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Think tank: N. Korea working on SLBM

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SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea is on an “aggressive schedule” to build and deploy its first operational ballistic missile submarine, a U.S. think tank said, citing commercial satellite imagery.

The report by 38 North, a website run by the U.S.-Korea Institute at Johns Hopkins University, suggests that the North is making progress in developing submarine-launched ballistic missiles in addition to its land-based nuclear weapons program.

Images from Nov. 5 showed parts being moved into and out of areas near construction halls, indicating a shipbuilding program is in progress at the Sinpo base on North Korea’s east coast.

38 North pointed to two large,

circular objects in a yard that could be parts of a submarine’s pressure hull. It said their presence “suggests construction of a new submarine.”

The findings, which were posted on the website Thursday, also noted a probable launch canister at the missile test stand, suggesting ongoing ejection testing.

“Such testing could support the continued development of SLBMs, a new ballistic missile submarine or a combination of both,” defense expert Joseph Bermudez said in his analysis.

It also would be consistent with a CNN report in August saying the U.S. military has detected “highly unusual and unprecedented levels” of North Korean submarine activity.

CNN quoted an unnamed U.S. defense official as saying there was evidence of an ejection test — which evaluates the “cold-

launch system” that propels the missile from the launch canister before its engines ignite — in August.

The development of a submarine able to launch a long-range missile would be significant because it would be harder to detect than land-based systems and better able to maneuver in international waters.

In August 2016, North Korea successfully test-fired an SLBM that flew about 310 miles from Sinpo toward Japan before crashing into the sea.

It was fired at a high angle to avoid Japanese territory, and military officials said it could have traveled twice as far on a normal trajectory. North Korea’s state-run media said the test showed the U.S. was “within striking range.”

U.S. and South Korean military officials have been on alert for signs that the communist

state could conduct another missile test after a more-than-two-month lull in activity.

38 North said a prototype submarine and a submersible missile test stand barge appear ready to be put to sea at any time.

But it stressed that “there are no activities suggesting” a test was imminent.

Tensions are high over traded threats between the North and President Donald Trump, who has threatened to “totally destroy” the country if forced to defend the U.S. and its allies.

North Korea raised alarm over the summer when it test-fired two intercontinental ballistic missiles and sent two other projectiles soaring over the Japanese island of Hokkaido. Pyongyang also conducted its sixth and most powerful nuclear test on Sept. 3.

US escalates Somalia fight; DOD downplays buildup

BY JOHN VANDIVER

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STUTTGART, Germany — There are now 500 U.S. troops in Somalia, where the military has carried out daily airstrikes in the past week, but the Pentagon refuses to call it a buildup.

“I would not associate that with a buildup, as you’re calling it,” Lt. Gen. Kenneth F. McKenzie told reporters Thursday in Washington. “I think it’s just the flow of forces in and out as different organizations come in that might be sized a little differently.”

McKenzie said the boost in attacks was simply a matter of hitting targets as they emerge. “So there’s no particular rhythm to it, except that as they

become available and as we’re able to process them and vet them, we strike them,” he said.

Still, the sudden surge of servicemembers into Somalia during the past several months and the rapid spike in airstrikes — 28 so far this year — is a reversal from the past, when there were no regular troops in the country and airstrikes were extremely rare.

Driving the U.S.’ recent escalation is a closing window of opportunity as a 20,000-strong coalition of African armies prepares to leave the country after a decade of leading the battle against the al-Qaida-aligned group al-Shabab.

For 10 years, the African Union Mission in Somalia helped ensure relative stability in the war-torn country, push-

ing al-Shabab out of the capital, Mogadishu, and numerous other strongholds. But al-Shabab was never defeated, and with the African Union’s pullout set to begin in coming weeks, the U.S. and its partners have little time to degrade the militants before the multinational fighting force leaves. When the union’s draw-down is completed in 2020, Somalia’s fledgling army will be in charge of the fight.

There is uncertainty about whether clan-based Somalia, which has a fleeting history of centralized government — can marshal the unity to prevent an al-Shabab resurgence.

“The group would most likely retake some lost territory should AMISOM forces withdraw before the (Somalia National Army) is capable of

effective, independent operations against the group,” Robyn Mack, a spokeswoman for U.S. Africa Command, told Stars and Stripes.

The U.S. military escalation now underway was hinted at earlier this year, when leaders from AMISOM arrived at AFRICOM headquarters in Stuttgart for a meeting of AFRICOM defense chiefs.

“We have very little time, so we need to accelerate this,” said Francisco Madeira, the African Union’s special representative on Somalia, during the April meeting in Stuttgart. “We have to see where we can get resources and training so these people can take over as quickly as possible.”

Victim's parents: Gadson 'should not be allowed to live'

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NAHA CITY, Okinawa — The parents of a 20-year-old Okinawan woman murdered last year told a packed courtroom Friday they want the former Air Force contractor charged in her death to pay for the brutal crime with his life.

"A murderer, who took my daughter's life, should not be allowed to live," the mother said in a statement read by her lawyer during the second day of Kenneth Franklin Gadson's trial at Naha District Court.

Gadson, 33, a former Marine who was a civilian employee at a Kadena Air Base cable and internet provider, is charged with murder, rape resulting in death and the illegal disposal of a body in the death of Rina Shimabukuro. He is being tried under Japan's lay judge system with three judges and six jurors.

