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Brown County Book (Updated 7-16)

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Frederick Area School Book

Open: Recycling Trailer in Groton
The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

The cardboard/paper
recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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Senior Menu: Goulash, corn, cherry crisp, whole wheat bread.

Emmanuel: Bible Study at 6:30 a.m.

Jr. Legion: at Sisseton, 6 p.m., DH

Softball: U10 host Warner, 7 p.m.

United Methodist: Cub Scouts, 6:30 p.m.

Olive Grove: Kid's Lessons

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Senior Menu: Hot roast beef combination, carrots, fresh oranges, peanut butter cookie.

Softball: at Clark, U10 DH at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m., U14 DH at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.

United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.

Olive Grove: Ladies League, 6 p.m.

Jr. Legion: Groton hosts Clark, 6 p.m., DH

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Senior Menu: Bratwurst with bun, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, green beans, German chocolate cake.

United Methodist: Wednesday Coffee time, 9 a.m.; Ad Council, 7:15 p.m.

Outdoor Story Time: at the Little Free Library located south of the Methodist Church, 10:30 a.m.

Olive Grove: Men's League, 6 p.m.

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"I cannot think of any need in childhood as strong as the need for a father's protection."

-Sigmund Freud

Chicken Soup
for the Soul

New South Dakota biologics center to improve animal, human health

By Christie Delfanian

Assistant professor Joy Scaria of the SDSU Department of Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences examines bacteria isolated from fecal samples to determine which are effective in preventing *Clostridium difficile* and other gastrointestinal infections. He is one of the South Dakota State University scientists who will focus on development of probiotics and nutraceuticals through the new South Dakota Center for Biologics Research and Commercialization.

Treating and preventing gastrointestinal disorders by developing probiotics and nutraceuticals that improve bacterial balance in the digestive tract is one of the goals of the new South Dakota Center for Biologics Research and Commercialization.

Other goals of the center are to develop vaccines, immunotherapies, diagnostic reagents and tests that aim to improve overall health, according to SD-CBRC administrative director Jane Christopher-Hennings, head of the SDSU Department of Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences.

The SD-CBRC brings together researchers from two universities—South Dakota State University and the University of South Dakota—and four departments, veterinary and biomedical sciences, health and nutritional sciences and biology and microbiology at SDSU and basic biomedical sciences at the USD Sanford Medical School. In addition, two industry scientists, Stephen Herrmann, director of Profile by Sanford, and Hasmukh Patel, a senior principal scientist at Land O'Lakes in Minnesota, are part of the team.

"We're covering human health and nutrition as well as value-added agriculture and agribusiness," explained Christopher-Hennings. The center will receive more than \$3.8 million during the next five years from the Governor's Research Center Program.

Biologics is a general term for products developed from living organisms, such as probiotics and nutraceuticals, explained Christopher-Hennings. In the long run, these new products will give physicians and veterinarians options that may help reduce reliance on antibiotics.

"The multipronged approaches that we are exploring make the team strong," explained team member Victor Huber, a USD associate professor in basic biomedical sciences who works on antibody therapeutics, vaccines and secondary infections. "In developing next-generation therapies, we cannot rely on just one pathway to deal with microbial populations and disease."

Through seed monies used to develop the grant application, SD-CBRC researchers published 23 articles and filed four invention disclosures and two patents, one of which is provisional. The center also secured \$3.2 million in external agency grant funding and \$1.7 million in sponsored research agreements from 12 industry partners.

"These researchers have good productivity and a good track record on extramural funding," Christopher-Hennings said. The goal is to develop products that can be licensed to and commercialized through industry partners.

SDSU Distinguished Professor Kendra Kattelman, director of the SDSU dietetics program, will be working with assistant veterinary and biomedical sciences professor Joy Scaria, whose research focuses on the gut microbiota.

Complex carbohydrates from foods, such as whole grains, are not fully digested in the small intestine and subsequently support beneficial microorganisms in the large intestine or gut, explained Kattelman. "My portion of the project will be working with humans who could be potentially consuming products that support these good microorganisms."

Specifically, she and Scaria will identify healthful probiotics that can potentially enhance Sanford Profile products. "This research will provide evidence-based support regarding the efficacy of incorporating these microorganisms into food products," Kattelman added. The data generated will also be used to apply for external grant funding.

Overall, the center will provide enhanced research infrastructure and high levels of collaboration within the universities, departments and industries through the development of human and animal health biologics," noted Christopher-Hennings.

President Trump Donates Salary To An American Military Treasure, And Our Patriots Love It

By Red, White and Right Editor

On the campaign trail, the president said if elected, he wouldn't accept payment for the job. While he certainly doesn't need the money, it was still a nice gesture on his part.

But the latest reports reveal that Trump is tweaking his salary promise a bit, opting to use his would-be check for charity instead of letting it fall victim to the government waste machine.

As reported at the Washington Examiner, President Trump's first-quarter salary donation of \$78,333 will go toward preserving the Civil War battlefield at Antietam, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke announced Wednesday.

The Interior Department also said an "anonymous donor pledged \$22,000 to bring the president's \$78,333 donation to an even \$100,000."

"As both the secretary of the interior and a military veteran, I'm deeply honored and humbled to deliver the donation to Antietam National Battlefield on behalf of President Trump," Zinke said.

"Visiting the hallowed ground the day after Independence Day is incredibly moving and it underscores the importance of why we must preserve these historic grounds."

He added, "The president's donation will allow generations of Americans to learn about our history and heritage on this sacred site."

The National Park Service needs all the donations it can get, considering it's suffering from a \$12 billion maintenance backlog.

Preserving the integrity of our national parks is a cause that both conservatives and liberals should be able to get behind, but recent evidence suggests that the Left only wants to preserve certain aspects of our history.

In the South, we've seen radical leftists lead the charge to dismantle monuments tied to the Confederacy, in a bid to erase Southern identity and revise history.

For Trump's part, while the donation from the president isn't huge, the issue he chose to support speaks volumes.

Far better for Trump to allocate his salary to righteous causes than let that money go to waste on some useless program.

And it will be interesting to see what he chooses next, as his choices will likely get a short-term donation boost from the extra attention.

Hopefully, causes such as this one will receive the attention they deserve as a result of the President's generosity.

Source: Washington Examiner

A tidbit about the Russia Post Office

Ever stood in line at the post office for hours to collect a package, only to have the lady behind the counter go on a "technical break" just before your turn? Few would dispute that Russian Post is in dire need of modernization. Then why was its most reforming CEO unceremoniously ousted from the company?

And, it might take some imagination, but for these die-hards, Russia is nothing short of a surfing paradise.

- From the Moscow Times

Another priest killed in Mexico as violence against Christians soars

Another Catholic priest has been found stabbed to death in Mexico.

The highly devout country is also one of the most dangerous to be a Catholic priest, with nearly 50 murders in the past decade alone.

Father Luis Lopez Villa, parish priest of San Isidro Labrador in Mexico State, was found dead in his room shortly after 8pm on Wednesday, local media reported.

The suspects broke into the church and then entered the rectory, making enough noise to raise the alarm with neighbours calling church staff for help, according to the Catholic News Agency.

But when they arrived the 71-year-old was found dead, tied by his hands and feet with stab wounds in his chest and neck.

Cardinal Norberto Rivera, Archbishop of Mexico, sent his condolences to 'the Diocese of Nezahualc6yotl and of the whole Church in the country for the murder of the priest'.

He added he was praying for the 'eternal rest' of the priest and for 'the conversion of those who perpetrated this damnable deed'.

Fr Villa is the 18th priest to be murdered in the last six years, according to CNA.

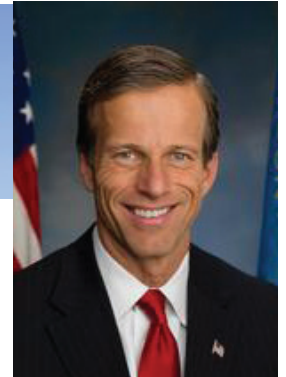
Trying to explain the rising trend of violence against priests, Jorge Eugenio Hernandez Trasloheros, a professor in Latin American studies at the University of Mexico, previously told Christian Today it was 'not strange that priests suffer the same fate of the people' and the deaths were part of typical levels of violence in Mexico.

'Mexican priests are leaders in their communities. They are no saints but they usually do their job very well. It is not strange that they are a target of the gangs. The criminals want people isolated and full of fear,' he said.

But Omar Sotelo, a priest and director of Mexico's Catholic Multimedia Center (CCM), said clergy attract particular violence because they preach against injustice and violence. 'They're defending migrants, they're against drug trafficking,' he said when his report was launched in February 2016. 'And the priests often know who the criminals are, having seen them grow up in the towns. Eventually, some criminals can see that as a threat.'

- Religious-Freedom.net

John Thune
U.S. SENATOR - SOUTH DAKOTA



The Internet Needs a Law, Not a Regulation

By Sen. John Thune

Too often, politicians and activists of all stripes prefer slogans over solutions. Recently, Silicon Valley players, big and small, and many Washington, D.C.-based activist groups led a protest to “save net neutrality” from the Federal Communications Commission’s (FCC’s) proposal to undo regulations the agency adopted two years ago. True supporters of an open internet, however, should demand more than another slogan. What the internet needs to end regulatory uncertainty and recurring threats of litigation is an enduring, bipartisan law from Congress to protect internet freedom by codifying widely accepted net neutrality protections.

As we consider the future of the internet, we should also remember the history that got us here. Put in place after President Barack Obama pressured regulators to scrap efforts to find agreement, the FCC’s 2015 order regulating broadband internet under a Great Depression-era statute (“Title II” of the Communications Act of 1934) had support from just one political party. This action failed to embrace a self-evident reality — administrative rules, especially those affecting all internet users, need to have a broad consensus of support behind them in order to withstand future political changes. This reality has hit some activists too late, and others are still trying to ignore it — to the detriment of the very protections they claim to support.

Although President Obama tried to justify the use of unilateral administrative action as a remedy for supposed reluctance by Congress to work together, the FCC’s partisan proceeding actually advanced, despite pleas from myself and other Republican colleagues who wanted to work with the Democrats on a new bipartisan law.

The draft proposal we released more than two and a half years ago as a starting point for discussions would have outlawed the online practices of blocking, throttling and paid prioritization of legal content over broadband cable and wireless connections. It put forth a 21st century framework to protect internet freedom by ensuring that corporate owners of broadband infrastructure couldn’t use their role to manipulate the internet experience, and guaranteeing that the sometimes heavy hand of government wouldn’t itself disrupt the positive disruption that has allowed the internet to thrive for two decades. I called for a bipartisan legislative solution before the Obama administration’s partisan actions, I pushed for it after them, and I continue to fight for it.

Like many organizers of the recent protest, I vigorously support an open internet. But as a senator representing a rural state, I am concerned that such protests often given short shrift to ensuring all Americans have access to high-speed internet.

Today, 34 million Americans, mostly living in rural America, lack access to high-speed broadband services at home. As broadband service providers (and there are nearly 2,000 primarily small providers in the U.S.) weigh the profitability of making investments in high-cost areas, fear of future shifts in the political winds still loom large. Stated bluntly, investments to connect more Americans in states like South Dakota may be slowed, or not made at all, if providers fear that regulators will pass new restrictions on their ability to recover costs and make fair profits from new infrastructure investments.

Left unchecked, some believe that the views of regulators toward the online ecosystem will continue to shift with the federal government’s political leadership. This, in turn, creates a lack of stability both for those companies that invest in the internet’s metaphorical pipes and those who invest in the data flowing through them. This presents a problem for those who favor keeping the FCC’s 2015 regulatory approach and also those who want to throw it out the window. As one technology reporter observed earlier this year about past and potential future shifts in FCC regulations, “We’re in danger of having a system that

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combines the worst features of a world with network neutrality and a world without it.”

The solution to this dilemma, passing enduring bipartisan legislation, is obvious and — no, I’m not kidding — within Congress’s reach. If Democrats and Republicans have the political support to work together, we can together enact a framework that provides the net neutrality protections wanted by so many internet users, reasonably limits the whims of partisan regulators, and grants the necessary flexibility to protect consumers from future harm.

