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The new LED lights for SD37 will be erected today. It is expected that they will be all installed and will be energized tonight. Road striping will be done and signs put up with the highway expected to be opened by Thursday. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

			
Oven Fresh Sandwiches	Hot Desserts	Snack Melts	
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Open: Recycling Trailer in Groton
The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

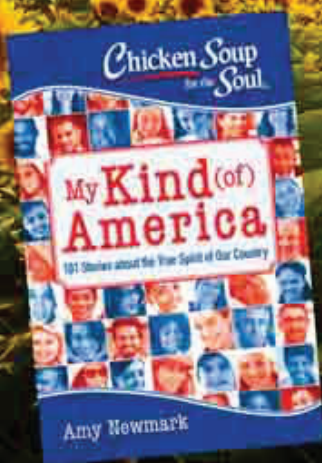
The cardboard/paper
recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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“LIFE IS A CELEBRATION
OF AWAKENINGS,
OF NEW BEGINNINGS,
AND WONDERFUL
SURPRISES THAT
ENLIGHTEN THE SOUL.”

-CIELO



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All auto owners!
Save \$2-\$4 /tank
& grow your local economy
by choosing low carbon
Super Premium E30's
94 octane, more power,
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carbon deposits, lower
maintenance costs,
slashed benzene & related
genotoxic, carcinogenic
tailpipe emissions;
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info, E30 prices\locations.

***Farmers Union's
PSA: Courtesy Merle
Anderson (Merle is 94
year old founder of Ace
and legendary ethanol
supporter... "because it is
the right thing to do")**

Groton Area Help Wanted

The Groton Area School District is seeking qualified applicants for a part-time Assistant Business Manager. Job description and application materials can be found under the employment tab at www.grotonarea.com. Questions should be directed to Joe Schwan, Superintendent at 605-397-2351.

Help Wanted

We are Hiring Nurses – RN or LPN,
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Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

In the early morning hours of Sunday, October 29, the Minnesota Vikings and the Cleveland Browns battled in front of a foreign crowd. Both teams had traveled to England and were playing in Twickenham stadium, a massive stadium located in London that is normally devoted to rugby. The Vikings entered the contest with a 5-2 record and were looking to enter the bye week with a commanding lead in the NFC North. The Browns, on the other hand, were winless this season – after going 1-15 last season – and were hoping a trip across the pond would provide the spark that would ignite their season.

The first half was a nightmare for the Vikings. The Browns won the coin toss and elected to defer, which meant the Vikings would get the ball to start the game. After picking up a first down, Case Keenum's pass was tipped and intercepted by Cleveland. After the turnover, it only took the Browns two plays to score. Before most fans had even gotten their first cup of coffee, the Vikings were down 0-7. By the time the two teams went into their locker rooms for halftime, the Browns were leading 13-12 and were poised to receive the ball to open the second half.

If the first half was a nightmare, the second half was a dream scenario for the Vikings. On the Browns' first play of the second half they fumbled the ball, which was promptly scooped up by safety Anthony Harris (who was filling in for the suspended Andrew Sendejo). The Vikings couldn't muster a first down off the turnover, but they were already in field goal range – and it was quickly 15-13 Minnesota. The Browns took the lead again with a field goal in the third quarter, but the Vikings responded quickly with a touchdown to re-take the lead – one they wouldn't surrender. The rest of the game was all Minnesota, with the final score reading 33-16 good guys.

Case Keenum got the start again. He was cold to start the game, but ended with 288 yards and two touchdowns. The Vikings were unable to get much going in the run game, finishing with 88 yards on 34 carries (2.6 yards per carry). Jerick McKinnon was the star on offense, accumulating 122 total yards (50 rushing, 72 receiving) and a touchdown.

Defensively, the Vikings gave up two quick touchdowns in the first half. They must have gotten chewed out at halftime by head coach Mike Zimmer, however, as they only gave up three points from there on out. The Vikings usually fearsome defensive line was limited because of the field conditions, so they couldn't get much of a pass rush going. The secondary was up to the task though, coming up big with eight pass deflections. The Vikings had three sacks on the day, with one of them going to Everson Griffen. Griffen has now tied an impressive NFL record, recording a sack in each of the team's first eight games of a season.

Looking ahead, the Vikings will return home from London and take a small vacation. The team will have their bye week, before returning to action in week 10 against the Washington Redskins. The game will start at noon Central Time on November 12. The Vikings should be a favorite to win this contest, but Washington is a team loaded with talent and it won't be an easy victory. I may be an optimist, but I don't believe there are many teams in the NFL who pose a threat to the Vikings, and Washington isn't one of them. Skol!

Have any questions or comments? Reach out to me on Facebook ([facebook.com/SkolJWright](https://www.facebook.com/SkolJWright)) or on Twitter (@SkolJWright).

At Home with Dementia

By Richard P. Holm, MD



By Richard P. Holm M.D.

In the U.S. there are almost five million people with mild to moderate dementia. Studies show that about 70% of these people are at home, either alone or with a caregiver (often a spouse). If more people with mild to moderate dementia could stay home safely, this would save Medicare and Medicaid a great deal of taxpayer money. More importantly, this would provide those affected by dementia with their preferred environment. Indeed, it is important to allow all people the chance to stay at home whenever possible.

Recent Johns Hopkins research studied more than 250 people with dementia and found that 99% of the demented and 97% of their care givers had at least one unmet need. The foremost unmet need was safety issues which increased risk of falling, such as poor lighting in walkways. Other unmet needs included not performing regular exercise, poor follow-up with health care providers, not having prepared legal and estate planning, and not receiving needed help with medications and daily living activities. Researchers found that individuals with lower income, with depression, and/or with borderline—rather than severe—dysfunction, had significantly more unmet needs.

When there were at-home caregivers for these folks with early dementia, the caregivers were often not aware of these deficiencies. Add to all of this, the needs of the caregivers were often ignored or unrecognized. Remarkably, at-home caregiver stress and depression was one of the strongest predictors for an earlier move of the person, with dementia, to the nursing home.

Methods to enhance a person's chance of staying at home are not difficult. Preparation for legal issues and estate planning should be done early and BEFORE memory loss. Other methods include providing raised toilet seats, grab bars in the bath and bedroom, properly tacked down carpets, adequate night-time lighting, and proper day and night time footwear. Researchers also strongly advise providing enhanced support for caregivers, such as educating them about support services available, like social services, occupational therapy, and caregiver support groups. In addition, screening for and treatment of any caregivers' depression should be provided. This would go a long way in helping people stay at home as they age.

Bottom line: most of us (and our families) are not prepared for the possibility of dementia as we age. If we prepare, we greatly improve our chances for staying at home.

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The First Vote for Woman Suffrage in South Dakota

“Under God the People Rule’ Motto of South Dakota. ARE WOMEN PEOPLE??”

SOUTH DAKOTA

HISTORY & HERITAGE

This was the question asked in a column under the heading “Womans Realm” that appeared in the Dec. 6, 1889, Wessington Springs Herald.

The question of woman suffrage – the legal right of women to vote – was beginning to be discussed throughout the state, according to that “Womans Realm” column. The column featured articles from other newspapers and information about the suffrage movement, usually compiled by LoElla Blank, the Herald’s associate editor.

The suffrage movement in the United States is said to have started when more than 300 people met in Seneca Falls, N.Y., in July 1848, to discuss the “social, civil and religious rights of women.” Among the resolutions passed was one in favor of woman suffrage.

Dakotans began debating the vote for women in territorial days.

The Dakota Territorial Legislature came within one vote of enfranchising women in 1872. In 1885, Rep. John Pickler of Faulkton promoted a bill for woman suffrage which passed both houses of the Dakota Territorial Legislature. It was vetoed by Gov. Gilbert Pierce.

When South Dakota became a state in 1889, its constitution required that the first legislature submit a constitutional woman suffrage amendment to the voters. The amendment stated that the word “male” would be stricken from the article of the state constitution that gave the right to vote to every qualified male person in the state. This election was to take place on Nov. 4, 1890.

In the fall of 1889, Susan B. Anthony announced that she and other leaders in the woman suffrage campaign would be focusing on South Dakota until the election.

“All the best speakers, all the best workers in the woman’s suffrage ranks in the United States are to be turned into the field of South Dakota. We have every assurance that we are going to carry the day,” Anthony was quoted in the Kimball Graphic as telling a Minneapolis reporter.

Anthony arrived in the state on Nov. 11, 1889, to make a lecture tour.

She set up headquarters in Huron the following April.

The “Womans Realm” column of May 23, 1890, quoted the Pierre Free Press as stating, “The woman suffrage campaign seems to be progressing smoothly. It is generally conceded, even by those who stay on the off side of the fence, that the cause of the ladies will win.”

Despite this optimism, there were indications that all was not going well.

The July 25, 1890, “Womans Realm” reported that at the state Democratic convention, E.W. Miller declared on the floor that “no decent woman in South Dakota was asking the suffrage.” This statement was reportedly received with deafening applause.

The Farmers’ Alliance and the Knights of Labor had promised to support woman suffrage. They merged to form the Independent Party, which did not include woman suffrage in its platform. Liquor interests and immigrants were opposed to suffrage. Disagreements among leaders in the suffrage movement gave newspapers the opportunity to make fun of the women and, by association, the suffrage cause, accord-



Photo of Major John A. Pickler is from the South Dakota State Historical Society – State Archives.

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Susan B Anthony

ing to Cecelia M. Wittmayer in the article "The 1889-1890 Woman Suffrage Campaign: A Need to Organize," published in Vol. 11, No. 3 of "South Dakota History."

"The two strongest opponents to woman suffrage in South Dakota are the Sioux Falls Press and the Sioux Falls Argus-Leader," stated the "Womans Realm" of July 4, 1890.

An editorial in the Argus-Leader, endorsed by some other newspapers, argued that if 50,000 women of legal voting age signed a petition in favor of suffrage, it would be granted to them.

The 1895 Census indicates that South Dakota had 72,251 women over the age of 20. Collecting 50,000 signatures was impossible because of the lack of roads, the distance between homes and towns, and harsh weather, according to Wittmayer.

By the time the election rolled around, there had been 1,600 addresses by national and state speakers and under the auspices of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union; 400 local and county clubs of women's organizations formed; and literature sent to every voter in the state, according

to Dorinda Riessen Reed in "The Woman Suffrage Movement in South Dakota."

During the Nov. 4, 1890 election, 68,654 men voted on the amendment for woman suffrage. Of these, 45,632 voted against woman suffrage and 22,972 for it.

Suffragists had not been able to convince voters that women wanted the right to vote or that there would be any gain by adopting an equal suffrage amendment, wrote Reed.

It would not be until 1918 when South Dakota voters approved a constitutional amendment granting women voting privileges in state elections. In 1919, Congress sent a woman suffrage amendment to all the states and South Dakota ratified it in a special session that year. The 19th Amendment was ratified and took effect in 1920, giving women throughout the country the right to vote.

This moment in South Dakota history is provided by the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation, the nonprofit fundraising partner of the South Dakota State Historical Society at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. Find us on the web at www.sdhsf.org. Contact us at info@sdhsf.org to submit a story idea.

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Today in Weather History

October 30, 1943: Snow fell across much of central and north central South Dakota on this date in 1943. Snowfall amounts of 2 to 7 inches occurred. Snowfall amounts included, 2 inches at Timber Lake, 4 inches at Murdo, 5 inches at Mobridge, and 7 inches at Kennebec and Pierre.

October 30, 1950: Much above normal temperatures occurred across the entire area of central and northeast South Dakota as well as west central Minnesota. Record highs were mostly in the 80s across the area. The records were 78 degrees at Sisseton, 80 degrees at Wheaton, 85 degrees at Watertown

and Aberdeen, 86 degrees at Mobridge, 88 degrees at Pierre, and a hot 91 degrees at Kennebec.

1925 - Nashville, TN, was blanketed with an inch of snow, their earliest measurable snow of record. (The Weather Channel)

1947 - The Donora, PA, smog disaster finally came to an end. For five days an inversion trapped impurities in the lower atmosphere over the Monongahela Valley killing 20 persons, and leaving more than 2000 others sick. (26th-30th) (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Severe thunderstorms in Oklahoma produced golf ball size hail and wind gusts to 74 mph near the town of Gould. Unseasonably warm weather prevailed across the central U.S. Temperatures warmed into the 80s from Texas to the Lower Missouri Valley. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Ten cities in the Upper Midwest reported record low temperatures for the date. The morning low of 20 degrees at South Bend IND was a record for October, and lows of 18 degrees at Grand Rapids MI and 20 degrees at Fort Wayne IND equalled records for October. The low of 2 degrees at International Falls MN smashed their previous record for the date by 11 degrees. Syracuse NY received 2.9 inches of snow to establish a record for October with 5.7 inches for the month. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Temperatures soared into the 70s in the north-eastern U.S. The record high of 73 degrees at Alpena MI marked their sixth straight day of record warmth. In the western U.S., Klamath Falls OR reported a record low of 19 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

1991: The Perfect Storm, also known as the No-Name Storm reached maximum strength on this day with a low pressure of 972 mb and sustained winds of 69 mph.

