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Carrier group to join massive NATO drill

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The USS Harry S. Truman Strike Group and its 6,000 servicemembers will join NATO's largest military drill since 2002 later this month as allies test their ability to defend a member state, the U.S. Navy's top admiral in Europe said.

Trident Junction, which runs from Oct. 25 to Nov. 7, comes at a time of heightened tensions between Moscow and the West. Though allies have declined to say that the purpose of the exercise is to prepare for a possible Russian attack, it is taking place in Norway, a country that borders Russia.

"Trident Juncture illustrates NATO's relevance and unity in that we are ready to defend ourselves," U.S. Naval Forces Europe chief Adm. James Foggo told reporters Tuesday at NATO's Brussels headquarters.

Foggo will lead NATO's Trident Juncture, which will bring together more than 45,000 troops from across the alliance and will combine land, air and sea elements. About 150 aircraft, more than 60 ships and 10,000 rolling or tracked vehicles are part of the exercise, NATO said.

Foggo, who heads NATO's Allied Joint Forces Command in Naples and will be commanding from sea during a portion of the drills, announced Tuesday that the Truman carrier group would participate. The USS Truman has been deployed for the past several weeks in European waters, operating off Iceland and in the North Sea.

With the carrier's addition, about 18,000 U.S. troops drawn from all of the Pentagon's military services will be joining the exercise. The U.S. is the largest exercise participant.

Over the past couple of years, the U.S. has boosted its year-round military presence in Norway, adding a quasi-permanent force of some 300 Marines in the country. There is a plan to increase the number of Marines there to 700.

Moves like this near Russia's borders have angered Moscow. Russia, which also has built up its own forces near borders with NATO, routinely blasts alliance exercises in Poland and the Baltic states as provocations.

But allies say troops will be keeping their distance during Trident Juncture. Lt. Gen. Rune Jakobsen, commander of the Norwe-

gian Joint Headquarters, said most of the exercise would take place more than 600 miles away from Russia. And NATO aircraft won't be within more than 300 miles from the border, he said.

Foggo, who declined to single out Russia as the exclusive focus of the war games, said NATO's drills are all about defense.

"This exercise has several messages — that is, NATO is capable of defending itself. It is capable of defending against any adversary, not any one adversary."

Still, Russia's more assertive military stance has the attention of top military commanders.

On Friday, Foggo told reporters at the Pentagon that Russia is emphasizing its undersea warfighting capabilities.

"They see that as asymmetric. They see it as one in which there is a challenge, and that challenge is the United States Navy and the United States submarine force," Foggo said.

In the undersea domain, "the margins to victory are razor thin," he said. "So, we have to continue to put a capital effort into the development of our technologies and anti-submarine warfare."

UN Ambassador Haley resigns without explanation

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Tuesday that U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley is leaving the administration at the end of the year. Trump spoke as he and Haley met in the Oval Office, shortly after word came of her plans to resign.

He called Haley a "very special" person, adding that she told him six months ago that she might want to take some time off. Trump said that together they had "solved a lot of problems."

It's the latest shake-up in the turbulent Trump administration just weeks before the November midterm elections.

Haley's resignation was a closely guarded secret. Congressional Republicans involved in foreign-policy matters and some key U.S. allies did not get advance word from Haley or the White House.

No reason for the resignation was immediately provided. Haley, who is speculated to hold aspirations for higher office, said at the White House, "No, I'm not running in 2020."

Haley, 46, was appointed to the U.N. post in November 2016 and last month coordinated Trump's second trip to the United Nations, including his first time chairing the Security Council.

A rookie to international poli-

tics, the former South Carolina governor was an unusual pick to be U.N. envoy.

At the U.N., Haley helped spearhead the Trump administration's efforts to combat what it alleged to be anti-American and anti-Israel actions by the international body.

Trump said he was considering many candidates for Haley's job and that a successor would be named in two to three weeks.

Last month, Haley wrote an op-ed article in *The Washington Post* discussing her policy disagreements but also her pride in working for Trump. It came in response to an anonymous essay in *The New York*

Times by a senior administration official that alleged there to be a secret "resistance" effort from the right in Trump's administration and that there were internal discussions of invoking the 25th amendment to remove him from office.

Before she was named by Trump to her U.N. post, Haley was elected the first female governor of South Carolina. She was re-elected in 2014.

As governor, she developed a national reputation as a racial conciliator who led the charge to bring down the Confederate flag at the Statehouse and guided South Carolina through one of its darkest moments, the massacre at a black church.

Navy mom's tweet makes #HimToo mockery go viral

Stars and Stripes

The mom of Navy veteran Pieter Hanson took to Twitter on Saturday, making #HimToo trend, but perhaps not for reasons she might have imagined.

"This is MY son. He graduated #1 in boot camp. He was awarded the USO award. He was #1 in A school. He is a gentleman who respects women. He won't go on solo dates due to the current climate of false sexual accusations by radical feminists with an axe to grind. I VOTE. #HimToo," the tweet read.

She posted the now-deleted tweet on the day Brett Kavanaugh was confirmed to the U.S. Supreme Court after a confirmation process that featured accusations of sexual misconduct. Twitter's response was rife with mockery, spawning a variety of "This is MY son" memes. And her sons had plenty to say, too.