Shimabukuro disappeared after going out for a walk on the evening of April 28, 2016. Gadson became a suspect — and was later charged in the crime — after police spotted his SUV while checking vehicles captured by security cameras in the area.

During the previous day's proceedings — which mostly focused on whether Shimabukuro's killing was premeditated — Gadson read a prepared statement pleading guilty to rape resulting in death and illegal disposal of the body but denying the murder charge, stating that he had "no plans to kill her."

Gadson told the court he planned to knock her unconscious, to take her to a hotel in a suitcase to rape her and to release her afterward. After failing to knock her out, he panicked and was not able to complete his plan, he said.

On Friday, Shimabukuro's father made it clear that the family wants capital punishment for Gadson.

"Please atone for [the crime] with your life," he said in a statement presented by prosecutors. "I want him to explain why my daughter had to be killed and why it was my daughter."

Gadson sat in the courtroom looking straight ahead as the parents' statements were read. He wore a white T-shirt, blue pants and black sandals, as he did the first day of his trial on Thursday.

Gadson twice was given a chance to answer questions by both the defense and the prosecution — first in the morning and again in the afternoon — but refused to speak.

"I choose to remain silent," he said, when asked whether he had anything to say to the victim or to her family.

Police: Marine intoxicated in deadly Okinawa crash

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TOKYO — An Okinawa, Japan-based Marine's blood alcohol content was triple Japan's legal limit Sunday when his vehicle collided with a minitruck, killing its Japanese driver, police say.

The Marine was "slightly injured" in the 5:30 a.m. crash at a Naha intersection, Okinawa officer Kazuhiko Miyagi told The Associated Press.

The victim — a 61-year-old man — was making a turn when his vehicle was hit by the servicemember's truck, which was coming in the opposite direction, Japanese media reports said. Witness accounts say the Japanese driver had the right of way and that the Marine may have gone through a red light.

Miyagi told the AP that a breath test indicated the servicemember had a blood alcohol level that was three times Japan's legal limit of 0.03 percent. The drivers' names had not been released as of Sunday evening.

The cause of the crash is under investigation, according to a statement issued Sunday evening by Marine Corps Installations Pacific.

"I would like to convey my deepest regret and sincere condolences to the family and friends of the Okinawan man who died as a result of this accident," Lt. Gen. Lawrence Nicholson, commander of Marine Forces Japan and III Marine Expeditionary Force, said in the statement. "We are still gathering facts and working with the Japanese authorities who are investigating the accident and its causes."

Nicholson added that the Marine Corps holds servicemembers to the "highest standards of conduct," and that it would cooperate with investigators "to the fullest extent."

"You have my promise that I will rigorously work to determine the cause of the incident and take every possible step to keep this from happening again," he said.

A statement issued Sunday evening by Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said it has requested that officials with U.S. Forces Japan and the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo strengthen discipline among servicemembers and take steps to prevent future incidents.

U.S. Ambassador to Japan William Hagerty responded by apologizing and expressing his condolences "to the victim killed in this tragic incident as well as his family," the statement said. Hagerty added that the U.S. side would cooperate with the investigation and move to prevent future incidents, the statement said.

All servicemembers on Okinawa are under "Tier 3 Liberty Status" until further notice, and are prohibited from consuming alcohol on or off base, according to a message issued Sunday evening by Commander Fleet Activities Okinawa.

"All off base liberty is secured immediately," said the message, which cited U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Forces Japan as its source. "If you live off base, you are authorized to travel only to and from work."

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US warship, Japanese tug collide

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YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — No injuries were reported after a U.S. warship collided with a Japanese commercial tugboat Saturday in Japan's Sagami Bay.

The accident occurred after the Japanese vessel lost propulsion and drifted into the USS Benfold during a towing exercise, a Navy statement said. The guided-mis-

sile destroyer suffered minimal damage and is awaiting a full assessment.

The Benfold was operating under its own power, and the Japanese vessel was towed to a port in Yokosuka, the statement said.

The Navy said the incident will be investigated.

The Benfold was conducting routine training as part of a seamanship certification, 7th Fleet spokesman Cmdr. Clay Doss said.

Command postpones release of N. Korean defector footage

BY KIM GAMEL
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SEOUL, South Korea — The United Nations Command has put off a plan to release video footage of a North Korean soldier's dramatic escape across a jointly patrolled area in the heart of the Demilitarized Zone.

The soldier defected to the South on Nov. 13 by driving a military jeep to the line that divides the peninsula, then rushing across it under a hail of gunfire from his former comrades.

The defector was severely wounded by the gunfire and has been hospitalized. His doctor, Lee Guk-jong, told reporters his condition was stabilized after a second operation Wednesday, but he was riddled with parasites that were complicating his

recovery.

Officials with the UNC, which is commanded by U.S. Army Gen. Vincent Brooks and has authority over the Joint Security Area, said last week they would make public footage from surveillance cameras that monitored the border dash. But the UNC issued a press release Friday summarizing already known facts of the case and saying it will not release more details or material until an investigation is completed.

The reversal prompted protests from South Korean news organizations belonging to the Defense Ministry's press pool, according to the Yonhap News Agency. When asked about the complaints, UNC public affairs officials said only that Brooks, who also commands U.S. Forces Korea, is the release authority on the video.