ROSLYN, SOUTH DAKOTA

4-PLEX FOR SALE

The following real estate is for sale:

Lots Seven (7), Eight (8) and Nine (9), Block Twenty-two (22), Original Plat, Roslyn, Day County, South Dakota;

A/k/a 716 1st Street, Roslyn, South Dakota; st Consisting of lots and 4-plex apartment house, currently unoccupied and has been for five (5) years. Property is to be sold "AS IS". Apartment units have electric baseboard heat and electric hot water heaters. Apartment units also include electric ranges, refrigerators, and washers/dryers.

No warranties are being offered on the appliances ("AS IS").

Interested parties should submit sealed bids to Law Office of Danny R. Smeins, P.C., 506 Main Street, Webster, SD 57274, or hand delivered to the same address prior to 5:00 p.m. on the 14th day of November, 2017. Bids will be opened after the bid deadline, and Seller will identify the bidders that will be invited to raise their bid on the 17 day of November, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. at the Law Office of Danny R. Smeins, P.C. in Webster, South Dakota. Not all bidders will be invited to raise their bid.

Successful bidder will be required to execute a standard Purchase Agreement and make an earnest money deposit.

SELLER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS.

Direct all inquiries, questions or requests for real estate information to Danny R. Smeins, Attorney at Law, at (605) 345-4875 or (605) 448-5964 or Ray Lardy, Roslyn Homes, Inc., at (605) 228-1597 or Richard Galbraith at (605) 229-0180.

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Scattered Flurries and Breezy

High: 36 °F



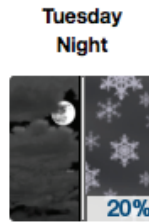
Mostly Cloudy and Blustery then Partly Cloudy

Low: 15 °F



Partly Sunny

High: 39 °F



Mostly Cloudy then Slight Chance Snow

Low: 28 °F



Slight Chance Rain/Snow then Slight Chance Rain

High: 49 °F



Mostly Cloudy

Low: 27 °F



Partly Sunny

High: 41 °F



National Weather Service
Aberdeen, SD

www.weather.gov/abr

GRAPHIC CREATED:
10/30/2017 5:14 AM

Published on: 10/30/2017 at 5:20AM

Gusty northwesterly winds can be expected today, along with isolated to scattered snow flurries. Highs only in the 30s. Halloween will be dry, but cool with highs in the mid-30s, to the mid-40s

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 51.6

Low Outside Temp: 37.8

High Gust: 35

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 85° in 1950

Record Low: 8° in 1991

Average High: 50°F

Average Low: 27°F

Average Precip in Oct: 1.95

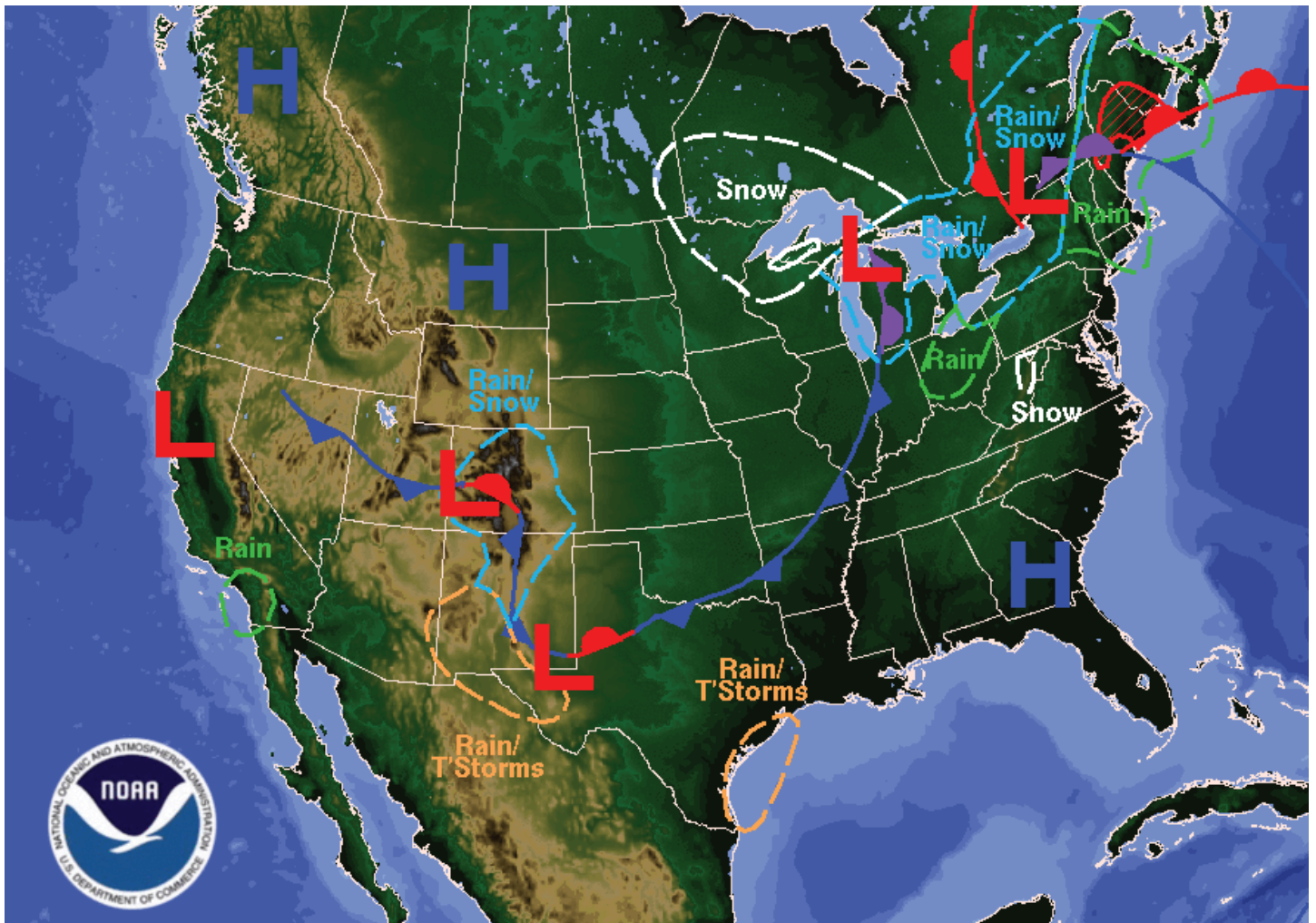
Precip to date in Oct: 0.67

Average Precip to date: 20.43

Precip Year to Date: 13.47

Sunset Tonight: 6:23 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 8:12 a.m.



Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Mon, Oct 30, 2017, issued 4:58 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

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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PURPOSE AND POSSIBILITIES

It began when I bought him his first pair of cowboy boots. He looked at them lovingly and wore them with great pride. Even to bed. After he fell asleep, I would quietly go into his room and remove them gently not wanting to awaken him.

Michael and I "progressed" from the boots to jeans and a plaid shirt. Then a vest. Finally, a cowboy hat. Standing in front of the mirror in his room one day, he declared with pride: "I'm Cowboy Mike." At that moment in his young life, he decided who he was and what he wanted to be: he discovered his destiny by the clothes he wore and the dreams he had as he watched cowboy movies.

Each of us, at one time or another, had a dream about who we wanted to become and what we planned to do with the life that God gave us. We wanted to bring the future into the present with carefully detailed plans and goals. We chose classes and programs of study to help us prepare for occupations that fit into our dreams. We looked forward to accomplishments that would bring us joy and happiness, satisfaction and success. For some life unfolds as planned. For others there were starts and stalls and stops. We worked hard at life.

To make the most of life, however, we must not eliminate God from our plans. He knows what is best for us because He gave us life. Writing from a cave one day David finally said, "I cry out to God Most High Who has a plan for me." It's never too late to seek His plan for your life.

Prayer: Lord, may we look to You to discover the plan You have for each of us and make You the center of our life. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 57:2 – I cry out to God Most High, to God, who vindicates me.

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2018 Groton SD Community Events

- Groton Lion's Club Bingo- Wednesday Nights 6:30pm at the Groton Legion (Year Round)
- 11/18/2017-3/31/2018 Groton Lion's Club Wheel of Meat- Saturday Nights 7pm at the Groton Legion (Fall/Winter Months)
- 1/28/2018 Carnival of Silver Skates 2pm & 6:30pm
- 3/24/2018 Easter Egg Hunt (Saturday a week before Easter Weekend)
- 5/5/2018 Spring City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Saturday in May)
- 5/28/2018 Groton American Legion Post #39 Memorial Day Program at the Cemetery, Lunch to follow at the American Legion (Memorial Day)
- 6/14/2018 Transit Fundraiser (Middle Thursday in June)
- 6/15/2018 SDSU Golf at Olive Grove
- 6/16/2018 Triathlon (Saturday before Father's Day)
- 7/4/2018 Firecracker Golf Tourney (4th of July)
- 7/22/2018 Summer Fest (4th Sunday in July)
- 9/8/2018 Fall City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Saturday after Labor Day)
- 10/6/2018 Pumpkin Fest (Saturday before Columbus Day)
- 10/12/2018 Band Festival (2nd Friday in October)
- 10/31/2018 Trunk or Treat (Halloween)
- 11/10/2018 Groton American Legion Post #39 Turkey Shoot (Saturday closest to Veteran's Day)

- Best Ball Golf Tourney
- SDSU Golf Tourney
- Sunflower Golf Tourney
- Santa Claus Day
- Fireman's Stag
- Tour of Homes
- Crazy Dayz/Open Houses
- School Events

News from the Associated Press

Antique dealers' African-American collectables spark debate

By ANGELICA CABRAL, Cronkite News

MESA, Ariz. (AP) — Visitors to antique shops on Main Street in Mesa will see stores crammed with primarily benign American memorabilia. A 19th century record player, a vintage 1990s Barbie, or a campaign button promoting Richard Nixon for president line the shelves.

Then, the eyes flit across something more startling. A set of spice jars in the shape of a Mammy, depicting a grinning, big-lipped, dark-skinned woman wearing a scarf.

The selling of African-American memorabilia in Arizona and elsewhere in the country sparks complex questions, similar to recent controversies over Confederate statues. Placing such imagery in the marketplace can raise the specter of racism, while also provoking thought that such products preserve history.

'They're meant to be cute'

Antique store owners selling Mammy figures and other African-American memorabilia in Mesa include a Jewish woman whose grandparents died in the Holocaust, an African-American woman who served in World War II and a man from a family of antique collectors who wants to save emblems of the past for future generations.

Michelle Holz, the owner of Michelle's Antiques, said the spice jars she offered for sale are simply a part of history.

"It was made to be cute. It wasn't made to be racist," Holz said.

Holz, who is Jewish, said her family experienced discrimination — her grandparents died in the Holocaust. A neighboring store owner once sold a photo of Hitler, she said. Although some people were upset, Holz was not offended. Selling such items, although controversial, is necessary, she said.

"When you erase this stuff, people have no knowledge where they came from," Holz said.

Greg Farr, who is white, owns Antique Plaza in Mesa. He also sells what he called "black collectibles."

On a recent day, he had a Mammy cookie jar and figure in his store.

He said most of the people who buy them are African-American and the originals have become so popular, people are actually making reproductions to sell.

"To people who collect it, it's not offensive. It's just what it is," Farr said.

Fannie McClendon is the 97-year-old owner of The Glass Urn, the store next door to Farr's location. An African-American business owner, she said most of her customers who buy black memorabilia have been white.

She said she once had a woman come in and buy a black 19th century doll for her 7-year-old daughter.

"I think she wants to bring her up with the idea that just because (someone is) black, they're not bad people," McClendon said.

At times, she has been unsure whether to sell certain pieces. But she considers them a form of art.

"My husband and I loved art and in art you find all kinds of things," McClendon said.

McClendon, known as Miss Fran to her friends, said serving in the Army alongside white military members and an interracial marriage in her family helped shape her views.