Pieter Hanson, the son featured posing in his Navy uniform in the tweet, created an account in the early hours of Tuesday morning called @thatwasmymom. The first post?

"That was my Mom. Sometimes the people we love do things that hurt us without realizing it. Let's turn this around. I respect and #Believe-Women. I never have and never will support #HimToo. I'm a proud Navy vet, Cat Dad and Ally. Also, Twitter, your meme game is on point," he tweeted.

He's 32, a student at the University of Central Florida and considers himself a supporter of the #MeToo movement, he told The Washington Post. He said he could only speculate why his mom would write the post. And he noted that "becoming internet famous is the best way to force people to look at pictures of your cats."

His brother, Jon Hanson, let Twitter know that he may never let his brother live the "ridiculous" tweet down. Oh, and that Pieter "does go on solo dates."

Meanwhile, the memes just kept on coming:

■ Above a photo of Norman Bates, the killer in the movie "Psycho": "This is MY son. He single-handedly runs a small hotel. He's a homeowner. He knows a boy's best friend is his mother. He goes a little mad sometimes. He won't go on solo dates due to the current climate of false accusations by radical anti-shower-stabbing feminists. I VOTE. #HimToo" — Night of the Living Marble

■ Above a photo of a cat: "This is MY son. He graduated #1 in litter box training. He was awarded treats this morning. He is a gentleman who respects women. He won't go on solo dates due to the fact that he's neutered and also a cat. #HimToo" — Anna Maltese

■ And above a photo of the sun: "This is my sun. It won't go on dates with girls because it's a giant mass of incandescent gas and therefore too hot to handle. #HimToo" — Qasim Rashid, Esq.

US trains with new Japanese marines

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Stars and Stripes

U.S. Marines and sailors aboard the dock landing ship USS Ashland trained for the first time with Japan's new Amphibious Rapid Deployment Brigade during recent Kaman-dag drills in the Philippine Sea.

Kamandag—short for "Kaag-apay Ng Mga Mandirigma Ng Dagat," or "Cooperation of Warriors of the Sea"—is traditionally a bilateral exercise between U.S. and Philippine troops. This year, the Japan Ground Self-Defense Forces joined the humanitarian assistance and disaster relief drills, which began Oct. 2 and wrap up later this week.

U.S. forces were led by the 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade commanded by Brig. Gen. Chris McPhillips.

"We really tried to help the Japanese ... build the ARDB on a marine-to-marine level and a service-to-service level," he told Stars and Stripes via telephone Tuesday from the Philippines. "Our goal was to allow them to operate from U.S. ships and learn how amphibious operations are conducted. Specifically, the mechanics of getting (amphibious) vehicles on and off of ships."

The Japanese marines loaded five of their amphibious assault vehicles onto the Ashland, a JGSDF spokesman told Stars and Stripes on Tuesday. It's customary for Self-Defense Forces spokesmen not to provide their names.

The Sasebo, Japan-based Ashland and the Okinawa-based 3rd MEB are part of the USS Wasp Expeditionary Strike Group. They most recently supported Typhoon Mangkhut relief efforts in the Northern Mariana Islands, where they were the first troops on the ground to provide aid.

USS Murphy arrives in Papua New Guinea

BY CAITLIN DOORNBOS

Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — The USS Michael Murphy stopped over the weekend in Papua New Guinea, which is preparing to host a major economic summit of 21 Pacific Rim nations.

The Yokosuka, Japan-based destroyer's Saturday arrival marked the first time a U.S. military vessel has visited the nation's capital, Port Moresby, since the dock-landing ship USS Comstock's port call in 2017, a Navy statement said.

On Sunday, the Navy and Papua New Guinea Self Defense Force met aboard the

Michael Murphy and signed an agreement "to advance and finalize negotiations on three important bilateral agreements that will further deepen security cooperation and links" between the countries, the statement said.

Michael Murphy sailors also played soccer with local troops "as part of a cultural exchange," it added.

The visit comes as the South Pacific nation of about 8 million people gears up to host the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit for the first time. World leaders from 21 Pacific Rim countries — including Vice President Mike Pence, Chinese President Xi Jinping, Russian

President Vladimir Putin and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe — are scheduled to gather at Port Moresby on Nov. 17 to discuss issues such as trade relations and economic interdependence among the member nations.

The United States has agreed to help provide security for the event. President Donald Trump had planned to attend APEC, but the White House this past summer announced that Pence would go instead.

It said Trump would be traveling to France "to participate in a November 11 commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the armistice that ended the fighting in World War I."

To recruit, Army revamps message method

BY COREY DICKSTEIN

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Recruiters armed with new marketing campaigns and technology will target cities where the Army has struggled to engage potential soldiers as part of a revamped strategy to fill the ranks.

The service is taking a holistic approach to updating its recruiting and marketing enterprises, which have gone years without proper review, Army Gen. Stephen Townsend, chief of Training and Doctrine Command, said Tuesday. The lack of assessment has left current recruiters poorly outfitted to engage their targets — about 30 percent of men and women ages 17 to 24 who qualify to join the military.

The bottom line: The vast majority of those who could serve in the Army simply do not understand the basics about the service, said Townsend, speaking with reporters at the Association of the U.S. Army's annual conference in Washington.

"It really gets down to ignorance about what our armed forces are, what they do for the country and what your opportunities are," said Townsend, who is leading the Army's study of its recruiting practices. The review was launched this past summer, before the service officially missed its 2018 recruiting goal by 6,500 soldiers.

