

two-out RBI single off Jonathan Broxton had tied the game at 7 in the top of the eighth. Francisco Rodriguez allowed a leadoff single to Jose Abreu in the ninth before getting Avisail Garcia to bounce into a double play. Rodriguez wrapped up his seventh save by getting Conor Gillaspie to ground out.

#### **RANGERS 8, ROYALS 2**

**WP: Colby Lewis (3-2); LP: Danny Duffy (2-2)**

ARLINGTON, Texas ▾ Adrian Beltre hit his 399th career home run, newcomer Thomas Field hit his first and the Texas Rangers beat the weary Kansas City Royals.

Prince Fielder also homered for the Rangers to back Colby Lewis, who beat the Royals for the first time since 2003 by limiting them to one run and three hits over seven innings. The right-hander struck out five and walked two.

The defending AL champion Royals didn't arrive in Texas until about 5:45 a.m. Monday after their 10-inning, rain-delayed victory at Detroit that ended after midnight.

Danny Duffy, who traveled ahead of his teammates, matched his career high with six walks while pitching only 3 2/3 innings. He struck out four while giving up six runs and five hits.

Beltre homered for the second time in two days, and fourth time this season. His two-run shot in the fourth made it 6-1 and matched him with Al Kaline and Andres Galarraga for 52nd all-time on MLB's career home run list.

#### **PIRATES 4, PHILLIES 3**

**WP: Gerrit Cole (5-1); LP: Jerome Williams (2-3)**

PHILADELPHIA ▾ Gerrit Cole pitched seven effective innings, Starling Marte hit a three-run homer and the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the Philadelphia Phillies.

Cole allowed two runs and six hits, struck out six and walked two, shaking off his first loss in 10 starts with another good outing. The right-hander had won four straight before Wednesday's 3-0 home loss to Cincinnati.

Making his first start at hitter-friendly Citizens Bank Park, Cole improved 5-0 with a 2.36 ERA in his last seven road outings. The Pirates opened a seven-game trip with their fourth win in five games overall and seventh in their last eight against the Phillies dating to last season.

#### **BRAVES 2, REDS 1**

**WP: Luis Avilan (1-0); LP: Aroldis Chapman (1-2)**

CINCINNATI ▾ Pinch-hitter Phil Gosselin singled off Aroldis Chapman to open the ninth, stole a base and scored on the closer's 103 mph wild pitch, rallying the Atlanta Braves to a victory over the Cincinnati Reds. The Braves snapped a three-game losing streak and sent Cincinnati's best reliever to his second loss in two days.

Chapman also gave up a ninth-inning run during a 4-3 loss to the White Sox on Sunday — the first run he had allowed all season. On Monday, Gosselin singled up the middle on a

100 mph pitch, Nick Markakis singled on a 98 mph fastball, and Gosselin stole third.

#### **NATIONALS 11, DIAMONDBACKS 1**

**WP: Max Scherzer (3-3); LP: Josh Collmenter (3-4)**

PHOENIX ▾ Denard Span and Ryan Zimmerman homered in the first inning, and the Washington Nationals rolled from there, winning their fifth in a row with a rout of the Arizona Diamondbacks.

The Nationals, coming off a weekend sweep of Atlanta, scored 10 runs in the first two innings, nine off starter Josh Collmenter.

Yunel Escobar had his second career five-hit game, both in the past week.

Max Scherzer shut out the Diamondbacks before giving up a home run to Jordan Pacheco in the sixth. The former Arizona first-round draft pick allowed five hits in seven innings. He struck out six, walked one and even had two of the Nationals' 15 hits.

#### **MLB ROUNDUP: ENCARNACION HITS TWO HRS TO LIFT JAYS**

Edwin Encarnacion homered twice and drove in three runs, Mark Buehrle allowed four hits in six innings, and the Toronto Blue Jays defeated the host Baltimore Orioles 10-2 Tuesday night.

Encarnacion tied the game with a solo shot in the sixth inning and capped a four-run seventh with a drive off Tommy Hunter. It was his 19th career two-homer game and second this season — both against Baltimore. Royals 7, Rangers 6 • Alex Gordon homered on the first pitch of the 10th inning, and Kansas City won at Texas. Eric Hosmer and Mike Moustakas also homered for the AL Central leaders.

Rays 4, Yankees 2 • Evan Longoria hit a tiebreaking sacrifice fly during a two-run eighth inning and Tampa Bay won at home. Tigers 2, Twins 1 • Ian Kinsler's RBI single in the bottom of the 10th inning lifted host Detroit.

A's 9, Red Sox 2 • Josh Reddick had four hits with a homer and three RBIs, and Oakland won at home to snap a six-game losing streak.

#### **national league**

Pirates 7, Phillies 2 • A.J. Burnett pitched seven strong innings in his return to Philadelphia, Andrew McCutchen homered and visiting Pittsburgh posted its fourth consecutive win.

Burnett (2-1) gave up two runs, one earned, and six hits.

Reds 4, Braves 3 • Devin Mesoraco doubled home the winning run with one out in the ninth inning, sending host Cincinnati over slumping Atlanta.