She added she is a lifetime honorary member of the Valley of the Sun Antique Dealers Association, an organization that treats her well.

Steeped in slavery

Black memorabilia items were first made centuries ago, as early as the 1200s, according to Collectors Weekly Magazine. Items at the time ranged from pottery to jewelry that depicted people from Africa. As Europeans and North Americans conducted the slave trade, the pieces gained in popularity and were often used as a way to reinforce stereotypes to bolster slavery.

After the Civil War ended, racist depictions were used to market and perpetuate the idea that black people were inferior, according to Collectors Weekly.

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Everyday items like dishes and figurines portrayed the "Mammy," a caricature of a motherlike black woman who loves to help the white family she works for, and the "Pickaninny," a caricature of a raggedly looking, grinning black child.

The complex issues surrounding black memorabilia extend to the people who buy such items. Historian Henry Louis Gates, the host of "Finding Your Roots" on PBS, is a collector, according to a 2015 post.

"We need to study these images in order to deflect the harm that they continue to inflict upon African-Americans, at the deepest levels of the American unconscious," Gates wrote.

McClendon, the owner of the Glass Urn, said some black people come into her store and "turn their nose up" at the items. McClendon said she doesn't fault them for disliking it.

"I think these are their thoughts, I don't know what they went through in life," McClendon said. "A lot of people went through an awful lot of things, in the South especially."

Artifacts that educate

The Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia, at Ferris State University in Michigan, opened five years ago to document such relics, according to its website.

It has more than 9,000 pieces and is intended to serve as a teaching tool.

"The only real value of the museum has ever been to really engage people in a dialogue," David Pilgrim, the museum's founder, says on the site.

Donald Guillory, a history professor at Arizona State University, said he sees black memorabilia as a way to talk about how people have been misrepresented and to look at a period of time he doesn't want to repeat. But, as an African-American, he has mixed feelings.

"I'm conflicted because I see them both as a historian and as an African-American," Guillory said. "For me, as a historian, I like seeing them in the appropriate context and I think that's what a lot of people have missed."

He said if someone is collecting African-American memorabilia, he would want to ask them why they chose to do so, just as with any other collection.

"If it's anything other than learning the context or teaching about it, why would you want something that offensive, or that overtly offensive, in your home?" Guillory said.

In terms of modern day caricatures, Guillory has issues with hip-hop and trap music. While he feels it has its place, he thinks people can see it and misunderstand what African-American people are really like.

"People on the outside of that may start to accept that as the norm or representative of the culture because they're not as close or they don't associate themselves with people that are part of African-American culture," he said.

He drew a distinction between the issue of removing Confederate statues and black memorabilia. Whereas people can use the antiques to learn, the statues play a different role because of the way society views memorials.

Memorials are "typically to honor something," Guillory said. "They can easily be taken out of context, because if a statue is erected for somebody, we typically associate that statue being erected for good purposes."

He said people can still learn about the Civil War era without the statues. In contrast, having pieces of black memorabilia can be valuable.

"You need those examples to show to people, as far as how things are misrepresented, how far we've come," he said.

South Dakota woman donates her old heart to her alma mater

By KATHERINE GRANDSTRAND, Aberdeen American News

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — Anyone can give from the heart, but Katie Tuff had the rare chance to give her heart.

After a heart transplant in April, Tuff donated her old heart to Presentation College.

"I wanted to donate my heart because I always try to find something good out of the bad things that

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happen," she told the Aberdeen American News. "I thought, well, why waste this?"

Wearing a shirt designed by her cousin that read "recycled parts inside" and purple medical gloves, Tuff held her own heart for the first time. There will eventually be a plaque in the anatomy lab to let people know about her unique donation.

"Katie contacted me — I believe the day after you found out you were officially having the transplant — and said, 'I want to give you my heart,'" said Trisha Waldman, associate dean of the health and natural sciences division at Presentation. "She went through our cadaver lab and she knows the experience of the cadaver lab and wanted that opportunity to give back to our students."

Tuff, 30, graduated from Presentation in 2009 with her nursing degree and had been working in the Brain and Spine Institute at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, where she still lives. She grew up in Watertown.

The heart was wrapped up and rubber-banded in a jar of preservative, and had been with the Tuff family since it was removed. It had been sliced and some pieces could be seen separate from the whole.

Tuff and Waldman donned gloves, and Waldman dove into the jar, carefully unwrapping the organ before handing it to Tuff, who smiled and posed for pictures.

Tuff found out she needed a heart transplant earlier this year and, eight days later, she was heading to the University of Minnesota Medical Center in Minneapolis. The transplant was April 30.

The number eight was recurrent throughout Tuff's transplant process, her dad, Don Tuff, said. The heart was numbered 888, and Katie Tuff got home from the hospital on Aug. 8 — the eighth day of the eighth month of a year in which the digits add up to eight.

Don and Mary Tuff were by their daughter's side throughout the transplant process.

"We didn't even have time for it to sink in," Mary Tuff said.

Katie Tuff was working a night shift when she found out she would be getting her transplant.

"They called and they said you need to get on the plane and come to U of M to get a heart," Tuff said. "Usually people have to wait months and months."

When she was 6, Tuff said she was diagnosed with stage IV kidney cancer. Her heart issues, which date back to 2009, were a result of chemotherapy and radiation treatments she had fighting cancer as a child.

"That damaged my heart at that time, and as I was growing it just kept damaging it, kind of," Tuff said. "In 2009, I was diagnosed with congestive heart failure. I went on some meds and those were working good."

But eventually, the medication stopped working, which is when Tuff found out she needed a new heart.

"And then things started going downhill. I started having a hard time going up stairs and things like that, so I went to the University of Minnesota for a second opinion and they told me I needed a heart transplant," Tuff said.

Tuff was diagnosed with restrictive cardiomyopathy. It is the rarest form of cardiomyopathy, a condition in which the walls of the lower chambers of the heart are abnormally rigid and lack the flexibility to expand as the ventricles fill with blood, according to information from the Cleveland Clinic.

It hasn't exactly been smooth sailing since the transplant, Tuff said.

"I was actually in the hospital for about three months," Tuff said. "With all sorts of things, (gastrointestinal) bleeds, blood clots, chicken pox."

Tuff is a petite woman, and she said she lost about 20 pounds after her transplant.

"I'm pretty much down to therapy and working on weight gain," she said. "I really didn't have 20 pounds to lose."

Slowly but surely, she's getting better. Eventually, she thinks she'll be on fewer medications than she was pre-transplant, including her anti-rejection meds.

Her doctors thought she would be back at work about a year after the transplant, but Tuff said she might want to make her return a little sooner.

"I'm going to try to go back before a year," she said. "They might have me do half-shifts at first."

In order to get the old heart out, all of the nerves had to be severed, she said. Her new heart always

beats at about 110 beats per minute.

Tuff said she doesn't know much about the donor and doesn't want to learn more until she's stronger. At Presentation, her old heart will be kept separate from some other specimens in the lab, but it will still be used to teach students.

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South Dakota city picks company to run public golf courses

By JOE SNEVE, Argus Leader

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Torrey Pines in San Diego. Augusta National, home to the Masters, in Georgia. And South Dakota's own private golf oasis on the Missouri River, Sutton Bay.

City Hall's pick for its next golf course manager, Landscapes Unlimited, is no stranger to the golf world, having worked on or with some of the most esteemed courses on the planet. And in Sioux Falls, the company helped the city build Prairie Green Golf Course in the '90s, and more recently completed the renovation of Elmwood Golf Course.

But the Lincoln, Nebraska, company, which was founded as a golf course construction and irrigation firm, more recently began building a reputation as a financial rescuer of sorts for public and private golf courses struggling to keep budgets in the black. That's an expertise Sioux Falls officials hope will take the burden of providing public golf off the backs of taxpayers.

In 2015, the 400-member Winchester (Virginia) Country Club was at a crossroads: Close its doors for good or make dramatic changes. Like Sioux Falls, which budgets about \$400,000 to keep municipal golf courses running each year, a century-old country club was dealing with years of budgets in the red.

Not ready to give up, the club's board of directors began searching for answers. It found them in Landscapes Unlimited, which today has bolstered membership by nearly 100 and has the Winchester Country Club out of financial dire straits.

"They've stemmed the tide," said Linda Miles, President of the Winchester Country Club Board of Directors. "Prior to them coming on, we had projected to lose a great deal of money. Within three years, we'll be back in the black because of what they're doing for us."

Stories like that have catapulted Landscapes Unlimited's reputation as a leading golf-course manager in the country and world.

And now it has also brought them back to Sioux Falls, tapped by the city's selection committee, to run its three public golf courses for the next five years.

"In every way they were impressive," City Councilor Marshall Selberg said after news broke Landscapes Unlimited was being recommended by City Hall to take over golf course operations.

Selberg was one of six who vetted Landscapes Unlimited and four other firms vying for the city's golf contract, including local companies GreatLIFE and Dakota Golf Management, which has operated the public courses since the mid-1990s.

During the announcement, Selberg and other city officials involved in the selection process said all the candidates were strong, but the decision to go with Landscapes Unlimited was resounding.

"If they weren't the top (in every category), they were tied for it, everything from experience to the fee offer," Selberg told the Argus Leader .

And if you ask industry insiders like Ron Whitten — a former Kansas golf course owner, a golf course architect, and an editor at Golf Digest magazine — Sioux Falls couldn't have made a better pick, especially considering how the city is trying to up its golf game with more high-profile tournaments, a new hotel at Elmwood Golf Course and more golfers moving into the area with the city's population boom.

"Sioux Falls is on the golf map right now, and they're a first-class operation," he said. "That's what you need if you want people to stay at the hotel and play that golf course. It has to look like a country club and feel like a country club every day."

But managing golf courses wasn't always Landscapes Unlimited forte. Though founded in 1976, it was

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only about a decade ago it got into the third-party management business.

Until then, Landscapes Unlimited was primarily just a golf course construction and continuously expanding its portfolio of courses. It helped the city of Sioux Falls construct the Prairie Green golf course 1991, and more recently it was in Sioux Falls while the city renovated Elmwood over a three-year period.

But when the golf course construction industry slowed in the late 1990s, Landscapes Unlimited founder Bill Kubly began acquiring and constructing golf courses of his own.

"We didn't experiment with anybody else's dollars and we had our concepts and practices well refined before we offered our services to others," said Mark Mattingly, vice president of business development for Landscapes Unlimited. "That was the case until 2007 when we took on our first outside client in Bellevue, Nebraska — the Platteview Country Club."

That country club has been joined by 87 other public and privately owned recreation facilities since then. Today, their active portfolio includes more than 45 golf properties nationwide, as well as locations in Canada and China.

The course in China, Shanqin Bay on Hainin Island, was built and is operated by Landscapes Unlimited, and annually ranks in Golf Digest's Top 100 golf course list. This year it was ranked the 38th best golf course in the world.

That large footprint in both the construction and management side of the golf industry gives Landscapes Unlimited an economy of scale that benefits all of its clients, Mattingly said.

"When you're buying for 50, the pricing is significantly better than when you're buying for one or two," he said. "We have relationships like that all throughout the food and beverage industry, alliances from a merchandising standpoint . a lot of relationships that can be leveraged so we can pass along those saving to our clients."

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Severe weather sweeps through Northeast, 300K without power

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Severe weather pounded the Northeast region with powerful winds and drenching rains early Monday, leaving nearly 300,000 without power.

Southern New England appeared to suffer the brunt of the storm damage overnight.

Eversource reported more than 155,000 Connecticut customers were without power around 6:30 a.m. Monday. National Grid also reported more than 141,000 customers were without power in New York state, Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

About 22,000 customers were without electricity in both Pennsylvania and New Jersey as the powerful wind and pounding rain swept through and caused a number of delays for commuters.

National Weather Service meteorologist Joe Dellicarpini said there were reports of downed trees and power lines around the region and roads that were impassable in spots due to flash flooding.

The Meriden Humane Society in Connecticut put out a call for volunteers on its Facebook page Sunday night to help deal with flooding in its dog kennels. A couple of hours later, the humane society thanked the volunteers who turned out to help dig a "major trench" to drain water away from the building.

"We are beyond humbled at the outpouring of support from our community," the humane society wrote on its Facebook page. "Thanks to all of you, our dogs will be sleeping very comfortably and most importantly very dry!"

Flash flood and high wind warnings were issued across the region. Dellicarpini said parts of Rhode Island and Massachusetts saw wind gusts of up to 70 mph or more. Conimicut Light on Narragansett Bay in Rhode Island reported a wind gust of 81 mph.