"When you give [potential recruits] a simple informational briefing — here's what the armed forces are about, here are the career opportunities in the Army, here are the benefits of service — propensity [to enlist] jumps. So, it's just getting the word out."

Townsend's study is already producing changes. The Army will add 650 recruiters to its force, bringing it to 10,250 by next summer. It has also identified 22 cities where it will use the new recruiters to boost its presence and tailor its marketing to that area based on common interests.

"We need to do this targeted recruiting effort — put recruiters in the right part of the local population (and) arm them with a message that resonates with that population," he said.

For example, in Boston, one of the cities the Army will target, high-tech jobs are in demand. Recruiters there will focus on pitching Army jobs in the technology field, such as cyberoperations, Townsend said. They will also try to capitalize on Boston's connection to military history, such as its role in launching the Revolutionary War.

In other areas, the Army will tailor its advertising to showing off other jobs, including front-line combat jobs, which have for years been largely filled by young people from the South and Midwest.

The service will also launch new commercials, which have not been updated in

5 cool gadgets found at AUSA expo

BY CAITLIN M. KENNEY

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The five exhibition halls at this year's Association of the U.S. Army annual meeting and expo form a maze of the latest technology, weaponry and prototypes. The rows and rows of displays, ranging from ammunition to a self-propelled howitzer, can be overwhelming.

So we scoured dozens of booths Monday and found a few cool gadgets that soldiers would love to get their hands on.

■ Night-vision goggles

Need to see at night but don't want to be burdened with heavy gear? The Harris Corp. F5032 Lightweight Night Vision Binocular has you covered.

It's lightweight — just under 500 grams, where other binoculars can weigh up to 700 to 800 grams, said Christian Johnson, a senior manager with Harris Corp. Wearers can read maps within 9 inches, cutting the usual distance by half; and it has a long battery life.

Using a single AA lithium battery, Johnson said, "this goggle will last a full 24 hours of operational use."

The goggles on display included a battery pack, which extends the operational use of the goggles to about a week.

■ R80D SkyRaider

Need an eye in the sky with the delivery capability and toughness to embark on rugged missions? The R80D SkyRaider by Aeryon Defense USA can help.

"We want to ensure that we're giving the soldier something other than just a flying camera out in the field," said Mark Holden, director of defense solutions at Aeryon Defense.

With its "Automatic In-Air Replacement" technology, if the small Unmanned Aircraft System has a low battery, another will automatically come to take its place, according to the product website.

■ IXI EW Dronekiller

The newest production unit of the aptly named Dronekiller by IXI EW is a counter-UAS system that can attach to an intelligent rail under the barrel of an

M4 rifle, similar to a grenade-launcher attachment.

"By packaging the Dronekiller onto the I-Rail, it only adds about two pounds to what the soldier is already carrying," said Michael Carter, CEO of IXI EW.

The Dronekiller can detect a drone up to 2 kilometers away and affect it up to 1 kilometer away.

"So if an attack by drone is being perpetrated on our troops, it will detect the inbound drone. All the soldier has to do is pull the trigger and it'll control the drone and prevent the attack," he said.

■ Tooth Comms Radio

Like something out of a James Bond movie, the Tooth Comms Radio by Sonitus is a wireless tooth microphone that allows the wearer to communicate without getting in the way of masks or respirators.

"You can speak clearly with this while doing HALO (high-altitude, low-opening delivery) operations without having to scream, and everybody can hear you perfectly with no background interference of noise," said Stephen Betts, the U.S. Army C4ISR account manager with Federal Resources, which had the tech on display.

Using bone conduction through the teeth to the inner ear, the wearer can "hear" without the need for earpieces, according to Sonitus.

It is being used by special operations forces for clandestine operations, Betts said.

The system includes a neck loop antenna that connects to the radio and can go under a shirt, as well as a push-to-talk box.

■ Flexible ammo chute

Standard Armament displayed flexible feed chutes and ammo handling systems, for ammunition including 5.56 mm rounds and grenades.

"It prevents jamming. ... You can fire at a rapid rate and you don't have to worry about the ammunition itself catching or jamming," said Kenric Nilsson, quality control with Standard Armament.

The flexibility of the chutes allows the gun to be mobile. He demonstrated the chute's flexibility by tying it into a knot. SAI also produce chutes for the ejected ammo links.

several years. But those commercials will not target broadcast television as they have been for decades, Townsend said.

These changes come as the Army will

increase its goal in 2019 after missing its target for the first time since 2005. The service aims to bring in 73,000 new soldiers in fiscal year 2019.

Land mine removal in DMZ gets US support

BY KIM GAMEL

Stars and Stripes

The top U.S. commander in South Korea offered his “full support” for the inter-Korean removal of land mines from the no man’s land that bisects the peninsula.

Gen. Vincent Brooks said Tuesday the demining operations will aid in efforts to recover the remains of troops killed during the 1950-53 Korean War as well as help ease military tensions with North Korea. He made the comments during a visit to the clearance area.

The two Koreas have agreed to start removing mines to clear a path to a front-line area called Arrowhead Hill, which was the site of some of the fiercest battles of the war.

Millions of mines have been planted in the Demilitarized Zone, a 2.5-mile-wide, 155-mile-long region that is also lined with barbed wire and guard posts.