Let’s not settle for slogans and instead demand a resolution that finds agreement and concludes this debate. Let’s embrace the idea that the internet is a symbiotic ecosystem. Many businesses and individuals contribute to the internet’s success, and ultimately they need each other to ensure that users continue to benefit from it. True supporters of a free and open internet should spend their energy driving leaders toward a lasting and bipartisan solution while rejecting efforts to politicize and further divide an emerging consensus about net neutrality protections.



“Always Being Made New”

Ladies’ Luncheon & Program

Wednesday, July 19 – Noon

Bethesda Lutheran Church, Bristol

Silent Auction at 11 a.m. – Door Prizes

**Pastor Rhia Strohm, Bethlehem Lutheran
Church – speaker**

Advance tickets please: \$10

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EarthTalk®
From the Editors of
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Dear EarthTalk: What are some ways companies are using plastic waste from the ocean in their products to take a stand for the environment?
—Simone LaTourneau, Boston, MA

A recent study published in the journal *Science* estimates that there are some 86 million metric tons of plastic in the world's oceans today—and that every year we add another eight million more. The pieces of plastic we discard break down into smaller and smaller bits during their travels through the ocean, but never break down completely, becoming part of our food chain when consumed by marine life. According to the non-profit Plastic Oceans, plastic particles outnumber plankton (the feedstock of the marine food chain) by a factor of 26 to one in some parts of the ocean. Meanwhile, the BBC reports that anyone consuming an "average amount" of seafood in a given year ingests some 11,000 plastic particles annually.

The good news is that some companies are trying to do their part by collecting and incorporating ocean plastic debris into their products lines and packaging. Most recently, Canada's Lush Cosmetics announced it would start using in its packaging ocean plastic collected by volunteers in and around Vancouver, BC, where the company is based. Meanwhile, Method Home has been working with its recycling partner Envision Plastics to take plastic waste collected from beaches around Hawaii to go into its new line of Home Dish+Hand Soap bottles, now available coast-to-coast. Furthermore, Method's soaps are mostly biodegradable and the company powers its factory with renewable wind energy.

Perhaps a more surprising user of ocean waste plastic is Dell Computers, which recently started processing plastics collected from beaches, waterways and coastal areas and using them as part of the packaging system for its leading "2-in-1" laptop line, the XPS 13. Likewise, German activewear maker Adidas has partnered with the non-profit Parley for the Oceans in launching three lines of its popular UltraBoost shoes all made from plastic debris from oceans and beaches. Each pair reuses 11 bottles worth of plastic and features laces, heel linings and sock liners also made from recycled materials.

Meanwhile, Norton Point sunglasses teamed up with the non-profit Plastic Bank in launching three styles of eco-friendly sunglasses made out of plastic collected around Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts where the company is based.

And then there's Pharrell Williams's newly released clothing line, G-Star RAW, which uses plastics salvaged from shorelines around the world and turns them into a clothing fiber called Bionic Yarn. Jeans, graphic tees and kimonos are the company's first products using the nouveau earth-friendly fiber, but fashion forward consumers should stay tuned for different products and styles coming soon.

Yet another twist on keeping plastic waste out of the ocean comes from Florida-based Saltwater Brewery. By now, we all know about how those plastic six-pack can holders can get wrapped around unsuspecting marine wildlife and choke them or cause internal distress if ingested—so the small beer maker has started manufacturing so-called Edible Six Pack Rings made from barley and other natural materials that break down easily once in the ocean water column and are easy for animals to digest, just in case one or two gets loose during your next picnic or outing on the water.

CONTACTS: Plastic Oceans, www.plasticoceans.org; Lush Cosmetics, www.lush.com; Method, www.methodhome.com; Dell Ocean Plastics, www.dell.com/learn/us/en/uscorp1/corp-comm/ocean-plastics; Adidas & Parley, www.adidas.com/us/parley; Envision Plastics, www.envisionplastics.com; Norton Point, www.nortonpoint.com; Plastic Bank, www.plasticbank.org; Saltwater Brewery, www.saltwaterbrewery.com; G-Star RAW, www.g-star.com.

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2017 Sage Grouse Season Closed

Pierre, S.D. -The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) Commission closed the 2017 sage grouse hunting season at their July meeting.

The closure is based on the season guidelines found within the 2014-2018 Sage-Grouse management plan for South Dakota. Those guidelines suggest a season closure if less than 150 male sage grouse are counted on priority leks and less than 250 are counted on all known lek sites. Results from the 2017 spring lek surveys indicated 77 (102 in 2016) males on priority leks and 218 (278 in 2016) males on all leks.

2017-2018 Antelope Hunting Season Finalized for Archery and Firearm

Pierre, S.D. - The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) Commission finalized the 2017 and 2018 archery and firearm antelope hunting seasons.

The firearm seasons will be Sept. 30 - Oct. 15, 2017, and Sept. 29 - Oct. 14, 2018. A total of 4,665 resident single tag licenses and 300 resident double tag licenses will be issued. This is an increase of 2,020 resident licenses from 2016. This allows for 118 nonresident single tag licenses and 12 nonresident double tag licenses.

The archery antelope seasons will be Aug. 19 – Oct. 31, 2017, and Aug. 18 – Oct. 31, 2018, except when the firearm antelope season is open. Archery antelope tags are unlimited, but restricted to one any antelope license per hunter.

Five free access permits will be issued via lottery drawing to those licensees who possess a valid any antelope resident archery license for portions of Custer and Pennington counties within the Black Hills Fire Protection District, with the exception of Custer State Park.

Antelope and Coyote Hunting Changes for Custer State Park

Pierre, S.D. - The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) Commission closed Custer State Park to antelope hunting for the 2017 hunting season due to decreased herd numbers from previous years while also taking into consideration the wildlife viewing opportunities for park visitors.

The Commission opened Custer State Park to hunt coyotes for any resident with a predator/varmint license, resident furbearer license, or any resident hunting license. All hunters are required to obtain a free access permit. Hunters also have to be a minimum of 200 yards from any roads or buildings within the park.

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In back, left to right, are Assistant Coach Jerry Bjerke, Jace Kroll, Evan Nehls, Alex Morris, Chandler Larson, Lucas Simon, Adrian Knutson and Assistant Coach Jeremy Krueger; in front, left to right, are Trevor Harry, Jayden Zak, Pierce Kettering, Jordan Bjerke, Lee Iverson, Kaden Kurtz and Lane Krueger; not pictured are Trey Johnson and Head Coach Adam Herman. (Photo by Amy Krueger)

Groton Jr. Teeners win regional title to advance to state

Groton's Junior Teener team, 14U, is state-bound after coming back from a loss to win the regional title. The regional tournament was held this past week in Bryant.

Chandler Larson struck out seven of Kingsbury's nine batters, pitching a no-hitter in the first game of the regional Junior Teener Tournament. Groton won, 15-0, in three innings. Larson and Trevor Harry each had two doubles, Alex Morris, Kaden Kurtz and Lucas Simon each had a double and a single, Lane Krueger had two singles and Jordan Bjerke and Jayden Zak each had a single. Alex Morris was the catcher.

In the second game, Groton lost to Webster, 14-4, in five innings. Alex Morris and Trevor Harry each had a double and a single, Chandler Larson had two singles and Adrian Knutson had a double. Alex Morris was the pitcher with nine strike-outs and five hits. Kaden Kurtz was the catcher. Groton had 10 errors in the game.

Groton came back to beat Onida, 9-3. Kaden Kurtz was the winning pitcher with nine strike-outs, one walk and eight hits. Lane Krueger was the catcher. Alex Morris hit a home run and had a single, Jordan Bjerke had a double, Chandler Larson and Trevor Harry each had two singles and Kaden Kurtz and Jace Kroll each had a single.

Everyone scored in the fifth inning as Groton posted a 19-3 win over Wessington Springs in the championship game. Groton scored 11 runs in the fifth inning.

Chandler Larson had three doubles, Jordan Bjerke had a double and two singles, Alex Morris had a double, Lane Krueger and Trevor Harry each had two singles and Kaden Kurtz and Pierce Kettering each had a single.

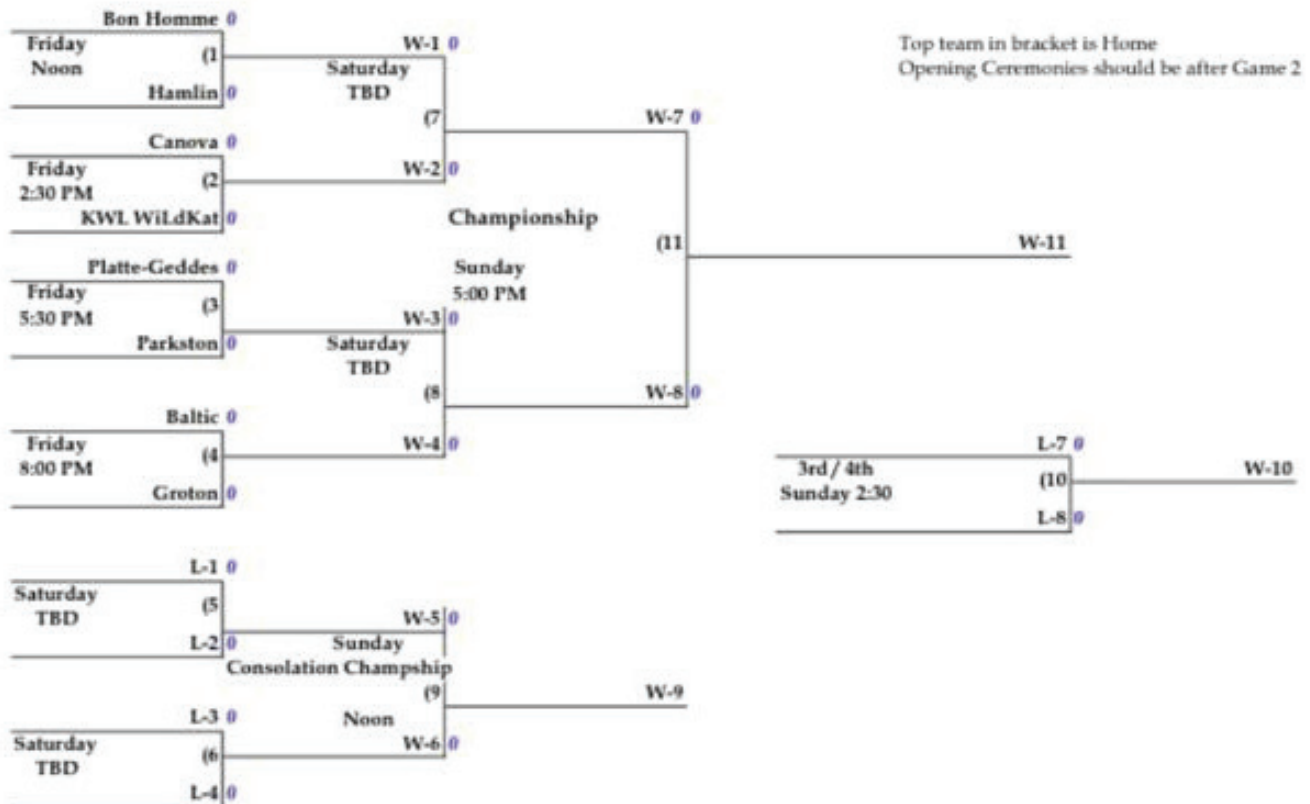
Jayden Zak was the winning pitcher with two strike-outs, six walks and four hits. Alex Morris was the catcher.

The state tournament will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Baltic. Friday's first round games feature Hamlin and Bon Homme at noon, Canova and KWL WILdKat at 2:30 p.m., Platte-Geddes takes on Parkston at 5:30 p.m., and the home team, Baltic will take on Groton at 8 p.m.

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Department of SD VFW Baseball
2017 14U Class B State Bracket



No Northern Lights

With camera and video camera in hand and the promise of Northern Lights, we waited and waited and they never appeared. All we got was the moon rise.

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Get ready to alter your route!

Some time this week, perhaps as early as Monday, intersection of Fifth Avenue and Broadway will be closed to traffic. Webster Scale is making headway south with the storm sewer project and will have to dig through the intersection. Another route will be opened up, but if it's Fourth or Third Avenue remains unknown as the state Department of Transportation was evaluating which one to use, especially for pedestrian traffic. According to John Shoemaker of Webster Scale at the weekly meeting held last Thursday, Fifth Avenue will be closed for approximately 10 days. The crossing at Second Avenue will remain open.