The same storm system also caused problems earlier Sunday in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York. WABC-TV reported a driver trapped in high water in Newark, New Jersey, had to climb out of his car window to escape.

"I didn't know it was that deep ... just put the window down and got out," he told the television station. Dellicarpini said the storm was expected to continue through the early morning hours Monday in southern New England before moving north to Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont.

The storm began making its way up the East Coast on Sunday, which also was the fifth anniversary of Superstorm Sandy. That 2012 storm devastated the nation's most populous areas, was blamed for at least 182 deaths in the U.S. and Caribbean and more than \$71 billion in damage in this country alone.

Who's in charge? Catalans wonder after Spain takes control

By ARITZ PARRA and ELENA BECATOROS, Associated Press

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) — Catalonia's civil servants returned to work Monday for the first time since Spain's central government rejected an independence declaration by imposing direct control, as Madrid warned that sacked regional leaders face criminal charges if they attempt to perform any official duties.

Catalans watched and wondered whether the ousted leaders would defy their firing and face arrest, escalating a political crisis that already appears to have no easy way out.

Speculation raged about the whereabouts of the dismissed Catalan President Carles Puigdemont and his deposed Cabinet, whose reaction will be key to whether Madrid's takeover will be smooth or face opposition.

As staff arrived at the headquarters of the Catalan government in Barcelona, Puigdemont posted a photo on Instagram of a courtyard at the building. Both the Catalan and Spanish national flags waved from the top of the building.

The ambiguous Instagram post, accompanied by the words "Good morning" in Catalan and a smiley emoticon, left many guessing whether Puigdemont was inside the building. There was no indication of when the photo was taken.

As dozens of journalists, curious onlookers and bemused tourists gathered in the square outside the Gothic government palace in central Barcelona, residents expressed confusion about who was actually in charge of Catalonia.

"I don't know — the Catalan government says they are in charge, but the Spanish government says they are," said Cristina Guillen, an employee in a nearby bag shop. "So I have no idea, really.

"What I really think is that nobody is in charge right now," she said.

At least one portrait of Puigdemont was still hanging on a wall inside the Catalan government's Generalitat building.

Puigdemont is likely to be accused of rebellion on Monday for pushing ahead with secession. Spain's government has said the ousted leaders could be charged with usurping others' functions if they attempt to carry on working.

At least one member of the ousted government defied his dismissal by showing up at work and posting a photo on Twitter from his formal office.

"In the office, exercising the responsibilities entrusted to us by the people of Catalonia," said Josep Rull, who until last week was the region's top official in charge of territorial affairs.

Two police officers entered and left the building, followed minutes later by Rull, who told reporters and supporters that he would continue carrying out his agenda.

But there were no official events listed on the regional government's public agenda that is published online daily. Meanwhile, the two separatist parties in the former Catalan governing coalition held separate meetings to decide their next move.

Spanish authorities say deposed officials will be allowed to take their personal belongings from official buildings, but are barred from performing any official duties.

Interior Minister Juan Ignacio Zoido said Monday that the government was giving the separatist politicians "a few hours" of time because the goal was "to recover normality in a discreet way and under the principle of minimal intervention" from central authorities.

Catalonia's regional parliament proclaimed independence from Spain in a secret ballot Friday. The Spanish government dissolved the legislature, fired the government and regional police chief and called a new

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election for Dec. 21.

The vote to secede came after an Oct. 1 referendum in favor of independence that was deemed illegal by Spain's constitutional court.

Puigdemont has vowed peaceful and "democratic opposition" to his Cabinet's dismissal, but he hasn't clarified if that means accepting an early regional election as a way out of the deadlock.

Separatist parties and grassroots groups have spoken of waging a campaign of disobedience to hamper the efforts by central authorities to run the region.

A key factor will be how Catalonia's estimated 200,000 public workers would react to their bosses' dismissal, and whether any stay away from work in protest.

Secession moves by this wealthy northeastern region of 7.5 million have tipped Spain into its deepest crisis in decades.

On Sunday, hundreds of thousands took part in an anti-independence demonstration in Barcelona, calling for Catalonia to remain in Spain and backing Rajoy's use of unprecedented constitutional powers to seize wrest control from the pro-independence regional administration.

"We won't let Spain be torn apart into pieces," read one banner. "The awakening of a silenced nation," read another.

"We have organized ourselves late, but we are here to show that there is a majority of Catalans that are no longer silent and that no longer want to be silenced," said Alex Ramos, head of Catalan Civil Society, a pro-union grassroots group.

The organizers said more than 1 million people turned out but police put the figure at 300,000.

Many who oppose independence fear the political turmoil in Catalonia could have a severe economic impact, both in the region and on Spain itself.

Some 1,700 companies have already relocated their headquarters to other parts of Spain in recent weeks amid the uncertainty.

Spanish financial markets rose Monday after a poll suggested support for Catalan independence is waning, after falling amid Friday's tumult. The Ibex 35 stock index was up 1.4 percent at 10,338 points, about as much as it had fallen on Friday. Spanish government bonds were also higher.

The driver seems to have been a poll published by Spanish daily El Pais over the weekend that indicated more Catalans are against the declaration of independence than in favor. That suggests the independence movement might lose power when a new regional election is held.

Jill Lawless in Barcelona, and Carlo Piovano in London, contributed to this story.

US Navy ship with 2 women rescued at sea reaches Japan

By KEN MORITSUGU, Associated Press

WHITE BEACH NAVAL FACILITY, Japan (AP) — Two women from Hawaii who were adrift on a storm-battered sailboat in the Pacific for months set foot on solid ground Monday at a U.S. Navy base in southern Japan.

The USS Ashland rescued Jennifer Appel and Tasha Fuiava and their two dogs about 1,450 kilometers (900 miles) southeast of Japan, and brought them to America's White Beach Naval Facility after waiting for a typhoon to pass.

The two women, sporting USS Ashland knit shirts, were standing with the commanding officer and others high on the bridgeway as the ship docked. They later spoke to reporters on the flight deck before clearing customs and walking down metal stairs to the dock.

They had left Honolulu on May 3 aboard Appel's 15-meter (50-foot) vessel, the Sea Nymph, for what was supposed to be an 18-day trip to Tahiti. Storms flooded the engine, destroying the starter, and damaged the mast so badly that they couldn't generate enough wind power to stay on course, they said.

The two women tried to return and at one point in June were within 1,345 kilometers (726 nautical miles) of Oahu but couldn't make it, Appel said.

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"We knew we weren't going to make it," she said. "So that's when we started making distress calls. We were hoping that one of our friends who likes to go deep sea fishing and taking people out might have gone past the 400-mile mark and might have cruised near where we would be."

The women said they drifted aimlessly and sent unanswered distress calls for 98 consecutive days.

They were thousands of miles in the wrong direction when a Taiwanese fishing vessel found them. Towing the sailboat damaged it further, but Appel said she paddled over to the Taiwanese vessel on a surfboard and made a mayday call. The Ashland, which happened to be in the area to avoid a storm, traveled (160 kilometers) 100 miles and found them the next day, said the ship's commanding officer, Cmdr. Steven Wasson.

The women said they ran out of food for the dogs and began sharing their own, leaving their food supply 90 percent depleted by the time they were rescued.

On Wednesday, the USS Ashland picked up the women and the dogs, Zeus and Valentine, all four looking remarkably fit for having been lost at sea for nearly six months.

Appel told reporters on Friday that they were beginning to believe they were completely out of luck when they saw the U.S. Navy ship chugging toward them.

"When I saw the gray ship on the horizon, I was just shaking," she said then. "I was ready to cry, I was so happy. I knew we were going to live."

The Navy sent a six-person crew on a small boat over to the sailboat. Wasson said they determined "there were just too many things that needed to be solidified to make that vessel seaworthy again ... so that's why we brought them on board."

His ship, which transports and deploys amphibious landing craft, wasn't equipped to bring the sailboat back, so it was abandoned at sea. The two women still hope it will be found and they can repair it. If not, Appel said they want to build an "unsinkable and unbreakable boat" and set out for Tahiti again.

"We still never got to see the 20,000 islands, so I think that would be the most fantastic trip for May of next spring," she said.

Although Appel has been sailing the Hawaiian islands for 10 years and spent two years preparing for this voyage, she acknowledged that she and Fuiava, a novice sailor, may not have prepared as well as they could have.

Appel earlier credited their survival in part to the veteran sailors in Hawaii who had warned them to prepare well for their journey.

"They said pack every square inch of your boat with food, and if you think you need a month, pack six months, because you have no idea what could possibly happen out there," she said. "And the sailors in Honolulu really gave us good advice. We're here."

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. SENATORS TO PRESS NATIONAL SECURITY TEAM ON NEW WAR AUTHORITY

Lawmakers argue that battlefield dynamics have changed since 9/11 and that backing overseas combat operations needs to reflect current threats.

2. SHIP WITH RESCUED SAILORS REACHES US BASE IN OKINAWA

Two women from Hawaii who were adrift on a storm-battered sailboat in the Pacific for months set foot on solid ground at a U.S. Naval base in southern Japan.

3. WHAT ARE NEXT STEPS IN CATALONIA SAGA

Exactly how Madrid imposes its authority on the region, and how independence-minded Catalan leaders and their supporters react, will be critical to how the drama plays out.

4. IT'S SIGN-UP SEASON FOR 'OBAMACARE'

But the Trump administration isn't making it easy — cutting the enrollment period in half, slashing advertising and dialing back on counselors who help consumers get through the process.

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5. WHO IS SLATED TO TESTIFY IN BERGDAHL TRIAL

The wife of a seriously wounded soldier is expected to give emotional testimony in the sentencing hearing for the convicted Army sergeant.

6. IMPRISONED AT 15, LIFER GOES FREE AT 43

Bobby Hines, whose release comes after a U.S. Supreme Court ban on mandatory life without parole for teen offenders, has formed a friendship with his victim's sister, AP discovers.

7. KEVIN SPACEY APOLOGIZES AFTER ACTOR ALLEGES PAST SEXUAL ADVANCE

The two-time Oscar-winner says he is "beyond horrified" by allegations that he made a sexual overture on then-teenager Anthony Rapp decades ago.

8. DUTERTE SAYS TALKS NEEDED WITH KIM JONG UN

The Philippine president says someone should reassure North Korea's isolated leader that nobody is out to remove him or destroy his country.

9. SEVERE WEATHER STRIKES NORTHEAST

Thousands of people in the region are without power as storms pound multiple states with powerful winds and drenching rains.

10. ASTROS OUTLAST DODGERS IN THRILLER; TAKE 3-2 LEAD IN SERIES

Alex Bregman's RBI single in the 10th inning lifts Houston past Los Angeles 13-12 in a homer-fest that lasted 5 hours, 17 minutes.

Astros blast by Dodgers 13-12 in 10th, lead World Series 3-2

By **BEN WALKER, AP Baseball Writer**

HOUSTON (AP) — When the winning run finally came sliding across home plate on Alex Bregman's single, more than five unforgettable hours after the first pitch, a frantic Carlos Correa sprinted toward his Houston Astros teammates in the middle of the diamond.

Arm in the air, pure elation all over his face.

A last indelible image from a World Series classic filled with them.

Correa, Jose Altuve and the Astros kept hammering away in a wild slugfest that no one saw coming, rallying against Clayton Kershaw and rocking the Los Angeles Dodgers 13-12 in 10 thrilling innings Sunday night for a 3-2 lead.

"I feel like I'm going to have a heart attack out there," Correa said.

In a tension-filled game of monster momentum swings at pulsating Minute Maid Park, the last one belonged to Bregman. With the packed crowd still standing well past midnight, the 23-year-old third baseman hit an RBI single with two outs off Kenley Jansen.

"The best game ever, for sure," Correa said.

Wacky and whacky with seven home runs, this perhaps topped Toronto's 15-14 win over the Phillies in 1993 as the craziest World Series showdown ever.

Exhilaration and exhaustion, spread over 5 hours, 17 minutes.

"Yeah, five-hour game, but it doesn't matter. I can play a 10-hour game if we are going to win," Altuve said.

Now, with both bullpens worn down, the teams get a day to recover. Game 6 will be Tuesday night at Dodger Stadium, where Justin Verlander will try to clinch the Astros' first championship and Rich Hill hopes to save Los Angeles' season.

Altuve, Correa, Yuli Gurriel, George Springer and Brian McCann homered for Houston, the highest-scoring team in the majors this season.

Cody Bellinger and Yasiel Puig went deep for the Dodgers, who scored three times in the ninth to make it 12-all.

