

Mamie's Bits and Pieces

Why do I have a variety of friends who are all different in character?

How do I get on with them all?

I think that each one helps to bring out a "different" part of me.
They are all like pieces of a jigsaw.

When completed they form a treasure box.

A treasury of friends!

They are my friends, who understand me better than myself, who support me through good days and bad days.

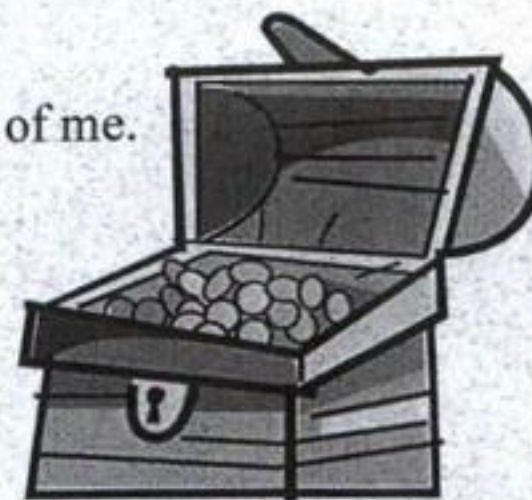
Dr. Oz calls them Vitamin F (from Friends) and counts the benefits of friends to our well being.

If you take Vitamin F constantly you can be up to 30 years younger than your real age.

The warmth of friendship stops stress and even in your tense moments it decreases the chance of a cardiac arrest or stroke by 50%.

I am so happy that I have a stock of Vitamin F!

In summary we should value our friends and keep in touch with them.
We should try to see the funny side of things and laugh together...Don't forget to take your daily dose of Vitamin F!!!



If you listen to
your fears you will
die never knowing
what a great person
you might
have been.

The deepest need
of the human being
is the need to be
needed—so—make
it a point to meet
someone's need
today.



SONY'S "THE INTERVIEW" MOVIE
COLLIDE WITH "WAR OF THE WORLDS
1930'S BY ORSON WELLS...

A GLOBAL WAKE-UP EVERY ALARM BANG!
BANG!!!

WELCOME TO THE GLOBAL NEW WORLD
ORDER: YOUR NEIGHBOR NOW LIVES
IN AFRICA; CHINA; ASIA, MEXICO;
RUSSIA; NORTH KOREA; AND CUBA
... WITHOUT END!

DO WE ALL GET THE "BIG PICTURE"
PAUSE!!!

SAT! RELAX! BREATHE OUT THE OLD!
BREATHE IN THE NEW [VISUALIZE...
UNIVERSAL !!]...

NEW WORLD! ORDER!

NEW ACTIONS, NEW REACTIONS!
[KARMA] NEW CONSEQUENCES...

THE PROBLEM OF TODAY IS AS
OLD AS THE SCRIPTURES:

"DON'T CURSE THE KING EVEN IN YOUR
THOUGHTS, AND DON'T CURSE RICH
PEOPLE EVEN IN YOUR BEDROOM. A
BIRD MAY CARRY YOUR WORDS, OR
SOME WINGED CREATURE MAY
REPEAT WHAT YOU SAY. " EMPHASIS
MINE ...]

— ECCLESIASTES 10:20

MOREOVER, EDWARD SNOWDEN, AT
GREAT PERSONAL COST [CONSEQUEN
CES!!!!] ... SOUNDED UNIVERSAL
ALARM: THERE ARE NO SECRETS:

A] WHITE HOUSE CONFIRMS HACKERS BREACHED
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B] RUSSIANS HACKING INTO AMERICANS'
COMPUTERS [HOMES PEEKING IN
ON BABIES] ... BUSINESSES AND
SCHOOLS -- CBS EVENING NEWS.
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NEWS J.P. MORGAN AND CHASE DATA
BREACHED: 70 MILLION AMERICANS
COMPROMISED...

E] MOVIE STARS NUDE PRIVATE
PHOTOS HACKED...

F] SEE P. _____ BELOW: "IRAN HACK
-ING KEY U.S. GLOBAL FIRMS":

G. PBS NEWS HOUR PBS.ORG U.S.
GOVERNMENT CONFIRMS NORTH
KOREA IS RESPONSIBLE FOR
HACKING SONY... DECEMBER
17, 2014 6:PM CST.
ANCHOR JUDY WOODRUFF...

WE DO NOT HAVE "ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT"; ONE WORLD ETHICS / ETHOS"; ONE WORLD CULTURE !!! WITHOUT END!

OLD THINKING: I HAVE A CONSTITUTIONAL / HUMAN RIGHT TO DO OR NOT TO DO
... SO AND SO !!

NEW WAY OF THINKING: YES - INDEED -
I HAVE THE RIGHT AND POWER; HOWEVER,
"WHAT ARE THE NEW GLOBAL WORLD
CNOT JUST THE GOOD OLE USA !!!"
NEW REACTION.

ALWAYS SOME ARE "BAD NEIGHBORS"
AND SOME "GOOD NEIGHBORS"

WE PRAY GOD SAVE US FROM
OURSELVES !!!

Edward Snowden took less than previously thought, says James Clapper

As the intelligence community continues its assessment of the damage caused by Edward Snowden's leaks of secret programs, Director of National Intelligence James Clapper says it appears the impact may be less than once feared because "it doesn't look like he [Snowden] took as much" as first thought.

"We're still investigating, but we think that a lot of what he looked at, he couldn't pull down," Clapper said in a rare interview at his headquarters Tuesday. "Some things we thought he got he apparently didn't. Although somewhat less than expected, the damage is still "profound," he said.

This assessment contrasts with the initial view in which officials, unsure of what Snowden had taken, assumed the worst — including the possibility that he had compromised the communications networks that make up the military's command and control system. Officials now think that dire forecast may have been too extreme.

It's impossible to assess independently the accuracy of what Clapper said, either about the damage Snowden allegedly caused or its mitigation. That's one reason why a legal resolution of the case would be so valuable: It would establish the facts.

In the damage evaluation, the intelligence community has established three tiers of material: The first tier is the 300 or so documents that a senior intelligence official said news organizations in the United States or overseas have already published, often with redactions. The second is an additional 200,000 documents the United States believes Snowden or his associates gave to the media.

It's a third tier of documents, which Snowden is assumed to have taken but whose current status isn't known, for which officials have lowered the threat assessment. This batch of probably downloaded material is about 1.5 million documents, the senior official said. That's below an earlier estimate of 1.77 million documents.

In the months immediately after June 2013, when Snowden began to reveal his cache of National Security Agency documents, U.S. officials said they couldn't be sure what he had seen and downloaded. Now, by piecing together a replication of top-secret files at the time, they have a better idea of what Snowden may have taken.

In Snowden's recent interview with NBC News's Brian Williams, the former NSA contractor seemed eager to explore a deal that would allow him to return to the United States and face legal proceedings with some sort of negotiated plea agreement.

A senior intelligence official cautioned that any discussion of plea negotiations would

be overseen by the Justice Department. He said the comment by NSA Deputy Director Rick Ledgett that there was "room for discussions" with Snowden reflected Ledgett's personal views only.