Critics have expressed concern that the military moves, which include an agreement to remove guard posts, will weaken South Korea’s defenses.

“This effort to clear a route to the historic Arrowhead Hill has my full support,” Brooks said during the visit to the eastern border area, which is also known as Hill 281.

“Among the many agreed-to actions, this one is especially important because it will result in recovering the remains of the fallen during the Korean War,” he said in a press release. “The area around this hill contains

the fallen from several countries, and returning them to their countries and families is a top priority for me.”

Brooks is the commander of U.S. Forces Korea as well as the United Nations Command, which oversees the southern side of the DMZ.

South Korean officials have said the remains of some 300 South Korean forces as well as troops from the United States and other countries that fought under the U.N. umbrella are believed to be buried in the heavily fortified area.

An unknown number of Chinese and North Korean troops also were likely lost during fighting at the site, which was previously unreachable.

The mine-clearance operation, the first such effort since

the early 2000s, comes as the United States renews a diplomatic push to persuade the North to give up its nuclear weapons.

While progress on denuclearization has been slow, the two Koreas have begun a series of initiatives aimed at improving relations after decades of hostilities.

Brooks’ visit came days after Secretary of State Mike Pompeo traveled to the North Korean capital to try to set up a second summit between North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and President Donald Trump.

South Korean President Moon Jae-in, Kim and their defense chiefs agreed to remove mines from the DMZ during their third summit, which took place last month in Pyongyang.

Report: Suspect in poisoning is doctor for Russian intel unit

Associated Press

LONDON — One of the two suspects in the poisoning of an ex-spy in England is a doctor who works for Russian military intelligence and traveled to Britain under an alias, investigative group Bellingcat reported Monday.

Bellingcat said on its website that the man British authorities identified as Alexander Petrov is actually Alexander Mishkin, a doctor working for the Russian military intelligence unit known as GRU.

British officials said when they charged two Russians last month in the March nerve agent attack on Sergei Skripal and his daughter that they believed Petrov was an assumed name.

The other suspect who traveled to Salisbury, England, under an alias — Ruslan Boshirov — is a decorated Russian agent named Anatoliy Chepiga, Bellingcat reported last month.

Russian President Vladimir Putin’s spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, said the Kremlin wouldn’t discuss investigative reports and media articles on

the poisoning. He said Tuesday that Britain stonewalled Russian requests to share details of the probe.

The poisoning of Skripal, a former Russian agent who was convicted of spying for Britain, became a major international incident. British authorities said the former spy and his daughter, Yulia, were sickened by a Soviet-made nerve agent.

British Prime Minister Theresa May said the attack was likely ordered at the highest levels of the Russian government, an allegation vehemently rejected by Putin.

Bellingcat’s latest investigation said Mishkin was born in 1979 in northern Russia and graduated from the elite Military Medical Academies, where he was trained for medical work in the Russian navy. He was recruited by the secretive GRU, given the undercover identity Alexander Petrov when he was stationed in Moscow, and made multiple trips to Ukraine, the investigative group said.

The Skripals survived after a lengthy hospital stay in intensive care. But the nerve agent killed a British woman.

Turkey to search Saudi Consulate for journalist

Associated Press

ISTANBUL — Turkey said Tuesday it will search the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul as part of an investigation into the disappearance of a missing Saudi contributor to The Washington Post, a week after he vanished during a visit there.

The announcement came as the Post published a surveillance image of Jamal Khashoggi walking into the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul just before he disappeared. Turkish officials have said they fear the columnist was killed inside the premises.

Saudi Arabia has called the allegations that it killed Khashoggi, 59, “baseless” but has offered no evidence over the past seven days to show that he ever left the building.

Tuesday’s statement from Turkish Foreign Ministry spokesman Hami Aksoy said Saudi authorities have notified Ankara that they were “open to cooperation” and would allow the consulate to be searched. The ministry did not say when the search would happen.

Officials in Saudi Arabia did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The surveillance image released by the Post bore a date and time stamp as well as a Turkish caption bearing Khashoggi’s name and saying that he was arriving to the consulate. The Post said “a person close to the investigation” shared the image with them, without elaborating.

The door Khashoggi walked in through appeared to be the main entrance of the consulate in Istanbul’s 4th Levent neighborhood, a leafy, upscale district near the city’s financial hub that’s home to several other consulates. However, the consulate has other entrances and exits as well, through which Saudi officials insist he left.

It’s unclear which camera the footage came from or who operated it. However, a number of closed-circuit surveillance cameras surround the area. Friends of Khashoggi say Turkish police have taken possession of footage from the neighborhood as part of their investigation.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Driver flees after car rolls into marina

PA FOLSOM — Police said a driver whose car ended up in a suburban Philadelphia marina fled the scene, telling bystanders he feared the wrath of his father.

The Philadelphia Inquirer reported that the driver of a Ford Focus stopped at a stop sign in the parking lot of the Ridley Township Municipal Marina about 9:45 p.m. Saturday. Witnesses said the vehicle then rolled into the water some 30 to 50 feet away.

Township police said a man helped pull the driver from the water before he fled. Detective Sgt. William Henderson said citations will be issued for reckless driving and driving without a license.

