



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

The bronze statue of Jackson Sundown on Main Street in Pendleton.

BRONZES: Half of the tour's cost taken from the city's art fund

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The city provided Travel Pendleton with \$5,375 to jumpstart the tour while Travel Pendleton committed to maintaining the website.

Using city money to pay for public art has been a contentious issue in the past, but Beard said tourists paid for the tour rather than taxpayers.

Half of the money for the tour was taken from the city's art fund, which is derived from a 1.75 percent earmark on the transient room tax.

While some residents would rather see that money invested in street repair, Beard said investment in tourism can bring more people to expand the tax base.

"This will bring people that will help fill those pot holes," he said.

Beard wanted to launch the tour last week when country fans flocked to Pendleton for the Zac Brown Band concert, but the posters weren't ready yet.

With the promotional material printed, Beard is sharing them with downtown businesses and spreading the word with people in town for Pendleton Bike Week.

To further promote the tour, Beard said Travel Pendleton will start an Instagram page for people to share their pictures with the statues as well as add permanent signs near the art pieces advertising the website.

People can start the tour at www.pendletonbronzetrail.com, or go to the website and get a history lesson if you happen to find yourself in Pendleton staring at some art.

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Turkey criticizes U.S. over cleric accused of coup plot

ISTANBUL (AP) — A top Turkish official on Friday accused the United States of "standing up for savages" by not immediately handing over a U.S.-based Muslim cleric who the government claims orchestrated last week's failed coup. Speaking in Washington, President Barack Obama said there was a legal process for extradition and encouraged Turkey to present evidence.

In a sign of increasing tension, Turkey said it was dispatching its justice and interior ministers to the United States next week to push for the extradition of the cleric, Fethullah Gulen.

The two NATO countries are allies in the fight against the Islamic State group; American military jets have been flying missions against extremists in Iraq and Syria out of the Turkish air base at Incirlik.

U.S. officials said Friday that electric power was restored to the Incirlik base, which had been operating on a backup generator since July 16, when power was shut off at all military bases in Turkey following the failed coup.

Meanwhile, Turkey's prime minister, Binali Yildirim, warned that coup plotters still at large might stage attacks, saying there is "a remote chance some madmen might take action, acting out of a sense of revenge and defeat."

Turkey has launched a sweeping crackdown following the failed July 15 insurrection, declaring a three-month state of emergency and detaining or dismissing tens of thousands of people in the military and other state institutions. In the latest measures, the government revoked nearly 11,000 passports and detained 283 members of the presidential guard, the state-run Anadolu news agency reported.

Turkey alleges that the coup attempt by some military units was conceived by Gulen, who has lived in self-imposed exile in Pennsylvania since the late 1990s. Gulen has denied any prior knowledge of the coup attempt.

Yildirim criticized the United States for failing to hand over the cleric, a former ally of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Turkey's most dominant political figure for more than a decade.

"Stop standing up for savages who run over citizens with tanks, who strafe people from land and the air," Yildirim said.

Some Turks, possibly influenced by traditional mistrust of U.S. policy in the region, have speculated that the United States is protecting Gulen and knew about the plot to overthrow the Turkish government.

In his comments on Friday, Obama said any reports that the United States had previous knowledge of the coup attempt or has been anything other than supportive of Turkey's government are "unequivocally false."

He said he told that to Erdogan in a phone conversation this week. Obama said he also told the Turkish president that any false reports about alleged U.S. knowledge of the coup plot "puts our people at risk on the ground in Turkey and it threatens what is a critical alliance and partnership between the United States and Turkey."

Obama also echoed comments by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry that Turkey must present evidence if it wants Gulen to be extradited. Erdogan's spokesman, Ibrahim Kalin, has previously said Turkey is preparing a formal extradition but that Gulen "can easily be extradited on grounds of suspicion."

Gulen sought to reassure his followers in a sermon posted on his movement's main website.

"Everyone should stand strong," Gulen said. "Those who kneel in front of God will not kneel in front of anyone else. Even when faced with the death penalty."

He was referring to Erdogan's statement that he would consider calls for the reintroduction of the death penalty for use against the coup plotters.

Erdogan, meanwhile, criticized Gulen in remarks to journalists in Ankara, the

Turkish capital, saying "this individual is indecent enough to insult the people from over there" in the United States.

