

Long Legal Battle Predicted In Sept. 11 Case

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP) — The U.S. has finally started the prosecution of five Guantanamo Bay prisoners charged in the Sept. 11 attacks that killed nearly 3,000 people, but the trial won't be starting anytime soon, and both sides said Sunday that the case could continue for years.

Defense lawyer James Connell said a tentative trial date of May 2013 is a "placeholder" until a true date can be set for the trial of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the self-described mastermind of the attacks, and his co-defendants.

"It's going to take time," said the chief prosecutor, Army Brig. Gen. Mark Martins, who said he expects to battle a barrage of defense motions before the case goes to trial.

"I am getting ready for hundreds of motions because we want them to shoot everything they can shoot at us," he said in the wake of Saturday's arraignment, which dragged on for 13 hours due to stalling tactics by the defendants.

"Everyone is frustrated by the delay," Martins said.

Romney, Obama Trade Similar Insults

WASHINGTON (AP) — He's a smug, Harvard-trained elitist who doesn't get how regular Americans are struggling these days. More extreme than he lets on, he's keeping his true agenda hidden until after Election Day. He's clueless about fixing the economy, over his head on foreign policy. Who is he?

Your answer will help decide the next president.

Is it Barack Obama, as seen by Mitt Romney? Or Romney, the way Obama depicts him? For all their liberal versus conservative differences, when the two presidential contenders describe each other, they sound like they're ragging on the same flawed guy. Or mirror images of that guy.

Blame it on two cautious candidates with more traits in common than their disparate early biographies would suggest.

Wife Saw Bullet Hold During Skype Talk

DALLAS (AP) — An Army nurse showed no alarm or discomfort before suddenly collapsing during a Skype video chat with his wife, who saw a bullet hole in a closet behind him, his family said Sunday.

Capt. Bruce Kevin Clark's family released a statement describing what his wife saw in the video feed recording her husband's death in Tarin Kowt, Afghanistan.

"Clark was suddenly knocked forward," the statement said. "The closet behind him had a bullet hole in it. The other individuals, including a member of the military, who rushed to the home of CPT Clark's wife also saw the hole and agreed it was a bullet hole."

The statement says the Skype link remained open for two hours on April 30 as family and friends in the U.S. and Afghanistan tried to get Clark help.

"After two hours and many frantic phone calls by Mrs. Clark, two military personnel arrived in the room and appeared to check his pulse, but provided no details about his condition to his wife," the statement said.

Alzheimer's Creating Balancing Act For Families

WASHINGTON (AP) — Elaine Vlieger is making some concessions to Alzheimer's. She's cut back on her driving, frozen dinners replace once elaborate cooking, and a son monitors her finances. But the Colorado woman lives alone and isn't ready to give up her house or her independence.

Some 800,000 people with Alzheimer's, roughly 1 in 7 Americans with the disease, live alone in their communities, according to surprising new data from the Alzheimer's Association. It's a different picture of the mind-destroying disease than the constant caregiving that eventually these people will need.

Many such as Vlieger cope on their own during dementia's earlier stages with support from family and friends who keep in close contact.

"I'm still pretty healthy," says Vlieger, 79, who sought a neurology exam after realizing she was struggling to find words. "I'm just real careful."

But support or not, living alone with a disease that gradually strips people of the ability to know when they need help brings special safety concerns, and loved ones on the sideline agonize over when to step in.

France Gets New Leader, Europe New Direction

BY ANGELA CHARLTON AND ELAINE GANLEY
 Associated Press

PARIS — France handed the presidency Sunday to leftist Francois Hollande, a champion of government stimulus programs who says the state should protect the downtrodden — a victory that could deal a death blow to the drive for austerity that has been the hallmark of Europe in recent years.

Mild and affable, the president-elect inherits a country deep in debt and divided over how to integrate immigrants while preserving its national identity. Markets will closely watch his initial moves as president.

Hollande portrayed himself as a vehicle for change across Europe.

"In all the capitals ... there are people who thanks to us, who are hoping, who are looking to us, and who want to finish with austerity," he told exuberant crowds of supporters in a speech early Monday at Paris' Place de la Bastille. "You are a movement lifting up everywhere in Europe, and perhaps the world."