THE GRANARY NEWS

Sunday afternoon, the Brown County Museum sponsored an outdoor ice cream and concert, at the Granary, rural Groton.

The entertainment was the Flying Pig band/ Fiddles and banjos, from Iowa.

Some of the Groton area folks attending were Arnie and Bev Bahr, Dan and Kathy Johnson, Eunice McCollister, Pat Larson, Elda Stange, Ron and Kathryn Rehfuss, and Lee Schinkel



Groton Red placed second at Hayti Tourney

The Groton Red team placed second at the Hayti U8 Tournament held this weekend. In back, left to right Isaiah Scepaniak, Brady Johnson, Braeden Flihs, Ryder Jangula, Brody Lord; in front, left to right Zach Flihs, Logan Clocksene, Blake Lord, Alex Abeln, John Bisbee. Also like to mention Ethan Kroll, Gavin Kroll, Karson Zak, and Asher Johnson who were unable to attend. Coach Randy Lord. (Photo by Carla Sperry)

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Today in Weather History

July 17, 1985: An F1 tornado touched down, ten miles east of Raymond, in Clark County, destroying two cattle sheds and damaged several buildings. A garage was moved off its foundation. Heavy rains, high winds and hail up to 2.75 inches in diameter produced considerable damage to farm buildings between Raymond and Garden City. Rainfall amounts of three to six inches caused additional crop losses from erosion. In the city of Clark, some basement flooding occurred, and water ran across Highway 212 west of Clark. Some storm total rainfall amounts include; 3.77 inches in Clark; 3.15 in Clear Lake; 2.85 in Redfield; and 2.31 inches in 3 miles NE of Raymond. This thunderstorm began near Kennebec, in Lyman County, where winds gusted to 80 mph, and small hail was observed. A few trees were uprooted, and numerous branches were downed. Several car windows were broke from the winds and small hail. A half inch of rain fell in ten minutes, filling ditches. High winds continued into Spink County where extensive damage to a farm estate east of Redfield occurred. Heavy rains of three to five inches caused road and basement flooding. A damage path from wind and hail continued to Clear Lake, to the south of Gary and into Minnesota to the east of Canby. Winds gusted to 70 mph, and hail ranged from one to almost two inches in diameter. In Clear Lake, four businesses were damaged, and power poles were downed. One building had the fiberglass siding and roofing torn off. A second building had a metal roof blown off. Highway 77, south of Clear Lake was impassable due to hail on the ground.

July 17, 1993: Torrential rains of three to seven inches fell in Grant County resulting in the overflow of Lake Farley into the city of Milbank. The dam held, but an emergency dike broke on the evening of the 17th releasing water into residential streets and a trailer court in Milbank. The broken barrier forced the evacuation of at least 200 people. Damage included 120 mobile homes, and 26 houses were affected by floodwaters. Also, a man died when his pickup truck hit a wash out on a gravel road south of Milbank and was swept into the floodwaters of a nearby creek.

July 17, 2010: Several supercell thunderstorms moving southeast across the region brought enormous hail up to softball size along with damaging winds to parts of northeast South Dakota. Numerous homes, vehicles, along with thousands of acres of crops were destroyed. Hail up to the size of softballs occurred near Westport, in Brown County. Golf ball to baseball size hail fell at the National Weather Service office causing damage to several vehicles. The rear window was broken out of one of the vehicles. A supercell thunderstorm was tracking southeast across Clark County produced anywhere from a quarter to baseball size hail along with wind gusts over 70 mph from Crocker to Clark to Naples to Vienna. The large hail and winds caused extensive damage to homes, outbuildings, vehicles, and thousands of acres of crops. Many trees and gardens were also damaged or destroyed by the hail and high winds. The storm entered western Hamlin County. Winds measured at 90 mph in Hayti along with some large hail broke numerous windows out of several homes and vehicles, damaged several roofs, and downed many trees. A concrete silo was also destroyed. The highway shop lost half of its roof along with severe damage to the ceiling of a trucking business in Hayti.


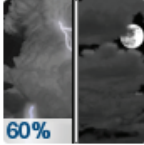





1942: A great flood developed over the Smethport area in Pennsylvania, resulting in an estimated 34.50 inches of rain in just one day, including 30.60 inches in only six hours, setting a world record. The official observing site, Smethport Highway Shed, reported only 13.08 inches for the entire month because the flood consumed the gauge after 6.68" of rain. The total results from the substitution of the officially estimated amount for the amount measured.

1981: Severe thunderstorm winds ripped a 10,000 square foot hole in a 90-foot high pavilion at Sea World in Orlando, FL. The storm panicked a crowd of 550 tourists. One death occurred due to injury and heart attack, and 15 people were injured. The canopy was made of fiberglass and Teflon, designed to withstand 120 mph winds.

1987: Slow moving thunderstorms caused flooding on the Guadalupe River in Texas resulting in tragic loss of life. A bus and van leaving a youth summer camp stalled near the rapidly rising river, just west of the town of Comfort, or about 50 mile northwest of San Antonio. The powerful surge of water swept away 43 persons, mostly teenagers. Ten drowned in the floodwaters. Most of the others were rescued from treetops by helicopter.

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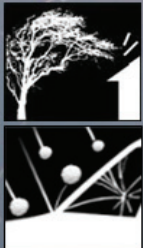
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Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday
 40%	 60%	 40%		 30%		
Sunny then Severe Thunderstorms and Breezy	Severe Thunderstorms then Mostly Cloudy	Chance T-storms	Mostly Clear	Mostly Sunny then Chance T-storms	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
High: 101 °F	Low: 65 °F	High: 82 °F	Low: 61 °F	High: 87 °F	Low: 63 °F	High: 85 °F

Severe Storms Possible Today

Late Afternoon & Evening

Severe Threats



Damaging Winds

Hail

Other Threats

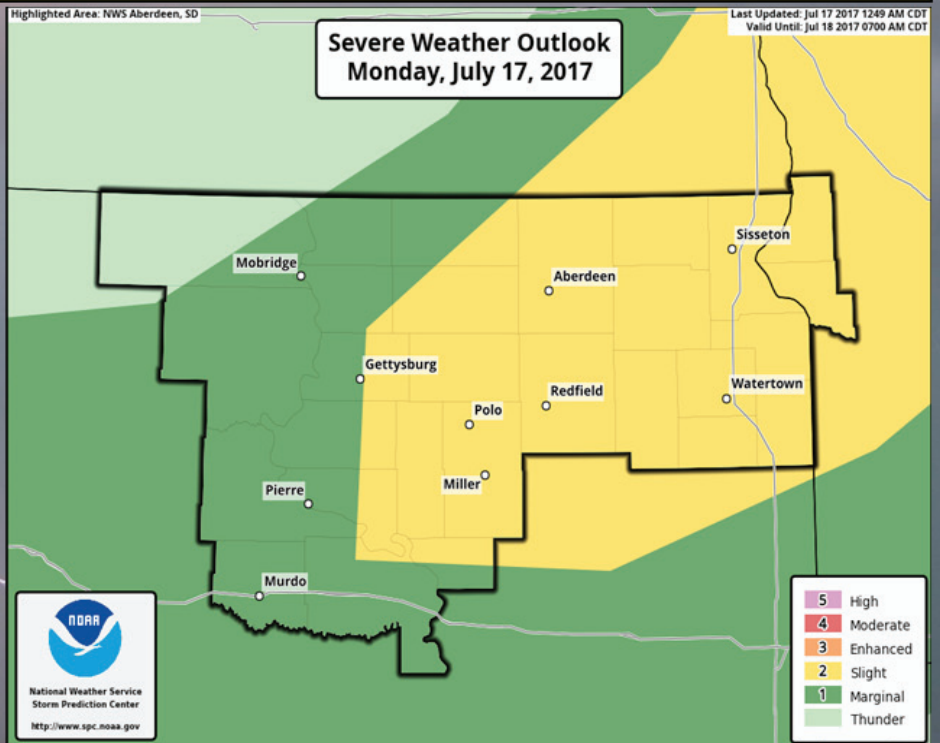
Very Hot

Afternoon Heat Index 97-103F



FIRE DANGER

Gusty Winds & Very High Fire Danger



National Weather Service Aberdeen, SD



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A slow moving front will cross the Dakotas Today. By late afternoon isolated to scattered storms are expected to form. A few of those may prove severe with strong gusty winds and hail being the main threat. The storms are expected to last into the evening. Also, the combination of afternoon heat and humidity will lead to heat indices of 97 to 103 degrees. Additionally, the strong winds and hot temperatures ahead of the front will result in Very High grassland fire danger.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 89.8 F at 6:17 PM

Heat Index:

Low Outside Temp: 56.6 F at 6:06 AM

High Gust: 18.0 Mph at 6:38 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 111° in 1936

Record Low: 44° in 1895

Average High: 84°F

Average Low: 59°F

Average Precip in July: 1.78

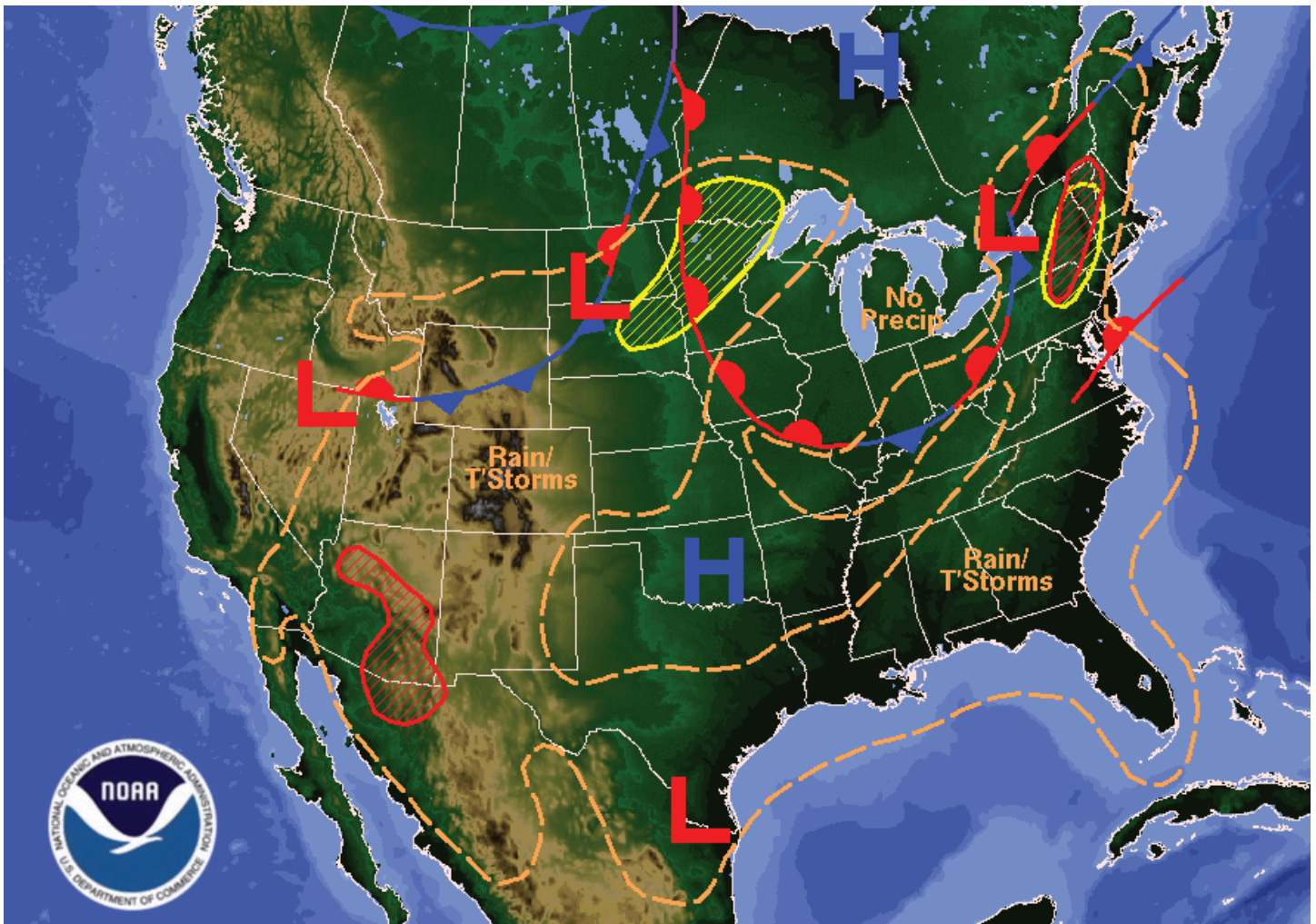
Precip to date in July: 0.17

Average Precip to date: 12.62

Precip Year to Date: 5.94

Sunset Tonight: 9:17 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:02 a.m.



Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Mon, Jul 17, 2017, issued 4:50 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
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Rain
Rain and T'Storms
Rain and Snow
Snow

Flash Flooding Possible (hatched)
Severe T'Storms Possible (hatched)
Freezing Rain Possible (hatched)
Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)

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NEED DIRECTIONS?

Life's journey is never simple, straight, certain or serene. It is like a complicated maze that has sharp turns and sudden stops. Getting from the beginning to the end is no easy task. Life is often like a "maze".

How blest we are to have the Lord who is personally interested in each of us, is willing to guide us, guard us and give us detailed instructions. But we must be willing to surrender to Him and trust in Him. Not only will God rescue us when we ask Him, but He will guide us if we allow Him.

"Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths," said David. He did not approach God asking for directions and say, "Lord, if You promise me an easy path I will cooperate with You." He went to God before he started his journey and said, "Show me – teach me," then I will make my next move. By voluntarily asking God for help before he started his journey, he could expect God to be with him and protect him on his journey. But he did not stop there.

He asked God to "teach him His path."

When he asked God to show him his way he wanted more than directions. He wanted God to be his teacher – his guide through life – explaining His world and His ways to him. It is easy to ask God to show us where to go. But, it is difficult for us to open our hearts and allow Him to teach us His ways!

What a beautiful picture of surrender! Show me where to go, God, and teach me what I need to learn.

Prayer: Lord, fill us with an attitude of humility and trust and help us look to You as our Leader and Teacher. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 25:4 Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths.

News from the Associated Press

Filipino church feeds expansion by buying ghost town in US

By MICHAEL MELIA, Associated Press

EAST HADDAM, Conn. (AP) — Over two decades, one prospective buyer after another passed over the abandoned village in the Connecticut countryside. There were requirements to preserve its historical character and problems with the septic system, not to mention rumors that it was haunted.

So when a Filipino church came forward and bought the deteriorating collection of Victorian-style buildings last week, local officials were elated the village would be saved from rotting away. An official with the church, Iglesia Ni Cristo, says it is not daunted because it has a history of repurposing shuttered buildings for its fast-growing membership.

"We purchase a lot of abandoned worship buildings and restore them," said Joji Crisostomo, a district minister who oversees 32 congregations and missions for the church in the northeastern U.S. "That way people can use them again to reconnect with God."

The relief in East Haddam has been mixed with curiosity over what exactly the church has planned for the community known as Johnsonville, which was home to twine mills in the 19th century before becoming a tourist attraction in the 1960s. The church bought the 62-acre property from a hotel group for \$1.85 million.

"I'm looking forward to seeing what they're going to do. Needless to say, there's always a little apprehension," said Emmett Lyman, East Haddam's first selectman. "A willingness to accept other ideas and other approaches to life is part of the beauty of this town."

No plans for the Connecticut property have been finalized, Crisostomo said, but a chapel will probably be restored as a new house of worship, and the church expects to keep the four residential properties and possibly add some more. If possible, he said, all the buildings will be restored, and there is also discussion of opening a Johnsonville museum.

In 2011 the church bought an abandoned town, Scenic, South Dakota, but it hasn't offered any clues for its Connecticut plans. Officials with the county in South Dakota say the church's intentions remain unclear.

"As far as I see, they aren't doing anything with the property. They haven't requested a tax exemption," said Shannon Rittberger, equalization director for Pennington County.

A church spokeswoman, Lois Riturban, said that for now the church in South Dakota is focused on the community rather than property development. It has been doing outreach projects on the nearby Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, and nearly a dozen residents there have become church members, she said.

Iglesia Ni Cristo, founded in 1914, has a mainstream profile in the Philippines and has gotten deeply involved in recent decades in issues such as land reform, according to Smita Lahiri, a professor of anthropology at the University of New Hampshire. The Roman Catholic-inspired sect rejects Catholicism in its ritual practices and recently has been conducting more outreach in India and Africa, she said.

It has millions of devotees in the Philippines and more than 7,000 congregations worldwide, including three already in Connecticut.

The church has a history of doing missions to the West, according to Dyron Daugherty, a professor of religion at Pepperdine University, who said that while some call it a cult, that is not a fair accusation. He said they have done good things for Filipino society in areas including education and health.

The Connecticut property was first developed as the Neptune Twine and Cord Mill Factory in the 1800s. An industrialist who acquired it in the 1960s bought old buildings including a schoolhouse and stable and moved them here with aspirations of recreating a 19th century village but it never became a major tourist attraction.

South Dakota drought conditions affect pheasant population

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota drought conditions will be affecting more than just farmers and ranchers this fall: Hunters will also likely be affected.

The north-central portion of South Dakota may be in rough shape in October, the Capital Journal (<http://bit.ly/2toHJPP>) reported.

Travis Runia, senior upland game biologist for the Game, Fish and Parks Department, said the Mobridge area, which dealt with heavy winter snows, is bearing the brunt of the drought.

"It's definitely a concern," Runia said.

South Dakota's pheasant range is also expected to be impacted. The drought mainly affects the plants that make up pheasant habitats so there's not much that can be done to improve the conditions, Runia said.

In 2008, changes in land use began to change how counties produced more pheasants. Nearly 15 years ago, counties along the James River valley once had the state's highest concentrations of pheasants. The counties in the Missouri River valley now have South Dakota's highest pheasant production.

Runia said providing good foundations for habitats could help pheasants to nest and raise broods.

The department created a new program to help create those habitats. The brood-plot program gives landowners seeds for flowering plants that are used for wildlife food plots. The plants provide a canopy for pheasant chicks to take shelter in and a place where the chicks can find insects. The insects are very important to the pheasant population.

"Pheasant chicks exclusively eat insects for the first eight weeks of their lives," said Brian Pauly, a private land-habitat biologist for GF&P. "Brood plots are basically a bug buffet."

Information from: Pierre Capital Journal, <http://www.capjournal.com>

Bass fishing tournament to be held in South Dakota

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Smallmouth bass from a lake in central South Dakota will take center stage next summer when an organization's series of national bass fishing tournaments hosts a competition in the state.

The tournament in Pierre will be held from June 29 to July 2 in 2018 and puts bass from Lake Oahe in the spotlight, the Pierre Capital Journal (<http://bit.ly/2tS5KIL>) reported.

BASS spokesman Dave Precht said that the series will be the first time that a major, national bass tournament has been held in the state.

"We like to try different fisheries from time to time," he said.

The Bass Anglers Sportsman's Society Elite Series is an invitation-only series of tournaments founded more than a decade ago as a way to allow more than 100 of the best bass anglers in the country to compete against each other.

Pierre and Fort Pierre tourism officials are preparing for the large turnout at the competitions.

"This is going to be great for our area," said Lois Riess with the Pierre Conventions and Visitors Bureau. "They pretty much come in and if there's a good catch, you've got a great reputation."

Riess said she's been promoting and negotiating with BASS for more than a year to get the tournament to come to Pierre. The tournament also needed \$50,000 from three different organizations to be secured.

"The thing that will make it interesting is that very few of the anglers in the tournament have ever fished Lake Oahe," Precht said.

Information from: Pierre Capital Journal, <http://www.capjournal.com>

S. Korea offers talks on tension, family reunions with North

By HYUNG-JIN KIM, Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea on Monday offered talks with North Korea to ease animosities along their tense border and resume reunions of families separated by their war in the 1950s.

It was unclear how North Korea will react since it remains suspicious of new South Korean President Moon Jae-in's outreach to it. But Moon's overture, the first formal offer of talks since his inauguration in May, indicates he wants to use dialogue to defuse the international standoff over North Korea's weapons programs, despite having condemned the North's first intercontinental ballistic missile test on July 4 and vowed a firm response.

If realized, the talks would be the first inter-Korean dialogue since December 2015. Ties between the Koreas have plunged over the North's expanding missile and nuclear programs and the hard-line policies of Moon's conservative predecessors.

South Korean Vice Defense Minister Suh Choo Suk proposed on Monday that defense officials from the two Koreas hold talks at the border village of Panmunjom on Friday on how to end hostile activities along the border. South Korean acting Red Cross chief Kim Sun Hyang told a news conference that it wants separate talks at the border village on Aug. 1 to discuss family reunions.

North Korea's state media didn't immediately respond to South Korea's proposals. But analysts say North Korea may accept the defense talks because it wants the South Korean army to halt loudspeaker broadcasts at the border that began after North Korea's fourth nuclear test in January 2016. Prospects for talks on family reunions are less good because North Korea has previously demanded that South Korea repatriate some North Korean defectors living in the South before any reunions take place, according to the analysts.

Earlier this month, Moon said in a speech in Germany that he's willing to meet North Korean leader Kim Jong Un if certain conditions are met. Moon also said the two Koreas must halt hostile activities along the border, restart family reunions and cooperate on the 2018 Winter Olympics to be held in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

Moon has said he will use both dialogue and pressure to resolve the standoff over North Korea's nuclear and missile programs. But he has achieved little progress, with North Korea test-firing a series of newly developed missiles.

North Korea is believed to possess hundreds of missiles capable of striking South Korea and Japan. Its recent test of an ICBM put it one step closer to its goal of developing nuclear-armed missiles capable of reaching anywhere in the United States.

After the ICBM launch, Kim said he would never negotiate over his weapons programs as long as U.S. hostility and nuclear threats persist.

The two Koreas have been divided since the 1950-53 Korean War ended with an armistice, not a peace treaty. About 28,500 American troops are stationed in South Korea.

Maduro foes: Over 7 million vote in Venezuelan referendum

By MICHAEL WEISSENSTEIN and FABIOLA SANCHEZ, Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Foes of President Nicolas Maduro said more than 7 million Venezuelans cast symbolic votes rejecting his plan to retool the constitution in a strong but not overwhelming showing that left the opposition facing tough choices two weeks before the socialist leader seeks to reshape the political system.

The vote was marred by violence when a 61-year-old woman was killed and four people wounded by gunfire after government supporters on motorcycles swarmed an opposition polling site in a church in western Caracas.

Analysts said the 7,186,170 ballots the opposition says were cast across Venezuela and around the world on Sunday was an impressive show of support. However, it fell short of the opposition's 7.7 million-vote showing in 2015 legislative elections and the 7.5 million votes that brought Maduro to power in 2013. Opposition leaders said that was because it was only able to set up 2,000 polling places in a symbolic exercise

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the government labeled as illegitimate.

Still, some supporters said they were disappointed.

"I thought it was going to be more," said Mariela Arana, a 56-year-old school counselor. "But these seven million people spoke and it was plenty."

David Smilde, a Tulane University expert on Venezuela, said the result would likely rally the international community even more strongly against the July 30 vote Maduro has called to elect members of the assembly that will rewrite Venezuela's 1999 constitution. The opposition says that vote has been structured to pack the constitutional assembly with government supporters and allow Maduro to eliminate the few remaining checks on his power, creating a Cuba-style system dominated by his socialist party.

Inside Venezuela, Smilde said leaders of the 20-odd groups in the Democratic Unity opposition coalition were now faced with choosing between tactics ranging from calling a general strike to forming a parallel government to simply working to rally international condemnation of Maduro's plans.

"Overall, this vote, I think, makes it difficult for the government to just proceed as planned," Smilde said. "I think it's going to embolden the international community to reject it."

Canada and Mexico were among the countries that issued statements Sunday evening lauding the opposition exercise.

Late Sunday, Foreign Minister Samuel Moncada said on Twitter that he was declaring former Mexican President Vicente Fox persona non grata and banning him from the country for conspiring to promote violence and foreign intervention. Fox traveled to Venezuela Saturday with a group of Latin American former presidents to show support for the referendum. Moncada offered no evidence to support his accusations.

The opposition released only turnout numbers Sunday night, not tallies of responses to those questions, although virtually all who voted were believed to have answered "yes" to the central rejection of the constitutional rewrite.