Jailer accused of shocking inmate

AL PELL CITY — A former Alabama correctional officer is accused of repeatedly using a stun gun on an inmate who was kicking a cell door.

WBMA-LD reported Rodney Channing Peoples is charged with depriving the rights of a prisoner in a jail cell while under the color of law.

Court records say the former St. Clair County Jail worker opened the cell door in January 2017 and shocked the inmate six times within a minute. The records say Peoples stopped shocking the fallen inmate when he said he wouldn't kick the door again.

Peoples wasn't authorized to use a stun gun.

Officer charged with DUI after crash

WA GIG HARBOR — An off-duty Lakewood

police officer was arrested for driving under the influence after crashing his police vehicle.

The News Tribune reported John Unfred, an assistant chief with the Lakewood Police Department, said Officer Eric Bell was arrested Sept. 23 and released the same day after the single-vehicle wreck.

Unfred said Gig Harbor police found the vehicle crashed off the roadway about 9 p.m. They found Bell, who appeared to be intoxicated, nearby.

Unfred said Bell was placed on administrative leave pending an internal investigation. The unmarked police vehicle Bell was driving was a total loss.

Riders escape injury as pickup lands on car

AZ PRESCOTT — Firefighters in Prescott said nobody was hurt when a pickup truck was hit by another car, went flying through the air and landed on a third vehicle.

Prescott Fire Department spokesman E. Conrad Jackson said a woman was driving her pickup when a truck alongside her struck her vehicle. The impact caused her pickup to flip through the air and land on top of a sedan.

Jackson said the two people in the sedan and the woman were not injured. The driver who caused the chain of events fled the scene.

Bears surprise family eating breakfast

ME WELLS — A Maine family enjoying their breakfast was surprised by a family of bears visiting their backyard.

Steve Rogers and Lori Heinze said they were surprised to see the mother bear and her cubs sniffing around the yard. WGME-TV reported the bears caused no major damage.

Rogers and Heinze shared photos and videos of the event, warning about the bears' presence and asking people to secure their birdfeeders. Wildlife officials often urge homeowners to avoid putting out birdfeeders when bears are in the area and urge homeowners to safely secure trash cans.

Lottery ticket leads FBI to suspect

IL PALATINE — Authorities said a dropped lottery ticket led investigators to a man suspecting of robbing a suburban Chicago bank.

Court documents say an FBI agent found an Illinois lottery scratch-off ticket that surveillance video showed falling from the man's pocket during the Sept. 28 robbery of a Chase Bank branch in Palatine.

Agents tracked the ticket to where it was sold at a gas station in the nearby community of Rolling Meadows. They used store video to identify the buyer and his car.

Federal prosecutors charged Dexter Riley, 38, with robbing about \$8,200 from the bank.

Police: Driving teacher hit car while drunk

NY RIDGE — Police said a Long Island driving instructor was arrested on drunken driving charges after he drove off without his students and rear-ended another car.

Suffolk County police said Russell Cohen, 58, was instructing four students from Suffolk Auto Driving School on Saturday when they grew suspicious that he was intoxicated. The students asked Cohen to stop at a McDonald's, and they got out and called 911.

Police said Cohen drove away without the students and rear-ended a car on Route 25 in Ridge. The driver of that car was

treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

Cohen was arrested on charges of aggravated driving while intoxicated and endangering the welfare of a child.

Replica WWI biplane crashes at airport

MO BOLIVAR — A replica World War I-era biplane crashed and overturned on landing at an airport in southwest Missouri, leaving the pilot trapped but unhurt.

The Springfield News-Leader reported that the crash happened Sunday evening at Bolivar Municipal Airport, about 40 miles north of Springfield.

Police said in a news release that the pilot, 67, from St. Charles, said the tail of the aircraft slid out upon landing, causing the aircraft to veer off the runway and the plane overturned in a ditch on the east side of the runway.

According to the Flight Safety Foundation, a nonprofit that aims to improve and promote aviation safety, the aircraft was a replica Sopwith Camel, a British WWI single-seat fighter aircraft.

6 hurt when pickup crashes into bank

MI WYOMING — Police said six people were injured when a pickup truck crashed into and drove through a western Michigan bank.

Wyoming Police Capt. James Maguffee told WOOD-TV the truck veered off a road, struck a minivan in the bank parking lot, went through the building and hit an SUV in the rear parking lot.

Authorities said the driver of the pickup, three people in the minivan and two people inside the bank suffered injuries.

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Brees sets NFL all-time passing record

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Drew Brees became the NFL's all-time leader in yards passing — and he did it with a certain panache and precision that made the 39-year-old quarterback look far from finished.

Brees eclipsed Peyton Manning's previous record of 71,940 yards with a 62-yard touchdown pass to rookie Tre'Quan Smith during the second quarter of a 43-19 victory over the Washington Redskins on Monday night.

"Just so grateful for the opportunity to play this game and to have played it so long and to have the teammates that I have, and the New Orleans Saints organization, and this great city and this great fan base. It's just truly been a dream come true," Brees said. "I'll be able to reflect on it maybe a little bit

more when my career is done. I still feel like there's work to be done."

After the record-breaking completion, officials stopped the game and the game ball was handed over to Pro Football Hall of Fame officials on the sideline while the Superdome crowd offered a standing ovation. Brees removed his helmet, held out his arm to salute the crowd and hugged his wife, Brittany, and children on the sideline.