"Plea negotiations are difficult if you start by saying you're a hero and wanting a parade," the senior official said, dismissing Snowden's characterization of his actions during the NBC interview as patriotic and constitutional. The intelligence community sharply disagrees with that self-assessment.

But the door still appears to be open for Snowden to negotiate some process under which he would return to the United States from Russia and face charges. "If he came back and told everything he knows, then perhaps some accommodation could be reached," the senior official said.

The official said that in the event there were plea discussions, there could be a wide range of potential outcomes depending on Snowden's inclination to cooperate and share information.

Pressed to explain what damage Snowden's revelations had done, the official was guarded, saying that there was "damage in foreign relations" and that the leaks had "poisoned [NSA's] relations with commercial providers." He also said that terrorist groups had carefully studied the disclosures, turning more to anonymizers, encryption and use of couriers to shield communications.

The senior official wouldn't respond to repeated questions about whether the intelligence community has noted any changes in behavior by either the Russian or Chinese governments, in possible response to information they may have gleaned from Snowden's revelations.

The official said the director of national intelligence is developing new procedures to make a future breach of secrecy less likely, including "continuous evaluation" of those with high security clearances that would monitor their use of social media and other online activity. But he said he worried that such a regime might be "oppressive" and that employees might decide it was "too hard to work with."

Clapper's interview illustrates one unlikely benefit of the Snowden affair, which is that officials have decided to be more transparent in discussing intelligence issues. That, at least, is a step forward.

Military jet crashes in California desert town, no injuries

A US military jet careened into a Southern California residential neighborhood and exploded in flames on Wednesday. The crash destroyed two homes but resulted in no injuries.

The Harrier jet crashed in Imperial, Calif., a desert town of 15,000 people near the US-Mexico border, 90 miles east of San Diego, at around 4:20 p.m. local time.

The pilot bailed out of the plane before the crash and parachuted safely onto a nearby field.

Debris from the plane struck and destroyed one house, according to Marine Lt. Col. John Ferguson, an executive officer for the Marine Aircraft Group 13 based at the Marine Corps Air Station in Yuma, Ariz. The subsequent explosion totaled a second home and severely damaged a third.

One witness, Leonard Olmeda, was racing remote-controlled cars nearby with several neighborhood children when the plane fell from the sky.

"It was a big flash, a bunch of black smoke, like a mushroom effect," Mr. Olmeda said.

Eleven-year-old Christopher Garcia, who was watching television with his family in his living room two blocks away, told AP that the explosion "felt like an earthquake."

The residents of eight houses were evacuated from the neighborhood during the subsequent investigation and cleanup but have since returned to their homes, according to officials.

The plane was en route from Marine Corps Air Station in Yuma to Naval Air Facility El Centro, according to Colonel Ferguson.

Later Wednesday night, a second military jet, a Navy Super Hornet, crashed into the ocean off the Southern California coast while preparing to make a late-night landing on an aircraft carrier.

"The pilot ejected from the aircraft, was recovered safely, and is currently aboard [aircraft carrier] Carl Vinson in stable condition," Navy spokeswoman Lt. Reagan Lauritzen said.

There have been a handful of military jet crashes in the past six months.

On May 9, a Harrier jet originating from the same Marine Corps base in Yuma as the plane that crashed in Imperial, Calif., crashed in the Arizona desert. The pilot ejected with minor injuries.

On March 1, a Navy fighter jet crashed in western Nevada during a training exercise. The pilot was killed in that crash.

On Jan. 29, a plane contracted by the US Air Force crashed at Butts Army Airfield in Fort Carson, Colo.

On Jan. 15, a Navy fighter jet crashed into the Atlantic Ocean 45 miles off the coast of Virginia Beach, Va. The pilot ejected from the plane and was safely rescued.

On Jan. 8, a Navy helicopter also crashed off the coast of Virginia Beach, killing three people.

Plane crashes into Louisiana McDonald's parking lot

A small plane crashed into the parking lot of a McDonald's in Monroe, La., on Tuesday morning.

An eyewitness told the Shreveport Times that the plane, a Beechcraft Bonanza, clipped several trees before crashing.

"Part of the plane is up against the McDonald's sign post and it looks like maybe one car was damaged. The plane broke apart but it doesn't seem like any other major damage to any facilities around," said airport manager Ron Phillips.

Monroe Regional Airport is across the street from the crash sight.

The Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office said in a statement that the plane's lone occupant, the pilot, had been airlifted to the LSU Shreveport hospital to receive treatment for a head injury.

There was no information on his condition.

Father tosses children to safety in New York fire

When Anthony DiSimone and Darleen Cerzosie went outside of their home in Staten Island, New York, for a cigarette early Thursday, they didn't get the type of smoke they were expecting.

The second floor of a multifamily home on their densely packed street was on fire.

The couple -- engaged to be married -- sprang into action. They called the Fire Department and ran to knock on doors to alert everyone to the danger.

The situation was grim on the second floor of 203 Chestnut Ave.; a family was trapped.

"The father was upstairs where the fire started, and he was stuck up there," DiSimone said. "He was dangling his son outside, and he couldn't do anything, the black smoke was just bellowing out that window."

DiSimone, who said the boy is around 5 years old, said he shouted up to his neighbor: "I said just throw him out, throw him out!"

And that's what the father did.

"I went underneath and caught his son. He threw him right to me; I caught his son," he said.

But the father needed to get his daughter -- who DiSimone says is about 3 -- to safety as well.

"I gave (the boy) to another guy, and then (the father) brought out his daughter" he

said. "My fiancée, Darleen, she actually caught the daughter."

The father eventually escaped the multifamily home, he said.

No one was killed, but 34 people -- 23 of them firefighters -- were injured in the five-alarm blaze, which is now under control, said Frank Dwyer, a Fire Department of New York spokesman.

One of those is Darleen, who hurt her shoulder catching the little girl.

FDNY fire marshals are investigating the cause of the blaze, Dwyer said.

Family paints American flag on house

Bradenton, Florida -- The Greer family was handed a citation mentioning mold, mildew and the need for paint on the outside of their home. So the family picked up cans of paint and brushes, and went to work painting an American flag across the front of the entire home.

"We decided to paint it because the City hit me with an ordinance that it wasn't up to someone else's cosmetic standards," said Brent Greer.

"That's fine, it's a good start to paint the house," City Code Enforcement manager Volker Reiss said.

The Greers say a Christmas tree on the porch up top started all of this. That's why code enforcement showed up here in the first place.

"I threw it down and said, 'there you go.' And he said, 'Well, no, there will be a little more than that,'" said Kathryn Greer.

Brent Greer said it was hard to get information after that.

"I asked the guy, 'point to me what is the problem?' He said, 'I don't have my list.'"

So 10 News asked code enforcement.

"We had a safety concern about electrical. It seemed the wires weren't up to code. The balcony had rotten wood, some concerns, but the home is livable."

However, this family of seven adopted kids and two foster kids says it is safe.

"I'm not interfering with anyone. This is my God given, reinforced, constitutional right to live this way. When you threaten me with \$250 a day fines in a free county that angers me," said Greer.

Neighbors we spoke with said they love it and one stranger stopped by to shake the homeowners hand while 10 News was there. The family admits not everyone supports their statement but says, "that's okay, it is America."