"It's hard to put into words all the twists and turns in that game," Astros manager A.J. Hinch said.

"These are just two really good teams, just throwing haymakers at each other trying to outlast each

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other," he said.

Silent when ace Dallas Keuchel got crushed, the orange-clad fans erupted over and over as the Astros sent balls careening all around — and out of — the park.

Yet on another night of Home Run Derby in the Year of the Home Run, no lead was safe.

Puig lined a two-run shot in the ninth, the record 22nd homer in a single Series, and Chris Taylor's two-out single off Chris Devenski tied it.

"I think this whole series has been an emotional roller coaster," Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said. "It's the two best teams playing for a championship. And these are two teams that play 27 outs."

More than that, in fact.

Houston posted its second extra-inning victory of the Series, adding to its 7-6, 11-inning comeback win in a dramatic Game 2.

With two down in the 10th, Jansen hit McCann on the hand with a pitch and Springer walked.

Bregman, who homered off Jansen in Saturday night's loss, lined the next pitch over shortstop to score pinch-runner Derek Fisher, who slid home ahead of the throw from left fielder Andre Ethier.

"We're up 3-2, baby," Bregman said.

Out of nowhere, the Astros climbed out of a four-run hole against Kershaw and then erased two more deficits later in the game, tying it each time on a homer.

Correa leaped and twirled after launching a two-run drive that made it 11-8 in the seventh. Much later, he hurdled the dugout railing the moment Bregman lined his winning single.

Bellinger hit a three-run drive in the fifth that made it 7-4 and seemed to swing things back in the Dodgers' favor. By the end of the mayhem on the mound, it was a mere afterthought.

Each team had 14 hits, eight for extra bases, and both used seven pitchers.

"Man, I'm mentally exhausted right now," Bellinger said.

Before the game, former Presidents George H.W. Bush and son George W. Bush were on the field for the first-pitch ceremony. By the end of the night, most everyone was bushed.

The Astros (13) and Dodgers (9) topped the Series mark for homers, set when Barry Bonds and the Giants lost to the Angels in seven games in 2002.

But really, who imagined this?

No wonder there's a bright sign high above the center field wall for a popular taco place in town — it says Torchys and fit perfectly for a game where pitchers got lit up.

A day earlier, Kershaw stood alone on the mound after the Dodgers' dramatic win in Game 4, trying to get a visual for the biggest start of his career.

This was definitely not how he pictured it.

The three-time NL Cy Young Award winner cruised into the fourth with a 4-0 lead before things suddenly fell apart. After Correa hit an RBI double, Gurriel launched a tying, three-run drive.

Kershaw whipped his head around to watch Gurriel's drive sail, his face immediately showing shock, utter disbelief and frustration, all wrapped up in one expression before he bent over, hands on his knees.

Yanked in the fifth, Kershaw trudged off with a dubious distinction — he has allowed a postseason-record eight home runs this year.

"Just exactly what you expect (when you) come to the park with Keuchel and Kershaw pitching," Hinch said.

Hardly a repeat performance from the opener, when Kershaw dominated while outpitching Keuchel for a 3-1 win.

Gurriel's second homer of the Series also kept open this possibility: Imagine the scene if Major League Baseball presents Gurriel with the MVP trophy, so soon after Commissioner Rob Manfred suspended him for the first five games next year for making a racist gesture toward Dodgers pitcher Yu Darvish.

Keuchel never got into a rhythm during the shortest home start of his All-Star career. His breaking pitches spun without much movement, and he was pulled in the fourth.

The Dodgers hadn't lost a game this year when they led by four runs. But Kershaw's bedeviling post-season past came back to haunt him at the worst time.

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Kershaw was pulled after a pair of two-out walks in the bottom of the fifth. And with the crowd sensing something big, the 5-foot-6 Altuve connected off Kenta Maeda for a home run that made it 7-all.

"At that point, I talked to him before getting the at-bat: 'This is your moment,'" Correa said. "And he didn't let me down. He hit a homer and got us going."

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Steelers lean on D, Smith-Schuster in 20-15 win over Lions

By LARRY LAGE, AP Sports Writer

DETROIT (AP) — JuJu Smith-Schuster made an inside move like a veteran and used his young legs to do the rest.

The rookie receiver scored on a 97-yard touchdown pass from Ben Roethlisberger late in the third quarter, and the Pittsburgh Steelers forced the Detroit Lions to turn the ball over on downs twice in a 20-15 win Sunday night.

Smith-Schuster, selected No. 62 overall out of Southern California, had season highs with seven receptions for 193 yards.

"A lot of people said, 'He's young, he's immature,'" Smith-Schuster said. "I'm 20 years old, but when I'm on the field, playing with my boys, I'm going to get the job done."

Smith-Schuster also knows how to have a little fun. When he got to the sideline after his touchdown, he put a chain that he purchased Sunday on a stationary bike, making light of his bike being stolen and recovered recently.

"He's a little kid, excited for the moment," veteran defensive end Cameron Heyward said. "You appreciate the energy he brings. Us old farts don't know how to deal with it sometimes, but I'm glad we got him."

Roethlisberger is, too, because he has a reliable receiver to go to when Antonio Brown is covered and Martavis Bryant is pouting.

His last catch converted a third-and-1 from the Steelers 32, allowing them to run out the clock.

"He's not playing like a rookie," Roethlisberger said. "He's playing like a seasoned veteran."

The AFC North-leading Steelers (6-2) go into their bye week with a three-game winning streak.

"We weren't perfect, obviously, but boy we showed fight," coach Mike Tomlin said.

Pittsburgh's defense put up a curtain in front of its end zone, forcing the Lions to settle for field goals. When they went for touchdowns, the Steelers stopped them.

Detroit coach Jim Caldwell chose to go for it on fourth down from the Steelers 1 trailing by one in the third quarter. Matthew Stafford was sacked as he stepped up out of a collapsing pocket and tried to run up the middle.

"Just as I thought I could do something, I got hit," Stafford said.

A snap after missing wide-open tight end Jesse James on the ensuing drive, Roethlisberger dropped back into his end zone and perfectly lofted a pass to Smith-Schuster. The rookie receiver ran for about 70 yards after the catch, running past cornerback Quandre Diggs and pulling away from safety Glover Quin on his way to the end zone.

"I told him I didn't know he had that much speed," Roethlisberger recalled. "He said he didn't, either."

Matt Prater kicked his fifth field goal on the next possession after Caldwell didn't want to go for it on another fourth down from the Pittsburgh 1, drawing boos from a crowd that included a lot of black-and-yellow clad, towel-twirling fans cheering for the visitors.

"We tried to be aggressive the first time," Caldwell said. "And then it was later in the game, so we kicked it. We gave ourselves a chance to win the game."

Then, receiver Golden Tate gave it away.

Detroit got the ball back with a chance to drive for a go-ahead TD, but Tate blew it with an unforced fumble at the Steelers 24.

"It just slipped," Tate said. "It was just a bad play by me."

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The Lions' defense forced Pittsburgh to punt again and they failed to take advantage. After the 2-minute warning, Stafford threw an incomplete pass from the Pittsburgh 8.

"Our red zone defense was amazing," Heyward said.

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Detroit had the third-highest yardage total without a TD, according to Pro-Football-Reference.com data dating back to 1940. The Lions had 482 yards, trailing only Cincinnati's 496 yards against Seattle in 1994 and San Francisco's 501 against Washington in 1986.

The Lions (3-4) were coming off their bye and lost for the fourth time in five games.

TAKE A SEAT

Bryant was inactive after his social media outburst following a victory over Cincinnati last weekend. Tomlin was asked if he was confident whether Bryant will help the team later this season.

"I'm not," Tomlin said.

THROUGH THE AIR

Brown, blanketed for much of the night by cornerback Darius Slay, had five catches for 70 yards.

TJ Jones, drafted by Detroit in 2014, had career highs with four receptions and 88 yards. Marvin Jones had six receptions for 128 yards for the Lions, who moved the ball well until they got deep into Pittsburgh territory.

INJURIES

Steelers: S Mike Mitchell hurt his right ankle, and was replaced by Robert Golden. ... OL Chris Hubbard was evaluated for a concussion.

Lions: RB Dwayne Washington left the game with a concussion. ... OT Rick Wagner went out with an ankle injury, and was able to return.

UP NEXT

Steelers: Idle until playing Nov. 12 at Indianapolis.

Lions: Play at Green Bay on Monday, Nov. 6.

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Senators to press Tillerson and Mattis on new war authority

By RICHARD LARDNER, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump's national security brain trust faces Congress on the need for a new war authorization as the deadly ambush in Niger is igniting a push among many lawmakers to update the legal parameters for combat operations overseas.

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis and Secretary of State Rex Tillerson are scheduled to testify before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Monday. They told the panel behind closed doors three months ago that a 2001 law gave the military ample authority to fight terrorist groups.

But that's a position that won't wash with a growing number of congressional Republicans and Democrats, many of whom were startled by the depth of the U.S. commitment in Niger and other parts of Africa. They've argued that the dynamics of the battlefield have shifted over the past 16 years and it's well past time to replace the post-Sept. 11 authorization with a law that reflects current threats.

Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Va., said last week he believed most Americans would be surprised by the extent of the operations in Africa that U.S. forces are involved in. Kaine and Sen. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., are sponsoring legislation to install a new war authority for operations against the Islamic State group, al-Qaida and the Taliban.

"I don't think Congress has necessarily been completely kept up to date and the American public, I think, certainly has not," Kaine said after leaving a classified briefing conducted by senior Pentagon officials on the assault in Niger that killed four American soldiers.

Roughly 800 U.S. service members are in Niger as part of a French-led mission to defeat the extremists in West Africa. There are hundreds more American forces in other African countries.

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U.S. troops also are battling an enemy — Islamic State militants — that didn't exist 16 years ago in a country — Syria — that the U.S. didn't expect to be fighting in. Nor did the 2001 authorization anticipate military confrontations with the Syrian government. Trump in April ordered the firing of dozens of Tomahawk missiles at an air base in central Syria and American forces in June shot down a Syrian Air Force fighter jet.

Beyond that, Trump approved a troop increase in Afghanistan, the site of America's longest war, and the U.S. backs a Saudi Arabia-led coalition carrying out airstrikes in Yemen.

"As we face a wide array of threats abroad, it is perhaps more important than ever that we have a sober national conversation about Congress' constitutional role in authorizing the use of military force," Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., the committee chairman, said in a statement.

But previous attempts to ditch the old authorization and force Congress to craft a new one have failed. Democrats in the House complained that Speaker Paul Ryan used underhanded tactics after an amendment was stripped from a military spending bill that would have repealed the 2001 war authorization 240 days after the bill was enacted. Proponents of the measure said eight months was enough time to approve new war authority.

GOP leaders said voting to rescind existing war authority without a replacement in hand risks leaving U.S. troops and commanders in combat zones without the necessary legal authority they need to carry out military operations.

A similar effort in the Senate led by Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., also came up well short. Paul, a member of the committee and a leader of the GOP's noninterventionist wing, has accused his colleagues of surrendering their war-making power to the White House.

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Health law sign-ups start, and some see a 'hostile takeover'

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's sign-up season for the Affordable Care Act, but the Trump administration isn't making it easy — cutting the enrollment period in half, slashing advertising and dialing back on counselors who help consumers get through the process.

Many people already faced fewer choices and higher premiums. But President Donald Trump's decision to cancel a subsidy to insurers that lowers consumer costs compounded the turmoil, pushing premiums even higher.

Add it all up and the number of uninsured people may start rising again, eroding gains that drove the uninsured rate to a historic low.

"It certainly is a hostile takeover," said health policy expert Joe Antos of the right-leaning American Enterprise Institute. "We are going to see a decline in enrollment. The people who will drop out in droves are the ones who are not getting a premium subsidy."

Open enrollment starts Wednesday and ends Dec. 15 in most states, a sign-up period six weeks shorter than last year's.

Some 9 million to 10 million people currently have private plans through the ACA's government-sponsored markets. More than 8 in 10 receive subsidized premiums, and are cushioned from rate increases. Federal help paying premiums is still available despite GOP efforts to repeal the health law.

Subsidized customers have a strong incentive to renew, but how many new people will join remains an open question. They're vital because healthier, younger people are needed to keep rising premiums from destabilizing the marketplaces.

Already this year there was a big drop-off among consumers who buy individual coverage outside the government markets, and aren't eligible for premium subsidies. Their costs, however, are generally tied to rising "Obamacare" rates. A recent analysis found premiums for popular silver plans rising an average of 34 percent next year. Monthly premiums can be as high as a mortgage payment in some cases.

