved in moving petroleum products to North Korean-flagged vessels in violation of the sanctions.

“New Zealand is firmly committed to an enduring peace on the Korean Peninsula,” Peters said in the statement. “We welcome the recent dialogue North Korea has had with the United States and South Korea. However, until such time as North Korea abides by its international obligations, full implementation of the United Nations Security Council Sanctions resolutions will be essential.”

The Orion will be tasked with maritime surveillance above international waters in North Asia, the statement said. Officials did not announce a timeline for the mission.

“New Zealand will coordinate efforts with partners to counter North Korea’s maritime activities that contravene (U.N. Security Council) resolutions, in particular its use of ship-to-ship transfers,” Mark said.

Ross Babbage, a former Australian assistant defense secretary, said it’s not surprising to see New Zealand involved in sanctions enforcement near Korea. “It’s an area where New Zealand can make a useful contribution with a capability they have,” he said.

Meanwhile, Australia and Japan are rescheduling what was to have been the nations’ first bilateral air exercise in Japanese skies this month.

Bushido Guardian was postponed after a magnitude 6.7 earthquake struck Japan’s northern island of Hokkaido on Thursday, Australia’s Defence Ministry said in a statement.

## ‘Disoriented’ man arrested at Kadena

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — A Japanese man was in police custody Friday after causing an early morning “security incident” at Kadena Air Base’s front gate.

The incident happened near the Gate 1 guard shack at 5:26 a.m., said Okinawa Police Station Deputy Chief Eiji Hirata. The man drove across a yellow line onto base property, approached the security gate and then crashed into the vehicle of a base worker who was waiting in the ID check line.

The man was not intoxicated at the time of the incident but did appear “disoriented,” Hirata said. There were no injuries, and the only damage was to the base worker’s vehicle.

“Police are still seeking his motive,” Hirata said.

He does not have access to or business on the base, Hirata said.

The incident prompted emergency services and local authorities to arrive at the scene, and the gate was closed for a short time.

## Marine, 21, found dead on Okinawa

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — A Marine assigned to Camp Butler was found dead Thursday on Okinawa.

The body of Pvt. 1st Class Ronald Valentin, 21, of Worcester, Mass., was discovered on base about 2 p.m., a Marine Corps statement said.

The circumstances surrounding the death of Valentin, who was assigned to Headquarters and Support Battalion Consolidated Postal System, were unknown on Friday. The cause of death is under investigation, Marine Corps spokesman 1st Lt. Edward Pingel wrote in an emailed statement.

Valentin’s awards include the Global War on Terrorism Medal and the National Defense Medal.

From staff reports

# Calm returns to Iraq’s Basra in wake of violent protests

*Associated Press*

BASRA, Iraq — A sense of calm returned to Iraq’s southern city of Basra on Sunday after a week of violent protests over unemployment and poor public services that left at least 15 people dead and threatened stability in the oil-rich region.

Troops sent from Baghdad have reinforced police, and government offices and markets reopened after a quiet night. Municipality workers were out in force, cleaning up the streets and carting away debris from the clashes.

The oil-rich region and other cities in Iraq’s southern Shiite heartland have been convulsed by the most serious protests in years, with residents com-

plaining of power outages, filthy tap water and soaring unemployment.

In recent days, protesters have attacked government offices, political party headquarters and the Iranian consulate. Many blame their woes on neighboring Iran’s outsized influence on Iraqi politics and are calling for radical change.

On Saturday, a spokesman for an alliance of powerful Shiite militias, many of them backed by Iran, vowed to respond against “those who are carrying out acts of arson and sabotage.” The local commander, known as Abu Yasser al-Jaafari, said the lack of response thus far should not be taken as a sign of weakness.

Hours later, masked govern-

ment troops in combat fatigues deployed in the city, setting up checkpoints and riding through the city center in black pickups with heavy weapons mounted in the back. Security forces in Humvees deployed at intersections.

Naqeeb al-Luaibi, a local activist, said protest organizers have decided to suspend the demonstrations after receiving death threats from Iran-backed militias. The militias accuse them of colluding with the U.S., which has long worked to curb Iranian influence in Iraq, allegations denied by the activists.

“We’ll suspend protests now to spare blood and we’ll return with a new approach,” he said. “We will not give up until our demands are met.”

## Large boom sent to clean plastic trash in Pacific

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Engineers set to sea Saturday to deploy a trash collection device to corral plastic litter floating between California and Hawaii in an attempt to clean up the world's largest garbage patch in the heart of the Pacific Ocean.

The 2,000-foot-long floating boom was being towed from San Francisco to the Great Pacific Garbage Patch — an island of trash twice the size of Texas.