"That flag is to remind them it can look anyway I want it to look," said Greer.

And the family says the work is not done here yet. The family says -- and if you look at the original drawing -- they plan to put the Liberty Bell up top, and the Statue of Liberty on the chimney.

Code enforcement plans to go back out to the property the day before the hearing which is the 17th. They'll see whether or not the family has moved on from painting and address other concerns.

6 climbers feared dead on Mount Rainier

SEATTLE — Six climbers, including two guides, are missing and presumed dead on Mount Rainier, officials said Saturday.

Park rangers said they believe the climbers fell some 3,000 feet and could not have survived.

A ground search spotted camping and climbing gear at the 9,000-foot Carbon Glacier. A helicopter was able to fly low enough that it detected a beacon signal in the area where the gear was found.

The climbers had indicated on Wednesday that bad weather was moving in, and it's believed they most likely hunkered down at that time.

The beacon signal was coming from a debris area, where rock, ice and snow were continuously coming down.

Mount Rainier National Park spokeswoman Patti Wold said said two guides with Alpine Ascents International and four clients had been reported missing Friday at about 4:30 p.m. PT. Wold said the party went in on Monday and were due out Friday.

The last time anyone spoke to them was Wednesday around 6 p.m. via satellite phone. At that time the party was at 12,800 feet with plans to stay overnight.

Air and ground searches were suspended late Saturday afternoon. The danger of falling rock and ice in the area where searchers picked up the pings prevents a ground recovery effort, Wold said.

"It would expose our rangers to pretty extreme conditions," park ranger Fawn Bauer said. "And, in all honesty, we may never be able to get on the ground there."

The loss of life would be among the deadliest climbing accidents ever on the peak in the Cascade mountain range. In 1981, 11 people were killed during a guided climb when they were struck by a massive ice fall on the Ingraham Glacier.

Aircraft will survey the area periodically in the coming weeks and months, Wold said, but the possibility of recovering the six is uncertain.

The missing group includes four clients of Seattle-based Alpine Ascents International and two guides. They were due to return from the mountain on Friday. When they

Snowden gets 3-year residency permit in Russia

Edward Snowden, the former National Security Agency contractor who disclosed secret details of U.S. electronic surveillance programs, has received a three-year residence permit in Russia and can travel freely abroad, his lawyer said Thursday in Moscow.

Lawyer Anatoly Kucherena said the 31-year-old analyst has not asked for political asylum, but noted that he could apply for Russian citizenship in five years, Russia's ITAR-TASS news agency reports.

"He will be able to travel freely within the country and go abroad," Kucherena told reporters "He'll be able to stay abroad for not longer than three months."

Snowden was granted temporary asylum in Russia year ago, but that permit expired Aug. 1.

He initially fled to Hong Kong and was en route to Cuba when he got stuck at Moscow's Sheremetyevo airport after the United States revoked his U.S. passport. Snowden remained in the airport transit area until he was granted temporary asylum.

As for Snowden's life in Russia, Kucherena said he is "much happier than being unfairly tried in the U.S."

Since receiving the temporary asylum, his whereabouts have not been made public. He is reported to be working at a website in Russia.

The Snowden case has been a significant contributor to the tensions between Russia and the United States.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has rejected U.S. pleas to send Snowden home to face charges including espionage. Putin, a former KGB spy, said repeatedly that Russia would only shelter Snowden if he stopped harming the United States.

"I don't think there's ever been any question that I'd like to go home," Snowden told NBC News in May. "Now, whether amnesty or clemency ever becomes a possibility is not for me to say. That's a debate for the public and the government to decide. But, if I could go anywhere in the world, that place would be home."

Schools brace for up to 50,000 migrant kids

Schools across the USA are bracing for as many as 50,000 immigrant children who would start school this fall, most of them unaccompanied by their families.

"We haven't started school yet, so we are all just holding our breath to see what's going to come on the first day of school," says Caroline Woodason, assistant director of

school support for Dalton Public Schools in Georgia.

Under federal law, all children are entitled to a free public education, regardless of their immigration status.

It's nothing new for public schools to serve immigrant students. But Francisco Negron, general counsel for the National School Board Association, says, "One of the challenges here, though, is the large number of unaccompanied minors."

"This is a whole new wave of immigrant students that are coming without any guardians whatsoever," Negron says.

Public school officials in Florida, Texas and Georgia know the unaccompanied minors are already in their states, mainly from Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador. But they don't know how many will end up enrolling and where.

Last school year, Montgomery County Public Schools in Maryland enrolled 107 unaccompanied minors and has "no expectations" about how many could enroll this school year, says school district spokesman Dana Tofig.

Maryland saw more than 2,200 unaccompanied minors arrive this year as of July 7, according to the most recent figures available from the

"We don't know the educational background (of the students), if they've even been to school, the language issue and operational issues that could raise costs," Negron says.

The U.S. Department of Education has a team to take "inquiries received from the field" and identify resources for school districts, according to an e-mail from Dorie Nolt, the agency's press secretary.

ENOUGH FUNDING?

School districts receive funding under the federal No Child Left Behind Act for students who have limited English proficiency. States can set aside additional money for districts that experience a "significant increase" in the number of immigrant students.

Florida is increasing funding for new immigrant students, says Cheryl Etters, spokeswoman for the Florida Department of Education.

The increase reflects more immigrant children enrolling in Florida schools but does not include the most recent wave of unaccompanied minors from Central America, Etters says.

The district with the most recently-arrived immigrant children -- Miami-Dade County -- requested additional federal funding last week to support what it expects to be a flood of new students.

Miami has the country's largest Honduran population, and in the last three months of the school year, the district enrolled 300 children from Honduras, says superintendent Alberto Carvalho. The district has plenty of English-as-second-language teachers, as well as relationships with local social services. But "there's an unknown factor" of how new students will affect the district financially, Carvalho says.

Miami-Dade estimates it spends an additional \$1,959 in local funds on immigrant children, Carvalho said in a July 30 letter to Florida Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz.

In addition to health screenings, students need social and psychological services because of the "dramatic conditions they left behind of violence or gang violence or poverty, coupled with what is often a traumatic experience during their journey," Carvalho says.

'NEWCOMER ACADEMY'

Using federal funds, Dalton Public Schools in Georgia set up what it calls a "Newcomer Academy" this year when it saw that about 30 students needed English training.

Last year, the district received \$200,000 in funding for its 1,800 English language learners, about a quarter of the overall student population, Woodason said.

Whitfield County schools in Georgia set up a similar academy over the summer. Last school year, the district enrolled 13 unaccompanied immigrant children from Guatemala and El Salvador. Most don't speak Spanish but their native Mayan dialects, Eric Beaver, spokesman for the school district, says in an e-mail.

At Dalton, teachers must use "a lot of pictures, hands-on teaching and pointing," Woodason says.

In addition to language training, Dalton's school district is teaching basic technology skills. Many of the district's unaccompanied immigrant students have never seen a computer, Woodason says.

Iselle to give Hawaii first hurricane in 22 years

A hurricane that beat the odds is poised to roar across Hawaii on Thursday, blasting the island paradise with heavy rains, damaging winds and hammering surf.