The party reached into the night on the iconic plaza of the French Revolution, with revelers waving all kinds of flags and climbing the base of its central column. Leftists are overjoyed to have one of their own in power for the first time since Socialist Francois Mitterrand was president from 1981 to 1995.

Hollande narrowly defeated the hard-driving, attention-getting Nicolas Sarkozy, an America-friendly leader who led France through its worst economic troubles since World War II but whose policies and personality proved too bitter for many voters to swallow.

He will take office no later than May 16.

Sarkozy is the latest victim of a wave of voter anger over spending cuts in Europe that has ousted governments and leaders in the past couple of years.

In Greece, a parliamentary vote Sunday was seen as critical to the country's prospects for pulling out of a deep financial crisis felt in world markets. A state election in Germany and local elections in Italy were seen as tests of support for the national governments' policies.

In France, with 95 percent of the vote counted, official results showed Hollande with 51.6 percent of the vote compared with Sarkozy's 48.4 percent, the Interior Ministry said. The turnout was a strong 81 percent.

"Too many divisions, too many wounds, too many breakdowns and divides have separated our fellow citizens. This is over now," Hollande said in his victory speech, alluding to the divisive Sarkozy presidency. "The foremost duty of the president of the Republic is to unite ... in order to face the challenges that await us."

Those challenges are legion, and begin with Europe's debt crisis.

Hollande has said his first act after the election will be to write a letter to other European leaders calling for a renegotiation of a budget-trimming treaty aimed at bringing the continent's economies closer together. Hollande wants to allow for government-funded stimulus programs in hopes of restarting growth, arguing



HENRI SZWARC/ABACA PRESS
Supporters of Socialist Party candidate for the 2012 French presidential election celebrate at Place de la Bastille in Paris, France, Sunday, May 6, 2012, after the announcement of the first official results of the French presidential final round. Socialist candidate Francois Hollande won the French presidential election with between 52 and 53 percent of the vote.

that debts will only get worse if Europe's economies don't start growing again.

Sarkozy and Germany's Angela Merkel spearheaded the cost-cutting treaty, and many have worried over potential conflict within the Franco-German "couple" that underpins Europe's post-war unity.

Merkel called Hollande to congratulate him on his victory. Hollande has said his first trip would be to Berlin. Merkel's foreign minister joined calls for a growth pact — but one that doesn't necessarily require more spending.

Hollande will also head soon to the United States for summits of NATO — where he will announce he is pulling French troops out of Afghanistan by the end of the year — and the Group of Eight leading world economies.

While some market players have worried about a Hollande presidency, Jeffrey Bergstrand, professor of finance at the University of Notre Dame, said it's a good thing that Hollande will push for more spending throughout Europe to stimulate the economy.

Europe is "going into a really serious and poor situation," Hollande "is going to become the speaker for those countries that want to do something about economic growth," Bergstrand said. Sarkozy conceded defeat minutes after the polls closed, saying he had called Hollande to wish him "good luck" as the country's new leader.

"I bear responsibility ... for the defeat," he said. "I committed myself totally, fully, but I didn't succeed in convincing a majority of the French. ... I didn't succeed in making the values we share win."

Sarkozy came to office on a wave of hope for change that critics say he squandered even before

the economic crises hit. They saw his tax reforms as too friendly to the rich, his divorce in office and courtship of supermodel Carla Bruni as unseemly, and his sharp tongue as unfitting for his esteemed role.

French politicians turned their attention to parliamentary elections next month. With what appears to be a thin victory margin, Hollande must more than ever count on a healthy majority in June legislative elections — the next challenge for Sarkozy's conservatives.

"The hour is one of mobilization ... We must not give all the power to the left," said Jean-Francois Cope, leader of Sarkozy's UMP party.

The Socialists will have blanket control of the country if they get a majority in the decisive lower house of parliament. They already preside over the Senate and hold most regions and municipalities in France.

Hollande has pledged to tax the very rich at 75 percent of their income, an idea that proved wildly popular among the majority of people who don't make nearly that much. But the measure would bring in only a relatively small amount to the budget, and tax lawyers say France's taxes have always been high and unpredictable and that this may not be as much of a shock as it sounds.