The system was created by The Ocean Cleanup, an organization founded by Boyan Slat, 24, an innovator from the Netherlands who first became passionate about cleaning the oceans when he went scuba diving at age 16 in the Mediterranean Sea and saw more plastic bags than fish.

The buoyant, U-shaped barrier made of plastic and with a tapered, 10-foot-deep screen, is intended to act like a coastline, trapping some of the 1.8 trillion pieces of plastic that scientists estimate are swirling in that gyre but allowing marine life to swim safely beneath it.

# Officials admit error in claim about suspected Russian agent

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal prosecutors concede they misinterpreted text messages when they alleged that a Russian woman accused of working as a secret agent offered to trade sex for access, according to a Justice Department court filing.

Prosecutors earlier had accused Maria Butina, a gun rights activist in U.S. custody on charges she worked as a covert agent and tried to establish back-channel lines of communication to the Kremlin, of offering to exchange sex for a position with a special interest organization. The salacious allegation, which immediately escalated the public interest in the case, was based on a series of text messages to and from Butina and other information that prosecutors say they had obtained.

But in a new court filing this past weekend, prosecutors backtracked on the allegation. They said “even granting that the government’s understanding of this particular text conversation was mistaken,” there is other evidence to support keeping Butina in custody as the case against her moves forward in Washington.

Her lawyer, Robert Driscoll, had denied the accusation strongly and said the government had relied on an “innocuous,” 3-year-old text message exchange between Butina and a longtime friend, assistant and public relations professional for a gun rights group that she had founded.

The individual, identified in court papers only

as DK, had said in the text that he didn’t know what Butina would owe him after he took her car for an insurance renewal and a government inspection. She replied in part, “Sex. Thank you so much. I have nothing else at all. Not a nickel to my name.”

In a court filing last month, Driscoll said that the sex comment was clearly a joke and that Butina is friends with DK’s wife and child and treats him like a brother. He said there is no evidence that the two ever had sex.

“The impact of this inflammatory allegation, which painted Ms. Butina as some type of Kremlin-trained seductress, or spy-novel honeypot character, trading sex for access and power, cannot be overstated,” Driscoll said.

In an interview with The Associated Press on Sunday, Driscoll said, “I’m happy the government walked back their false allegation.”

Butina was arrested in July, accused of gathering intelligence on American officials and political organizations and using contacts with the National Rifle Association to develop relationships with U.S. politicians and to gather intelligence for Russia.

A status conference in the case is scheduled for Monday in federal court in Washington. The case is being handled by the U.S. attorney’s office and not by special counsel Robert Mueller, who has been leading an investigation into possible coordination between Russia and President Donald Trump’s campaign as well as Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. election.

## ‘We’re going to fight’: Obama hits campaign trail in Calif.

The Washington Post

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Waving a clipboard and calling for more citizen activism, former president Barack Obama returned to the campaign trail Saturday, reprising his role as the Democratic Party’s biggest star at a California rally for seven U.S. House candidates.

The event came nearly 20 months after Obama left the White House and committed himself to withdrawing from the daily political debate in the tradition of presidents past. In recent days, however, he has made clear that he can no longer remain restrained.

“The only way we reverse that cycle of anger and division is when each of us as citizens step up and say we are going to take it upon ourselves to do things differently,” he told a crowd of 900 at the Anaheim Convention Center, his shirtsleeves rolled up his arms. “We’re going to fight for the things

that we believe in.”

Unlike the blistering speech he delivered Friday in Illinois, where he compared President Donald Trump to a demagogue and described the current moment as a time of “political darkness,” Obama offered no pointed critiques of his successor, nor did he mention him by name. Instead, Obama struck a light note, focusing on the biographies of California candidates he was there to help, calling out his love for the crowd three times, and even recounting his childhood visits to nearby Disneyland.

His central message, which he hit repeatedly, was that Americans needed to become more involved in electoral politics. He praised the recent outpouring of Democratic energy in recent special elections, and called for more.

“During these times of uncertainty, it is always tempting for politicians for their own gain and people in power to see if they

can divide people, scapegoat folks, turn them on each other,” he said. “The biggest threat to our democracy, as I said yesterday, is not one individual. It is not one super-PAC billionaire. It’s apathy.”

Obama stood on stage with six of the seven California Democrats running in Republican-held districts that Hillary Clinton won in the 2016 election. The state is a central battleground in the Democratic effort to flip 23 Republican seats and to retake control of the U.S. House. Obama will attend a second rally Thursday in Ohio for Democratic gubernatorial candidate, Richard Cordray, a former Obama appointee.

Trump so far has greeted Obama’s return to politics with a mixture of sarcasm and disdain. Trump initially dismissed the Friday speech as boring. “If that doesn’t get you out to vote for the midterms, nothing will,” he said sarcastically on Friday, while visiting Sioux Falls, S.D.