"I love you guys so much," Brees said while hugging his three boys as Brittany held their daughter nearby. "You can accomplish anything in life if you're willing to work for it."

Brees entered the game needing 201 yards for the record. He had 250 by halftime. Brees, who already holds the single-season record for completion rate at 72 percent last season,

finished a remarkable 26-for-29 for 363 yards, no interceptions and three touchdowns — two of them going to Smith, a third-round draft choice out of Central Florida who has played just five NFL games and is now immortalized because of his role in Brees' record-breaking pass.

"Congrats on the achievement/milestone. Sheesh that's a lot of passing yards!!" LeBron James tweeted.

In a victory at Atlanta earlier this season, Brees broke Brett Favre's career record of 6,300 completions. Brees still needs 41 touchdown passes to surpass Manning's record of 539, something the Saints quarterback could achieve next season if he maintains his current level of play. But Brees also would have to outpace New England's Tom Brady, who has 500 TD passes, the only active player with more than Brees in that

category. Brees now has 499.

Manning, a New Orleans native whose father, Archie, starred for the Saints, could not attend the game because of a scheduling conflict. However, he had pre-recorded a congratulatory message played on the Superdome's video boards. Shown on the video slicing tomatoes, Manning deadpanned that his time as the career yards passing leader have been "the greatest thousand days of my life."

"Thanks to you, that's over now," Manning continued as the laughter erupted in the stands. "You've ruined that for me."

"Also, let this serve as the congratulations for the touchdown record because as you can see, I'm very busy," Manning added. "I don't have time to keep doing these videos for you."

NHL roundup

Terry's shootout goal propels Ducks past Red Wings

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Although Troy Terry is only five games into his NHL career, he was already something of a shootout legend even before he arrived in Anaheim.

When he got his first shootout opportunity for the Ducks on Monday night, Terry broke out the same skills he employed to win two enormous shootouts in the world junior championships last year.

Terry sent the crowd home happy — with plenty of help from John Gibson, of course.

Terry scored the only goal in the shootout, Gibson made 19 saves and the Ducks celebrated the home opener of their 25th anniversary season with a 3-2 victory over the Detroit Red Wings.

Jakob Silfverberg scored the tying goal with 11:31 to play, and Hampus Lindholm also scored as the Ducks improved to 3-0-0 for the first time since

their 2006-07 Stanley Cup championship season.

Terry scored through Jimmy Howard's legs in his fifth NHL game, and Gibson stopped all three Red Wings shooters.

Terry famously scored three times for the U.S. junior team against Russia in a semifinal shootout in Montreal in January 2017. He put the puck past Howard with pretty much the same five-hole shot he used three times on Ilya Samsonov in that reputation-making win.

"There's so much pressure now whenever I jump over the wall to take those," Terry said. "I've kind of been known for scoring five-hole, so I figured I'd try it again. Luckily it worked. ... It's the weirdest thing. My brain just goes to one thing."

Terry also scored the only shootout goal in the championship game against Canada to win the world juniors, but he claims no special expertise in shootout skills. Ducks coach

Randy Carlyle disagreed, sending out the rookie as his second shooter.

"He's made it pretty easy [to choose him], because he's been able to score," Carlyle said. "It was a natural."

Tyler Bertuzzi and Darren Helm scored and Howard stopped 24 shots for the Red Wings, who are winless in their first three games. Detroit couldn't hold two leads in a game between two young rosters getting NHL experience on the fly.

Bruins 6, Senators 3: Patrice Bergeron had a hat trick, scoring his first just 30 seconds into the game, and Tuukka Rask stopped 28 shots to earn his first win of the season while leading host Boston.

Bergeron also had an assist, David Pastrnak had two goals and two assists and Charlie McAvoy had his first career three-assist game for Boston.

Brad Marchand picked up his fifth, sixth and seventh as-

sists in three games so far this season, and Chris Wagner also scored for the Bruins in their home opener.

Sabres 4, Golden Knights 2: Jack Eichel scored two goals to lead host Buffalo to its second straight win.

Marco Scandella and Jason Pominville had the other goals and Carter Hutton made 35 saves for the Sabres (2-1-0).

Erik Haula and Jonathan Marchessault scored for the Golden Knights (1-2-0), playing the second of a five-game road trip. Haula had the winning shootout goal in Vegas' victory at Minnesota on Saturday. Marc-Andre Fleury made 13 saves.

Islanders 4, Sharks 0: Robin Lehner stopped 35 shots for his ninth career shutout in his New York debut.

Anders Lee, Scott Mayfield, Matt Martin and Casey Cizikas scored to help New York get new coach Barry Trotz his first win at home.

Holt, Red Sox wallop Yanks in Game 3

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Brock Holt had one thing in mind: He was swinging for the fences.

After all, the game was decided long ago. And everything else went Boston's way all night, so why not this?

The part-time utilityman put the finishing touch on a Red Sox blowout, becoming the first player to hit for the cycle in a postseason game as Boston routed the New York Yankees 16-1 on Monday to seize a 2-1 lead in their best-of-five AL Division Series.

"This one I'll remember for a long time," said Holt, unaware of his achievement until told by a television reporter right after the final out. "Obviously, you don't go into the game expecting to make history or do anything like that, let alone score 16 runs."