Hollande wants to modify one of Sarkozy's key reforms, over the retirement age, to allow some people to retire at 60 instead of 62. He wants to hire more teachers and increase spending in a range of sectors, and ease France off its dependence on nuclear energy. He also favors legalizing euthanasia and gay marriage.

Sarkozy supporters call those proposals misguided.

"We're going to call France the new Greece," said Laetitia Barone, 19. "Hollande is now very dangerous."

Sarkozy had said he would quit politics if he lost, but was vague about his plans Sunday night.

"You can count on me to defend these ideas, convictions," he said, "but my place cannot be the same."

Sarkozy alienated many voters with a lunge to the right during the last two weeks of campaigning as he tried to lure backers of the far-right anti-EU and anti-immigration candidate Marine Le Pen, leader of the National Front party.

People of all ages and different ethnicities celebrated Hollande's victory at the Bastille. Ghylaine Lambrecht, 60, who celebrated the 1981 victory of Mitterrand at the Bastille, was among them.

"I'm so happy. We had to put up with Sarko for 10 years," she said, referring to Sarkozy's time as interior and finance minister and five years as president. "In the last few years, the rich have been getting richer. Now long live France, an open, democratic France."

"It's magic!" said Violaine Chenais, 19. "I think Francois Hollande is not perfect, but it's clear France thinks it's time to give the left a chance. This means real hope for France. We're going to celebrate with drink and hopefully some dancing."

Bugs

From Page 1

To ensure that the fallen trees aren't wasted, the Native Americans are hoping to put the wood to use by building wooden homes on the notoriously run-down and poverty-stricken reservation.

So far, the Lakota Logging Project has trained about 15 Native Americans, including Shark, with plans to train many more. It marks the largest-scale project to date involving a nonprofit group aiming to help combat the beetle epidemic, said Adam Gahagan, senior forester with Custer State Park.

"The Black Hills are sacred to our people," said Ramona White Plume, 51, a resident of the reservation. "For generations, people have gone into the Black Hills and haven't desecrated it. Trees are a living entity. They have families also."

Angel Munoz, who owns a

Rapid City logging company with his wife Barbara, said he isn't surprised that the fight to save the trees is drawing unlikely allies considering that the pine beetle threat is worse than it has ever been.

"It's getting kind of rough," Munoz said.

The mountain pine beetles attack in cycles, infecting the wood with a fungus that gives it a blue hue. While the first discovery of this beetle in the area dates back to around 1900, the most recent epidemic began in the 1990s on pine trees from Baja California in Mexico to British Columbia in Canada. The insects have infected a swath of the western United States that threatens the timber industry, already ailing from the hobbled housing market.

The blue stain can cut the wood's value by two-thirds, said Carson Engelskirger, forest programs manager with the Black Hills Forest Resource Association. The coloring doesn't affect the strength of the wood, but consumers mistake the fungus for mold or a defect, relegating the lumber to being

used for purposes such as crating or the backing of inexpensive chairs.

Bill Coburn, a procurement forester with Neiman Timber Co. in Spearfish, S.D., said his biggest concern isn't the color of wood but rather thinning the forest to reduce the destruction and expansion of the epidemic.

While driving through the winding roads of the Black Hills, Coburn pointed out daubs of rust-colored trees killed by the beetles among the lush green pines. He worries about the fire hazards posed by the dead trees, the costs associated with picking them up from the roadways and the negative effect the spotty hillsides could have on property values.

"If we are really, truly serious about removing the cancer that's growing in this area, you don't leave any parts of the cancer left on the landscape," Coburn said.

Because beetles are poor fliers and rely on wind to help them move, the best way to slow the infestation is by taking down the in-

fectured trees. Dense, overgrown forests strengthen the epidemic and they enable beetles to release a concentrated attractant that draws hundreds more beetles to the tree. The insects burrow beneath the bark, endlessly chewing and releasing the fungus until the tree is corrupted from the inside out and dies, eventually falling to the ground.

Dave Ventimiglia, who co-founded the Lakota Logging Project, said the nearby Native American community can benefit in return. He hopes to eventually raise the \$150,000 it would cost to build a saw mill on Pine Ridge reservation. That would allow loggers to bring back logs to the reservation and hopefully replace the dilapidated mobile homes in which so many of its residents live.