# Dallas officer in slaying shot another man in '17

Associated Press

DALLAS — The Dallas police officer who says she mistakenly went to the wrong apartment after work last week and fatally shot a black man also fired her weapon and wounded a man during an on-duty confrontation in 2017, according to court documents.

Dallas police on Saturday named Amber Guyger, a four-year force veteran, as the off-duty white officer who shot and killed Botham Shem Jean, 26, Thursday night.

According to police, Guyger said she returned home in uniform after her shift and entered the wrong apartment, believing it was her own. She called dispatch to report she had shot a man. Jean died later at a hospital.

Few other details have been released, although police said they took a blood sample from her for testing.

Jean's mother wondered whether race was a factor in the shooting.

"If it was a white man, would it have been different? Would she have reacted differently?" Allison Jean told Dallas' NBC affiliate, KXAS, on Friday.

An attorney for Jean's family, Lee Merritt, said Saturday that an arrest warrant should be issued for Guyger. Dallas police initially said they would seek her arrest but then handed the case over to the Texas Rangers, who asked for more time to investigate.

An affidavit from a case a year ago shows that Guyger shot another man while on

duty in Dallas. On May 12, 2017, police were looking for a suspect when Guyger was one of two officers called to assist another officer.

Suspect Uvaldo Perez got out of a car and became combative with Guyger and another officer, according to an affidavit filed in the case against Perez. A struggle began and Guyger fired her Taser at Perez, who then wrested it away. Guyger pulled out her gun and fired, wounding Perez in the abdomen.

Guyger was not charged in the 2017 shooting.

On Saturday, two days after Guyger killed Jean, friends and family gathered at the Dallas West Church of Christ to remember him.

"Botham did everything

with passion," Allison Jean told the prayer service. "God gave me an angel."

Botham Jean grew up in St. Lucia, a Caribbean island country. He attended Harding University in Arkansas and, after graduating in 2016, lived and worked in Dallas at accounting and consulting firm PwC.

The Arkansas private school said Friday that he often led campus religious services while he was a student.

Family and friends described Jean as a devout Christian and a talented singer. His uncle, Ignatius Jean, said the slaying left relatives devastated and looking for answers.

"You want to think it's fiction ... and you have to grapple with the reality," he said.

# NY clergy sex probe unlikely to result in legal action

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The New York attorney general's new investigation into clergy sex abuse allegations in the Roman Catholic Church could be sweeping, delving into confidential church files in a state where hundreds of people already have made claims through programs run by the church itself.

But few criminal cases or lawsuits might come out of the inquiry, whatever its findings. New York has some of the

nation's strictest time limits on taking child sex abuse claims to civil or criminal courts. A yearslong campaign to extend the time frame has stalled in the Legislature.

Even if it succeeds, at least 375 people who have settled abuse claims through church-run compensation programs waived any right to sue.

Still, investigations by New York Attorney General Barbara Underwood and her colleagues in several other states could

be valuable to victims just by bringing information to light, said Marci Hamilton, a University of Pennsylvania legal expert on child sexual abuse and the founder of CHILD USA, an advocacy group.

"It's a way of educating the public on how severe the problem is" and informing lawmakers' debates on extending legal time limits, she said. "The public education and the public accountability is what we need, so there's value in (the investiga-

tions). But there's not a straight line to justice for the victims."

New York and New Jersey opened new investigations Thursday into the church's handling of sexual misconduct claims against clergy. Nebraska, Illinois and Missouri also have started inquiries in the three weeks since a Pennsylvania grand jury report found that since the 1940s, about 300 Catholic priests had abused a total of more than 1,000 children statewide.

# Chime tower is voice for Flight 93 passengers killed on 9/11

Associated Press

Nearly 17 years after passengers on a hijacked flight from New Jersey to California fought back against a band of terrorists who then crashed the jetliner into a rural Pennsylvania field, a symbol of their bravery and sacrifice will be unveiled Sunday at the place where they fell to earth.

The Tower of Voices, a roughly 93-foot-tall concrete and

steel structure, contains a wind chime for each of the 40 passengers and crewmembers who were killed on Sept. 11, 2001, and represents the final phase of the Flight 93 National Memorial. Each chime will generate its own distinctive sound.

"Together, their voices will ring out into perpetuity, with this beautiful Somerset County, Pa., wind," said park Superintendent Stephen Clark.

The memorial at the crash

site already includes a memorial plaza, dedicated on the 10th anniversary in 2011, and a visitor's center, which opened three years ago.

Former Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge, who served as the nation's first homeland security secretary after 9/11, will make the keystone speech.

At the heart of the Tower of Voices are the chimes, aluminum tubes that range from 5 to 10 feet long and weigh as much

as 150 pounds. They have been tuned, but no one can be quite sure how they will sound until they are installed.