Yonhap reported that Defense Ministry officials previewed a clip that had been edited to 26 seconds by the UNC but expressed concern it may cause confusion without more context amid criticism that troops on the southern side should have returned fire.

The controversy prompted President Moon Jae-in's office to defend the decision, saying soldiers acted in accordance with U.N. rules of engagement for the area and that South Korean officials had no control over those.

Questions also have been raised over whether the North Koreans giving chase to the defector crossed the demarcation line themselves or fired into the South Korean side. Either move would be a violation of the 1953 armistice agreement.

Envoy: Futenma relocation necessary

BY TYLER HLAVAC
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TOKYO — "Considerable progress" is being made on a controversial project to relocate a large Marine base within Okinawa, the United States' new envoy to Japan said Friday in Tokyo.

U.S. Ambassador to Japan William Hagerty, speaking to reporters at the Japan National Press Club, also called the plan to move Marine Corps Air Station Futenma to Henoko, in Okinawa's rural north, the "only solution" despite fervent protests from locals who want the base moved completely off the southern island prefecture. "It was clear to me that there are issues surrounding the Futenma location," said Hagerty, who visited Okinawa last week. "The population has grown significantly around [Futenma]. The only solution to this date that has been negotiated has been relocating to Henoko."

While on Okinawa, Hagerty met with Gov. Takeshi Onaga, who told him the relocation plan amounted to "discrimination" against Okinawans, according to local media reports. Onaga was elected in 2014 after campaigning on stopping the relocation and expelling the Marines' controversial Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft.

The ambassador told reporters Friday that keeping the base within Okinawa is "necessary" considering the recent uptick in tensions with North Korea, which has conducted ballistic missile tests this year that landed in waters near Japan.

Hagerty also recapped President Donald Trump's recent tour of Asia, calling the Japan leg of the trip "a huge success."

"We made significant progress on trade and security issues during the visit," he said. "The U.S. and Japan relations are closer than they've ever been before."

Turkey yanks troops from NATO drill over 'enemies' insult claim

BY JOHN VANDIVER
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STUTTGART, Germany — Turkey pulled its troops from a NATO exercise following an accusation from President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Friday that he and the country's founding father were named at an "enemies table" during a war game.

About 40 Turkish troops were taking part in the drills in Norway. Erdogan ordered the withdrawal after he said that his name and that of Turkey's founder, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, were listed as enemies.

"There was an incident in Norway. They put up something like an 'enemies table' and it included (Mustafa Kemal) Atatürk's name and my name," said Erdogan, as quoted

by Turkish media Friday.

Details about the incident are sketchy. "It was a NATO drill; we had 40 soldiers there," Erdogan said. "We decided to withdraw those troops and they started the necessary process."

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg issued an apology over the incident, which he said was caused by a civilian contractor at the alliance's Joint Warfare Center in Stavanger, Norway.

"I apologize for the offense that has been caused," Stoltenberg said. "The incidents were the result of an individual's actions and do not reflect the views of NATO."

The contractor was removed from the exercise and an investigation is underway, he said.

"It will be for the Norwegian authorities to decide on any

disciplinary action," Stoltenberg said. "NATO has been in contact with the Norwegian authorities on this issue."

The dispute comes at a time of tension between Turkey and various members of the U.S.-led NATO alliance. The U.S. has been at odds with Turkey over the fight against Islamic State militants in Syria even as the U.S. military utilizes a Turkish air base at Incirlik to conduct airstrikes. Chief among the disagreements is the U.S.' backing of Kurdish fighters, who have been key to the American strategy in fighting ISIS. Ankara regards elements of those Kurdish forces as its chief enemy.

Germany also has been at odds with Turkey over a range of issues and has pulled military forces out of Turkey's Incirlik base in response.

Senator caught saying GOP could be 'toast'

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Republican U.S. Sen. Jeff Flake was caught on an open microphone saying the GOP is “toast” if it follows President Donald Trump and Alabama Senate candidate Roy Moore.

The Arizona senator was talking to the mayor of the Phoenix suburb of Mesa offstage Friday after speaking at a town hall session for aerospace company workers. He apparently didn't know the microphone attached

to his lapel was still on when he said, “(If we) become the party of Roy Moore and Donald Trump, we are toast.”

TV stations at the event picked up his comment. Flake's office told KNXV-TV that the senator said “if we” before the Phoenix station's cameras started. Flake made a surprised expression when someone pointed out the microphone afterward.

He later tweeted a link to a story about the remark and said: “No news here. I've been saying

this to anyone who will listen.”

Flake has been an outspoken critic of Trump and announced in a forceful speech on the Senate floor last month that he would not seek re-election next year. He acknowledged that he could not win a GOP primary in the current political climate.

Flake also has criticized Moore, who is facing allegations of sexual misconduct against teenage girls decades ago and calls to drop his bid for the U.S. Senate. Flake said he

would “vote for the Democrat” if he were in Alabama and had to choose between Moore and Democratic challenger Doug Jones.

In the exchange with Flake, Mesa Mayor John Giles appeared to tell the senator to run for higher office.

“I am not throwing smoke at you, but you're the guy,” Giles said. “Just for fun, think about how much fun it would be, just to be the foil, you know, and point out what an idiot this guy is.”

Counterprotesters dominate at Boston free speech rally

Associated Press

BOSTON — A few dozen free speech advocates rallied peacefully Saturday on Boston Common, but just like at last summer's event, they were outnumbered by counterprotesters.