Hurricane Iselle is forecast to become the first hurricane to smash into the islands in more than two decades. A couple days later, Hurricane Julio could be the second one.

Forecasters had expected Iselle to fall prey to the long trip across the Pacific and the region's strong upper air flow that is capable of breaking up some of the mightiest hurricanes. But Iselle was unrelenting, so the

Irby

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run on bottled water, milk and toilet paper is in full swing.

"The real effects will probably be felt on the Big Island starting around noon" (6 p.m. ET) Thursday, Norman Hui, a National Weather Service meteorologist in Honolulu, told USA TODAY. "The worst of it will be tonight. This storm is holding together pretty well."

The Big Island, the state's most easterly island, was on track to take the brunt of the storm. Hui said it's possible the island's mountainous volcanoes could provide some buffer. Still, the island's population of more than 180,000 people could be in for a wild ride, with 85 mph winds, heavy rain and flooding.

Oahu, a smaller but more populated island that includes Honolulu, should avoid the worst of the storm, Hui said. But tropical storm conditions are likely there overnight and Friday.

Hurricane Julio lurked more than 1,000 miles east of Hawaii. Hui said its current track sends it just north of the islands, probably late Sunday or Monday. But it's too far away to make a firm determination on its fate, Hui said.

State officials tried to assure people that the islands are ready and people need not panic. Gov. Neil Abercrombie signed an emergency proclamation allowing officials to tap into a disaster fund set aside by the state Legislature.

"The sole purpose is to see to it the health and safety of the people of Hawaii is first and foremost," Abercrombie said.

Hawaiian Airlines waived reservation change fees and fare differences for passengers who needed to alter travel plans Thursday and Friday because of the storms. Hawaiian Airlines spokeswoman Ann Botticelli said hundreds of inquiries poured in from customers seeking to change their flights. Tourists wondered whether their flights and activities would be disrupted and tried to get in some last-minute beach time before the surf's up, but ugly.

"Everybody says this is the last day of good weather, so we came down to the beach," said Shonna Snodgrass, a tourist in Waikiki visiting from Stafford, Va.

Hawaii is used to preparing for tropical storms _ stock up on water, toilet paper and other essentials and wait. But actually getting hit with systems like the two approaching the islands? Not as much. (Aug. 6) AP

Some residents were voting early in primary elections that close Saturday. The elections include several marquee races, including congressional and gubernatorial races. Abercrombie, who is running for re-election in a tight Democratic primary, said the

election was expected to move forward as planned.

The storms are rare but not unexpected in years with a developing El Nino, a change in ocean temperature that affects weather around the world. Hawaii has been directly hit by hurricanes only three times since 1950. The last time Hawaii was hit with a tropical storm or hurricane was in 1992, when Hurricane Iniki killed six people and destroyed more than 1,400 homes in Kauai, said meteorologist Eric Lau.

U.S. Homeland Security contractor reports computer breach

(Reuters) - A company that performs background checks for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security said on Wednesday it was the victim of a cyber attack, adding in a statement that "it has all the markings of a state-sponsored attack."

The computer breach at Falls Church, Virginia-based US Investigations Services (USIS) probably involved the theft of personal information about DHS employees, according to the Washington Post, which first reported the story.

DHS said it had suspended all work with the company amid an investigation by the FBI. A "multi-agency cyber response team is working with the company to identify the scope of the intrusion," DHS spokesman Peter Boogaard said in a statement.

"At this time, our forensic analysis has concluded that some DHS personnel may have been affected, and DHS has notified its entire workforce, out of an abundance of caution, to advise them to monitor their financial accounts for suspicious activity," he said, adding that employees whose data had likely been compromised would be informed.

The Office of Personnel Management had also suspended work with USIS, the Post said, adding that government officials do not believe the breach has affected non-DHS employees.

"We are working collaboratively with OPM and DHS to resolve this matter quickly and look forward to resuming service on all our contracts with them as soon as possible," USIS said in the statement on its website. "We will support the authorities in the investigation and any prosecution of those determined to be responsible for this criminal attack," it said.

"Experts who have reviewed the facts gathered to-date believe it has all the markings of a state-sponsored attack," the company said.

USIS says it is the biggest commercial provider of background investigations to the federal government, has over 5,700

employees and provides services in all U.S. states and territories, as well as abroad.

Obama signs veterans' health care overhaul

Veterans may soon have easier access to government-paid health care under a bill President Barack Obama signed into law Thursday, the government's most sweeping response to date to a public uproar over systemwide problems that have rocked the Veterans Affairs Department.

With service members, lawmakers and military leaders looking on, Obama put his pen to the bill at Fort Belvoir, an Army base south of Washington, where he held up the legislation as a rare example of Republicans and Democrats working together effectively. Denouncing delays in care for veterans as wrong and outrageous, Obama said the government would keep moving ahead with urgent reforms to ensure veterans have the care they've earned.

"This will not and cannot be the end of our effort," Obama said. "We have to make sure the VA system can keep pace with the new demands."

The \$16.3 billion measure allows the Veterans Affairs Department to hire thousands of doctors, nurses and other health professionals at the VA's nearly 1,000 hospitals and outpatient clinics nationwide. Under the new law, employment rules will be revised to make it easier to fire senior VA executives judged to be negligent or performing poorly.

Congress approved the measure last week before taking a five-week recess -- one of the few significant bills approved this year by both the House and the Senate.

The legislation is a response to reports of veterans dying while awaiting appointments to see VA doctors and of a widespread practice of employees covering up months-long wait times for appointments. In some cases, employees received bonuses based on falsified records.

The veterans bill, approved with strong bipartisan support, "will put in place reforms and needed additional resources to meet the high standard of service that our veterans have earned," said White House spokesman Josh Earnest.

The bill devotes \$10 billion in emergency spending over three years to pay private doctors and other health professionals to care for qualifying veterans who can't get timely appointments at VA hospitals or clinics or who live more than 40 miles from one of them. It includes \$5 billion for hiring more VA doctors, nurses and other medical staff and \$1.3 billion to open 27 new VA clinics across the country.

REPORT: IRAN HACKING KEY U.S., GLOBAL FIRMS

The explorer, named Hayabusa2, is expected to reach the asteroid in mid-2018, spend about 18 months studying it and return in late 2020.

A small device will separate from the explorer and shoot a projectile to blast open a crater a few meters (several feet) in diameter. The explorer, which will hide behind the asteroid during the blast, will then try to collect material from inside the crater.

Asteroids can provide evidence not available on earth about the birth of the solar system and its evolution. JAXA, Japan's space agency, said the research could help explain the origin of seawater and how the planet earth was formed.

Hayabusa2 will attempt to expand on the work of Hayabusa, a previous explorer that returned in 2010 after collecting material from the surface of another asteroid. By reaching inside an asteroid this time, the new explorer may recover material that is not as weathered by the space environment and heat.

The earlier mission was plagued by mechanical failures and other problems. JAXA hopes improvements since then will make this trip smoother.

"The mission was completed one way or another, but we stumbled along the way," said Akitaka Kishi from JAXA's lunar and planetary exploration program. "To travel there and bring back something is extremely difficult."