"We wanted to do, I'll call it a living memorial in sound, because the last memory of many of the people on the plane were through their voices on phone calls," said Paul Murdoch, the memorial's Los Angeles-based architect. "And we wanted to use the natural forces of the site to activate the chimes."

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Police: Man grabbed woman in backyard

**AL** CENTER POINT — Coastal Alabama authorities said a man wearing only socks allegedly grabbed a 22-year-old woman in her backyard.

News outlets reported that the woman told Jefferson County sheriff's deputies someone put his arms around her waist from behind as she walked into her house in Center Point. She said the man ran away when she turned around.

Chief Deputy Randy Christian said a neighbor's security camera caught an image of the man wearing clothes. Deputies recognized him and arrested him. A news release said he admitted stripping and grabbing the woman.

## Homecoming queen boots winning point

**MS** OCEAN SPRINGS — One Mississippi Gulf Coast senior is the homecoming queen and the game-winning placekicker.

Kaylee Foster was crowned homecoming queen of Ocean Springs High School before Friday night's football game.

Local news outlets reported she then put on her helmet and pads and booted the Ocean Springs Greyhounds to victory.

Foster had the game-winning extra point Friday night in her school's 13-12 overtime victory over George County High School. She kicked two field goals earlier.

## Missing juror found via Facebook video

**SD** SIOUX FALLS — Social media helped U.S. Marshals track down a Sioux Falls woman who was selected to be on a federal jury and dis-

appeared during a lunch break.

The 30-year-old woman had been selected to sit on the jury of a financial criminal trial that ended last week, The Argus Leader reported. But she didn't return from lunch during the trial's first day, court officials said. Judge Karen Schreier sent U.S. Marshals to find the woman.

Gary Bunt, a senior inspector with the U.S. Marshals Service, said they discovered the woman's whereabouts after she posted a live-stream video on Facebook to promote her business while supposedly home with a sick child. Schreier sentenced the woman to perform 40 hours of community service.

## Woman sues landlords over raccoon attack

**OR** PORTLAND — A Portland renter bitten by a raccoon is suing her ex-landlords, claiming they allowed so much trash to pile up that it attracted dangerous vermin to the property.

The Oregonian/OregonLive reported that Heidi Schultz filed her lawsuit Friday in Multnomah County Circuit Court. She's seeking to have her \$26,000 in medical bills covered and is also seeking \$125,000 for pain and distress.

Schultz said a year ago she was walking her Chihuahuas past the garbage area at the 600-unit Wimbledon Square apartments when the raccoon attacked her leg. She said she went to a hospital for treatment including injections to prevent rabies.

## Students stop bus after driver faints

**TX** SEALY — A Southeast Texas school district said three students took control of a moving school bus after the driver became unconscious and later died.

The Sealy school district said Friday that bus driver Gerald Gardner had just picked up students at a junior high school and was leaving the campus when he lost consciousness. The three students took the wheel and safely parked the bus.

District officials said three other individuals arrived at the scene and performed CPR on Gardner, who was later pronounced dead.

## Shooting of pet cow being investigated

**ME** EMBDEN — Police in Maine are investigating the killing of a pet cow that was shot to death after it wandered from its owner's land and scratched a vehicle.

Police on Friday were still determining if there will be charges.

The cow was kept in a fenced piece of land by a local resident, but it got free and wandered onto a neighbor's lot. It then rubbed its horns against a parked sport utility vehicle, damaging it. Police said a person living on the property killed it with a handgun.

## Lennon celebrated with release of stamp

**NY** NEW YORK — John Lennon's iconic shaggy 1970s mane, round glasses and grin will adorn a U.S. stamp.

Lennon's widow, Yoko Ono, and their son, Sean Lennon, were in New York City's Central Park on Friday to celebrate the U.S. Postal Service's release of a stamp honoring the late Beatle. Hundreds of Beatles fans gathered for the event.

The commemorative stamp features a photo of Lennon taken in 1974 on the roof of his Manhattan apartment building by photographer Bob Gruen, who also spoke at the event.

## Nostalgic Clark Bar set to return to state

**PA** ALTOONA — Pittsburgh's iconic hometown candy bar is returning to Pennsylvania.

Boyer Candy Co. in Altoona on Thursday purchased the rights, recipes and equipment for the Clark Bar from an unidentified seller.

The chocolate-coated peanut butter crunch bar was created in Pittsburgh by Irish immigrant D.L. Clark in 1917. The bars were individually wrapped to ship to American troops during World War I. Necco, or New England Confectionery Co., in Revere, Massachusetts, had been producing Clark Bars since the 1990s.