The “Rally for the Republic” event was held by conservative groups Resist Marxism and Boston Free Speech despite being denied a permit by the city. Police surrounded the gathering.

Rally speakers gathered at a bandstand on the Common warned that free speech was under threat and accused the

Antifa and Black Lives Matter groups of being terrorist organizations. White hats with the phrase “RESIST MARXISM” were thrown into the crowd, many of whom wore pro-Trump apparel and criticized the media and left-leaning groups for labeling them as hateful.

“I'm here because I support the ideas of free speech and the republic,” said rally attendee Alex Moffett, 23, of Burlington, Mass., who identifies as a Republican. “There are many people on the other side who believe their ideas are right and are perpetuating violence in the name of those rights.”

One of the speakers, Tammy Lee, said free speech needs to be “known, practiced and given to all.”

“We, as a nation, are broken,” Lee said. “We must begin to listen to each other and not just look with our eyes and minds closed.”

At least 100 counterprotesters showed up. “It's really inspiring and awesome to be out here and to be with all these people who're rallying for a cause,” said counterprotester Adrian Lee, 19, a sophomore at Boston University.

Resist Marxism has denounced white supremacy

repeatedly and publicly. But the August rally came shortly after deadly violence erupted in Charlottesville, Va., and it drew thousands who said they feared white nationalists might show up anyway.

Rallygoer Brandon Navom, who claims he was fired from his job before the last free speech rally because his employers found out he planned to speak, described the August event as a “travesty.”

“The government suppressed our peaceful gathering,” said Navom, 37, of Williamstown, Mass.

Video shows nurse laughing instead of giving dying vet CPR

The Washington Post

By the winter of 2014, James Dempsey had served in a world war, raised children, buried a wife and seen the best of his health behind him. As he prepared for a stay at a nursing home on the outskirts of Atlanta, he felt nervous.

So his family hid a camera in his room at Northeast Atlanta Health and Rehabilitation, Dempsey's son later told WSBTV. James Dempsey, 89, died in that room on Feb. 27, 2014, in front of the secret camera. What his family saw on the video made them sue the facility.

Portions of the video were recently aired by another news

station, NBC 11Alive. The clips appear to show Dempsey gasping for air, begging for help and collapsing that morning while nurses barely attempt to revive him and at one point laugh over his bed. As seen in NBC's video, a worker entered the room eight minutes after he called for help at 4:34 a.m. The worker adjusted Dempsey's bed and inspected some tubes around his neck, then left him alone.

In a deposition more than a year later, the video was shown to Wanda Nuckles, the nursing supervisor on duty that night. Staff returned to the room nearly an hour later and found Dempsey unconscious, the NBC station reported. Nearly another

full hour passed before anyone called 911, according to the station. At that point, Nuckles herself was called up to the room.

Earlier in her deposition, Nuckles testified that she ran across the nursing home's courtyard to Dempsey's room, where she said she and a second nurse took turns performing constant CPR. But the questioner played a clip from the video that told a different story. In the video, Nuckles walked into the room shortly before 6:30 a.m., where another nurse stood by Dempsey's bed. Someone flipped the dying man's sheet up, and someone lowered his bed. But neither Nuckles nor the nurse appeared to touch Dempsey's chest.

A few minutes later, a third worker had joined Nuckles and the second nurse. Dempsey was still not moving, and still no one was attempting CPR.

The NBC station reported that the nurses were having trouble getting Dempsey's oxygen machine to work by 6:30 a.m. — at which point in the video Nuckles leaned both hands onto Dempsey's mattress and someone laughed. A minute later, Nuckles finally attempted CPR on Dempsey. She pumped his chest half a dozen times in the video, then stopped.

Nuckles and the other nurse in the video both lost their licenses after the Georgia Board of Nursing learned of the video.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Search suspended for missing snorkelers

FL FORT PIERCE — The Coast Guard has suspended the search for two snorkelers who may have been swept out to sea off Florida's east coast.

Local news outlets reported Nov. 11 that a person contacted the Coast Guard after seeing two snorkelers holding a boogie board being pushed away from the Fort Pierce Inlet.

The Coast Guard was searching with a helicopter and a boat. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office were also involved in the search.

Zoo throwing farewell bash for beloved gorilla

MA BOSTON — A Boston zoo held a farewell party for a beloved gorilla that's heading to another zoo in New Orleans to start his own family.

Officials at the Franklin Park Zoo on Saturday celebrated Okpara, 24, a male Western lowland gorilla affectionately called "Okie." He soon will be heading to the Audubon Zoo in Louisiana.

Okie's move is part of the zoo's participation in the national Gorilla Species Survival Plan, an interzoo program meant to ensure survival of the species.

78 bulldogs seized from city residence by police

CA WESTMINSTER — Police seized 78 French and English bulldogs from what authorities say was an apparent puppy mill operating in Westminster.

KNBC-TV reported that po-

lice sent the pups into the care of Westminster Adoption Group Services and have opened a criminal investigation into the owner of the dogs.

Westminster police said a neighbor contacted authorities earlier this month, and officers found the dogs in poor condition. Some of the dogs are believed to have been caged for days at a time.

People began applying to adopt the dogs Tuesday after the adoption group said it had about 5,000 inquiries.