Pro-government paramilitary groups attacked voters outside the Our Lady of Carmen Church around 3 p.m., according to the opposition mayor of the Caracas borough of Sucre, Carlos Ocariz. The chief prosecutor's office said Xiomara Soledad Scott, a nurse, had been killed and four others wounded in the incident.

Video posted to social media showed massive crowds outside the church, then hundreds of people running in panic outside the church as motorcycle-riding men zoomed past and shots rang out.

Maduro called for an end to violence that he blamed on the opposition.

"I'm calling on the opposition to return to peace, to respect for the constitution, to sit and talk," Maduro said. "Let's start a new round of talks, of dialogue for peace."

In smaller numbers in many parts of the capital, government supporters went to polling stations in a rehearsal for the July 30 vote.

"Our president Chavez supported the poor, the people," said Yveth Melendez, a 41-year-old homemaker waiting outside a school in the south Caracas neighborhood of El Valle, a stronghold of government support that has been weakening in recent years. "Today we're following his legacy, with President Nicolas Maduro ... The constitutional assembly is something that benefits the people."

But Isabel Santander, a 67-year-old retired auditor, said she was voting against the constitutional assembly as a protest against the country's economic collapse.

"I signed because there's no medicine, no food, no security," she said. "There's no separation of powers, no freedom of expression."

Maduro and the military dominate most state institutions but the opposition controls the congress and holds three of 23 governorships. The country's chief prosecutor has recently broken with the ruling party.

The opposition called backers to 2,000 sites across the country to fill out ballots featuring three yes-or-no questions. Do they reject the constitutional assembly? Do they want the armed forces to back congress? Do they support the formation of a government comprised both of Maduro backers and opponents?

Opponents of Venezuela's government blame it for turning one of the region's most prosperous countries into an economic basket case with a shrinking economy, soaring inflation and widespread shortages. The government blames the crisis on an economic war waged by its opponents and outside backers.

Clashes between protesters and police have left at least 93 people dead, 1,500 wounded and more than

500 behind bars.

Fabiola Sanchez on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/fisanchezn>

Michael Weissenstein on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/mweissenstein>

Jordanian soldier sentenced to life for killing 3 US troops

By REEM SAAD and OMAR AKOUR, Associated Press

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — A military court convicted a Jordanian soldier Monday of killing three U.S. military trainers at a Jordanian air base and sentenced him to life in prison with hard labor.

The defendant, who had pleaded “not guilty,” has said he opened fire because he feared the base was coming under attack.

As he was led out of the courtroom, 1st Sgt. Marik al-Tuwayha said: “I have all the respect for the king, but I was doing my job.”

The parents of one of the slain U.S. soldiers and the father and sister of another sat quietly as the judge announced his ruling to a crowded court.

Jim Moriarty, the father of one of the soldiers, wrote later Monday in a letter to the Jordanian Embassy in the United States that the “successful prosecution” was a “good first step, but it is only the first step.”

In the letter given to The Associated Press, Moriarty listed several demands to Jordan, including allowing the defendant to be re-interviewed by the FBI about his motive and releasing security camera footage of the shooting that he said was entered into the trial records.

Some of the relatives have criticized Jordan’s handling of the case and called for the death penalty, saying the maximum possible sentence in this case, of life in prison, was inadequate.

The three U.S. Army Green Berets were killed Nov. 4, as their convoy waited at the gate to the al-Jafr base in southern Jordan. Jordan initially said the Americans triggered the shooting by disobeying entry rules, a claim that was later withdrawn.

The trial “confirmed that the deceased U.S. service members followed all established procedures when accessing the base the day of the incident, as we have noted before,” the U.S. Embassy in Jordan said in a statement. “We are reassured to see the perpetrator brought to justice.”

The victims were 27-year-old Staff Sgt. Matthew C. Lewellen of Kirksville, Missouri; 30-year-old Staff Sgt. Kevin J. McEnroe of Tucson, Arizona; and 27-year-old Staff Sgt. James F. Moriarty of Kerrville, Texas.

Jordan is a member of a U.S.-led military coalition against Islamic State extremists in neighboring Syria and Iraq. Jordan hosts troops, including trainers, from the U.S. and other countries as part of the anti-IS battle.

The military court judge, Col. Mohammed al-Afeef, said at the start of the trial that the defendant had no known ties to militant groups.

This left questions about a possible motive.

The defendant and some of the gate guards testified that they heard what might have been a pistol shot coming from the direction of the U.S. convoy. The defendant said he opened fire because he feared the base was coming under attack. Other guards said they held their fire because they couldn’t determine the source of the sound.

The defendant has said he had “no intention of killing anyone” and felt no resentment toward Americans.

However, security camera footage, as described by the bereaved relatives, shows the shooting lasted for six minutes. They have said the video shows the defendant reloading and shooting at Americans who were waving their hands and yelling: “We’re Americans! We’re friendly.”

The video was shown to the family by U.S. law enforcement, but has not been released to the public.

Some of the relatives have questioned why the video was not screened during the trial and why the court did not ask a surviving U.S. soldier to testify, despite what they said was his willingness to do so.

Defense lawyer Subhi al-Mawas said he would appeal the court ruling.

In Jordan, life in prison can mean 20 years, with time off for good behavior.

Earlier this year, a Jordanian soldier who killed seven Israeli schoolgirls in a 1997 shooting rampage was released after 20 years.

Flash flood kills 5 children, 4 adults at Arizona swim hole

By SALLY HO and ANITA SNOW, Associated Press

TONTO NATIONAL FOREST, Ariz. (AP) — Adults, teens and children as young as 2 were enjoying a summer afternoon by cooling off in an Arizona creek when the gentle waters turned deadly.

The group from the Phoenix and Flagstaff areas had met Saturday for a day trip along a popular swimming hole near Payson, about 100 miles (160.9 kilometers) northeast of the capital. They set up lounge chairs not knowing an intense thunderstorm was dumping heavy rainfall just upstream in the Tonto National Forest.

The storm unleashed 6-foot-high floodwaters, dark with ash from a summer wildfire, onto the unsuspecting family and friends. The torrent carried away tree branches and other debris and left a wake of nine bodies.

Search and rescue crews, including 40 people on foot and others in a helicopter, recovered the bodies of five children and four adults, some as far as 2 miles down the river. Authorities did not identify them.

A 13-year-old boy from the same group was still missing Sunday.

Disa Alexander was hiking to the swimming area where Ellison Creek and East Verde River converge when the water suddenly surged.

Video she posted to social media showed torrents of water surging through jagged canyons carved in Arizona's signature red rock.

"I could have just died!" Alexander exclaimed on the video.

She spotted a man holding a baby and clinging to a tree. Nearby, his wife was also in a tree. A boy Alexander described as the couple's son was on the rocks above the water.

Had they been swept downstream, they would have been sent over a 20-foot waterfall, Alexander said.

Alexander and others tried to reach them but couldn't.

Fortunately help was close by.

Some search and rescue team members were already near the swimming hole after getting a call to help someone who had suffered a bad allergic reaction, according to Detective Sgt. David Hornung of the Gila County Sheriff's Department.

When they arrived at the scene, "they heard someone screaming for help and saw a man clinging to a rock," said Hornung, who added that the man was safely rescued. "Then they heard other people calling for help."

Four people were rescued and taken to the hospital for treatment of hypothermia.

Some 40 rescuers in bright orange T-shirts and helmets dotted the green landscape as they combed the waters and banks for the missing boy. A few brought along specially trained search dogs hoping to find him alive, Hornung said.

The family, who was staying in the area, declined to be interviewed when approached by an Associated Press reporter.

The National Weather Service estimated up to 1.5 inches of rain fell over the area in an hour. The thunderstorm hit about 8 miles upstream along Ellison Creek, which quickly flooded the narrow canyon where the swimmers were.

Hornung noted that the National Weather Service had issued a flash flood warning about 1 1/2 hours before, "but unless they had a weather radio out there, they wouldn't have known about it. There is no cell phone service out here."

The swift waters gushed for about 10 minutes before receding in the narrow canyon, Hornung said.

"They had no warning. They heard a roar, and it was on top of them," Water Wheel Fire and Medical District Fire Chief Ron Sattelmaier said.

While Arizona is known for its dryness, it gets bursts of heavy rains during the summer monsoon season. The severe thunderstorm was located in a remote area that had been burned by a recent wildfire, Sat-

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telmaier said. The "burn scar" was one of the reasons the weather service issued the flash-flood warning. "If it's an intense burn, it creates a glaze on the surface that just repels water," said Darren McCollum, a meteorologist

Crowds looking to beat the Phoenix metro area's heat often head to the small creeks that flow out of the mountains forming swimming holes and a series of small waterfalls. But officials warn that visitors need to be aware of the dangers of a flash flood.

"I wish there was a way from keeping people from getting in there during monsoon season," Sattelmaier said "It happens every year. We've just been lucky something like this hasn't been this tragic."

Steve Stevens, a volunteer fire fighter with Water Wheel Search and Rescue, said visitors should stay away when there are flash flood warnings.

"The clouds over on the other side of the mountain can be dumping buckets, and all of a sudden there's a wall of water coming through that just wipes out everything in its path," said Stevens, who has lived in the area for 20 years.

Sudden flooding in canyons has been deadly before. In 2015, seven people were killed in Utah's Zion National Park when they were trapped during a flash flood while hiking in a popular canyon that was as narrow as a window in some spots and several hundred feet deep.

In 1997, 11 hikers were killed near Page, Arizona, after a wall of water from a rainstorm miles upstream tore through a narrow, twisting series of corkscrew-curved walls on Navajo land known as Lower Antelope Canyon.

Ho reported from Las Vegas. Alina Hartounian in Phoenix and Mike Balsamo in Los Angeles contributed. Angie Wang also contributed to this report from Tonto National Forest.

10 Things to Know for Today

By The Associated Press

Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about today:

1. 9 DEAD, BOY MISSING IN FLASH FLOOD IN ARIZONA SWIM HOLE

A group of family and friends was enjoying a summer afternoon, cooling off in a creek when a rainstorm in Tonto National Forest turned gentle waters deadly.

2. MADURO FOES: OVER 7 MILLION VOTE IN VENEZUELAN REFERENDUM

The proposal against the president's plan to rewrite the constitution raises tensions in a nation suffering through widespread shortages and months of anti-government protests.

3. SOUTH KOREA MAKES OVERTURE TO NORTH

Seoul offers to talk with Pyongyang to ease animosities along their tense border and resume reunions of families separated by their war in the 1950s.

4. IN IDLIB PROVINCE, SCHOOL VIEWED AS MODEL

Running a school in the enclave controlled by Syria's al-Qaida affiliate, a Syrian-American woman is skilled in getting her way, either by negotiating with militants or plain pushing back.

5. YOUR SPEECH MAY REVEAL IF YOU'RE DEVELOPING THINKING PROBLEMS

More pauses, filler words and other verbal changes could be an early sign of mental decline, which can lead to Alzheimer's disease, research suggests.

6. WHAT MICHAEL FLYNN HAS BEEN UP TO

The former national security adviser, at the center of multiple probes into Russia's election interference, seeks sanctuary in the Rhode Island beach town where he grew up.

7. HOW YOUNG ADULTS VIEW HEALTH COVERAGE

They'd rather "play the odds" and go without insurance, posing a major problem for a Republican plan trying to entice them to sign up.

8. 'IT'S RAINING NEEDLES'

From hiking trails to playground grass, to waterways to baseball dugouts, syringes left by drug users

amid the heroin crisis are turning up everywhere.

9. FATHER OF ZOMBIE FILMS DIES

George Romero, whose classic "Night of the Living Dead" and other horror films turned zombie movies into social commentaries, is dead at 77.

10. NEVER COUNT OUT ROGER FEDERER

Soon to be 36, the Swiss tennis star won his record-breaking eighth Wimbledon championship and second Grand Slam title of this resurgent season.

Health plan hinges on the young, but they're a tough sell

By CARLA K. JOHNSON, AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Julian Senn-Raemont isn't convinced he needs to buy health insurance when he loses coverage under his dad's plan in a couple of years — no matter what happens in the policy debate in Washington, or how cheap the plans are.

The 24-year-old musician hasn't known a world without a health care safety net. But he hates being forced by law to get coverage, and doesn't think he needs it.

"I'm playing the odds," said Senn-Raemont, who lives in Woodstock, Illinois. He will go without insurance, he said, until he starts a family or gets a job with benefits. "I feel comfortable I could get care if I needed it."