The fate of the Clark Bar and other nostalgic candies were thrown into limbo when Necco declared bankruptcy in April.

## Snake found in 4th-grader's desk

**MD** LINTHICUM — A snake was discovered inside the cubby of a Maryland fourth-grader's desk.

School spokesman Bob Mosier told news outlets the student found the 3-foot-long reptile Thursday morning coiled on several notebooks. She calmly said "teacher, there's a snake in my desk" and the classroom was evacuated.

Mosier said it was the third day of classes and the students seemed excited to encounter the creature. He said "they were not traumatized in any way."

Principal Angela Ricciuti said in a letter sent to parents that officials believe it was a nonpoisonous black snake. A custodian and a parent volunteer took the snake and released it in a wooded area.

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# Serena's meltdown mars US Open final

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The events and the arguing and the booing that would make this a U.S. Open final unlike any other began when Serena Williams' coach made what she insisted was an innocent thumbs-up, but the chair umpire interpreted as a helpful signal.

It was the second game of the second set Saturday, in a packed Arthur Ashe Stadium, and Williams' bid for a record-tying 24th Grand Slam title already was in real trouble because she was being outplayed by first-time major finalist Naomi Osaka.

Chair umpire Carlos Ramos warned Williams for getting coaching during a match, which isn't allowed. She briefly disputed that ruling, saying cheating "is the one thing I've never done, ever." A few games later, Williams received another warning, this time for smashing her racket, and that second violation cost her a point, leading to more arguing. Eventually, Williams called Ramos "a thief," drawing a third violation — and costing her a game.

"I have never cheated in my life!" Williams told Ramos. "You owe me an apology."

Soon, Osaka was finishing off a 6-2, 6-4 victory that made her the first player from Japan to win a Grand Slam singles title. That is not, however, what will be remembered about this chaotic evening.

With jeers bouncing off the arena's closed roof, both players — the champion, Osaka, and the runner-up, Williams — wiped away tears during a trophy ceremony that was awkward for everyone involved.

"I just feel like I had a lot of emotions," Osaka said, "so I had to kind of categorize what was which emotion."

Williams whispered something to Osaka and wrapped an arm around her shoulders.

"I felt, at one point, bad, because I'm crying and she's crying," said Williams, who missed last year's U.S. Open because her daughter, Olympia, was born during the tournament. "You know, she just won. I'm not sure if they were happy tears or they were just sad tears, because of the moment."

"I felt like, 'Wow, this isn't how I felt when I won my first Grand Slam.' I was like, 'Wow, I definitely don't want her to feel like that.' Maybe it was the mom in me that was like, 'Listen, we've got to pull ourselves together here.'"

This was the only the latest in a series of high-profile conflicts with match officials for Williams at Flushing Meadows.

It all dates back to 2004, when an incorrect call during a quarterfinal loss to Jennifer Capriati was cited as the main reason for the introduction of replay technology in tennis. Then came Williams' infamous tirade after a foot fault in the 2009 semifinals against Kim

Clijsters, and a to-do over a hindrance call in the 2011 final against Sam Stosur.

"It's always something," Williams said.

Osaka is just 20, 16 years younger than Williams — and grew up idolizing the American, even asking her to pose for a selfie together at a tournament just a handful of years ago. Their age difference was the second-widest gap between women's finalists at a Slam in the professional era.

"I know that everyone was cheering for her," Osaka told the crowd, "and I'm sorry it had to end like this."

What was most problematic for Williams on the scoreboard was that she was unable to keep up with a version of herself. Osaka, who happens to be coached by Williams' former hitting partner, hit more aces, 6-3. Osaka hit the match's fastest serve, 119 mph. She had fewer errors, 21-14. She saved five of six break points. And she covered the court better than Williams did.

"She made a lot of shots," Williams said. "She was so focused."

Indeed, that was what might have been most impressive. Osaka never let Williams' back-and-forth with Ramos distract her, never wavered from playing terrific tennis. The one time Osaka did get broken, to trail 3-1 in the second set, she broke back immediately, prompting Williams to smash her racket.

That cost her a point, because of the earlier warning for coaching. While Williams was adamant that she never receives coaching, her coach, Patrick Mouratoglou, acknowledged afterward that he did try to signal Williams, but didn't think she had seen him.

It's true that it is something of an open secret in professional tennis that plenty of coaches do get away with offering help without any sort of sanction.

"I never had any warning in my career for coaching. Strange to do that in a Grand Slam final," Mouratoglou said. "Second, we all know that all the coaches coach at every match, all year long, from the first of January all the way to the 31st of December. We all know it."

When Ramos called both players over to explain the game penalty, which put Osaka ahead 5-3, Williams began laughing, saying, "Are you kidding me?" Then she asked to speak to tournament referee Brian Earley, who walked onto the court along with a Grand Slam supervisor. Williams told them the whole episode "is not fair," and said, "This has happened to me too many times."