Suit: Couple held after plant mistaken for pot

PA SARVER — A couple who say they were handcuffed for hours in a police patrol car after their hibiscus plants were confused for marijuana are suing the police and an insurance company.

Edward and Audrey Cramer said in a lawsuit filed Tuesday that a Nationwide Insurance Co. agent investigating a fallen tree at their Buffalo Township home sent photos of their flowering plant to police. The lawsuit alleges that Buffalo Township police officers with assault rifles went to their home on Oct. 7 to investigate.

The Cramers eventually were released without charges.

Record-holding cats missing after fire

MI FARMINGTON HILLS — A couple is offering a total reward of \$100,000 if two Guinness World Record-holding cats and two other felines are found alive after a fire destroyed their home in suburban Detroit.

Will and Lauren Powers are offering \$25,000 worth of bitcoins for each cat returned alive. Arcturus, Cygnus and the others haven't been seen

since a Nov. 12 fire in Farmington Hills.

Arcturus holds the record as the world's tallest domestic cat, measuring at about 19 inches. Cygnus is the domestic cat with the world's longest tail, measuring at more than 17 inches.

The Powers escaped the fire and opened doors at their home hoping the cats would flee.

Police: Man tries to turn train into runaway

AZ PHOENIX — A Phoenix man came close to turning a locomotive into his own runaway train.

Police said Julio Rodriguez, 20, was arrested earlier this month after trying to steal a train from a railyard just south of downtown Phoenix.

Union Pacific Railroad workers said they heard the train horn Nov. 8 and went to investigate. They discovered Rodriguez, who had been released from jail earlier that day, sitting in the engineer's seat.

Employees removed him and found he had moved levers and pushed buttons. They said he was one pedal away from moving the train.

Rodriguez faces charges of theft of means of transportation and burglary.

Officials still searching for 3 escaped inmates

FL CRAWFORDVILLE — After scouring a wooded area, authorities in Florida are still searching for three county jail inmates who escaped.

The Tallahassee Democrat reported Saturday that indications are the three inmates who escaped from the Wakulla County jail are no longer in the area.

The sheriff's office said Joel Cooper, Donald Cotterman and

Casey Brandon broke through the ceiling of the jail's law library and made their way to freedom across the building's roof.

Man dies from injuries after chain saw blast

PA WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP — Authorities say a Pennsylvania man who was seriously burned when his chain saw exploded died from his injuries.

Lehigh County officials said David Baker, 68, was working at his home in Warrington Township, York County, when the explosion occurred Thursday. He was taken to a hospital but died from his injuries the following day.

The death has been ruled an accident but remains under investigation. Authorities have not said what may have caused the explosion.

Professor accused of stalking firefighters

AZ FLAGSTAFF — A Northern Arizona University professor is accused of stalking a student and two firefighters she met online.

The Arizona Daily Sun reported that a federal grand jury indicted Melissa Ann Santana, 36, last week on five counts of felony stalking.

According to court documents, the married interior design professor started cyberstalking an NAU student in February 2015 months after they met through Craigslist. Over the next several months, she met two U.S. Forest Service firefighters through Tinder and sent both harassing messages.

NAU spokeswoman Kimberly Ott said Santana is no longer employed there.

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No. 5 Wisconsin shakes off Michigan

Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Alex Hornibrook changed the conversation with one clutch throw.

No. 5 Wisconsin is still undefeated in large part after its even-keeled quarterback shook off another groan-inducing interception.

Hornibrook's 24-yard touchdown pass to A.J. Taylor in the third quarter broke open a defensive slugfest, Kendrick Pryor scored on an end-around and the Badgers beat No. 19 Michigan 24-10 on Saturday.

Wisconsin (11-0, 8-0 Big Ten, No. 5 CFP) padded its postseason résumé by winning a grinding, physical matchup against the Wolverines (8-3, 5-3, No. 24 CFP).

Hornibrook finished 9-for-19 for 143 yards, but bounced back from the turnover early in the third quarter with some of his best throws of the season.

"Sometimes adversity helps us play even harder and better. We were able to do that today," Hornibrook said.

It has been a season-long story line. Hornibrook has now thrown 12 interceptions in Big Ten play. While Hornibrook has been resilient, defense and Big Ten-rushing leader Jonathan Taylor have been the biggest reasons why the Badgers remain unbeaten.

In the biggest game yet of the season, Hornibrook became a difference-maker.

"I guess it's a pretty big deal," Hornibrook said when asked about the attention he gets for his picks. "But we kind of fight back through it."

He connected with Taylor through a tight window in the end zone for a 14-10

lead with 3:31 left in the third quarter.

After a three-and-out for Michigan, Wisconsin's Danny Davis made a one-handed catch with a defender draped on him for a 27-yard gain. Pryor followed with his 32-yard scoring run with 24 seconds left in the third for a two-score lead.

"Two big throws and then they got a few runs out, too," Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh said. "That ended up being the difference in the game."

Wisconsin's defense had a say, too.

Linebacker Leon Jacobs forced Michigan quarterback Brandon Peters to fumble at the Wisconsin 2 in the second quarter. Pressure picked up in the second half.

Peters had to be carted off the field in the third quarter after getting hit by linebacker Andrew Van Ginkel following an incompleteness on third-and-5 from the Michigan 30.

Without him, the already limited Wolverines didn't have the firepower to come back from a double-digit deficit. The run game was held to 58 yards on 37 carries.