Hayabusa2, which was launched from Tanegashima Space Center in southern Japan, is a rectangular unit with two sets of solar panels sticking out from its sides. The main unit measures 1 x 1.6 x 1.4 meters (3.3 x 5.2 x 4.6 feet) and weighs about 600 kilograms (1,300 pounds).

Report: Iran hacking key U.S., global firms

For at least two years, Iranian hackers have penetrated the computer networks of government agencies and major energy, transportation and infrastructure companies in the United States and 15 other countries, a security-services firm reports.

The intruders have stolen "highly sensitive materials" from at least 50 firms worldwide, including 10 U.S. companies, according to Cylance, based in Irvine, Calif. The firm warns that "the probability of an attack that could impact the physical world at a national or global level is rapidly increasing."

Hamid Babaei, spokesman for Iran's U.N. mission, told Reuters that the report was "a baseless and unfounded allegation fabricated to tarnish the Iranian government image, particularly aimed at hampering current nuclear talks."

Dubbed "Operation Cleaver," the effort has "successfully leveraged both publicly available and customized tools to attack and compromise targets around the globe," the the 87-page report claims.

"During intense intelligence gathering over the last 24 months, we observed the technical capabilities of the Operation Cleaver team

rapidly evolve faster than any previously observed Iranian effort," the report states. Targets have included "military, oil and gas, energy and utilities, transportation, hospitals, telecommunications, technology, education, aerospace, defense contractors, chemical, companies, and governments."

Besides the United States, the hackers have hit firms and agencies in Canada, China, England, France, Germany, India, Israel, Kuwait, Mexico, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates, Cylance claims.

The report did not name companies. A person familiar with the research told Reuters that U.S. energy producer Calpine Corp. was among them. Others identified but not confirmed include Saudi Aramco and Petroleos Mexicanos, along with Qatar Airlines and Korean Air.

The effort is believed to be based in Tehran, with assistance coming from others in the Netherlands, Canada and the U.K. Cylance said evidence indicates the same group carried out a 2013 attack on a U.S. Navy network.

So far, the Cylance report states, the intrusions have "successfully evaded detection by existing security technologies." It did not explain how it determined the intrusions were occurring or indicate what data were stolen.

A computer worm known as Stuxnet, reportedly created by the United States and Israel, briefly disrupted Iran's uranium-enrichment activity in 2010. Two years later, Iran reported stopping another cyberattack, which targeted a power plant and other industries in the country's south.

Eiffel Tower gets dizzying glass floor

It's known as the City of Light, but Paris has taken a dizzying step toward being the City of Fright after the Eiffel Tower unveiled a new glass floor.

Offering dramatic views of the 57-meter (187-foot) drop from the 125-year-old landmark's first level, the transparent walkway has proved a hit with visitors lining up -- and lying down -- to take selfies.

Paris's mayor, Anne Hidalgo, opened the new attraction, saying it would help bring back some magic to a city that's been criticized for disappointing foreign visitors.

"I hear that Paris has lost its shine and attractiveness," she said. "It's not true." The new floor, she added, proved Parisians could reinvent their city "without ruining our history."

The Eiffel Tower gets a brand new 1st floor today... Enjoy this breathtakingly high experience! #TourEiffel
pic.twitter.com/985Os8Rg84

— Anne Hidalgo (@Anne_Hidalgo) October 6, 2014

It's the latest in a series of glass floored walkways to open in prominent destinations around the world. These include Chicago's Willis Tower Skydeck and the Grand Canyon Skywalk.

Paris admits it needs to be friendlier

Hidalgo celebrated the opening with a series of multilingual tweets inviting tourists to "enjoy this breathtakingly high experience." The glass floor is part of a \$38.4 million renovation of the tower's first floor that also includes shops, restaurants and a museum. New outward-curving safety barriers also allow better views over the city.

Until now, the tower's somewhat gloomy "premier etage" has been one of its least-visited areas, with most of its 7 million annual visitors heading straight to higher levels.

Built by Gustave Eiffel, the Tower was completed in 1889 as part of a "Universal Exposition" celebrating the centenary of the French Revolution.

At 312 meters, it was the tallest building in the world until New York's Chrysler building overtook it in 1930.

It was originally designed as a temporary attraction, but the decision was made to keep it as a permanent attraction -- and the Tower has never looked back.

Thanks to the glass floor though, it can now look down.

Putin blasts West in state of nation address
Russian President Vladimir Putin used his annual state of the nation address on Thursday to defend his nation's foreign policy and warn Russians of lean economic times ahead.

Speaking at the Grand Kremlin Palace in Moscow, Putin said recent actions he has ordered in Ukraine's Crimean peninsula and elsewhere were entirely necessary for Russia's survival.

"If for many European countries, sovereignty and national pride are forgotten concepts and a luxury, then for the Russian Federation a true sovereignty is an absolutely necessary condition of its existence," Putin told a full room of cabinet ministers, lawmakers and community leaders.

"I want to stress: either we will be sovereign, or we will dissolve in the world. And, of course, other nations must understand this as well," he said.

He said that it was not Russia's intention to get involved in an expensive arms race and that "unusual solutions" were available. He did not elaborate on what he meant by that phrase.

More than 4,300 people have been killed in eastern Ukraine in what the West and the Ukrainian government says is a conflict being fueled by arms and money from Moscow for pro-Russian separatists. Russia has mostly denied being directly involved.

Putin complained that it was "pure cynicism" that led to western sanctions on Russia over its actions in Ukraine and that even if Russian had not annexed Crimea in March world leaders would have fabricated another reason to keep a strengthening, resurgent Russia at bay.

"No one will succeed in defeating Russia militarily," he said. "They would have been delighted to let us go the way of Yugoslavia and the dismemberment of the Russian

peoples, with all the tragic consequences. But it did not happen. We did not allow it to happen," Putin said.

"The more we retreat and justify ourselves, the more brazen our opponents become and the more cynically and aggressively they behave."

Russia is expected to enter recession next year, for the first time in six years.

Its economy has been hard-hit by recent plunging oil prices that together with the sanctions are estimated to have cost Russia tens of billions in lost revenue.

On Monday, the ruble, Russia's currency, hit a record low before recovering slightly. The ruble has shed more than 40% of its value this year against the dollar. Inflation is on track to reach 10% in 2015.

Volvo 2015.5 XC60: Go anywhere from your dashboard

It's rare that an automaker makes any sort of mid-year change. With the exception of the vaunted 1964.5 Mustang, half birthdays don't really get celebrated in the auto industry. But things are apparently a bit different in Sweden, and the entire Volvo lineup got an important refresh this fall.

Internet connectivity, smartphone remote control, and telematics are now standard on every 2015.5 Volvo, under the banner of Sensus Connect and Volvo On Call. Drivers can now start their Volvos remotely using a smartphone, stream podcasts from the dashboard, and find reviews for nearby businesses.

I got a chance to drive the 2015.5 Volvo XC60 (starting MSRP: \$42,400; \$52,225 as equipped) on a road trip, and its built-in connectivity kept me company on a long, solo drive. During the excursion, I had some time to think about the internet's place in the car—and why there's been an explosion of dedicated data plans coming to dashboards. Volvo's addition of a permanent AT&T data connection is part of a growing trend among wireless carriers, automakers, and content providers to entice customers to add another line to an existing plan. After all, your carrier has already sold you and everyone else in your family a phone, so the only way to get new subscribers is to either raise the birth rate or start signing up inanimate objects. The car is the next frontier.