"To lose a game for saying that is not fair," Williams said, and raised the idea that Ramos was being sexist: "There's a lot of men out here that have said a lot of things and because they are men, that doesn't happen."

## Navy rallies past Memphis; Army cruises

Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Because Navy relies so heavily on the run, comebacks are not exactly its specialty.

So when the Midshipmen found themselves in a driving rain and trailing Memphis by 12 points in the fourth quarter, only two options remained in play.

"You can fold and accept the loss, or line up on the ball like every play counts," quarterback Malcolm Perry said.

Perry got Navy within striking distance

with a sensational 19-yard run, and backup Zach Abey scored from the 3 with 2:37 left for a 22-21 victory on Saturday.

The last time the Midshipmen won when trailing by double digits in the fourth quarter was in 2008, against Temple.

"It just shows you the resolve of our young men," coach Ken Niumatalolo said. "I am just really proud of the way our guys fought. We did just enough at the end on offense to get the 'W.' That's all that matters — one more point than them. Great win."

**Army 38, Liberty 14:** Darnell Wool-

folk ran for 98 yards and two touchdowns as Army's triple option began to return to form with 449 yards rushing, and the Black Knights beat Bowl Subdivision newcomer Liberty.

It was the eighth straight win at Michie Stadium for the Black Knights (1-1).

**FAU 33, Air Force 27:** Chris Robison completed 33 of 40 passes for a school-record 471 yards and three touchdowns and FAU notched its first victory over a service academy, beating The Falcons in the Owls' home opener.

# Sun Devils knock off No. 15 Spartans

Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — Arizona State kicked off the Herm Edwards era with a blowout of UTSA. Beating a school from a smaller conference could be expected.

Rallying from a 10-point deficit in the fourth quarter against the nation's No. 15 team? Now that's a statement.

Brandon Ruiz kicked a 28-yard field goal as time expired and the Sun Devils notched a marquee win early in Edwards' tenure, knocking off No. 15 Michigan State 16-13 on Saturday night.

"When you speak to the players, winning always justifies what you do," Edwards said. "When you win, they continue to buy in."

Edwards' hire raised a few eyebrows when Arizona State lured the former NFL head coach back to the sideline after eight years in a television studio. Two weeks into his first season in the desert, the Sun Devils (2-0) have shown they could be in the Pac-12 South title conversation — and possibly more.

Arizona State routed UTSA 49-7 in its opener and faced a much bigger challenge against Michigan State. The Sun Devils never flinched, relying on their defense to keep the game close before scoring 13 points in the fourth quarter.

Manny Wilkins missed some deep

throws early, but found his mark when Arizona State needed him most. He hit N'Keal Harry on a 27-yard touchdown early in the fourth quarter and orchestrated the drive to set up Ruiz's winning kick, finishing with 380 yards passing.

Arizona State is 10-0 against Big Ten teams in Tempe.

"In that second half, we knew we wanted to get downfield and we started hitting some shots," said Wilkins, who completed 30 of 48 passes. "It paid off."

Michigan State (1-1) had a hard time shaking Utah State to win its opener by seven. The Spartans had a similar problem with Arizona State after three drives inside the Sun Devils 10 resulted in two field goals and an interception.

Brian Lewerke, who played at nearby Pinnacle High School, threw for 314 yards and a touchdown for the Spartans, who are 1-13 in regular-season games out West.

"One loss doesn't mean the end of everything," safety Khari Willis said. "It's a non-conference loss, but it's not supposed to feel good."

Michigan State had some success with its ball-control offense in the first half, twice driving inside the Arizona State 5-yard line. The Spartans came away with three points.

They were set to go for it on fourth-and-1

from the Sun Devils 14 on one drive, but had to settle for Matt Coghlin's 37-yard field goal after a false start. The next drive ended when Lewerke had a tipped pass intercepted by Arizona State's Dasmond Tautalatasi in the end zone.

Michigan State opened the second half with another good drive, reaching the Arizona State 7. It resulted in Coghlin's second field goal, from 28 yards, after Lewerke tripped on a lineman's foot.

The Spartans finally found the end zone late in the third quarter, when Lewerke threw under pressure to Cody White, who fought off a defender for a 31-yard touchdown to put Michigan State up 13-3.

The Sun Devils had a hard time sustaining anything on offense in the first half, plagued by seven negative-yardage plays.

Ruiz hit a pair of field goals to pull Arizona State to 13-6 and the Sun Devils needed two plays to cover 65 yards on the Wilkins-to-Harry touchdown drive.

"We lost a little leverage on them," Michigan State linebacker Joe Bachie said.