Turkey announced new details about the state of emergency, including extending the period that suspects can be detained without charges to up to a week.

Additionally, civil servants can only travel abroad if they have written approval from their supervisors, the Anadolu agency reported. The measure appeared aimed at rooting out alleged renegades in state institutions who the government accuses of colluding with the coup plotters.

Diplomats and most citizens who don't work for the government are not affected by the travel restriction.

Erdogan has said the new powers granted by the state of emergency will counter threats to Turkish democracy, though critics are urging restraint because they fear the measures will violate basic freedoms.

Germany expressed concern about the rule of law in Turkey, saying photos and television footage indicated that some people detained in the wake of the failed coup appeared to have been mistreated.

The Vienna-based Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, or OSCE, has asked for access to the trials against alleged coup plotters in Turkey.

The government says 246 pro-government people — forces and civilians — died during the attempted coup, and at least 24 coup plotters were also killed.

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TRCI: Dialysis typically takes four hours three times a week

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Coffee Creek Correctional Facility in Wilsonville. That unit has yet to serve any patients.

Two Rivers, on the other hand, is currently serving 18 inmates via a contract with Naphcare, a healthcare services agency for incarcerated patients.

Dana Hampton, one of the unit's nurses, said despite its location inside a correctional facility, in many ways the unit is very similar to a private facility outside a prison.

"As far as the machines and the chairs and the units go, it's the same," she said. "These are good-quality machines. The difference would be that there's usually more space."

The hemodialysis machines filter waste and extra fluids out of the blood of patients with kidney failure — their body no longer filters those toxins naturally. The blood leaves the patient's body, runs through a series of filters and is returned to their body absent the fluids that would be expelled during urination by someone with healthy kidneys.

"It brings everyone back to a stable state," Hampton said.

She said the machines can be calibrated to a patient's exact needs, taking into account factors such as weight and health. The most common prescription written by a doctor calls for dialysis three times a week for four hours at a time.

During that time inmates are allowed to read a book or use headphones to listen to whatever show is playing on the wall-mounted television.

"It's generally a pretty boring four hours for them," Hampton said.

TRCI spokeswoman Sherry Iles said the cost per patient for one dialysis treatment is \$354, in

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— Sherry Iles, TRCI spokeswoman, on using Hermiston's dialysis centers before they went in-house

addition to the \$6,293 per month the prison spends on a nephrologist, a doctor who specializes in kidney care. Providing the dialysis in-house, instead of transporting patients to one of Hermiston's dialysis centers three times a week, saves money on treatment and in labor.

"It's the manpower costs," she said. "Because you're paying not only for the transport but also the personnel costs while they wait."

Before TRCI's unit opened in 2002, each prison was responsible for transporting their own dialysis patients to the nearest center. Now all of the Department of Correction's male dialysis patients reside at TRCI including, from time to time, any death row inmates in need of that treatment.

Iles didn't have an exact number for how much money the dialysis unit saves TRCI each year. But she said a cost analysis for the new, much smaller unit at Coffee Creek shows that prison should save an estimated \$645,100 per year by providing dialysis in-house.

In 1976, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that prisoners were entitled to the same medical care available outside of prison — including dialysis. That law also means that inmates are not precluded from being placed on the transplant list for a new kidney if a doctor recommends it and they meet the requirements.

In 2003 the ethics of organ transplants for

inmates was discussed statewide after death row inmate Horacio Alberto Reyes-Camarena sought a kidney transplant to end his dependence on dialysis.

Reyes-Camarena was sentenced to die in 1996 after being convicted of repeatedly stabbing two women, one of which survived to testify against him. Despite his death row status he was transferred to Two Rivers to receive dialysis there.

After media reports in 2003 that he had been recommended by a prison doctor for placement on the organ transplant list, medical ethicists argued that, given past instances of death row inmates later being exonerated, those inmates deserve proper medical care while spending years going through the appeals process and it wasn't up to doctors to decide someone didn't "deserve" a medical procedure.

Others were outraged, however, at the possibility that a murderer could receive a new kidney at the taxpayers' expense while other law-abiding citizens were dying on the transplant list.

Later in 2003, however, the transplant board announced that Reyes-Camarena did not meet two of the strict requirements for transplant eligibility.

He still resides at Two Rivers Correctional Institution today.

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