Andrew Benintendi lined a three-run double and Holt tripled home two more in a seven-run fourth inning that quickly turned the latest playoff match-

up between these longtime rivals into a laugher. Handed a big early lead, Nathan Eovaldi shut down his former team during New York's most lopsided defeat in 396 postseason games.

"An embarrassing day," shortstop Didi Gregorius said.

Boston battered an ineffective Luis Severino and silenced a charged-up Yankee Stadium crowd that emptied out fast on a night when Red Sox rookie manager Alex Cora made all the right moves.

By the ninth, backup catcher Austin Romine was on the mound for New York and he gave up a two-run homer to Holt that completed his cycle.

"You get a little antsy when a position player is on the mound. I told everyone, 'Get me up. I need a home run for a cycle,'" Holt said. "I scooted up in the box a little bit, and I was going to be swinging at anything and try to hook anything. Obviously, you don't expect to hit a home run, but I was trying to. I was trying to hit a home run. That's

probably the first time I've ever tried to do that. I rounded the bases, and seeing everyone going nuts in the dugout was a pretty cool moment for me."

Boosted by noisy fans in their homer-friendly ballpark, the Yankees entered 7-0 at home the past two postseasons — against out-of-division opponents. But the Red Sox, frequent visitors who clinched the AL East crown at Yankee Stadium just 2½ weeks ago, were hardly intimidated.

"I think from pitch 1, we let them know that we were here," Cora said.

Mookie Betts, in fact, hit a 405-foot flyout to the center-field warning track to begin the game.

Making his first playoff start this year, Holt opened the fourth with a single off Severino and capped the 26-minute outburst with a triple to right field. The 2015 All-Star also doubled home a run in the eighth and finished with five RBIs.

"He's been swinging the bat well for a while now," Cora

said. "We felt the matchup was good for him."

Every starter had at least one hit for the Red Sox, who piled up 18 in all. The only time they scored more runs in the postseason was a 23-7 win over Cleveland in 1999.

Eovaldi pitched for the Yankees from 2015-16 before injuring his elbow, which required a second Tommy John surgery. Boston acquired him from Tampa Bay in July and the hard-throwing righty compiled a 1.93 ERA in four starts against New York this season — three with the Red Sox.

Bumped up a day in front of Porcello, he delivered a gem in his first postseason appearance. Eovaldi allowed one run and five hits in seven innings, throwing 72 of 97 pitches for strikes.

"I was just trying to use their aggressiveness against them and try and get some quick outs," Eovaldi said. "It was a special moment for me. I don't think it's really quite settled in yet."

Astros blast Indians to complete three-game sweep

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — As his teammates sprayed each other with champagne and beer in Houston's buzzing clubhouse, ace Justin Verlander stayed clear of the fray and foam while enjoying a cigar.

This wasn't the time to get soaked. Bigger parties lie ahead.

The Astros are back in an October orbit.

The defending World Series champions advanced to the AL Championship Series for the second straight year — with surprising ease — by completing a division-round sweep of Cleveland on Monday with an 11-3 lashing in Game 3 helped by two key throwing errors from Indians reliever Trevor Bauer.

"No one takes anything for granted here," Verlander said.

"That's the DNA of the guys in this clubhouse. This team has a propensity to do big things in big spots. This is an atmosphere that breeds winning.

"We have the most complete team in baseball."

Marwin Gonzalez hit a two-run double off Bauer in a three-run seventh inning, and the Astros scored 10 runs in their final three at-bats to turn a series that was supposed to be competitive into a complete rout.

"We're the reigning world champs, and we really have a good ability to show up for the day," Houston manager A.J. Hinch said. "So proud of our guys, the work they put into the winter. It was a short winter for us. As you can see, our guys are pretty hungry to advance."

The Astros moved to the ALCS on-deck circle, where

they await the Boston-New York winner for a shot to play for another championship.

George Springer homered twice, Carlos Correa hit a three-run homer for his first hit of the postseason and Houston's bullpen combined for four scoreless innings, including six straight outs by winner Collin McHugh, as the AL West champions served notice that a second Series title is on their itinerary.

After the Astros finished this demolition of the Indians, they briefly celebrated on the infield at Progressive Field before donning ski goggles in their clubhouse.

For the Indians, another postseason ended earlier than planned. Cleveland was beaten in the first round for the second year in a row — New York came back from a 2-0 deficit in 2017

— and baseball's longest World Series championship drought will reach a 71st anniversary.

The Indians hit just .144 in the series, were outscored 21-6 and have lost six straight playoff games. They were swept for the first time since the 1954 World Series.

"We got to go home now, before we're ready to," manager Terry Francona said. "That hurts. It always stings. I just told the guys, we've got a number of guys that are free agents. You know there's going to be some turnover, and it's a real special group to all of us.

"So that's a hard one, when you're saying goodbye before you're ready to."

Reliever Andrew Miller, one of several potential free agents, couldn't allow himself to think about the future while saying goodbye to teammates.

Machado, Dodgers finish off Braves

Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Los Angeles Dodgers went through all the expected motions after winning a playoff series.

They broke out T-shirts and caps. They posed for pictures in the middle of SunTrust Park. They doused each other with beer in the clubhouse.

Then, just like that, their focus turned to bigger goals ahead.

For a power-packed team that hasn't won a World Series since 1988, nothing less will do.