**The takeaway:** Arizona State has opened its first season under Edwards 2-0 and could move into the AP Top 25 after grinding out a win over a ranked team.

Michigan State might find itself outside the Top 25 after struggling to beat Utah State and losing to the Sun Devils.

## Clemson holds off Texas A&M Defense, Love carry Stanford

Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Time after time, No. 2 Clemson missed opportunities to close out Texas A&M.

In the end, the Tigers stepped up and made the one play they had to make to secure the thrilling win.

Kelly Bryant threw for 205 yards and a touchdown and ran for another score to help Clemson escape with the 28-26 victory.

Texas A&M quarterback Kellen Mond was spectacular in the second half, throwing for three touchdowns, with a 14-yard pass to Kendrick Rogers cutting the lead to 28-26 with 46 seconds left. But his big performance came up just short when the 2-point conversion attempt was intercepted in the end zone.

"At the end of the day, it came down to the two-point play, and

we got the interception," coach Dabo Swinney said.

Texas A&M coach Jimbo Fisher was impressed with his sophomore quarterback's performance.

"The moment was not too big for him ... his composure in the game and his decision-making was excellent," he said.

Mond finished with a career-high 430 yards passing and Rogers had 120 yards receiving and two TDs. Swinney knew Mond was going to be difficult to handle, but didn't realize just how dangerous he could be.

"I was really impressed by their quarterback... we didn't do a great job of containing him," Swinney said. "Even when we had the perfect call, we would be on the wrong shoulder, he would spin out, and next thing you know, he's throwing some dang touchdown pass in the end zone. He's a heck of a player."

Associated Press

STANFORD, Calif. — With Bryce Love and the key parts of Stanford's offense back, the Cardinal figured to be dynamic on that side of the ball.

Two games into the season, the defense showed it's capable of leading the way, as well.

Joey Alfieri and crew helped harass talented freshman quarterback JT Daniels into four sacks and three turnovers and the 10th-ranked Cardinal held No. 17 Southern California to its fewest points in more than two decades in a 17-3 victory.

"That means we have an entire football team," quarterback K.J. Costello said. "I've been going against our defense a long time and I knew what these young guys were up to."

Stanford (2-0, 1-0 Pac-12) has allowed just 13 points so far this season.

That kind of defense means the Cardinal haven't had to rely on big plays from Love to win. Love did bounce back from a 29-yard performance in the opener by rushing for 136 yards and a touchdown.

His 28-yard run sparked the opening drive that ended with his 6-yard score. He added a 59-yard run in the third quarter to set up a field goal.

"When he gets into a rhythm everyone else is better," coach David Shaw said. "When people try to stop him, we can make plays all over the place."

The defense did the rest, holding USC (1-1, 0-1) to its fewest points since being shut out by Washington in 1997. The Trojans had plenty of chances to score but couldn't deliver, driving to at least the Cardinal 40 six times and ended up with just one field goal.

## Royals' Lopez just 3 outs shy of perfect game against Twins

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Jorge Lopez was so calm on the mound that Royals catcher Salvador Perez didn't even realize the rookie had a perfect game going until the late innings.

The right-hander came within three outs of perfection before Max Kepler walked leading off the ninth and Robbie Grossman followed with a single in Kansas City's 4-1 win over the Minnesota Twins on Saturday night.

"I was so close and I think my heart accelerated a little bit," Lopez said.

The 25-year-old made just his seventh big league start, his fifth for Kansas City since he was acquired from Milwaukee in the late-July trade that sent Mike Moustakas to the Brewers.

Lopez (2-4) retired his first 24 batters before walking Kepler on a 3-1 fastball. Grossman then smacked a clean single to center field on a 1-2 changeup.

"It was the first time he had to go to the stretch the whole game," Grossman said. "He made some quality pitches against me. I just got enough of the last changeup and hit it up the middle, and luckily missed his glove."

Lopez was removed after 110 pitches, 11 more than his previous high.

Ehire Adrianza hit a sacrifice fly off Wily Peralta, who retired Joe Mauer and Jorge Polanco on flyouts for his ninth save, completing the one-hitter.

Lopez struck out four and went to five three-ball counts before the walk, including his first three batters of the game.

"Last inning was when I got all the emotion," Lopez said. "I should have not thought about it, like, 'Let's just get another inning.' But that's experience from what we learned, and next time it will help get another win for the team."

Lopez was trying to become the second pitcher since at least 1900 to throw a perfect game within his first 10 major league starts. Charles Robertson was perfect in his fourth start with the Chicago White Sox in 1922.

Kansas City has never thrown a perfect game and there haven't been any in the majors since Seattle's Felix Hernandez threw the 23rd in history, against Tampa Bay on Aug. 15, 2012.