Polls show widespread consumer confusion. Some are unsure if the health law has been repealed.

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Trump administration officials say they're aiming for smooth and efficient sign-ups. HealthCare.gov has new features intended to make it more user-friendly and the call center is fully staffed.

Officials say they cut ads because spending so much money wasn't warranted, and the scaled-back counseling programs weren't enrolling many consumers. The programs take issue with that.

Consumers who already have "Obamacare" are worried.

"It's gone beyond what I would have called the politics of the normal," said Elizabeth Stone, a real estate agent in the Washington, D.C., suburbs. She was diagnosed with lymphoma in her mid-20s, and with treatment has kept the cancer in check for five years. She doesn't qualify for subsidized premiums, but without the ACA she questions if any insurer would have covered her.

"People have forgotten that everyone can get sick," said Stone. "This battle has become so politicized that they're not thinking of the consequences for themselves, for their friends and their families."

Karen Vied coaches people in treatment for substance abuse. She and her husband David live in Millsboro, Delaware, a short drive from the shore.

Vied said she voted for Trump because she believed he would deal with the opioid epidemic. Now she's scared, she says, because she and her husband rely on their subsidized ACA coverage for treatment of her rheumatoid arthritis and his heart problems. David, a marine technician, has not been physically able to work as much lately.

"I literally wonder from day to day, am I going to have insurance next month?" said Karen, who's not yet 60. "I can't turn around and go from paying \$450 a month for premiums to \$2,000. That's just not going to happen."

Her husband said without insurance one hospitalization could wipe out their home equity. "I'm not asking the government to give me insurance, but I am asking them to do what they need to make it affordable," said David Vied. He voted for Hillary Clinton.

Trump's own words leave little doubt where his administration stands.

"ObamaCare is a broken mess," the president tweeted recently.

And on Sunday, he said: "As usual, the ObamaCare premiums will be up (the Dems own it), but we will Repeal & Replace and have great Healthcare soon after Tax Cuts."

While repeal remains Trump's goal, he also abruptly stopped paying a "cost sharing" subsidy to insurers. Officials say the payments were never properly approved by Congress, although they are called for under the ACA.

Those payments offset reduced copays and deductibles for people with modest incomes, and unless they're restored insurers will lose an estimated \$1 billion the remainder of this year. State regulators have approved premium increases in the double digits to compensate insurers.

In Austin, Texas, a nonprofit that provides support services for the working poor is trying to prove Trump wrong. Foundation Communities has helped more than 22,800 enroll for coverage since 2014, without any federal money for its efforts.

"We're hoping to enroll about 5,000 people; of course we have to do that in half the time," said insurance program director Elizabeth Colvin. "Full steam ahead."

Around the country, other nonprofits are ramping up. Some insurers plan on advertising. States running their own insurance markets remain focused on growing enrollment.

In Las Vegas, lawyer Kaine Messer says he and his wife decided to renew their unsubsidized plan partly as a way of standing with their community — "Vegas Strong."

Pondering the mass shooting that traumatized the city, Messer said it dawned on him that the hundreds injured would need health insurance to recover. Before the ACA, their wounds might have been deemed a pre-existing condition and a barrier to coverage.

"While Obamacare is by no means perfect," said Messer, "it is a step in the right direction."

Trump comes ahead with fresh criticism of Russia inquiry

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE, Associated Press

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump expressed renewed frustration Sunday over the investigations into alleged ties between his campaign associates and Russian government officials, saying on Twitter that the “facts are pouring out” about links to Russia by his former presidential opponent, Hillary Clinton.

“DO SOMETHING!” Trump urged in one of five morning tweets.

Trump’s tweets followed a CNN report late Friday that a federal grand jury in Washington has approved the first charges in a criminal investigation into Russia ties led by special counsel Robert Mueller.

The Associated Press has not confirmed the CNN report.

Ty Cobb, a member of Trump’s legal team, said the president was not referring to CNN’s reporting.

“Contrary to what many have suggested, the president’s comments today are unrelated to the activities of the special counsel, with whom he continues to cooperate,” Cobb said in a statement.

Trump and the White House insist there was no collusion between his presidential campaign and Russia. Both have pointed a finger at Clinton and have suggested that the real story of collusion with Russia is the sale of uranium to Moscow when Clinton was secretary of state.

U.S. intelligence agencies have concluded that Russia interfered with the election to benefit Trump, a finding that Trump has not fully accepted. Mueller and Congress are looking into allegations of ties between Trump associates and Russia.

In the tweets, Trump referenced the fact that Clinton’s presidential campaign helped fund political research into Trump that ultimately produced a dossier of allegations about his ties to Russia. He also pointed to the uranium sale, the tens of thousands of emails from Clinton’s time at the State Department that she later deleted from a private email server, and the decision by then-FBI Director Jim Comey to not bring criminal charges against Clinton for possible mishandling of classified information.

“Instead they look at phony Trump/Russia ‘collusion,’ which doesn’t exist. The Dems are using this terrible (and bad for our country) Witch Hunt for evil politics, but the R’s are now fighting back like never before,” Trump says across several tweets. “There is so much GUILT by Democrats/Clinton, and now the facts are pouring out. DO SOMETHING!”

In a final tweet on the subject, Trump suggests that Russia’s re-emergence into the conversation is no accident.

“All of this ‘Russia’ talk right when the Republicans are making their big push for historic Tax Cuts & Reform. Is this coincidental? NOT!”

On Wednesday, Republican lawmakers are scheduled to release a tax cut bill being pushed by the GOP lawmakers and Trump.

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Wounded soldier’s wife expected to testify against Bergdahl

By JONATHAN DREW, Associated Press

FORT BRAGG, N.C. (AP) — Emotional testimony is expected Monday when the wife of a seriously wounded soldier takes the stand during the sentencing hearing for Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl.

Prosecutors told a judge that they intend to call Shannon Allen to the stand to discuss a traumatic brain injury suffered by her husband when he was shot during a search mission for Bergdahl after he walked off his post in Afghanistan in 2009.

Bergdahl has pleaded guilty to desertion and misbehavior before the enemy. He faces up to life in prison. Prosecutors are using wounds to several service members who searched for Bergdahl as evidence to convince the judge that he deserves a stiff punishment. The sentencing hearing started last week.

National Guard Master Sgt. Mark Allen was on a mission with other U.S and Afghan troops to gather information in two villages in July 2009 when they were ambushed by insurgents using small arms, machine guns and rocket propelled grenades.

Allen was attempting to make a radio call when he was shot near the temple. He suffered a traumatic brain injury that left him unable to speak, in need of a wheelchair and dependent on assistance for such

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everyday tasks as getting out of bed.

Shannon Allen has declined interview requests, but the toll on her was evident the day Bergdahl pleaded guilty, as she sat weeping in the courtroom. She is one of the final prosecution witnesses before the defense presents their own.

While Bergdahl acknowledged at his plea hearing that his actions triggered the search missions that resulted in the wounds, his lawyers argue there's a limit to his responsibility for a lengthy chain of events that includes decisions by the U.S. military commanders who led the searches as well as enemy attacks.

Bergdahl, who suffered five years as captive of Taliban allies after abandoning his remote post in 2009, made no deal with prosecutors to limit his punishment, so the judge has wide leeway to determine his sentence.

The 31-year-old soldier from Hailey, Idaho, has said he was caged by his captors, kept in darkness and beaten. He said he tried to escape more than a dozen times before President Barack Obama brought him home in 2014 in a swap for five Taliban prisoners at Guantanamo Bay.

Pro-independence Catalans: 'I've never felt Spanish'

By JILL LAWLESS, Associated Press

GIRONA, Spain (AP) — To sense the conflicting currents of identity that have led Spain to the edge of a constitutional cliff, look no farther than Girona, some 60 miles (100 kilometers) northeast of Barcelona. Maps and world governments say it's in Spain — but many residents consider it part of an independent republic of Catalonia.

Amid the party atmosphere of a festival weekend, many in this secessionist stronghold cheered the Catalan parliament's declaration of independence from Spain, a country they don't regard as their own.

"I've never felt Spanish in my life," said graphic designer Anna Faure as Girona celebrated the annual festival of its patron saint with food, music, a carnival and displays of the gravity-defying sport of human towers, known as castells.

Faure says castells is a true Catalan tradition, a view she doesn't hold about Spanish icons such as bull-fighting, which Catalan authorities have tried to ban, or Flamenco, an import from Andalucia in southern Spain.

Flamenco is fine, she said, but "it's not mine."

Many people in this northeastern region of 7.5 million believe Catalonia's language, history and cultural traditions — even Catalans' ironic sense of humor — set it apart from the rest of Spain.

That feeling of separateness has mixed with a volatile blend of wounded pride, economic pain and political animosity to create a crisis that could break up Spain.

The country has been in constitutional turmoil since Catalans backed independence in an Oct. 1 referendum that was dismissed as illegal by Spain. When the regional parliament voted Friday to declare independence, Madrid fired the Catalan government and called a new election.

No one knows how the crisis will end, but many Catalans feel it has been a long time coming.

"We wouldn't have arrived at this point if they had treated us well for many years," said illustrator Judit Alguero, expressing a common feeling that the authorities in Madrid are at best neglectful and at worst hostile to Catalan aspirations.

The seeds of that feeling, and of Catalonia's modern independence movement, germinated during the authoritarian regime of Francisco Franco between 1939 and 1975. Franco banned the official use of the Catalan language and executed or imprisoned opposition politicians and activists.

Stories of that repressive era are part of the lore of many Catalan families.

Primary school teacher Ariadna Piferrer, whose grandmother told of being beaten for speaking Catalan at school, said that by declaring independence, "we are living the dream of our grandparents. And I think that's so important for us."

After Franco's death, Spain became a democracy, and Catalonia was granted a degree of autonomy, with a regional government, its own police force and control over education. Public schools now teach primarily

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in Catalan, and national symbols are flown with pride.

While Catalan nationalism has flourished, support for outright independence was not widespread in the decades after Franco's death. In the early 2000s, polls suggested only about 15 percent of Catalans wanted to break from Spain.

But in recent years, economic crisis and political hostility between Barcelona and Madrid have left many Catalans feeling wounded, fanning the flames of separatism.

Many here trace their support for independence to the political and legal battle over a 2006 autonomy agreement granting Catalonia the status of a nation within Spain, with tax-raising powers. Parts of the agreement were struck down by Spain's constitutional court in 2010, triggering angry protests and leading some Catalans to believe they would never get a fair deal from Spain.

That sense of grievance grew stronger after the 2008 global financial crisis hammered Spain, spending unemployment skyrocketing.

Catalonia is one of the country's wealthiest regions, and many here feel they pay more into Spanish coffers than they get back.

Andrew Dowling, a specialist in Catalan history at Cardiff University in Wales, said that 13,000 businesses in Catalonia went under in 2009, pushing many moderate Catalan nationalists toward independence.

"The financial crisis made Catalans angry, that as a rich area they were suffering because they had no control over the economic levers," Dowling said.

Against that backdrop, Catalonia's independence movement has proved adept at harnessing discontent toward Madrid. A pro-independence coalition was elected in 2015 on a promise to push for secession, and well-organized groups have brought hundreds of thousands of protesters into the streets.

Independence leaders regard the Oct. 1 referendum as a mandate to separate. But turnout was only 43 percent as many pro-union voters stayed away and Spain sent in police to shut down polling stations.

In some areas, police clashed with independence supporters and removed voters with force, violence that pushed some previously undecided voters into the pro-independence camp. Two leaders of the independence movement have been jailed on charges of sedition, to the fury of many Catalans.

For independence supporters, it's evidence that Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy's conservative government has not yet shed Franco-era authoritarian urges.

Dowling said "the Spanish government had a notion that Catalan nationalism was like a soufflé" that would collapse with investment and economic growth.

He said that assumption led Rajoy into "a massive strategic error," and the harsh reaction from Madrid has only hardened the determination of Catalan separatists.

Friday's vote by Catalonia's parliament to declare independence raised the stakes further. Spain responded by dismissing the Catalan government, taking direct control and calling a regional election for Dec. 21.

No country has recognized Catalonia's independence, and European nations, the European Union and the United States all have strongly backed the Spanish government.

Although pro-independence forces in Catalonia have shaken Spain to its foundations, it's not clear how they can make their self-proclaimed republic a reality — or whether most Catalans even want them to.

Many pro-union Catalans believe they are a silent majority, drowned out by noisy supporters of independence. Hundreds of thousands of anti-independence protesters rallied Sunday in Barcelona, waving Catalan, Spanish and EU flags and chanting "Catalonia in Spain."