Senn-Raemont's outlook could pose a major problem for Republicans building a replacement for the Affordable Care Act. Insurers need young and healthy enrollees like him to buy insurance because they keep premiums down for everyone. The current law attempts to do that by mandating that everyone get coverage. The Republican plan replaces that mandate with penalties for those who let coverage lapse, and aims to entice young adults by allowing insurance companies to sell bare-bones coverage that could be cheaper.

But cheap isn't free, which turns off people like Senn-Raemont. And other young adults worry that opening the door to these bare-bones plans will make the more comprehensive coverage they know now too expensive or even unavailable.

In Houston, 29-year-old Jimmieka Mills pays \$15 a month for a government-subsidized "Obamacare" health plan. She fears Congress will weaken the health law's guarantees of free preventive care, so she made an appointment to get a birth control implant that will last for years.

"I'm scared," Mills said. "I'm like a bear getting ready for hibernation. That's how I feel."

Language is still being nailed down in the retooled bill, but it includes a proposal from conservative Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, which would let insurers sell plans with minimal coverage, as long as they also sell policies that meet strict coverage requirements set by the Obama-era health care law. Insurers could deny the slimmer coverage to people with pre-existing conditions or charge them more.

Georgetown University health policy researcher Sabrina Corlette said young adults may find the "Cruz plans" more affordable, but they should "read the fine print."

"You may end up with unexpected costs," Corlette said. "And if, God forbid, you do end up needing better coverage, you will be blocked from that coverage for six months." To encourage continuous coverage, the GOP plan installs a six-month waiting period for anyone with a two-month gap in coverage. The skimpy policies wouldn't qualify as continuous coverage.

The insurance industry also sharply questioned this approach. In a statement last week, the industry group America's Health Insurance Plans said the proposal would create an "un-level playing field" that would lead to "unstable health insurance markets."

Other features of the proposal aimed at young adults include allowing them to stay on their parents' insurance until they turn 26, as they can now, and shifting costs to older enrollees.

Current law restricts how much insurers can charge for insurance based on age. "Obamacare" limits the ratio to 3-to-1, meaning a 50-year-old can be charged only three times as much as a 20-year-old. The Republican plan shifts that ratio to 5-to-1.

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More flexible pricing could attract young adults, the Congressional Budget Office said in a review of a previous draft of the Senate plan. But other provisions, including cuts to Medicaid, would result in 22 million people losing insurance over the next decade. All ages and income levels would have higher uninsured rates. For low-income young adults, CBO said, the uninsured rate would double.

A CBO analysis of the new proposal is expected this week.

"On the whole, the bill is bad for young people," said Jen Mishory, executive director of the youth advocacy group Young Invincibles. "It is particularly concerning for the most vulnerable young people, those who are low-income and folks with pre-existing conditions."

Young Americans, ages 18-34, remain more likely to be uninsured than older age groups, but the rate of uninsured young Americans dropped under "Obamacare" to 16 percent from 29 percent.

Obama's health law also gives them job flexibility because good health insurance was no longer tied to employment, said Republican labor economist Craig Garthwaite of Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management.

"That gives young adults the opportunity to find a first job that's right for their talents," Garthwaite said.

Alexandra Flores, 29, works as a library assistant at University of South Florida in St. Petersburg while pursuing a master's degree in library science. She credits the Obama health law for her decision to go back to school rather than be locked into her previous office job. She pays \$77 a month for her "Obamacare" health plan. The government kicks in about \$100.

"Without health care, I wouldn't feel comfortable growing my career the way I have," Flores said.

Republican proposals to ban federal funding of Planned Parenthood for a year would affect 34-year-old Renee Wsol of Chicago. A Medicaid beneficiary, she received a free IUD for long-acting birth control from the organization this year. Planned Parenthood is now her regular source of women's health care, including cancer screenings.

"I feel comfortable and safe at Planned Parenthood," she said. "It makes no sense to pluck that care away from people who already have limited choices."

Jackie Todd, 28, of Chicago, feels hemmed in by the health care debate because she would like to pursue a master's in filmmaking, but doesn't want to risk losing the insurance she has through her job. She has an implanted device for a heart rhythm problem, which will need to be replaced in two years, "and I cannot be uninsured when that happens."

"The GOP doesn't think I deserve a shot at an even playing field because being sick is somehow my fault," she said.

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What we learned at Wimbledon: Never count out Roger Federer

By HOWARD FENDRICH, AP Tennis Writer

LONDON (AP) — Never count out Roger Federer. Seems obvious, right? Especially after he won his record-breaking eighth Wimbledon championship and second Grand Slam title of this resurgent season.

There have been times, though, when folks wondered whether he was done winning major tournaments. He was getting older. He went 4½ years without such a title. He was surpassed in the rankings by the other members of tennis' Big 4 as they began accumulating Grand Slam trophies — first Rafael Nadal, then Novak Djokovic, then Andy Murray.

Even Federer himself began to wonder. He took the last half of 2016 off to let his surgically repaired left knee heal properly and has returned to the top of the game. First, he ended his Slam drought by winning the Australian Open in January. Then, after skipping the French Open, he raised his major total to 19 by winning Wimbledon without a dropping a set, finishing the fortnight with a 6-3, 6-1, 6-4 victory over 2014 U.S. Open champion Marin Cilic in Sunday's final.

"Honestly, I'm incredibly surprised how well this year is going. How well I'm feeling, as well. How things

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are turning out to be on the courts. How I'm managing tougher situations. Where my level of play is on a daily basis. I am surprised that it's this good," Federer said. "I knew I could do great again, maybe one day, but not at this level. So I guess you would have laughed, too, if I told you I was going to win two Slams this year. People wouldn't believe me if I said that. I also didn't believe that I was going to win two this year."

Here's what else we learned during the 131st edition of Wimbledon:
DJOKOVIC AND MURRAY

Both Djokovic and Murray will consider taking some time off, the way Federer did, after their bodies caused them problems at the All England Club. Murray, the defending champion and No. 1 seed, lost in the quarterfinals while clearly hampered by a sore left hip. Djokovic, a three-time champion and No. 2 seed, stopped playing in the same round because his right elbow was too painful. "We both had a very long, very tough year, a lot of matches, a lot of emotions, a lot of things in play," Djokovic said. "Our bodies have taken a lot physically."

THE WILLIAMS SISTERS

When Serena Williams missed a Grand Slam tournament, as she did at the French Open and Wimbledon because she is pregnant, the whole complexion of the event changes. Everyone knows it. All of a sudden, her older sister, Venus, is once again a title contender at age 37. Venus is the only woman to have reached at least the fourth round at each of the past six majors. She proved that her run to the Australian Open final (where she lost to Serena) was no fluke by getting to the Wimbledon final — her first at the grass-court tournament since 2009. She was the oldest finalist at the All England Club since 1994. Like Federer, no sense in trying to write her off.

MUGURUZA AND OSTAPENKO

Venus faded in Saturday's final, losing the last nine games against Garbine Muguruza, who became the only woman to have won a major title match against each Williams sister. Muguruza, who got past Serena in the 2016 French Open final, has stamped herself as a fearless, powerful force at 23, in position to accumulate big titles for years. Another woman who fits that description is Jelena Ostapenko, 20, who won the French Open last month, then followed that up by reaching Wimbledon's quarterfinals.

AMERICANS

It's still been nearly 14 full years since an American man won a Grand Slam singles title (Andy Roddick at the 2003 U.S. Open), but one of them did get to the semifinals of a major for the first time since 2009: Sam Querrey, who upset Murray in the quarterfinals, a year after he upset Djokovic in the third round. "American tennis isn't that bad. I know it kind of gets a bad rep. That's just 'cause guys don't win majors. We've got four guys in the top 30, a great group of young guys," said Querrey, a 29-year-old from California. "To be in the semis is great. Hopefully myself and the other guys up there can have more weeks like this. Hopefully, you know, American tennis will get a little boost from this, maybe, and other guys will gain some confidence, and we can just have more and more guys go deeper in Slams."

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Needles all over: What to do if you find syringes in public

By The Associated Press

Syringes left by drug users are increasingly turning up in public places, and authorities offer this advice if you or your children should encounter any:

DON'T PICK THEM UP

You could get exposed to drugs or disease, or unwittingly dispose of them improperly.

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CALL SOMEONE TO PICK THEM UP

Check with your local information hotline or health department, which can take care of it or direct you to people who can. Don't call 911 unless directed, or unless there is imminent danger or an emergency.

IF YOU DO IT YOURSELF

You're not advised to pick them up, but if you do, minimize any hand contact. Use sturdy gloves, disposable tongs, a shovel or dustpan, and put them in a puncture-proof container.

IF YOU GET POKED

Don't panic. Don't suck the wound. Go to your doctor, an emergency room or an urgent care clinic for further guidance, as well as possible medical tests and immunizations.

WHAT TO TELL YOUR KIDS

Show them what a syringe looks like and use age-appropriate language to describe why they should stay away from it. Tell them that if they see any to get an adult, who should follow the steps described above.

SOURCE: Manchester, New Hampshire, Health Department

Oscar-winning actor Martin Landau dies at 89

By DAISY NGUYEN, Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Martin Landau, the chameleon-like actor who gained fame as the crafty master of disguise in the 1960s TV show "Mission: Impossible," then capped a long and versatile career with an Oscar for his poignant portrayal of aging horror movie star Bela Lugosi in 1994's "Ed Wood," has died. He was 89.

Landau died Saturday of unexpected complications during a short stay at UCLA Medical Center, his publicist Dick Guttman said.

"Mission: Impossible," which also starred Landau's wife, Barbara Bain, became an immediate hit upon its debut in 1966. It remained on the air until 1973, but Landau and Bain left at the end of the show's third season amid a financial dispute with the producers. They starred in the British-made sci-fi series "Space: 1999" from 1975 to 1977.

Landau might have been a superstar but for a role he didn't play — the pointy-eared starship Enterprise science officer, Mr. Spock. "Star Trek" creator Gene Roddenberry had offered him the half-Vulcan, half-human who attempts to rid his life of all emotion. Landau turned it down.

"A character without emotions would have driven me crazy; I would have had to be lobotomized," he explained in 2001. Instead, he chose "Mission: Impossible," and Leonard Nimoy went on to everlasting fame as Spock.

Ironically, Nimoy replaced Landau on "Mission: Impossible."

After a brief but impressive Broadway career, Landau had made an auspicious film debut in the late 1950s, playing a soldier in "Pork Chop Hill" and a villain in the Alfred Hitchcock classic "North By Northwest."

He enjoyed far less success after "Mission: Impossible," however, finding he had been typecast as Rollin Hand, the top-secret mission team's disguise wizard. His film career languished for more than a decade, reaching its nadir with his appearance in the 1981 TV movie "The Harlem Globetrotters on Gilligan's Island."

He began to find redemption with a sympathetic role in "Tucker: The Man and his Dream," the 1988 Francis Ford Coppola film that garnered Landau his first Oscar nomination.

He was nominated again the next year for his turn as the adulterous husband in Woody Allen's "Crimes and Misdemeanors."

His third nomination was for "Ed Wood," director Tim Burton's affectionate tribute to a man widely viewed as the worst Hollywood filmmaker of all time.

"There was a 10-year period when everything I did was bad. I'd like to go back and turn all those films

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into guitar picks," Landau said after accepting his Oscar.

In "Ed Wood," he portrayed Lugosi during his final years, when the Hungarian-born actor who had become famous as Count Dracula was ill, addicted to drugs and forced to make films with Ed Wood just to pay his bills. A gifted mimic trained in method acting, Landau had thoroughly researched the role.

"I watched about 35 Lugosi movies, including ones that were worse than anything Ed Wood ever made," he recalled in 2001. "Despite the trash, he had a certain dignity about him, whatever the role."

So did the New York-born Landau, who had studied drawing at the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn and worked for a time as a New York Daily News cartoonist before switching careers at age 22.

He had dabbled in acting before the switch, making his stage debut in 1951 at a Maine summer theater in "Detective Story" and off-Broadway in "First Love."

In 1955, he was among hundreds who applied to study at the prestigious Actors Studio and one of only two selected. The other was Steve McQueen.

On Broadway, Landau won praise for his work in "Middle of the Night," which starred Edward G. Robinson. He toured with the play until it reached Los Angeles, where he began his film career.

Landau and Bain had two daughters, Susan and Juliet. They divorced in 1993.