A constant connection also gives car manufacturers access to real-time vehicle diagnostics. In an era where software determines how well your car runs, online access lets automakers flash updates to your engine or transmission just as easily as an app can automatically download an update on your phone.

A data plan also eliminates the hassle of pairing a phone to access internet-based infotainment. That's good for drivers who don't want to deal with finicky interfaces. It's also good for streaming services like Spotify, Pandora, and Stitcher. Since a lot of media consumption happens in the car, hassle-free in-car internet gets more ears for more

hours—and helps content providers sell more advertising.

Enter Volvo. After an attempt at installing aftermarket, third-party, Android-based systems in cars last year, the automaker is back with an infotainment interface of its own design. Unlike 4G systems from Audi and GM, Volvo's Sensus Connect runs on an AT&T 3G connection.

Sensus Connect puts your smartphone's capabilities in the car, adding familiar streaming services like Pandora, Stitcher, Rdio, and TuneIn. Glympse allows you to broadcast your location over social media, a Wikipedia app uses your location to let you know when and where George Washington slept nearby, Park and Pay helps you find a free space in a garage, and both Yelp and Local Search let you explore your surroundings without subjecting yourself to subpar pizza.

Volvo On Call, on the other hand, puts your car on your smartphone. You can check to see how much gas you have left, lock your doors, warm up the car, and even see when you need to schedule your next service.

The first six months of both services are free—you can add anywhere between 12 and 54 additional months at prices that range from \$16.60/month to \$12.50/month.

Depending on how often you drive and how cold it gets where you live, the services might actually end up being a good deal. Your phone plan might charge you extra for using enough data to stream audio throughout your commute, and installing a remote starter will set you back upwards of \$100. You could get both for the same price you'd pay for satellite radio.

Is Volvo's setup worth it? Well, at first glance, the user interface appears anything but intuitive. Physical buttons bring up individual functions, from navigation to audio, and it's possible to quickly enter text by turning the jog wheel or by tapping it out on the phone-style alphanumeric keypad—the same way you'd write a text message on a flip phone.

Initially, I longed for a touchscreen and wondered how the whole of the internet could be condensed into such a clunky format. But after a few days using Sensus Connect, I found myself quickly able to perform complex functions—like searching for a podcast, or entering in the name of a restaurant—with barely a glance at the screen. Somehow, Volvo created an infotainment system that's deceptively user friendly.

The key to putting the internet into a car isn't letting a driver do everything. It's streamlining those few tasks a driver wants to do. That's why, by the end of my week with the XC60, I'd grown comfortable with Volvo's quirky little interface.

With such a myriad of choices, it would be easy to get overwhelmed—especially while driving. Thankfully, Volvo's Sensus Connect keeps it simple.

Chevrolet jazzes up Camaro SS with track package

PAHRUMP, Nev. — Tearing through the twisty course of a desert raceway, there's a natural impulse to try to figure out how to make the car go even faster.

One way would be to learn to drive like a professional. Nah. Easier to go the second route: Buy more parts to put a little more pizzazz in the car.

Knowing there are legions of loyal owners who like to upgrade their cars to make them more competitive — or at least look more cool — Chevrolet showed last month how it can add a suite of aftermarket parts that it says can make a difference.

The goal is to put the "ultimate" in the track performance of a Camaro SS, a competent, though not the fastest, Camaro.

"Performance parts are a way of enabling owners to take the performance up several levels," says Jim Campbell, General Motors' U.S. vice president for performance vehicles and motorsports.

After a few hot laps, the point was well taken. A body kit makes the Camaro more aerodynamic. Added suspension parts make the car more stiff and hold flat in corners. It had beefed up brakes, a throatier exhaust and modifications that allow more air to flow into the engine and other upgrades. Some of the parts came from the more expensive ZL1 and Z/28 Camaros.

"It's about traction coming out of the corners and steering feel," says Brandon Vivian, executive director for chassis and performance.

Creating the "Ultimate Track Camaro SS" takes about \$12,000, but Chevrolet officials say the package is less than half the cost of buying parts individually for those who opt to make the conversion gradually.

The extra performance also helps breathe new life into an aging model — even though it has held its own just fine against rivals Ford Mustang and Dodge Challenger. A new Camaro is rumored to be on the way.

Motor Trend honors Chevrolet pickup over Ford's F-150

In a blow to Ford's pride in its all-new aluminum-bodied F-150 pickup truck, *Motor Trend* is announcing today that it has chosen Chevrolet's new midsize pickup, the Colorado, for its prestigious Truck of the Year award.

Given the amount of hoopla over its new, lighter aluminum body, many assumed the 2015 Ford F-150 would be a shoo-in for major awards this year.

But Ed Loh, editor-in-chief of *Motor Trend*, says the publication bestows the honor only on vehicles it deems best in its class. Among full-size trucks, he says, the publication believes that Ford's new F-150 falls in behind the clean-diesel engine version of the current Ram 1500.

F-150 didn't even come in second. That honor went to another Ford: its new Transit full-size commercial van.

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Such awards are coveted in the auto industry, where reviews and awards are seen as swaying potential buyers. The next major test for the F-150 will be the North American Truck of the Year prize announced each year at the big annual auto show in Detroit in January.

In a unanimous vote among *Motor Trend* writers and editors, the Chevy Colorado midsize trounced all rivals to be best in class by being a right-sized truck with "sexy" looks and "a big fuel efficiency story," Loh says. Most Colorado configurations achieved at least 20 miles per gallon on the highway. The truck, along with corporate cousin GMC Canyon, garnered attention through the year by returning General Motors to a segment that it, Ford and Chrysler had deserted, leaving the field to the dominant Toyota Tacoma and the Nissan Frontier.

"A lot of our staff fell in love with that pickup," says Loh. "It's the thinking man's kind of pickup."

A Chevrolet official says the brand is "amazingly thrilled" at the honor for the truck that has only been in showrooms since September. Spokesman Otie McKinley pointed to the truck's horsepower, towing, connectivity and quiet cabin as changing the category.

"It's changing the way the midsize truck buyer looks at trucks," McKinley says. "It's reinventing the segment."

Loh had nothing but nice things to say about the new version of the F-150, perennially the nation's best-selling car or truck. The aluminum body and other changes cut up to 700 pounds per vehicle. It also now offers luxury touches new to the segment, such as a huge sunroof and a system to keep the truck from wandering out of its lane. Buyers switching from a V-8 to a new turbocharged 2.7-liter engine in the F-150 can see gas-mileage improvements of up to 29%, Ford says.

But Loh says Ford may be, in part, a victim of its own hype. "It's only shocking that the Colorado wins if you presumed that F-150 was going to walk away with it," he says. The Ram EcoDiesel, he says, is considered best in the full-size class not only because of its better gas mileage but because of innovations like an eight-speed automatic transmission and a better ride.

Ford truck spokesman Mike Levine said in a statement: "While we always are honored to win awards and recognition, we are most proud of creating the toughest, smartest and most capable F-150 ever for customers."