"We want to be European, we want to be Spanish and we want to be Catalan," said 18-year-old student Raul Rodriguez. Like many, he fears the economic consequences of a split. Some 1,700 businesses have already moved their official headquarters out of Catalonia because of the uncertainty.

"We are here because we want a good future and the people in the government of Catalonia are destroying our future," Rodriguez said.

That apprehension contrasts with the excitement among separatists. In Girona, home town of ousted Catalan President Carles Puigdemont, narrow medieval streets are festooned in the colors of the independence movement's red, yellow and blue estelada flag. The city hall flies Catalan and EU flags; the Spanish one has been removed.

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Puigdemont was cheered by crowds shouting "President!" and "Long live the republic!" as he walked through the city Saturday.

Puigdemont has vowed to maintain "democratic opposition" to Spain's direct rule. Independence supporters insist they want dialogue, and many say they will heed the call for peaceful resistance through strikes and demonstrations if Madrid does not listen.

"We are willing to take this to the limit," said Joan Montardit, a 65-year-old photographer in Barcelona. "They have to finally understand that they need to respect our way of being, our language, the way we are. "There are two alternatives: dialogue or truncheons," he said. "Let's see what happens."

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Puerto Rico utility moves to scrap \$300M Whitefish contract

By DANICA COTO, Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — The head of Puerto Rico's power company said Sunday the agency is cancelling its \$300 million contract with Whitefish Energy Holdings amid scrutiny of the tiny Montana company's role in restoring the island's power system.

The announcement by Ricardo Ramos came hours after Gov. Ricardo Rossello urged the utility to scrap the deal for Whitefish's help in rebuilding the electrical system from the damage inflicted by Hurricane Maria.

"It's an enormous distraction," Ramos said of the controversy over the contract. "This was negatively impacting the work we're already doing."

The current work by Whitefish teams will not be affected by the cancellation and that work will be completed in November, Ramos said. He said the cancellation will delay pending work by 10 to 12 weeks if no alternatives are found.

Ramos said he had not talked with Whitefish executives about his announcement. "A lawsuit could be forthcoming," he warned.

Whitefish spokesman Chris Chiames told The Associated Press that the company was "very disappointed" in the governor's decision, and said it would only delay efforts to restore power.

He said Whitefish brought 350 workers to Puerto Rico in less than a month and it expected to have a total of 500 this week. Chiames said the company completed critical work, including a project that will soon lead to a half million people in San Juan getting power.

"We will certainly finish any work that (the power company) wants us to complete and stand by our commitments," he said.

Roughly 70 percent of the U.S. territory remains without power more than a month after Maria struck on Sept. 20 as a Category 4 storm with winds of up to 154 mph (245 kph). Ramos said Sunday that the total of cost of restoring the system would come to \$1.2 billion.

The cancellation is not official until approved by the utility's board. Ramos said it would take effect 30 days after that.

Ramos said the company already has paid Whitefish \$10.9 million to bring its workers and heavy equipment to Puerto Rico and has a \$9.8 million payment pending for work done so far.

Ramos said cancellation of the contract will not lead to a penalty, but it's likely the government will pay at least \$11 million for the company to go home early, including all costs incurred in the month after the cancellation.

Federal investigators have been looking into the contract awarded to the small company from Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's hometown and the deal is being audited at the local and federal level.

Ramos said the company contacted Puerto Rico's Electric Power Authority two days before the storm hit, at a time when it was becoming clear the hurricane could cause massive damage.

Ramos earlier said he had spoken with at least five other companies that demanded rates similar to those of Whitefish, but also wanted a down payment the agency did not have.

He said Sunday he hadn't consulted with anyone else about signing the deal and didn't notify the gov-

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ernor's office for a week. He again praised Whitefish's work.

"They're doing an excellent job," he said.

"There's nothing illegal here ... Of that, we're sure," he said, adding that he welcomes a federal investigation. "The process was done according to the law."

Ramos said his agency at first believed the Federal Emergency Management Agency pre-approved contracts, something the agency has denied.

FEMA said it has not approved any reimbursement requests from the power company for money to cover repairs to the island's electrical system. The contract said the utility would not pay costs unallowable under FEMA grants, but it also said, "The federal government is not a party to this contract."

FEMA has raised concerns about how Whitefish got the deal and whether the contracted prices were reasonable. The 2-year-old company had just two full-time employees when the storm hit, but it has since hired more than 300 workers.

The White House had no comment Sunday. Last week, White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said the federal government had no role in the process that led to awarding the contract.

"This was something solely determined by the Puerto Rican government," she said Friday.

Rossello said he has requested that crews from New York and Florida come help restore power in Puerto Rico as he criticized the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for not meeting its goals. The agency could not be immediately reached for comment.

The governor also announced the appointment of an outside coordinator to oversee the power company's purchase and contracting division.

"If something illegal was done, once again, the officials involved in that process will feel the full weight of the law, and I will take administrative actions," Rossello said.

A Whitefish contract obtained by The Associated Press found that the deal included \$20,277 an hour for a heavy lift Chinook helicopter, \$650 an hour for a large crane truck, \$322 an hour for a foreman of a power line crew, \$319 an hour for a journeyman lineman and \$286 an hour for a mechanic. Each worker also gets a daily allowance of \$80 for food, \$332 for a hotel room and \$1,000 for each flight to or from the mainland.

The company is based in Whitefish, Montana. Zinke, a former Montana congressman, knows Whitefish CEO Andy Techmanski, and Zinke's son also had a summer job at a Whitefish construction site.

"I had absolutely nothing to do with Whitefish Energy receiving a contract in Puerto Rico," Zinke recently said in a statement linked to a tweet. "Any attempts by the dishonest media or political operatives to tie me to awarding or influencing any contract involving Whitefish are completely baseless."

Democrats also have questioned the role of HBC Investments, a key financial backer of Whitefish. The Dallas-based company's founder and general partner, Joe Colonna, has contributed thousands of dollars to President Donald Trump and other Republicans. Chiames, the Whitefish spokesman, has said that Colonna's political donations were "irrelevant" and that the company would cooperate with any federal authorities.

This week, Rep. Rob Bishop, the Utah Republican who heads the House Natural Resources Committee, sent the power company director a letter demanding documents, including those related to the contract with Whitefish and others that show what authority the agency has to deviate from normal contracting processes.

"Transparent accountability at (the power company) is necessary for an effective and sustained recovery in Puerto Rico," his office said in a statement.

A federal control board that oversees Puerto Rico's finances announced this week that retired Air Force Col. Noel Zamot will be in charge of power reconstruction efforts. Rossello and other officials have rejected the appointment, saying the local government is in charge of a power company that is \$9 billion in debt and had struggled with outages before hurricanes Irma and Maria last month.

Most Texans kneel during anthem after owner's comments

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By **TIM BOOTH, AP Sports Writer**

SEATTLE (AP) — All but 10 members of the Houston Texans took a knee during the national anthem Sunday, as the vast majority of the team protested the owner's "inmates running the prison" comment.

The Texans had indicated there would be some type of protest following the comments by owner Bob McNair. It came prior to the Texans' wild 41-38 loss to the Seattle Seahawks.

"I'm never going to force anyone to do anything they don't feel comfortable with. I think we all felt the same way on Friday," said Houston left tackle Duane Brown. "As far as the demonstration went, some people didn't feel quite comfortable (kneeling) and some people did, but we all supported each other. That was what was important. I don't think that anyone looks at anyone differently for what they stood for or didn't stand for."

All of the team's black players appeared to take a knee. At least one white player — Ben Heeney — also knelt.

The players that remained standing were: LB Brian Peters, P Shane Lechler, long snapper Jon Weeks, FB Jay Prosch, T Breno Giacomini, C Nick Martin, C Greg Mancz, TE Ryan Griffin, QB Tom Savage G and G Xavier Su'a-Filo, who is of Samoan decent.

It was the first time the Texans had participated in a protest this season that included players kneeling during the anthem. The Texans stood with their arms locked before kickoff on Sept. 24 in New England, the weekend when 200 players around the league protested following President Donald Trump's criticism.

McNair issued two apologies attempting to explain his comments after a story in ESPN The Magazine revealed that he said "we can't have the inmates running the prison" during a meeting of NFL owners about players protests.

Brown said McNair met with the players but that it went "not too well."

"But we blocked out all distractions and came out here ready to play," Brown said.

The entire team took the field about 10 minutes before kickoff. When the anthem started the majority of the active roster (approximately 36 players) took a knee. Houston coach Bill O'Brien said he had meetings with his leadership committee and was in support of his players actions.

"I love my players, I support them 100 percent," O'Brien said.

DeAndre Hopkins was among the players kneeling on Sunday. Hopkins was excused from practice on Friday following the release of McNair's comments. When asked about why he did not practice on Friday, Hopkins responded that the "Seahawks played a great game," but later was more introspective about his decisions.

"I've been through a lot in life so nothing really, words, is going to stop me from going out and performing on the field," Hopkins said.

Hopkins had the second-best game of his career on Sunday with 224 yards receiving.

"I play football for a living. I don't get into political things," he said. "So what I did there on the field, that's what I do for a living."

Rookie QB Deshaun Watson, who had the best game of his young career throwing for 402 yards and four TDs, declined to comment about McNair and said he was impressed by the mental toughness shown by his team this week.

"People have their own beliefs and for what they believe in and what they really feel like they care about," Watson said. "People have their own decisions, we're all grown men and once the ball is ready to be kicked, we're ready to play."

The majority of Seattle's defensive line continued to sit as it has for most of the season.

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'Penance': NC congressman writes to families of dead troops

By MARTHA WAGGONER, Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — On a Sunday morning more than two weeks after four U.S. soldiers were ambushed and killed in Niger, Rep. Walter Jones sat at the desk in his North Carolina office, doing what he's done more than 11,000 times in 14 years: signing letters to families of the dead troops.

"My heart aches as I write this letter for I realize you are suffering a great loss," the letter begins.

It's a form letter, but the Republican congressman signs each one personally — penance, he says, for voting yes for the Iraq war in 2002.

"For me, it's a sacred responsibility that I have to communicate my condolences to a family," Jones said in a telephone interview. "And it's very special to me because it goes back to my regretting that I voted to go into the Iraq war."

While President Donald Trump and his staff feuded publicly this month with a congresswoman and the pregnant widow of a soldier killed Oct. 4 in Niger, Jones was quietly continuing his letter writing.

He gets permission from a military liaison who makes sure that family members want condolences from a congressman they likely never heard of. Then, from a desk drawer in his office in Greenville, he retrieves the same black ink fountain pen that he's used since he began this ritual years ago. In some cases, he sends letters to multiple relatives of a single soldier.

Jones' letter-writing began in 2003 after he attended the funeral of Marine Sgt. Michael Bitz, who was killed in March 2003, not long after the Iraq war began.

He sat with Bitz's widow, Janina, and watched as her young son played with a toy nearby during the service at Camp Lejeune, which is part of Jones' district.

"And I felt the guilt, but also the pain of voting to send her husband as well as thousands of other military to a war that was unnecessary," he said. "Obviously, the majority of these families will never know me and vice versa. But I want them to know that my heart aches as their heart aches."

The Iraq war has been followed by a succession of deadly conflicts with Al Qaida, the Islamic State and their kindred terrorist groups in the Middle East, Asia and now Africa.

On Sunday, Oct. 21, Jones signed letters to the families of Sgt. La David Johnson and three other soldiers killed in a firefight with militants tied to the Islamic State group in Niger. He signed a total of eight letters that day, followed by evening Mass.

Days earlier, Trump became embroiled in a public dispute with Rep. Frederica Wilson, who had been in the car with Johnson's widow when Trump called to offer condolences. Wilson called Trump's comments insensitive and hurtful — assertions seconded by the widow, Myeshia Johnson, and her mother-in-law. Trump blasted back on Twitter.

It came about after Trump had been silent about the four deaths for more than a week.

The president's best course of action would have been to "just let it go," Jones said. "After the call he made, it was misunderstood, maybe he could have called back and said, 'I'm sorry you misunderstood me, but my deepest sympathies with you and your family.'"

Janina Bitz-Vasquez, the widow of the Marine whose funeral triggered Jones' epiphany, won't say if she supports Jones' stance on the war. She said she's honored that he continues to honor the families of dead service members.

"He may not be able to stop the war because of it," she said in an interview from Hobart, Tasmania, in Australia, where she lives with her second husband, a retired U.S. Marine, and four children — three by her first husband and one by her second. "But it's honoring to the spouses. It's honoring to the children. It's honoring to the service members."