The late Associated Press entertainment writer Bob Thomas contributed to this report.

Trump lawyer says nothing illegal in son's Russia meeting

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump's attorney insisted Sunday there was nothing illegal in the meeting Trump's eldest son had with a Russian lawyer during last year's presidential campaign.

Donald Trump Jr.'s willingness to meet with the lawyer in the expectation of receiving incriminating information about Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton has raised new questions about possible collusion between the Trump campaign and Russia. The information had been described as "part of Russia and its government's support for Mr. Trump."

The president's attorney, Jay Sekulow, defended Trump and his son in a series of appearances Sunday on five television networks.

"Nothing in that meeting that would have taken place, even if it was about the topic of an opposition research paper from a Russian lawyer, is illegal or a violation of the law," Sekulow said on "Fox News Sunday," a point he repeated several times. He said the president did not attend the meeting and was not aware of it.

The attorney's focus on the law appears aimed at moving beyond the shifting accounts of the meeting given by Trump Jr. At first, the June 2016 meeting was said to be about a Russian adoption program. Then, it was to hear information about Clinton. Finally, Trump Jr. was compelled to release emails that revealed he had told an associate that he would "love" Russia's help in obtaining incriminating information about the Democratic nominee.

The number of people known to be at the meeting also changed over time. As recently as Friday, Rinat Akhmetshin, a Russian-American lobbyist and former Soviet military officer, confirmed his participation to The Associated Press.

Sen. Mark Warner, the top Democrat on the Senate Intelligence Committee, said Sunday that he wants everyone who attended the meeting to appear before his committee, one of several in Congress investigating Russia's interference in the 2016 election and potential coordination with the Trump campaign.

In addition to Trump Jr. others in the Trump Tower meeting included Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner, and Paul Manafort, both of whom played major roles in the campaign.

"I want to hear from everyone in that meeting and get their version of the story, as well as I think we may find out there may have been other meetings as well. We don't know that yet," Warner, D-Va., said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

Sekulow said he was not aware of any other meetings involving Russians. "I represent the president of the United States, but Donald Trump Jr. said not in the context of formal meetings. He said he may have

met with Russian people, as a lot of people meet with Russian people, so that's not unusual," Sekulow said on CNN's "State of the Union."

Trump himself came to the defense of his son, who he said "is being scorned by the Fake News Media." The president ended a series of Sunday morning tweets by writing: "With all of its phony unnamed sources & highly slanted & even fraudulent reporting, #Fake News is DISTORTING DEMOCRACY in our country!"

Some residents couldn't hear alarms in deadly Honolulu blaze

By CALEB JONES, Associated Press

HONOLULU (AP) — As flames raged through a Honolulu high-rise building, killing three people and injuring a dozen others, some residents didn't even realize a blaze had broken out until they opened their doors or saw firefighters racing to battle the inferno.

Several Marco Polo high-rise residents told The Associated Press the sirens are located in the hallways and they had trouble hearing them when the blaze started. There were also no flashing alarm lights or public announcements about the deadly fire, they said.

Britt Reller was in the shower when the fire started and didn't realize the building was ablaze until smoke began billowing through his apartment, his brother said. He rushed out to try to save his 85-year-old mother, but he couldn't reach her and sought refuge from the smoke and flames under a bed.

His brother, a local pastor, was on the phone with Reller at the time. He never heard from him again, and police later told him that both Reller and his mother, Melba Jeannine Dilley, were among those killed.

"He said the smoke was very, very thick, and I heard him calling for my mother and then the phone went dead," Reller said. "I drove about 12 miles from my office to his apartment and then I just had to watch from outside. I'm still in shock. It is just surreal."

Joanna Kuwata, 71, who was single and lived alone on the 26th floor of the building, was also killed in the fire, her sister told The Honolulu Star-Advertiser. Jayne Matsuyama said her sister's apartment was not damaged by fire, and she suspects she died of smoke inhalation.

Fire officials have not released any information about a possible cause for the blaze. A fire department spokesman did not immediately respond to a request for additional information on Sunday.

"It didn't sound quite like a normal traditional fire alarm," said Air Force cyber technician Cory La Roe, who didn't know the building had no sprinklers when he moved in in May.

LaRoe, who is from Florida but living in Hawaii while serving in the military, said there were no announcements or flashing lights when the fire broke out.

"I just heard a loud ringing, which is what caused me to look outside. I actually thought it was something from the street that was making the noise. After I saw people running out and went out the hallway myself, that's when I knew it was a fire alarm going off."

Gordon Kihune, who has lived in the building for about 12 years, said he hasn't seen any fire extinguishers or hoses in the building that he can remember. He didn't hear the alarms going off when the fire broke out, Kihune said.

He said he "only recognized the fact that there was something wrong when I saw the firetrucks pull up, and then I poked my head out, then I could hear the alarm."

Kihune said he has a "bit of a hearing problem" with high-pitched sounds. But because the alarm is in the hallway and not close to his apartment, he could not hear it, he said.

"For people that have that disability, it could be a reason for not hearing it," Kihune said.

Angela Kim, a 30th-floor resident, said she can only hear the sirens if her apartment door is open. She recalled an earlier fire alarm test that she missed entirely. "I slept through it, it's so soft," she said.

The fire broke out in a unit on the 26th floor, where all three of the dead were found, Fire Chief Manuel Neves said.

The building known as the Marco Polo residences is not required to have fire sprinklers, which would have confined the blaze to the unit where it started, Neves said. The 36-floor building near the tourist mecca of Waikiki was built in 1971, before sprinklers were mandatory in high-rises. It has over 500 units.

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Douglas Hesley, branch president of Associa Hawaii, the management group that runs the Marco Polo building, said in a brief statement Saturday that there will be an emergency board meeting to discuss recovery efforts.

Hesley said he could not comment on past fire drills or safety plans that were in place at the time of the fire.

Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell said the city needs to look at passing a law requiring that older buildings be retrofitted with sprinklers.

In 2005, a previous mayor made a similar plea, creating a task force to investigate the costs and arguments for retrofitting older buildings with fire prevention measures including sprinklers. The rule was never implemented.

Tyler Takahata said he owned a unit on the 28th floor until 2015, when he sold the apartment to an elderly woman who was downsizing. He said he was never worried about fire during the five years he lived there because the building had water hoses and extinguishers.

"The fire suppression system seemed adequate. There were hardly any false alarms," he said.

His former apartment is just above the unit where the blaze started and is now completely destroyed. He doesn't know the whereabouts of the woman who moved in.

"Looking at what we're seeing now, I believe they definitely needed sprinklers," Takahata said.

Associated Press writers Marco Garcia, Jennifer Sinco Kelleher and Audrey McAvoy in Honolulu and Michael Balsamo in Los Angeles contributed to this report.

More hurdles as Senate again delays vote on GOP health bill

By HOPE YEN and ERICA WERNER, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate delayed a highly anticipated vote this coming week to repeal and replace the nation's health care law after Sen. John McCain's announced absence due to surgery, an enormous setback as time dwindles for Republicans to pass the signature legislation after years of promises.

The decision by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell late Saturday came not long after McCain's office disclosed that he had undergone surgery to remove a blood clot from above his left eye. He's expected to be out for the week, recovering in Arizona.

Adding to the uncertainty, the Congressional Budget Office also indicated on Sunday it no longer expected to release its analysis on Monday on the estimated cost and scope of insurance coverage under the latest GOP bill, which has the support of President Donald Trump.

The No. 2 Senate GOP leader, John Cornyn of Texas, said he still expected the Senate to move quickly, holding a vote as soon as McCain returns. But amid growing public unease over the bill, some Republicans suggested the delay will make McConnell's task of winning enough support even harder.

In a Senate divided 52-48 between Republicans and Democrats, McConnell can lose no more than two GOP votes and still prevail.

"There are about eight to 10 Republican senators who have serious concerns about this bill. And so at the end of the day, I don't know whether it will pass," said moderate Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine. She has made clear she would vote against the bill, citing proposed cuts to the Medicaid health program for the poor and elderly.

Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., who is also opposed, said doubts also are increasing among Republicans who want to see a fuller repeal of the Affordable Care Act. "The longer the bill's out there, the more conservative Republicans are going to discover that it's not repeal," he said.

The White House said Sunday that Trump was "monitoring what's going on with health care" but did not otherwise weigh in on the growing uncertainty. "We wish Sen. McCain a speedy recovery," said Helen Aguirre Ferre, director of media affairs.

McConnell last week had refashioned the legislation to attract additional GOP votes. The new package added language letting insurers sell discount-priced policies with minimal coverage aimed at winning over

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conservatives, and revised funding formulas that would mean federal money for states including Louisiana and Alaska — home to four GOP senators who are uncommitted on the measure.

But the health care legislation was already hanging by a thread. McCain's absence meant it would become impossible for the majority leader to round up the votes needed this week to proceed on the bill.

It was the second time that McConnell was forced to call off a planned vote, even with heavy lobbying by Trump administration officials. A vote was postponed last month also due to limited support. Democrats are unanimously opposed to the bill, as are the nation's major medical groups and insurers.

"While John is recovering, the Senate will continue our work on legislative items and nominations, and will defer consideration of the Better Care Act," McConnell, R-Ky., said on Saturday. He has already said the Senate will work through the first two weeks of the August recess, citing a need to finish a slate of unfinished business.

McConnell did not indicate when he would aim to return to the health care bill, but Cornyn made clear Sunday that moving quickly is important.

"I believe as soon as we have a full contingent of senators, that we'll have that vote," he said.

Cornyn acknowledged that if the Senate is unable to attract enough GOP votes that it will "keep trying" but will eventually have to come up with a different plan. "We're willing to do what we can to shore up the system now, to stabilize it to make health care available to people now, but we want reforms to go along with it," he said.

The Senate bill, like legislation the House passed earlier, repeals mandates requiring individuals to carry insurance and businesses to offer it, and unravels an expansion of the Medicaid program enacted under President Barack Obama's law. Analyses of the earlier version of the Senate bill found it would result in more than 20 million additional uninsured Americans over a decade compared to current law.

The newest version attempts to attract conservative support by allowing insurers to offer skimpy coverage plans alongside more robust ones, but also reaches out to moderates by adding billions in help for the opioid crisis and to defray high costs for consumers.

In Phoenix, Mayo Clinic Hospital doctors said McCain underwent a "minimally invasive" procedure to remove the nearly 2-inch (5-centimeter) clot and that the surgery went "very well," a hospital statement said. McCain was reported to be resting comfortably at his home in Arizona.

Pathology reports on the clot were expected in the next several days.

McCain, 80, is a three-time survivor of melanoma. Records of his medical exams released in 2008 when he was the GOP candidate for president showed that he has had removed precancerous skin lesions, as well as an early stage squamous cell carcinoma, an easily cured skin cancer.

Cornyn appeared on NBC's "Meet the Press," Collins was on ABC's "This Week" and CNN's "State of the Union," and Paul was on "Fox News Sunday" and CBS' "Face the Nation."

Israel reopens Jerusalem holy site after deadly assault

By ARON HELLER, Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Hundreds of Muslim worshippers visited a Jerusalem holy site Sunday after Israel reopened the compound following a rare closure in response to a deadly shooting last week that raised concerns about wider unrest.

For the first time in decades, Israel closed the site — known to Muslims as the Noble Sanctuary and to Jews as the Temple Mount — on Friday after three Arab citizens of Israel opened fire from the sacred site with automatic weapons, killing two police officers. The three were later shot dead inside the compound.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that following consultations with security officials the site would be reopened Sunday afternoon with increased security measures that included metal detectors at the entrance gates and additional security cameras.

At midday, Israeli police opened two of the gates to the compound to allow worshippers to enter through the newly erected detectors. Police said some worshippers refused to go through them and knelt to pray outside instead. But despite concerns that the new measures could slow movement and spark renewed

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tensions, police said they appeared to be working fine and that 200 people had already passed through.

Israel did not coordinate the changes with Jordan, which serves as the custodian of the Muslim-administered site, according to a Jordanian government official.

Jordan's stance is that anything installed at the site must be approved by the Waqf, or Muslim administration, and cannot change the status quo, said the official who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the still developing situation with reporters.

The Palestinian Minister of Jerusalem Adnan Husseini called for the security arrangements to return to how they were before the deadly attack, saying it "shouldn't be an excuse for making changes."