Video game systems on lots of holiday wish lists

Interest in the newest video game systems have helped push game consoles to the top of many holiday wish lists, according to research from Nielsen.

A video game system is the most desired gift among most kids and teens -- 86% of those aged 6-12 and 70% of those aged 13-17 -- far ahead of other tech gifts such as an iPad

(31% of kids want one) or new smartphones (38% of teens want one).

Even adults have game systems high on their shopping lists -- about 42% of them want a new one.

Sony's PlayStation 4 and Microsoft's Xbox One, both brought to market one year ago, are the most coveted systems, followed by the two-year-old Nintendo Wii U.

"When we do see a new system, or in this case a new group of systems coming out, it kind of energizes the whole category," said Nicole Pike, director of client insights for Nielsen. "People are excited to move on to the next generation of consoles and there's a lot of new content that publishers are putting out for those consoles which in turn drives interest in them even more."

For its Nielsen Games Study, the research firm conducted online surveys with more than 2,400 adults and children (interviewed with parents or guardians) between Nov. 7-12, 2014. They asked whether were interested in getting at least one new game platform over the next six months.

Interest in streaming video is high, too, Pike said, as many consumers using game systems to stream Netflix, YouTube and other services.

But adults are also interested in smart TVs this holiday season, too, with 23% of adults and 28% of teens interested in getting one.

"Overall, what we have seen is that consumers are looking to connect more of the services they use into single platforms," Pike said. "Smart TV is another example of that." Although the PS4 has jumped out to a sales lead in the U.S., the Xbox One could be catching up, based on the interest levels that Nielsen has found, she said.

Xbox One emerged as one of the top holiday purchases over the Black Friday weekend. "It will be interesting to see how that plays out over the holidays, especially with the Xbox One recently dropping the price and cutting some pretty nice bundle deals over Black Friday and that will continue through the first of next year," Pike said. "I think that could really throw a wrench into things and change up sales from what we have seen from the two systems."

Hollywood studios boost security after Sony hack

Hollywood studios are swiftly ramping up cyber security measures, hiring experts and warning employees to be careful with their private information in the wake of the hack attack that is continuing to cripple Sony Pictures Entertainment.

Last week's assault, which shut down the studio's computer and phone systems, has also resulted in the release of an ongoing stream of sensitive data, including executive salaries and employees' personal information, sending a collective chill up the spine of Sony's rivals.

"People are wigged out," said an executive at one of Hollywood's major film companies, who declined to be identified. "It is making

people seriously question what they put in email."

Many film companies, including The Weinstein Company, have hired security firms to protect themselves against groups like the self-proclaimed "Guardians of Peace," which has claimed responsibility for the SPE attacks.

"Everybody has" hired outside security firms, a senior Weinstein executive told *TheWrap*. Last week, Sony hired security firm FireEye Inc. and its Mandiant forensics unit to lead the investigation of the breach. "The investigation continues into this very sophisticated cyberattack," SPE said in a statement.

While confirming they were monitoring the Sony situation and assessing the safety of their computer and phone systems, none of the studios would speak in terms of specifics for fear of compromising their defenses. Exactly who they're battling isn't clear either. "Everyone is trying to figure it out," one studio executive said, while begrudgingly acknowledging the seriousness of the threat. "The hackers are good."

There has been some speculation that the attack on Sony may have ties to North Korea as a response to the studio's upcoming Seth Rogen-James Franco film "The Interview," which North Korean officials have been openly critical of. The comedy sees the duo sent in to assassinate North Korean leader Kim Jong-un.

Sony is purportedly working with various law enforcement agencies to see if there is a connection to the cyber attack and the film. While the film's stars' salaries have been released by the hackers, the film was not one of the five Sony films to show up on pirate sites; though it's unclear if these pirated films are related to the attack.

A confidential flash warning the F.B.I. sent on Monday to corporate security administrators obtained by *The New York Times* purportedly warns them about a recently discovered "destructive" malware written in Korean.

The FBI's warning purportedly made no mention of Sony, and the behavior of this malware is not the same as what Sony experienced. This new malware purportedly puts the computer to sleep for two hours, reboots it and then directs it to start wiping all of its files.

With new threats looming and Sony still recovering from a cyber attack, new security measures may not be the only changes coming. The assault on Sony may change the way the industry communicates. SPE's email system has been thoroughly compromised.

"We've all had a tendency to communicate via email and text," said the studio executive.

"Now, I better say it verbally."

Rolling Stones sax player Bobby Keys dies
NASHVILLE (AP) — Rolling Stones saxophone player Bobby Keys, who also performed on recordings with John Lennon and Eric Clapton, has died at his home in Franklin, Tenn. He was 70 years old.

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Michael Webb, who played keyboard with Keys, said Keys died on Tuesday after a lengthy illness. Keys had been out on tour with the Stones earlier this year before his health prevented him from performing.

"The Rolling Stones are devastated by the loss of their very dear friend and legendary saxophone player, Bobby Keys," the band said in a statement. "Bobby made a unique musical contribution to the band since the 1960s. He will be greatly missed."

Originally from Texas, Keys started playing with Buddy Holly and The Crickets and went on to become a top session and touring musician.

Nielsen ratings: 'Dancing', 'Walking Dead' rise

Toes up. The 19th edition of *Dancing With the Stars* danced off Tuesday with 16 million viewers, up from 14.6 million for last fall's 17th finale (and 15.7 million last spring).

Walkers. AMC's fall finale of *The Walking Dead* claimed 14.8 million viewers, capping a half-season that's up 12% from last fall's. The series returns in February.

Trophy time. BET's *Soul Train Awards* drew 3.1 million viewers Sunday, when Nickelodeon's *Halo Awards* claimed 2.4 million.

Winners, losers of the revamped 'Billboard' chart

Billboard shook up its albums chart this week, adding streaming and track-sales data to the equation for the first time.

This marks the chart's most significant change since *Billboard* introduced the Nielsen SoundScan sales-measuring service in 1991. Shifting from a system that measures album consumption more than sales didn't affect the top of the chart — Taylor Swift's 1989 would have been No. 1 under the old system as well as the new — but the refashioned chart certainly benefits some acts over others.

WINNERS

Ariana Grande. An artist who rules on radio and streaming services but has seen moderate album sales, Grande is exactly the kind of act who'll benefit from the new system. Her *My Everything* leaps from No. 39 last to No. 7 this week — on the sales chart, though, she's only No. 16.

Robin Schulz. The German DJ, whose *Prayer in C* with Lilly Wood & The Prick has been massively popular on streaming services, isn't even on the sales-only chart. But his album *Prayer* pops up at No. 74 on the main albums chart, making him the act most likely to see his career skyrocket because of the chart changes.

Hozier. The Irish singer-songwriter has been steadily gaining audience all year, on radio with *Take Me to Church* and online with his self-titled debut album. The new chart pushes him into the top 20, likely accelerating the growth of his career.

Bruno Mars. *Unorthodox Jukebox* and *Doo-Wops & Hooligans* both jump back into the chart, at Nos. 172 and 176, respectively,

meaning people continue to listen to hits like *Grenade* and *Locked Out of Heaven*.