"Everyone was a little cranky" after getting up early for a late-morning start," Wisconsin linebacker T.J. Edwards said. "Everyone had a little edge to them."

Defense also gave Michigan its best chance to upset Wisconsin on the road, and it looked as if that might happen for two-plus quarters.

An athletic front controlled the line of scrimmage. Big Ten-leading rusher Jonathan Taylor had trouble finding holes.

Momentum turned after Hornibrook showed he could make clutch throws late in the third quarter.

"They didn't do anything different, we just beat ourselves, up front especially," Michigan defensive lineman Aubrey Solomon said.

Jonathan Taylor finished with 132 yards on 19 carries, with 87 yards in the second half.

Takeaways: Michigan: Before getting hurt, Peters made some nice throws against the nation's top-ranked defense, especially during the seven-play, 84-yard touchdown drive that ended with Mason's score in the first half. Peters had one big mistake in the first after fumbling near the goal line during his scramble out of the pocket from the 5. Overall, the sophomore can build on some positives in his third career start at a tough road venue, especially considering the opponent. Peters finished 9-for-18 for 157 yards.

"Brandon, I thought, was very good. We can't get him hit as much," Harbaugh said.

Wisconsin: The defense gave up a couple deep shots, including a 48-yard completion to receiver Donovan Peoples-Jones on the first-half touchdown drive. Otherwise, the unit had another stout day, and coordinator Jim Leonhard dialed up a couple different blitzes in the second half. After following a season-long script of recovering from mistakes, a second straight win over a ranked opponent should look good to the College Football Playoff selection committee.

Injury update: Harbaugh said only that Peters was getting tests after getting "shaken up." The quarterback was due to meet the rest of the team at the plane for the trip home.

Undefeated Miami rallies past Virginia

Associated Press

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. — The undefeated season was slipping away, and so was any realistic chance Miami had of getting into the College Football Playoff and competing for a national championship.

That is, until seven seconds changed everything.

Just like that, a 14-point deficit was gone — and perfection remains within the Hurricanes' reach.

Malik Rosier threw three touchdown passes and ran for another score, and No. 2 Miami pulled off its biggest comeback in five years by holding off Virginia 44-28 on Saturday to extend the nation's longest win-

ning streak to 15 games.

"It's amazing, this train we're riding right now," linebacker Shaquille Quarterman said. "We just want to keep it going."

Jaquan Johnson had an interception return for a touchdown for Miami (10-0, 7-0 Atlantic Coast Conference, No. 3 CFP), which scored the game's last 30 points. The Hurricanes twice climbed out of two-touchdown-deep holes, snapped a 15-game losing streak in games where it faced deficits of 14 points or more and finished off their first 7-0 home regular-season record since 1988.

"This team believes," offensive lineman KC McDermott said. "This team believes in our

goal and the way we're going to attack it."

Kurt Benkert was brilliant for Virginia (6-5, 3-4), completing 28 of 37 passes for 384 yards and four touchdowns.

The game started at noon, and it wasn't until 2:21 p.m. that Benkert took aim at a receiver and missed. He started 18-for-19 for 288 yards and four touchdowns in a little over a half, the only incompleteness in that span being an intentional one — he threw the ball away to avoid what would have been a sack by Miami's Chad Thomas.

Benkert's 20th throw wasn't incomplete, technically. It was just to the wrong team.

Johnson's fourth interception of the season became a 30-

yard return for a score. It was Miami's second touchdown in seven seconds after Lawrence Cager hauled in a 9-yard scoring pass from Rosier, a 28-14 Virginia lead was gone — and the Hurricanes left no doubt the rest of the way. Rosier and Travis Homer had touchdown runs in the final 4:03 to close it out for Miami.

"I like the way my team played," Virginia coach Bronco Mendenhall said. "We were well prepared, played hard. We had plenty of chances to stage the upset. Came up short."

Homer rushed for 96 yards for Miami, which looks to close out a perfect ACC regular-season slate at Pittsburgh on Friday.

Academies roundup

No. 9 Notre Dame rallies to knock off Midshipmen

Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — With their slim College Football Playoff hopes fading, Brandon Wimbush and Notre Dame finally found a rhythm and put Navy away.

Wimbush threw for 164 yards and two touchdowns and ran for a score as No. 9 Notre Dame rallied in the rain and wind to beat Navy 24-17 Saturday.

Wearing throwback uniforms with the name Rockne on the back of every player's jersey and helmets designed to evoke the leather lids from the era of Knute Rockne, one of the Fighting Irish's most famous names, Notre Dame (9-2, No. 8 College Football Playoff) kept its slight shot at a spot in the national championship playoffs alive heading into the regular-season finale next Saturday at Stanford.

Wimbush, who threw two interceptions and lost a fumble in Notre Dame's 41-8 loss at No. 2 Miami two Saturdays ago, started slow before connecting with Kevin Stepherson twice and added his 14th rushing TD of the year as the Irish scored on three straight possessions late in the longest-running matchup between teams from different regions of the country, dating to 1927.

"I thought he was gritty and hung with it," Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly said of his quarterback's play in the wet and windy (gusts of 20 mph or more) conditions during the game. "I was proud of the way he responded."

The Irish outgained the Midshipmen (6-4) 327-318, but Navy outrushed Notre Dame 277-163 and had a huge advantage in time of possession, 42:42 to 17:18.