The attack triggered a rare phone conversation between Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, who condemned the attack and called for the site to be reopened. Netanyahu sought to allay Muslim fears, saying that the status quo at the Muslim-administered site "will be preserved." But Gaza's Hamas rulers called the act a "religious war" and urged Palestinians to carry out more attacks.

Early Sunday, Israeli police said security forces shot dead a Palestinian assailant behind a pair of recent shooting attacks. Spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said police tracked down the 34-year-old suspect in a joint operation with the military. The suspect opened fire with an automatic weapon, prompting the troops to return fire, killing him.

In the past two years, Palestinians have killed 45 Israelis, two visiting Americans and a British tourist in stabbings, shootings and car-ramming attacks. During that period, Israeli forces have killed more than 255 Palestinians, most of them said by Israel to be attackers while others were killed in clashes with Israeli forces.

Israel blames the violence on incitement by Palestinian political and religious leaders compounded on social media sites that glorify violence. Palestinians say the attacks stem from anger over decades of Israeli occupation of territories they claim for their future state.

The Jerusalem shrine has been the scene of repeated confrontations, including during the current wave of violence.

Israel has previously accused Palestinians of stockpiling rocks and other projectiles in one of the mosques in the holy compound. Israeli security forces have fired tear gas and stun grenades at the compound to disperse Palestinian stone throwers, who have at times targeted Jews praying at the adjacent Western Wall.

In September 2000, Israel's then-opposition leader Ariel Sharon made a provocative visit to the site, sparking Palestinian protests that quickly escalated into armed clashes between Palestinian gunmen and Israeli soldiers.

The incident was one of the triggers of an armed Palestinian uprising and an Israeli military crackdown. The violence claimed several thousand victims, most of them Palestinians, and only began to ebb in 2005.

Associated press writer Karin Laub in Jericho, West Bank, contributed to this report.

Macron decries France's Nazi past during Netanyahu visit

By ANGELA CHARLTON, Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — French President Emmanuel Macron denounced France's collaboration in the Holocaust, lashing out Sunday at those who negate or minimize the country's role in sending tens of thousands of Jews to their deaths.

After he and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu attended a Holocaust commemoration, Macron also appealed for renewed Israeli-Palestinian peace talks. Worried that Netanyahu is backing away from commitment to a two-state solution, Macron assailed Jewish settlement construction as a threat to international hopes for peace.

Commemorating 75 years since a mass roundup of Jews during the darkest chapter of modern French history, Macron insisted that "it was indeed France that organized this."

"Not a single German" was directly involved, he said, but French police collaborating with the Nazis.

Holocaust survivors recounted wrenching stories at the ceremony at the site of Vel d'Hiv stadium outside

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Paris, where police herded some 13,000 people on July 16-17, 1942 before they were deported to camps. More than 4,000 were children. Fewer than 100 survived.

They were among some 76,000 Jews deported from France to Nazi camps.

It was a half century later when then-President Jacques Chirac became the first French leader to acknowledge the state's role in the Holocaust's horrors.

Macron dismissed arguments by French far right leaders and others that the collaborationist Vichy regime didn't represent France.

"It is convenient to see the Vichy regime as born of nothingness, returned to nothingness . Yes, it's convenient, but it is false. We cannot build pride upon a lie."

French Jewish leaders hailed Macron's speech Sunday — even as critics railed at him online, where renewed anti-Semitism has flourished. Macron pledged to fight such racism, and called for thorough investigation into the recent killing of a Parisian woman believed linked to anti-Jewish sentiment.

Netanyahu said that "recently we have witnessed a rise of extremist forces that seek to destroy not only the Jews, but of course the Jewish state as well, but well beyond that. ... The zealots of militant Islam, who seek to destroy you, seek to destroy us as well. We must stand against them together."

Pro-Palestinian and other activists protested Netanyahu's appearance in Paris, criticizing Jewish settlement policy and the blockade of Gaza.

Macron condemned an attack last week that killed two Israeli police officers at a Jerusalem shrine revered by Jews and Muslims, and said he is committed to Israel's security — but warned that continued Jewish settlement construction threatens peace efforts.

"I call for a resumption of negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians in the framework of the search for a solution of two states, Israel and Palestine, living in recognized, secure borders with Jerusalem as the capital," Macron told reporters.

At his side, Netanyahu said, "We share the same desire for a peaceful Middle East," but didn't elaborate on eventual peace talks.

While Macron has been flexing his diplomatic skills with outreach to President Donald Trump and others, he didn't indicate any eagerness for France to spearhead such negotiations, after a lackluster French Mideast diplomatic effort under his predecessor early this year.

Macron and Netanyahu also discussed fighting extremism in Syria and elsewhere, and improving economic cooperation.

Astronaut Buzz Aldrin rolls out the red carpet for Mars

By ALEX SANZ, Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Forty-eight years after he landed on the moon, Apollo 11 astronaut Buzz Aldrin on Saturday rolled out a red carpet for the red planet at a star-studded gala at the Kennedy Space Center.

Aldrin, 87, commemorated the upcoming anniversary of the 1969 mission to the moon under a historic Saturn V rocket and raised more than \$190,000 for his nonprofit space education foundation, ShareSpace Foundation . Aldrin believes people will be able to land on Mars by 2040, a goal that NASA shares. The space agency is developing the Space Launch System and the Orion spacecraft to send Americans to deep space.

Apollo astronauts Walt Cunningham, Michael Collins and Harrison "Jack" Schmitt joined Aldrin, one of 12 people to walk on the moon, at the sold-out fundraiser.

"I like to think of myself as an innovative futurist," Aldrin told a crowd of nearly 400 people in the Apollo/Saturn V Center. "The programs we have right now are eating up every piece of the budget and it has to be reduced if we're ever going to get anywhere."

During the gala, the ShareSpace Foundation presented Jeff Bezos with the first Buzz Aldrin Space Innovation Award. Bezos, the founder of Amazon.com and the spaceflight company Blue Origin, is trying to bring the cost of space travel down by reusing rockets.

"We can have a trillion humans in the solar system. What's holding us back from making that next step

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is that space travel is just too darned expensive," Bezos said. "I'm taking my Amazon lottery winnings and dedicating it to (reusable rockets). I feel incredibly lucky to be able to do that."

The foundation also honored former NASA astronaut Mae Jemison, the first African-American woman to travel in space, with the Buzz Aldrin Space Pioneering Award.

"When Buzz says, 'Get your ass to Mars,' it's not just about the physical part of getting to Mars. It's also about that commitment to doing something big and audacious," Jemison told The Associated Press. "What we're doing looking forward is making sure that we use our place at the table."

Space memorabilia was auctioned at the gala, including an autographed first day insurance "cover" that fetched \$42,500 and flew to the surface of the moon. Covers were set up by NASA because insurance companies were reluctant to offer life insurance to pioneers of the U.S. space program, according to the auction website. Money raised from their sale would have paid out to the astronauts' families in the event of their deaths. The covers were issued in limited numbers and canceled on the day of launch.

The gala is the first part of a three-year campaign leading up to the 50th anniversary of the moon landing to help fund advancements that will lead to the future habitation of Mars.

ShareSpace Foundation on Saturday announced a new nonprofit, the Buzz Aldrin Space Foundation, to create an educational path to Mars. During the past year, the foundation has gifted 100 giant maps of Mars to schools and continues to work with children to advance education in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math, or STEAM.

More on ShareSpace Foundation: <https://sharespace.org>

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Today in History By The Associated Press

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Today is Monday, July 17, the 198th day of 2017. There are 167 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On July 17, 1967, after seven dates, Jimi Hendrix quit as the opening act for the Monkees following a concert at Forest Hills Stadium in New York. (Although greatly admired by the Monkees, Hendrix had received a less than enthusiastic reception from their fans.) Jazz composer-musician John Coltrane died in Long Island, New York, at age 40.

On this date:

In 1717, George Frideric Handel's "Water Music" was first performed by an orchestra during a boating party on the River Thames (tehms), with the musicians on one barge, and King George I listening from another.

In 1821, Spain ceded Florida to the United States.

In 1917, during World War I, Britain's King George V issued a proclamation decreeing that the royal family adopt the name "Windsor" while relinquishing "the Use of All German Titles and Dignities." Comedian and actress Phyllis Diller was born in Lima, Ohio.

In 1918, Russia's Czar Nicholas II and his family were executed by the Bolsheviks.

In 1936, the Spanish Civil War began as right-wing army generals launched a coup attempt against the Second Spanish Republic.

In 1944, during World War II, 320 men, two-thirds of them African-Americans, were killed when a pair of ammunition ships exploded at the Port Chicago Naval Magazine in California.

In 1955, Disneyland had its opening day in Anaheim, California.

In 1975, an Apollo spaceship docked with a Soyuz spacecraft in orbit in the first superpower link-up of its kind.

In 1981, 114 people were killed when a pair of suspended walkways above the lobby of the Kansas City Hyatt Regency Hotel collapsed during a tea dance.

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In 1996, TWA Flight 800, a Europe-bound Boeing 747, exploded and crashed off Long Island, New York, shortly after departing John F. Kennedy International Airport, killing all 230 people on board.

In 1997, Woolworth Corp. announced it was closing its 400 remaining five-and-dime stores across the country, ending 117 years in business.

In 2014, all 298 passengers and crew aboard Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 were killed when the Boeing 777 was shot down over rebel-held eastern Ukraine.

Ten years ago: Senate Democrats launched an all-night debate on the Iraq war. VA Secretary Jim Nicholson abruptly resigned in the wake of charges of shoddy health care for veterans injured in the Iraq war. A Brazilian passenger jet crashed while landing in Sao Paulo, Brazil, killing all 187 people aboard and 12 on the ground. Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick was indicted by a federal grand jury in Richmond, Virginia, on charges related to competitive dogfighting. (Vick later admitted bankrolling the dogfighting operation and helping to kill six to eight dogs; he served 23 months in federal custody, the last 60 days in home confinement.) The Dow Jones industrial average crossed 14,000 for the first time before ending the day at 13,971.55.

Five years ago: Testifying before the Senate Banking Committee, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke painted a bleak picture of where the U.S. economy was headed if Congress failed to reach agreement soon to avert a budget crisis. Israel plunged toward a political crisis after the largest party in the government quit, leaving Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in charge of a hard-line coalition opposed to most Mideast peace moves. Basketball sensation Jeremy Lin returned to Houston after the New York Knicks decided they wouldn't match the Rockets' three-year, \$25 million offer for the restricted free agent.

One year ago: Three Baton Rouge law enforcement officers investigating a report of a man with an assault rifle were killed, less than two weeks after a black man was shot and killed by police in the city in a confrontation that sparked nightly protests that reverberated nationwide. (The gunman was killed by tactical officers.) Henrik Stenson shot an 8-under 63 to beat Phil Mickelson by three strokes, becoming the first man from Sweden to win the British Open.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Donald Sutherland is 85. Actress-singer Diahann Carroll is 82. Rock musician Spencer Davis is 78. Sportscaster Verne Lundquist is 77. Comedian Tim Brooke-Taylor is 77. Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, is 70. Rock musician Terry "Geezer" Butler is 68. Actress Lucie Arnaz is 66. Actor David Hasselhoff is 65. Rock musician Fran Smith Jr. (The Hooters) is 65. German Chancellor Angela Merkel (AHN'-geh-lah MEHR'-kuhl) is 63. Television producer Mark Burnett is 57. Actress Nancy Giles is 57. Singer Regina Belle is 54. Rock musician Kim Shattuck is 54. Country singer Craig Morgan is 53. Rock musician Lou Barlow is 51. Contemporary Christian singer Susan Ashton is 50. Actor Andre Royo is 49. Actress Bitty Schram is 49. Actor Jason Clarke is 48. Movie director F. Gary Gray is 48. Singer JC (PM Dawn) is 46. Rapper Sole' is 44. Country singer Luke Bryan is 41. Actor Eric Winter is 41. Hockey player Marc Savard is 40. Actor Mike Vogel is 38. Actor Tom Cullen is 32. Actor Brando Eaton is 31. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jeremih (jehr-uh-MY') is 30. Actress Summer Bishil (BIHSH'-ihl) is 29. Actress Billie Lourd is 25. Actor Leo Howard is 20.

Thought for Today: "Sometimes it's worse to win a fight than to lose." — Billie Holiday, American jazz singer (born 1915, died this date in 1959).