LOSERS

Garth Brooks. The new chart methodology doesn't favor the business model of the country superstar, probably the act who most benefited from SoundScan. Brooks hasn't licensed his music to streaming services, he's not yet reporting his digital sales and he doesn't make tracks available for individual download. As a result, his *Man Against Machine* fell out of the top 10 this week.

U2. *Songs of Innocence* dropped from No. 130 to No. 198 on *Billboard*'s albums chart, though it would have been No. 165 on a sales-based chart, suggesting veteran acts without a viral hit or a place on radio will fall farther faster under the new chart system.

Prince: Using a sales-only ranking, Prince's *Art Official Age* would have come in at No. 164, with an 82% week-over-week increase. Instead, he's off the chart entirely.

Cast, car unveiled for 24th Bond film 'Spectre'

It seems an old enemy's back to haunt James Bond.

Spectre was announced Thursday morning as the official title for the 24th movie starring Ian Fleming's British super-spy and hints at the reintroduction of the global terrorist group SPECTRE. Short for SPecial Executive for Counter-intelligence, Terrorism, Revenge and Extortion, the evil organization debuted on screen in the first 007 movie, 1962's *Dr. No*, and was headed up in other films by classic Bond villain Ernst Stavro Blofeld.

"Those of you who have some knowledge of the Bond franchise and the legend of Bond probably have some idea what that refers to but I couldn't possibly comment," teased director Sam Mendes after unveiling the title at the Albert R. Broccoli 007 Stage at London's Pinewood Studios.

Daniel Craig stars as the secret agent for the fourth time — following *Casino Royale* (2006), *Quantum of Solace* (2008) and the Mendes-directed *Skyfall* (2012) — and also returning from the last film are Bond's M16 allies Tanner (Rory Kinnear), quartermaster/gadget man Q (Ben Whishaw), fellow agent Miss Moneypenny (Naomie Harris) and the new M (Ralph Fiennes). Andrew Scott (*Sherlock*) co-stars as Denbigh, a new addition to Whitehall, and Dave Bautista (*Guardians of the Galaxy*) plays Mr. Hinx, assumably a hulking henchman. Monica Bellucci and Lea Seydoux, playing Lucia Sciarra and Madeleine Swann respectively, join the likes of Ursula Andress, Honor Blackman and Halle Berry as "Bond ladies," as Mendes put it.

Christoph Waltz, who was rumored to be playing a modern version of Blofeld, was announced as the mysterious character Oberhauser.

Bond usually gets a sweet, sleek new car in every movie, and in *Spectre* he will be zooming around in a silver Aston Martin DB10.

Now in rehearsals, the film — arriving in theaters Nov. 6, 2015 — begins filming Monday at Pinewood and the seven-month shoot is scheduled to also visit Rome, Mexico City, Tangier, Morocco and the Alps in Sölden, Austria.

Phil Rudd gets in a fight, breaches bail

Phil Rudd's troubles keep rolling. The AC/DC drummer, 60, was back in court in his home town of Tauranga, New Zealand on Thursday after getting into a scuffle, a breach of his bail conditions.

Last month, police charged Rudd with threatening to kill, along with possessing methamphetamine and marijuana. He has pleaded not guilty and faces a judge-only trial early next year.

Columbus Coffee cafe owner Leo Rojas told AP on Thursday that he saw Rudd curse and try to punch a larger man on the sidewalk outside the cafe. He said the shorter and skinnier Rudd was pushed twice to the ground by the taller, larger man.

"It was like a Chihuahua trying to fight a big dog," Rojas said, adding that the larger man called Rudd a "rat."

Rojas said he saw Rudd trying to throw punches at the larger man but Rudd's bodyguard intervened, trying to separate them.

Police officers soon arrived and Rudd was taken away in handcuffs.

In court, a judge imposed an additional bail condition on Rudd: that he not consume illegal drugs, reports AP, after prosecutors argued that the musician's behavior had been erratic and that he would be more likely to comply with his other bail conditions if he didn't take drugs.

This week AC/DC released its new album, *Rock or Bust*.

Exclusive video: Man is bait for snake

Paul Rosolie is hoping for a high-profile bait and switch, using himself as the bait.

In the Discovery Channel special, *Eaten Alive* (Sunday, 9 p.m. ET/PT), Rosolie tries to get a green anaconda to swallow him, hoping that viewers who tune in for the attention-getting maneuver will learn about the importance of preserving the endangered Amazon River environment.

"We need the Amazon ecosystem," says Rosolie, 27, who grew up in New Jersey and first visited the South American region as a teen. "I've watched scientists work their whole lives to raise awareness, but deforestation continues. I was thinking of doing something that would grab people and force a spotlight on the area at this point, because it's kind of now or never."

Rosolie, who recorded the special during an expedition last spring, wouldn't discuss how far he went into the snake. Discovery didn't provide an advance copy of the special, which includes catching an anaconda and bringing it to a separate site for the swallowing attempt. Both say it's not a hoax. Rosolie wore a specially fitted carbon-fiber suit — covered in pig's blood — that would allow him to breathe, to survive the

Feelings As Messengers

Mad	Sad	Scared
I've been violated	Loss or anticipated LOSS	Danger or anticipated Danger
I need to set limits; re-establish boundaries	I need support, space, time to grieve & let go	I need protection, support, re-assurance
Joyful	Peaceful	Powerful
"Keep on Keepin' on"	"Keep on Keepin' on"	"Keep on Keepin' on"
<p>Note: These are primary feeling families. Feeling words like "frustrated," "successful," "overwhelmed," "confident" and other feeling expressions are some re-presentation or combination of the above six primary feeling families.</p>		
<p>Note: Our learned pattern of substituting one feeling for another represents the emotional coding that supports the cognitive and behavioral training for oppression and internalized oppression.</p>		

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Dear Friend,

My 13 year old daughter has a new expression. Whenever she approaches something difficult she says, "the struggle is real". I remind her that it is and that it keeps on going. Many of you know the struggle is real, you get up day after day out in prison. You deal with issues that many of us on the outside cannot even imagine, yet still you struggle to maintain your dignity and humanity. While my daughter says "the struggle is real" for every little things she can, it reminded me that we often say things, just to be saying them. Like when someone says "How are you doing and you say "fine" , "chillin'", "maintaining" "keeping it real". We are not really saying what we really feel.

Feelings are messengers that guide our behavior. Throughout our lives we learn how to express our feelings in certain ways. We develop patterns for being, and many of us have learned that if we share our real feelings we would be punished. For example, many times we think and behave as if we are mad, but really we are scared. Sometime we are scared but really we are sad. Expressing our true feelings can be hard, because we often do not know how to access our feelings.

On the back of this sheet is a chart about Feeling as Messengers. Look at it and try to access your feelings when reading this. Look at this and imagine the combinations or substitutions you are making in your life. Many people in prison have had experiences of being Powerful and Mad (which is the formula for war) which leads to poor decision making, violence and hostility. In ancient times, many men coming home from war could not come home immediately because they needed to relearn how to access, joyful, peaceful, scared and sad to their feelings vocabulary. Where are you? Can you access your feelings? Are you living life substituting one experience for another? If you want to talk about this further. Please write us and share your feelings journey.

In peace,

Pastor Karen