A contract with the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department allows the Lakota log-

gers to remove 20,000 beetle-infested trees from Custer State Park. For each tree cut down, the crew makes \$10. So far, the Ventimiglias have put in \$30,000 of their own money to front training and equipment costs.

The Lakota loggers are expected to continue felling the trees until they stop for the summer. Ventimiglia said he hopes to bring the loggers to Aspen to cut infested trees on the property of a ski company, allowing the loggers to stay employed over the summer while also collecting more wood to build wooden homes.

Shark, who grows such things as buffalo berries and Indian potatoes on the land, said history has proven the beetles won't go away on their own but can be contained through hard work.

"If we get a thousand trees down in the foreseeable future, we'll make a difference," he said. "We'll feel good."

OBITUARIES

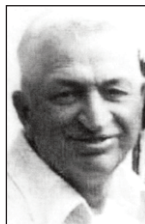
Melvin Osborn

CENTERVILLE — Melvin H. Osborn, 89, died Saturday, May 5, 2012 at the Pioneer Memorial Hospital, Viborg.

Funeral services will be 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 9, 2012 at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Hurley with burial in the Evergreen Cemetery.

Visitation will begin at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday at the Hofmeister-Jones Funeral Chapel, Hurley with a Prayer Service at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday evening.

Melvin H. Osborn was born on February 19, 1923 at Lowry City, Missouri to Ben and Nellie (Hicks) Osborn. As a young child he moved with his family to South Dakota and graduated



Osborn

from Viborg High School in 1944. He served in the US Navy during WW II. On November 27, 1952 he was united in marriage to Dorothy Fischer at Menno, SD. He farmed his entire life. He was

a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church and the Chancellor American Legion.

Grateful for having shared his life are his wife Dorothy; 3 children, Darrell (Candice), Centerville, David (Anita Wek), Salem, and Carolyn (Jim) Raup, Austin, TX; 7 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren; a brother Bernard (Vina), Hogansville, GA; and a sis-

ter, Mary Wolff, Lemmon. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother Harold.

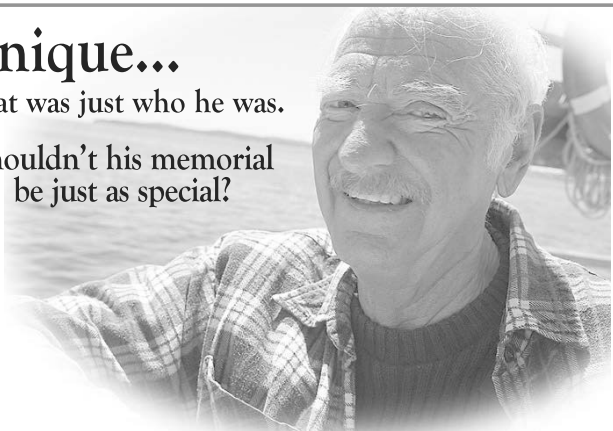
Visit hofmeisterjones.com.
Yankton Press & Dakotan
 May 7, 2012

Tonight's Special
 5-9pm
All-You-Can-Eat
Chicken & Ribs
\$10⁹⁵ Includes Soup & Salad Bar
Yesterday's Cafe
 23rd & Broadway

Unique...

that was just who he was.

Shouldn't his memorial be just as special?



Finest quality personalized memorials, as unique as the lives they honor.



Home Office & Carving Center
 1609 Broadway • Yankton, SD • 605.665.3052

Visit us on-line at:
www.lukenmemorials.com



Member
 Monument Builders of North America
 THE MARK OF EXCELLENCE

Even a princess occasionally chooses to get dirty.



There's a good reason why you didn't always play 'dress up' with your friends on Saturdays. His name was Dad. With him, even fishing was fun. And while you've idolized Dad your entire life, you'll want to celebrate these times after his death.

A meaningful funeral allows you to grieve and say goodbye, as well as remember and laugh. It's a significant celebration that honors Dad. One that in many ways, is also for you.



WINTZ & RAY
 FUNERAL HOME
 and Cremation Service, Inc.
 Yankton, 605-665-3644
wintzrayfuneralhome.com
 Garden of Memories Cemetery