The Irish didn't secure the victory until there was 1:28 left in the game. After a timeout on a fourth-and-5 at Notre Dame's 25, Navy coach Ken Niumatalolo opted for some trickery.

Quarterback Zach Abey pitched the ball to slotback Darryl Bonner, who passed downfield to wide receiver Tyler Carmona, who was open for a moment. But Carmona slipped on the wet Notre Dame Stadium turf, the pass fell incomplete and Notre Dame twice took a knee to run the clock out.

"He was open," Niumatalolo said. "We missed the block on the edge. If we get the block on the edge, we had a shot. Our kids fought to the end — our kids didn't show any quit."

Abey, who sat out Navy's 43-40 victory

over SMU with an injury, returned to direct the triple-option attack and finished with 87 yards rushing, matching fullback Anthony Gargiulo. Abey scored on a 1-yard run and only threw the ball six times for 41 yards, including a 12-yard TD to Craig Scott.

North Texas 52, Army 49: Ahmad Bradshaw would have preferred to win Army's rubber match against the host Aggies over getting his second 200-yard rushing game in three weeks.

The senior quarterback had to settle for the numbers Saturday night.

Trevor Moore kicked a 39-yard field goal with 5 seconds left to give North Texas a wild 52-49 victory over the Black Knights, ending Army's six-game winning streak.

Mason Fine threw for 386 yards and four touchdowns, including a quick 10-yard sideline toss with no timeouts left to get the Mean Green (8-3) a little closer for Moore's winning kick.

The longest winning streak for Army (8-3) since 1996 ended despite 244 yards rushing and two touchdowns from Bradshaw, who set Army's single-season rushing record at 1,472 yards, breaking Collin Mooney's 9-year-old record of 1,339.

"My most important thing is winning football games," Bradshaw said. "If I have zero yards and we win the game, I'll be happier than having a million yards and losing the game."

Boise State 44, Air Force 19: Boise State quarterback Brett Rypien spent the past year lamenting his performance against the Falcons, one that cost the Broncos a spot in the Mountain West title game.

But after his performance in host Boise State's victory over Air Force on Saturday night, he'll spend the final two weeks of the season getting ready for back-to-back games with Fresno State and a chance to win the conference title.

Rypien threw for 300 yards and three touchdowns as Boise State (9-2, 7-0 Mountain West) won its seventh straight game and secured a berth in the conference title game by winning the Mountain division for the first time since 2014.

Boise State snapped a three-game losing streak to the Falcons and will face Fresno State for the conference title on Dec. 2. Air Force (4-7, 3-4) lost its third straight and watched its bowl hopes all but dashed in the process.

NHL roundup

Matthews' return sparks Maple Leafs

Associated Press

MONTREAL — It took Auston Matthews only two periods to get into his groove.

Back after missing four games with an upper body injury, Matthews scored twice in the third period to help the Toronto Maple Leafs beat the Montreal Canadiens 6-0 Saturday for their sixth straight win.

Matthews' first goal put the Leafs up 5-0 and chased Canadiens starting goalie Charlie Lindgren at 8:59 of the third. Backup goalie Antti Niemi had no chance on his second, a wrist shot to the top corner from the left circle on a rush.

"It feels good to be back," Matthews said.

Islanders 5, Lightning 3: Anders Lee scored twice and the New York Islanders held on after nearly blowing a four-goal lead, beating host Tampa Bay.

Predators 5, Avalanche 2: Craig Smith had a goal and an assist, Pekka Rinne made 29 saves and host Nashville beat Colorado.

Blackhawks 2, Penguins 1: Artem Anisimov scored a power-play goal in the third period, and Chicago continued its winning streak against host Pittsburgh.

Capitals 3, Wild 1: T.J. Oshie had a goal and an assist and host Washington snapped Minnesota's winning streak at four.

Blues 4, Canucks 3 (OT): Brayden Schenn scored at 2:41 of overtime to give visiting St. Louis a victory over Vancouver.

Hurricanes 3, Sabres 1: Sebastian Aho scored with 4:45 remaining to lift Carolina over host Buffalo for its third straight win.

Flames 5, Flyers 4 (OT): Sean Monahan had the first hat trick of his NHL career, and Michael Frolik scored 1:18 into overtime to give visiting Calgary the win.

Kings 4, Panthers 0: Johnny Brodzinski scored his first NHL goal, and Andy Adreoff scored his first of the season to lead host Los Angeles past Florida.

Coyotes 3, Senators 2 (OT): Anthony Duclair scored in overtime to complete a hat trick and Arizona beat host Ottawa for its second straight victory.

Stars 6, Oilers 3: Ben Bishop shut out Edmonton over the last 39 minutes as host Dallas beat Edmonton.

Jets 5, Devils 2: Patrik Laine, Jacob Trouba and Matt Hendricks scored in a 95-second span, and host Winnipeg beat New Jersey for its fourth straight win.

Bruins 3, Sharks 1: Anton Khudobin stopped 36 shots to lead Boston over host San Jose.

College basketball roundup

Fox's career-high 33 lift Army past Marist

Associated Press

POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y. — Jordan Fox scored a career-high 33 points by knocking down nine three-pointers as Army smacked Hudson Valley neighbor Marist, 94-73 on Saturday night.

