

NTSB Looks Into Nev. Crash

By The Associated Press

MARTINSBURG, W.Va. — The pilot of a 1950s-era plane that crashed during an airshow was climbing and amid an acrobatic roll when the aircraft suddenly began its deadly descent, the National Transportation Safety Board said Sunday.

There were no signs of trouble in the moments before pilot John "Jack" Mangan of Concord, N.C., plunged to his death Saturday, a spokesman for the NTSB said.

"There's no indication from the other pilots there was a problem with the aircraft," said Peter Knudson, who summarized the initial findings of Tim Monville, an air safety investigator who arrived on the scene on Sunday.

Mangan's death came a day after an air race crash in Reno, Nev., killed nine people, including the pilot of a vintage World War II P-51 Mustang fighter plane.

Mangan, a decorated retired Air Force pilot, was performing with the T-28 Warbird Aerobatic Formation Demonstration Team when he and another pilot began a maneuver in which both planes fly directly at each other at 300 feet above ground, ascend and then roll their aircraft, Knudson said.

Mangan began his climb at approximately 275 mph but did not complete his roll.

Knudson said the investigation was challenging because of the damage to aircraft from the fiery crash. A preliminary report is expected with 10 days, he said.

Friends and family described



Mangan, 54, as successful businessman and a passionate pilot who stressed safety.

Nine minutes into a 15-minute routine, Mangan's T-28 crashed and burst into flames before hundreds of stunned spectators. He had flown with the demonstration team for five years.

The Federal Aviation Administration was assisting the NTSB by checking Mangan's pilot records, medical certification and any documents related to the T-28,

spokesman Jim Peters said.

The Journal of Martinsburg (<http://bit.ly/nJ268P>) reported the aircraft crashed on a runway near hangars at the airfield. None of the spectators was injured when the aircraft crashed, authorities said. Many in the crowd embraced each other and wept after the crash.

The guard unit that sponsored the air show urged spectators to seek support if they were traumatically affected.

"We understand that you are mourning with us," Col. Roger L. Nye, commander of the 167 Airlift Wing, said in a statement. "In this difficult time we all need to take care of each other."

Unit leadership has contacted area schools to ensure that children who witnessed the crash have access to grief counseling when they return to classes Monday.

Mangan, a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, was married and had two other children. He was the president of RMG, a Kingsport, Tenn., company with a chain of more than 80 fast-food restaurants in Tennessee, West Virginia, Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

"Jack was a beloved leader in our company, and his untimely passing is a blow to us all," RMG said on its website.

Sean Mangan, 27, said his father instructed him to fly and he always stressed attention to detail, preparation and safety.

"He was the best pilot I know," Sean Mangan said. "Flying was his passion. He was a great pilot and a wonderful parent and husband."

As an Air Force fighter pilot,

Jack Mangan flew F-4s and F-15s and was an instructor and mission commander in the U.S. during Operation Desert Storm, said Rick Rountree, a spokesman for RMG. He received three meritorious service medals and was fighter pilot of the year in 1984, he said.

The North American T-28 Trojan that he flew in the air show was a basic trainer that was used by the U.S. Navy, including for carrier operation, according to The Boeing Co.'s website. Its first flight was in 1949 and it was designed to transition pilots to jet aircraft.

"This was his hobby, to fly these T-28s," Rountree said. "He loved doing it, and he actually flew a lot in his job."

Mangan and RMG also supported The Patriot Foundation, created to provide support to the families of soldiers in the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg.

"He was very positive and upbeat and one of those natural born leaders," Rountree said. "He was clearly the guy who RMG on a day-to-day basis, operationally, and he was an extremely popular leader with his employees."

Mangan's team was mindful of the Reno tragedy before they performed.

"Our hearts are hurting for all those involved in Reno, but now is the time for us to focus on our job," the team said on its Facebook page before the West Virginia crash. "We are professionals and we take safety very seriously. Thunder over the Blue Ridge will go on today entertaining thousands of spectators SAFELY."

Yemeni Forces Attack Protesters; 26 Die

BY AHMED AL-HAJ
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SANAA, Yemen — Yemeni government forces opened fire with anti-aircraft guns and automatic weapons on tens of thousands of anti-government protesters in the capital demanding ouster of their longtime ruler, killing at least 26 and wounding dozens, medical officials and witnesses said.

After nightfall, Sanaa sank into complete darkness after a sudden power outage, as protesters took control of a vital bridge, halting traffic and setting up tents. Thousands of other protesters attacked government buildings and set fires to buildings they said were used by snipers and pro-government thugs.