More importantly, she said, it "sets a standard for taking personal responsibility and accountability" for other political and military leaders.

Jones, 74, was first elected to the House in 1994. He estimates that 70,000 or so veterans lived in his district in 2002. Most, Jones said, believed that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction, as President George W. Bush and his administration told the public — a belief that turned out to be unfounded.

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Jones still blames himself for his vote, even though he alone couldn't have altered the 296-133 decision. "I will never forget my mistake because people died because of my mistake," he said. "I bought into believing that President Bush didn't really want to go to war. That's how naive I was at the time. ... I could have voted no, and I didn't."

Each day, Jones walks past a memorial in the hallway outside his office in the Rayburn Building showing the faces of about 580 Marines who were stationed at Camp Lejeune and who died in war. They include Bitz, whose death spurred Jones' search for penance.

Those who pass by "may not stop, but they're going to look at those faces," Jones said. "They might keep walking, but they're going to see those faces."

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Their caliphate in ruins, IS militants melt into the desert

By BASSEM MROUE, Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Islamic State militants, routed from one urban stronghold after another in Syria, have recently been moving deeper into Syria's remote desert, where experts say they are regrouping and preparing their next incarnation.

The Sunni militants' self-proclaimed "caliphate" with its contiguous stretch of land — linking major cities such as Syria's Raqqa and Iraq's Mosul — may have been vanquished, but many agree this territorial defeat will not mark the end of IS.

Beyond the urban and inhabited areas lies the vast Syrian Desert, also known as Badiyat al-Sham, famous for its caves and rugged mountains. It encompasses about 500,000 square kilometers (200,000 square miles) across parts of southeastern Syria, northeastern Jordan, northern Saudi Arabia, and western Iraq.

The desolate landscape is a perfect hideout and a second home for many IS militants from the days before the birth of their caliphate. Experts estimate that hundreds of thousands of troops would be needed to mount search operations — and even more to put the desert under permanent control.

Once they melt into the desert, without an army of tens of thousands of supporters from dozens of countries, IS jihadis will resort to guerrilla-style attacks: scattered hit-and-run attacks and suicide bombings.

"They love fighting battles in the desert and they will go back to the old ways," said Omar Abu Laila, a Europe-based opposition activist originally from Syria's eastern province of Deir el-Zour, which lies in the heart of Badiyat al-Sham.

IS leaders appear to have made contingency plans that involve precisely this — regrouping in the desert and launching attacks, much like IS' predecessor, al-Qaida in Iraq, did for more than a decade after the U.S.-led 2003 invasion.

Some of those plans are already on display. In the eastern Syrian town of Mayadeen, a former IS stronghold, the militants pulled back and disappeared into the desert after only a few days of battle with Syrian government forces earlier this month.

The top U.S. envoy for the anti-IS coalition, Brett McGurk, said the Sunni militant group is now down to the last 10 percent of the territory it once held in Iraq and Syria.

The group still maintains some appeal for Sunnis, who complain of discrimination by Iraq's Shiite-led government and by Syrian President Bashar Assad's minority Alawite sect, an offshoot of Shiite Islam.

IS will also look to buy time and benefit from political and other conflicts — such as this month's clashes between Iraqi and Kurdish forces following the Kurdish independence referendum. That fighting has already diverted resources from the war on IS, the top U.S. general in Iraq, Lt. Gen. Paul Funk, told The Associated Press last week.

Iraqi troops, Shiite militiamen and Kurdish forces have driven IS from nearly all of Iraq, but if they turn on one another, that could give the extremists an opening to regroup.

A similar dynamic threatens recent gains in Syria. The U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces and Russia-backed government troops have been the most effective in the fight against IS, but are now waging parallel

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offensives in Deir el-Zour that could bring them into conflict with one another.

Gen. Joseph Dunford, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, called the SDF's liberation of Raqqa an "inflection point" in the fight against IS, but warned that the coalition needs to stay focused.

"ISIS is on their heels right now and our job is to make sure they don't recover," Dunford said, using an alternative name for the group.

Experts say that will be difficult.

Dana Jalal, a Sweden-based Iraqi journalist who closely follows jihadi groups in the Middle East, said IS "will become an underground terrorist organization."

"The lone wolf has nothing to lose. They have nothing to defend now," Jalal said.

The group's predecessor, al-Qaida in Iraq, was almost crushed in 2007 by U.S. and Iraqi forces. But after the Americans withdrew from Iraq in 2011, the militants regrouped, eventually emerging stronger than ever in the summer of 2014, when they conquered large areas of Syria and Iraq.

IS will again "find a supporting base in Sunni Iraq," where discontent with the Shiite-led government runs high, said Mutlu Civiroglu, a Washington-based Kurdish affairs analyst who follows the battle against IS.

After losing ground in Syria and Iraq, IS will try to increase its presence in Libya, Yemen, Afghanistan, North Africa and elsewhere. The fact that IS "carried out or inspired attacks in around 30 countries worldwide shows its global reach," he said.

The group is also increasingly reverting to its weapon of choice: suicide attacks.

A suicide attack killed nearly 20 people at a Damascus police station earlier this month. In late September, IS gunmen emerged from the desert and hit government forces in central Syria, cutting their supply lines for days. IS has also carried out deadly attacks in the Iraqi capital, Baghdad, and in western Iraq's sprawling Anbar province.

"The angry, disfranchised base that the group exploited is still there, so getting rid of the caliphate will not mean getting rid of the threat this group poses," Civiroglu said.

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Japan offers Duterte aid for rebuilding, fighting terrorism

By MARI YAMAGUCHI, Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte won pledges from Japan of help with fighting terrorism and assistance in building the country's crumbling infrastructure, as he met with Japan's prime minister on Monday during a visit to the country.

Japan promised its support in the reconstruction of the strife-torn southern Philippine city of Marawi. A military campaign recently ended a five-month siege of the city by Islamic State group-aligned militants that left more than 1,100 combatants and civilians dead.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe welcomed the liberation of Marawi and gave credit to Duterte's leadership.

"I express my heartfelt respect for President Duterte's leadership on the recent declaration of liberation in Marawi," Abe said. "We will provide full support for (the Philippines') counterterrorism effort and steps to ensure peace and stability" in the region.

The two leaders also agreed to cooperate on various projects, including a subway system for metropolitan Manila, the traffic-jammed capital, energy development, maritime safety and the Philippines' fight against drugs and drug trafficking.

The assistance from Tokyo includes 15.9 billion yen (\$140 million) in low-interest financing for a water management project in the Philippines' flood-prone Cavite province, Japan's Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

Before leaving the Philippines for Tokyo late Sunday, Duterte said he hoped to discuss concerns over North Korea with Abe and declared that someone should talk to North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, reassure him that nobody is out to remove him or destroy his country, and ask him to stop threatening attacks.

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"You must remember that he is a leader of his people," Duterte said, adding that "whatever he proclaims himself to be, somebody has got to talk to him."

"So, if somebody could just reach out, talk to him and say, 'My friend, why don't you just join me in the table and we'll just talk about these things?'" Duterte told reporters in the southern Philippine city of Davao. "Nobody's talking to him."

Duterte echoed U.S. President Donald Trump in saying he believes China has the greatest leverage with Pyongyang, a longtime Beijing ally. And he expressed concern over the potential for dangerous missteps in the standoff with North Korea over its nuclear program.

"We are worried, all of us, that you know, Murphy's Law, 'If anything can go wrong, it will go wrong.'"

Apart from his talks with government officials, while in Tokyo Duterte is due to meet with Japanese business leaders and have an audience with Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko.

"I suppose that I have to limit my mouth there," the blunt-spoken Philippine president said.

He praised Japan as a "true friend of the Philippines" and said he would seek as much help as possible from Japan in rebuilding Marawi and the surrounding region.

The siege in the southern Philippines displaced some 400,000 residents, including the entire population of Marawi, a bastion of the Islamic faith in the predominantly Roman Catholic Philippines. Military airstrikes, artillery and heavy machine-gun fire turned the lakeside city's central business district and outlying communities into a smoldering wasteland of disfigured buildings and bullet-pocked mosques and houses.

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Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Monday, Oct. 30, the 303rd day of 2017. There are 62 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 30, 1944, the Martha Graham ballet "Appalachian Spring," with music by Aaron Copland, premiered at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., with Graham in a leading role.

On this date:

In 1735 (New Style calendar), the second president of the United States, John Adams, was born in Braintree, Massachusetts.

In 1864, Helena, Montana, was founded.

In 1921, the silent film classic "The Sheik," starring Rudolph Valentino, premiered in Los Angeles.

In 1938, the radio play "The War of the Worlds," starring Orson Welles, aired on CBS.

In 1945, the U.S. government announced the end of shoe rationing, effective at midnight.

In 1953, Gen. George C. Marshall was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Dr. Albert Schweitzer received the Peace Prize for 1952.

In 1961, the Soviet Union tested a hydrogen bomb, the "Tsar Bomba," with a force estimated at about 50 megatons. The Soviet Party Congress unanimously approved a resolution ordering the removal of Josef Stalin's body from Lenin's tomb.

In 1974, Muhammad Ali knocked out George Foreman in the eighth round of a 15-round bout in Kinshasa, Zaire (zah-EER'), known as the "Rumble in the Jungle," to regain his world heavyweight title.

In 1975, the New York Daily News ran the headline "Ford to City: Drop Dead" a day after President Gerald R. Ford said he would veto any proposed federal bailout of New York City.

In 1985, schoolteacher-astronaut Christa McAuliffe witnessed the launch of the space shuttle Challenger, the same craft that carried her and six other crew members to their deaths in Jan. 1986.

In 1997, a jury in Cambridge, Massachusetts, convicted British au pair Louise Woodward of second-degree murder in the death of eight-month-old Matthew Eappen. (The judge, Hiller B. Zobel, later reduced the

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verdict to manslaughter and set Woodward free.)

In 2002, Jam Master Jay (Jason Mizell), a rapper with the hip-hop group Run-DMC, was killed in a shooting in New York; was 37.

Ten years ago: Barack Obama and John Edwards sharply challenged Hillary Rodham Clinton on her candor, consistency and judgment in a televised Democratic presidential debate in Philadelphia; Clinton largely shrugged off the remarks and defended her positions. Singer-actor Robert Goulet died at a Los Angeles hospital at age 73.

Five years ago: A weakening Superstorm Sandy inched inland across Pennsylvania, leaving behind it a dazed, inundated New York City, a waterlogged Atlantic Coast and a moonscape of disarray and debris; the New York Stock Exchange was closed for a second day from weather, the first time that had happened since the Great Blizzard of 1888. The Walt Disney Co. announced that it would buy Lucasfilm Ltd. for \$4.05 billion, paving the way for a new "Star Wars" trilogy.

One year ago: The third powerful earthquake to hit Italy in two months spared human life but struck at the nation's cultural identity, destroying a Benedictine cathedral, a medieval tower and other beloved landmarks. The Chicago Cubs held off Cleveland 3-2 in Game 5 of the World Series, cutting the Indians' lead to 3-2.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Claude Lelouch is 80. Rock singer Grace Slick is 78. Songwriter Eddie Holland is 78. Rhythm-and-blues singer Otis Williams (The Temptations) is 76. Actress Joanna Shimkus is 74. Actor Henry Winkler is 72. Broadcast journalist Andrea Mitchell is 71. Rock musician Chris Slade (Asia) is 71. Country/rock musician Timothy B. Schmit (The Eagles) is 70. Actor Leon Rippy is 68. Actor Harry Hamlin is 66. Actor Charles Martin Smith is 64. Country singer T. Graham Brown is 63. Actor Kevin Pollak is 60. Rock singer-musician Jerry De Borg (Jesus Jones) is 57. Actor Michael Beach is 54. Rock singer-musician Gavin Rossdale (Bush) is 52. Actor Jack Plotnick is 49. Comedian Ben Bailey is 47. Actor Billy Brown is 47. Actress Nia Long is 47. Country singer Kassidy Osborn (SHeDAISY) (sh-DAY'-zee) is 41. Actor Gael Garcia Bernal is 39. Actor Matthew Morrison is 39. Business executive and presidential adviser Ivanka Trump is 36. Actress Fiona Dourif is 36. Actor Shaun Sipos (SEE'-pohs) is 36. Actress Janel (juh-NEHL') Parrish is 29. Actor Tequan Richmond is 25.

Thought for Today: "We lie loudest when we lie to ourselves." — Eric Hoffer, American philosopher (1902-1983).