"We all know that there's a lot more work to be done," Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said after his team finished off the Atlanta Braves with a 6-2 victory Monday in the NL Division Series. "We have eight more wins to go."

Manny Machado hit a three-run homer and David Freese came through again in the postseason to lead the Dodgers into the NL Championship Series for the third year in a row. Los Angeles moved on to

face the Brewers after taking out the Baby Braves 3-1 in the best-of-five series.

Game 1 is Friday night in Milwaukee, the Dodgers' fourth championship series in six seasons.

"We prepared ourselves to get here," Machado said, "and we're not going to stop till we get what we want."

Of course, this is just what the Dodgers had in mind when they bolstered their already power-packed lineup by acquiring the slugging shortstop — and free agent-to-be — from lowly Baltimore back in July.

Machado had only three hits in the series, but two of them were homers to go along with six RBIs. He got the Dodgers going in Game 4 with a run-scoring double in the first, and effectively wrapped up the series with his seventh-inning shot off rookie Chad Sobotka that cleared the Dodgers' bullpen in left.

"There are so many expectations put on him," Roberts said.

"We have a lot of good players, but I can't say enough about his focus and preparedness."

Coming off a tense victory in Game 3, the Baby Braves grabbed the lead on pinch-hitter Kurt Suzuki's two-run single in the fourth.

But Freese, the 2011 World Series MVP with St. Louis, countered with a pinch-hit single of his own in the sixth off Brad Brach, driving home Cody Bellinger and Yasiel Puig for a 3-2 lead.

"You just gotta be ready," Freese said. "Whether you're in high school, college, whatever, just be ready. You don't have to be the best player in the world, you don't have to make the most money, but you're going to have a shot to do something cool. I learned that early in my career. I just try and stick with it."

Ryan Madson earned the win by getting the final two outs in the fifth to escape a bases-loaded jam. The Braves' final gasp came in the eighth, when Lucas Duda's drive into the second

deck in right drifted foul with two on against Kenta Maeda. Duda flied out to end the inning, and Atlanta went down quietly in the ninth.

The Braves' return to the postseason for the first time since 2013 yielded a familiar result.

Atlanta has lost nine straight playoff appearances, their last victory coming 17 long years ago against a team that is no longer in the National League. Since a sweep of Houston Astros in the 2001 NL Division Series, October has been a month of misery for the Braves.

Getting back to the playoffs ahead of schedule after a massive rebuild, Atlanta simply didn't have the experience, depth or power to stick with the power-packed Dodgers. Los Angeles had a franchise-record 235 homers during the regular season and eight more against the Braves, accounting for 14 of its 20 runs.

Tinseltown has become Boomtown.

West Virginia only remaining unbeaten team in Big 12

Associated Press

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — With tens of thousands of people watching, Reese Donahue got down on one knee at midfield and proposed to his longtime girlfriend after West Virginia beat Kansas to move to 5-0.

Life for the Mountaineers' defensive lineman and Sarah Moore (she said yes) is entering an exhilarating chapter.

West Virginia's season has gotten pretty exciting, too.

The Mountaineers (5-0, 3-0 Big 12) are the only undefeated team left in the league after Texas knocked off previously unbeaten Oklahoma. And with it comes the attention building with each week that the Mountaineers, for now, could be the league's flag bearers for the College Football Playoff. But there are plenty of head-to-

head matchups left to determine that.

"We have a lot of work to do," Donahue said. "I think we're going to be exactly where we need to be when the end of the season rolls around."

First, West Virginia must survive a schedule in a league it has yet to win since joining in 2012. And November's calendar is brutal. Then there's the league championship game on Dec. 1, if the Mountaineers make it that far.

"Don't ever take a win for granted in the Big 12," coach Dana Holgorsen said. "You enjoy every one of them. We're 5-0 and we know as a team that we've got a lot of things that we need to work on. That's a healthy place to be."

Despite a sloppy 38-22 win over Kansas on Saturday, West Virginia moved up three spots to No. 6 in this week's As-

sociated Press poll. And the Mountaineers have company — Texas improved 10 spots to No. 9, while Oklahoma fell from seventh to No. 11.

West Virginia has yet to play a ranked opponent. Its Sept. 22 game at No. 20 North Carolina State was called off due to Hurricane Florence. The teams West Virginia has faced have a combined record of 11-16 and the next two games are at Iowa State (2-3, 1-2) and at home against Baylor (4-2, 2-1). That gives West Virginia a chance to be 7-0 by the time the first CFP rankings are announced on Oct. 30.

In November, there's games against Texas, TCU, Oklahoma State and the regular-season finale Nov. 23 against three-time defending champion Oklahoma.

West Virginia is running out of time to iron out its mistakes.

Will Grier threw three red-zone interceptions and lost a fumble Saturday, while the offense struggled mightily in the second half of wins over Texas Tech and Kansas State.

"Nobody plays perfect games," Grier said. "But there's got to be a sense with how good we are, we've got to fix some of these little things and get better moving forward. And we will."

The Mountaineers can only hope for a better finish than the last few times they reached the midpoint of the season undefeated.

In West Virginia's first season after moving from the Big East, Geno Smith was the Heisman Trophy front-runner and led the Mountaineers to a 5-0 start and a No. 5 ranking. West Virginia lost six of its final eight games, a byproduct of a defense that wasn't quite ready for all that scoring in the league.