**Running out of time:** Minnesota moved closer to elimination from the AL Central race. Cleveland's magic number is five for clinching a third consecutive division crown.

## MLB roundup

# Swanson saves Braves in 10th

Associated Press

PHOENIX — The series between National League playoff hopefuls Atlanta and Arizona has been a wild ride, and Saturday night's ending might have topped them all.

Braves shortstop Dansby Swanson made a diving stop on the outfield grass and cut down Nick Ahmed at home plate for the final out to preserve Atlanta's 5-4 victory in 10 innings.

"He just gave every last bit of energy he had and obviously won the game for us," Braves manager Brian Snitker said.

Atlanta got two runs in the top of the 10th to go up 5-3. Freddie Freeman scored on first baseman Paul Goldschmidt's throwing error, and Ender Inciarte added an RBI triple.

In the bottom of the inning, with runners at second and third, Arizona's A.J. Pollock grounded a two-out single up the middle. Steven Souza Jr. scored from third, but Ahmed tried to come around from second and was thrown out by Swanson to end the game.

"A.J. hit the ball and I was going hard and T.P. (third base coach Tony Perezchica) was waving me and it was close," Ahmed said. "I didn't get there."

Swanson said he figured Ahmed would try to score because he would have done the same thing.

"That is just kind of how I would play it offensively. He is scoring no matter what," Swanson said. "I don't think anyone really anticipated that I would be able to catch it and be able to make a throw like that. Honestly, it was the right play on both sides."

Diamondbacks manager Torey Lovullo said he didn't have "a perfect snapshot" of the play but thought it might have been better to hold up at third and give the next batter a chance.

"I feel like there's certain times when you take a little bit of risk and there's other times you don't," he said. "That may not have been the best time to take that type of risk."

The victory boosted Atlanta's lead in the NL East to 3½ games over Philadelphia. Arizona fell 2½ games behind first-place Colorado in the NL West.

**Astros 5, Red Sox 3:** Alex Bregman hit his 30th home run, Charlie Morton returned from the disabled list with five solid innings and visiting Houston beat Boston for its seventh straight win.

Martin Maldonado also homered for AL West-leading Houston, which won the first two legs of the three-game rematch of last year's AL Division Series.

**Rockies 4, Dodgers 2:** Kyle Freeland pitched six strong innings, Wade Davis

worked out of a jam in the ninth and host Colorado beat Los Angeles to move 1½ games up in the NL West.

Chris Iannetta and Charlie Blackmon homered for the Rockies, and Davis allowed a run before striking out Yasmani Grandal with a man aboard to earn his 39th save. Colorado moved 1½ games ahead of the second-place Dodgers.

**Mets 10, Phillies 5:** Noah Syndergaard left the game after he was hit by Cesar Hernandez's line drive in the seventh inning but managed to slow visiting Philadelphia's playoff run despite allowing a career-worst 12 hits and five walks.

**Yankees 4, Mariners 2:** Andrew McCutchen hit his second home run in two days as New York held on to beat host Seattle and move within 7½ games of first-place Boston in the AL East with 20 to play.

**Athletics 8, Rangers 6:** Khris Davis hit his major league-leading 41st home run, Matt Olson homered to drive in the go-ahead run and Oakland beat visiting Texas for its fifth win in six games.

**Brewers 4, Giants 3:** Gio Gonzalez (8-11) received a standing ovation in Milwaukee, striking out seven and walking one in his first start since an Aug. 31 trade from Washington.

**Nationals 10, 6; Cubs 3, 5:** Bryce Harper hit a two-run homer in the seventh inning and Washington rallied past visiting Chicago to sweep a doubleheader delayed more than 3½ hours by rain.

**Indians 9, Blue Jays 8:** Roberto Perez homered and drove in four, Michael Brantley hit a two-run shot and Cleveland outslugged host Toronto.

**Reds 7, Padres 2 (7):** Joey Votto ended his two-month homer drought with Cincinnati's 11th grand slam and the Reds beat visiting San Diego in a game called early because of rain.

**Tigers 4, Cardinals 3:** Victor Reyes scored on a game-ending wild pitch with one out in the ninth inning, and host Detroit beat St. Louis.

The Cardinals, who entered with a one-game lead for the second NL wild card, have lost five of seven.

**Rays 10, Orioles 5:** Ryan Yarbrough struggled but got his 14th win, most among major league rookies, and Tampa Bay won its 10th straight at home.

**Pirates 5, Marlins 1:** Josh Bell homered for the second game in a row, Ivan Nova got his first victory in a month and Pittsburgh beat visiting Miami for its fifth consecutive win.

**Angels 12, White Sox 3:** Mike Trout homered twice and drove in five runs as Los Angeles defeated host Chicago.