The attack was the deadliest in months against protesters and comes as tensions have been escalating in the long, drawn-out stalemate between the regime and the opposition. The president, Ali Abdullah Saleh, left for Saudi Arabia for treatment after being severely wounded in a June 3 attack on his palace, rais-

ing hopes for his swift removal — but instead, he has dug in, refusing to step down.

The protest movement has stepped up demonstrations the past week, angered after Saleh deputized Vice President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi to negotiate a power-transfer deal. Many believe the move is just the latest of many delaying tactics.

At the same time, greater numbers of the powerful Republican Guards force, led by Saleh's son and heir apparent Ahmed and armed regime supporters have also been turning out in the streets in recent days, raising fears of a new bloody confrontation.

More than 100,000 protesters massed Sunday around the state radio building and government offices, witnesses said. When the crowd began to march toward the nearby Presidential Palace, security forces opened fire and shot tear gas canisters, they said. Snipers fired down at the crowd from nearby rooftops, and plainclothes Saleh supporters armed with automatic rifles, swords and batons attacked the protesters. Protesters took control of a main bridge,

closed off the entrances and set fire to tents in a camp used by pro-government forces.

"This peaceful protest was confronted by heavy weapons and anti-aircraft guns," said Mohammed al-Sabri, an opposition spokesman. He vowed that the intensifying protests "will not stop and will not retreat."

At the neighborhood of al-Zubairi in the heart of Sanaa, troops opened fire at an anti-government force, the 1st Armored Division led by Maj. Gen. Ali al-Ahmar, who defected to the opposition along with his 50,000 troops several months ago.

Witnesses said al-Ahmar's forces engaged in the fighting Sunday for the first time, but Abdel-Ghani al-Shemari, spokesman for al-Ahmar division denied that and said they are "maintaining self-restraint."

Tarek Noaman, a doctor at Sanaa field hospital, said that 26 protesters were shot dead and more than 200 were wounded. "Most of the injuries are at the chest, shoulder, head and face," he said, and said 25 of injured protesters were in critical condition.

'Modern Family' Wins 5 Emmy Awards Sunday

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Modern Family" is the winner of the best comedy series Emmy Award, repeating last year's victory.

The series picked up a total of five awards at Sunday's Emmys, including supporting acting Emmys for TV parents Julie Bowen and Ty Burrell and best writing and direction.

Other contenders for best comedy at the awards ceremony were "The Big Bang Theory" and "Glee." "Mad Men" won the best drama series award.

List of winners at Sunday's 63rd Annual Primetime Emmy Awards presented by the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences:

— Drama Series: "Mad Men," AMC.
— Actress, Drama Series: Julianna Margulies, "The Good Wife," CBS.
— Actor, Drama Series: Kyle Chandler, "Friday Night Lights," DirecTV/NBC.
— Supporting Actor, Drama Series: Peter Dinklage, "Game of Thrones," HBO.

— Supporting Actress, Drama Series: Margo Martindale, "Justified," FX.
— Writing, Drama Series: Jason Katims, "Friday Night Lights," NBC.
— Directing, Drama Series: Martin Scorsese, "Boardwalk Empire," HBO.
— Comedy Series: "Modern Family," ABC.

— Actor, Comedy Series: Jim Parsons, "The Big Bang Theory," CBS.
— Actress, Comedy Series: Melissa McCarthy, "Mike & Molly," CBS.
— Supporting Actress, Comedy Series: Julie Bowen, "Modern Family," ABC.
— Supporting Actor, Comedy Series: Ty Burrell, "Modern Family," ABC.
— Writing, Comedy Series: Steven Levitan and Jeffrey Richman, "Modern Family," ABC.

— Directing, Comedy Series: Michael Spiller, "Modern Family," ABC.
— Miniseries or Movie: "Downton Abbey (Masterpiece)," PBS.
— Actress, Miniseries or Movie: Kate Winslet, "Mildred Pierce," HBO.
— Actor, Miniseries or Movie: Barry Pepper, "The Kennedys," ReelzChannel.
— Supporting Actress, Miniseries or Movie: Maggie Smith, "Downton Abbey (Masterpiece)," PBS.
— Supporting Actor, Miniseries or Movie: Guy Pearce, "Mildred Pierce," HBO.

— Directing, Miniseries, Movie or Dramatic Special: Brian Percival, "Downton Abbey (Masterpiece)," PBS.
— Writing, Miniseries, Movie or Dramatic Special: Julian Fellowes, "Downton Abbey (Masterpiece)," PBS.

— Reality-Competition Program: "The Amazing Race," CBS.
— Variety, Music or Comedy Series: "The Daily Show With Jon Stewart," Comedy Central.

— Directing, Variety, Music or Comedy Series: Don Roy King, "Saturday Night Live," NBC.
— Writing, Variety, Music or Comedy Series: "The Daily Show With Jon Stewart," Comedy Central.



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