Fox drilled his first three-pointer 28 seconds into the game and hit six in the first half to stake the Black Knights to a 41-35 lead at intermission.

Fox finished 11-for-16 from the field, including 9-for-11 from beyond the arc. Thomas Funk added 16 points and 10 assists, and Luke Morrison added 14 points. Army shot 52.9 percent from the field (36-for-68) and was even more efficient from distance, connecting on 60.9 percent (14-for-23) shots.

Navy 79, Bryant 71: Bryce Dulin scored 21 points, Tom Lacey had 17 points and 11 rebounds and the visiting Midshipmen beat the Bulldogs on Saturday.

Hasan Abdullah added 16 points and made three three-pointers for Navy (2-2), which shot 52 percent from the field. Shawn Anderson chipped in 14 points.

No. 17 Gonzaga 79, Utah State 66: At Spokane, Wash., Killian Tillie scored 20 points and grabbed nine rebounds as the Bulldogs beat the Aggies on Saturday.

No. 19 Purdue 106, Fairfield 64: At West Lafayette, Ind., Dakota Mathias had

Trump: Should have left UCLA trio in China

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump says he should have left three UCLA basketball players accused of shoplifting in China in jail.

Trump's tweet Sunday comes after the father of player LiAngelo Ball minimized Trump's involvement in winning the players' release in comments to ESPN.

"Who?" LaVar Ball told ESPN on Friday, when asked about Trump's involvement in the matter. "What was he over there for? Don't tell me nothing. Everybody wants to make it seem like he helped me out."

Trump has said he raised the players' detention with Chinese President Xi Jinping during the leaders' recent meeting in Beijing. The players returned to the U.S. last week. They have been indefinitely suspended from the team.

Says Trump: "Now that the three basketball players are out of China and saved from

years in jail, LaVar Ball, the father of LiAngelo, is unaccepting of what I did for his son and that shoplifting is no big deal. I should have left them in jail!"

The younger Ball, along with fellow freshmen Jalen Hill and Cody Riley, aren't with the rest of the No. 23 Bruins, who are in Kansas City to play in the Hall of Fame Classic on Monday and Tuesday. The trio isn't allowed to suit up, be on the bench for home games or travel with the team.

The players were arrested and questioned about stealing from high-end stores next to the team's hotel in Hangzhou, where the Bruins stayed before leaving for Shanghai to play Georgia Tech.

UCLA athletic director Dan Guerrero said last week that the players stole from three stores.

— Associated Press

23 points for the Boilermakers, who sunk a school-record 19 three-pointers.

No. 20 Northwestern 82, La Salle 74: At Uncasville, Conn., Bryant McIntosh scored 21 points and Scottie Lindsey added 20 to lead the Wildcats in the Hall of Fame Tip-Off Tournament.

No. 22 Seton Hall 82, NJIT 53: Desi Rodriguez scored 19 points as the host Pirates pulled away in the second-half.

No. 24 West Virginia 111, Morgan St. 48: Daxter Miles had a career-high 32 points to lead the host Mountaineers, who opened the game with a 14-3 run.

NBA roundup

Irving leads Celtics to 15th consecutive victory

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Kyrie Irving scored 30 points, Jaylen Brown added a career-high 27 and the Boston Celtics won their 15th straight game with a 110-99 victory over the Atlanta Hawks on Saturday night.

At 15-2, Boston leads the NBA and matched the best start in franchise history through 17 games. The winning streak is the club's fifth-longest, four behind the 2008-09 team that set the franchise mark.

Dennis Schroder had 23 points, and Kent Bazemore added 19 for Atlanta. The Hawks are an Eastern Conference-worst 3-13, but they still

had plenty of adrenaline following a 46-point victory over Sacramento — biggest in franchise history — two nights ago.

The Celtics erased a 16-point deficit to take their first lead on Brown's three-pointer midway through the third. It is Boston's fourth win when trailing by at least 16 during the streak.

Irving, playing with a protective mask to protect a minor facial fracture, ended the game with a right-handed finger-roll layup, delighting a few thousand Boston fans who were chanting "MVP! MVP!" in the fourth quarter. In 31 minutes, Irving made 10 of 12 shots, including five three-pointers, and hit all five of his free throws.

Warriors 124, 76ers 116: Stephen Curry scored 35 points, Kevin Durant had 27 and defending NBA champion Golden State overcame a 22-point halftime deficit to beat host Philadelphia.

Joel Embiid scored 21 points and Ben Simmons had 23 points and 12 assists for Philadelphia.

Rockets 105, Grizzlies 83: James Harden scored 29 points, Clint Capela had 17 points and 13 rebounds and visiting Houston beat Memphis.

Jazz 125, Magic 85: Rodney Hood scored 31 points, Derrick Favors had 25 points and 11 rebounds and Utah routed host Orlando to snap a three-game losing streak.

The 40-point margin matched the Magic's worst home loss in team history.

Trail Blazers 102, Kings 90: C.J. McCollum scored 25 points, Damian Lillard had 22 and Portland handed Sacramento its ninth consecutive road loss.

Mavericks 111, Bucks 79: Wesley Matthews scored a season-high 22 points and host Dallas beat Milwaukee to stop a four-game slide.

Hornets 102, Clippers 87: Kemba Walker had 26 points, Dwight Howard added 16 points and 16 rebounds and Charlotte snapped a six-game losing streak with the victory over struggling Los Angeles.