The Braves let a 3-2 lead slip away in the seventh with the help of Mike Foltyniewicz's throwing error, and wound up losing for the fourth time in five games.

Cubs 6, Mets 1 • Jake Arrieta pitched eight sparkling innings, Kris Bryant homered for the second straight day and host Chicago spoiled Noah Syndergaard's anticipated debut. Arrieta (4-3) had a season-high 10 strikeouts and allowed one run and three hits.

D'backs 14, Nationals 6 • Mark Trumbo homered twice to drive in four runs as Arizona won at home.

#### **interleague**

White Sox 4, Brewers 2 • Chris Sale struck out 11 in eight solid innings in his return from suspension to lift visiting Chicago. Chicago ended a seven-game road losing streak despite another modest offensive effort. It didn't matter with Sale (3-1) on the mound, as the lefthander made every run count before David Robertson converted his sixth save to end it.

Giants 8, Astros 1 • Chris Heston's first career complete game was a two-hitter and he struck out 10 as San Francisco won at Houston.

Angels 5, Rockies 2 • Albert Pujols stole second base and scored the tiebreaking run on Johnny Giavotella's single in the eighth inning for host Los Angeles. Colorado lost its 10th in a row.

#### **NFL suspends Tom Brady, hammers Patriots for Deflategate**

The NFL suspended New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady for the first four games of the 2015 season Monday as part of sweeping punishment against the organization for its actions in the so-called Deflategate scandal.

The league also fined the Patriots \$1 million and docked them two draft picks — a first-rounder in 2016 and a fourth-rounder in 2017 — for violating the playing rules "and the failure to cooperate in the subsequent investigation" co-led by attorney Ted Wells. Brady was suspended "for conduct detrimental to the integrity of the NFL" after a 243-page report released last week by Wells found it more probable than not that Brady "was at least generally aware of the inappropriate activities" by two low-level team employees that led to the Patriots using underinflated footballs in the AFC Championship Game.

Those employees, John Jastremski and James McNally, were suspended indefinitely without pay by Patriots owner Robert Kraft effective Wednesday, the league said, adding the pair cannot be reinstated without approval by NFL executive vice president of football operations Troy Vincent.

But most striking was the suspension of Brady, who is virtually certain to appeal. If the four-game ban were upheld on appeal, Brady would be eligible to play no sooner than an Oct. 18 Sunday night road game against the Indianapolis Colts — the team that first alerted the NFL to the matter before the Patriots pummeled them 45-7 to earn their sixth Super Bowl trip of the Brady era. "With respect to your particular involvement, the report established that there is substantial and credible evidence to conclude you were at least generally aware of the actions of the Patriots' employees involved in the deflation of the footballs and that it was unlikely that their actions were done without your knowledge," Vincent wrote to Brady in a letter excerpted by the NFL.

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# NFL SUSPENDS TOM BRADY, HAMMERS PATRIOTS FOR DEFLATEGATE

"Moreover, the report documents your failure to cooperate fully and candidly with the investigation, including by refusing to produce any relevant electronic evidence (emails, texts, etc.), despite being offered extraordinary safeguards by the investigators to protect unrelated personal information, and by providing testimony that the report concludes was not plausible and contradicted by other evidence.

"Your actions as set forth in the report clearly constitute conduct detrimental to the integrity of and public confidence in the game of professional football. The integrity of the game is of paramount importance to everyone in our league, and requires unshakable commitment to fairness and compliance with the playing rules.

"Each player, no matter how accomplished and otherwise respected, has an obligation to comply with the rules and must be held accountable for his actions when those rules are violated and the public's confidence in the game is called into question."

It was a remarkable rebuke of Brady, 37, a living legend who maintained in a press conference the weekend before the Super Bowl that he had "no idea what happened" to the footballs and "would never do anything to break the rules. I believe in fair play, and I respect the league."

His agent, Don Yee, lashed out at the league. "The discipline is ridiculous and has no legitimate basis," Yee said in a statement. "In my opinion, this outcome was pre-determined; there was no fairness in the Wells investigation whatsoever. There is no evidence that Tom directed footballs be set at pressures below the allowable limits. In fact, the evidence shows Tom clearly emphasized that footballs be set at pressures within the rules.

"Tom also cooperated with the investigation and answered every question presented to him. The Wells Report presents significant evidence, however, that the NFL lacks standards or protocols with respect to its handling of footballs prior to games; this is not the fault of Tom or the Patriots.

"We will appeal, and if the hearing officer is completely independent and neutral, I am very confident the Wells Report will be exposed as an incredibly frail exercise in fact-finding and logic."

If the suspension stands, it'll likely be second-year pro Jimmy Garoppolo under center for the Patriots in the Super Bowl champions' nationally televised Sept. 10 kickoff game against the Pittsburgh Steelers, the showcase contest that begins the NFL's regular season. If Brady's suspension stands, his first regular-season appearance would come in Week 6 vs. the Colts.

"We reached these decisions after extensive discussion with Troy Vincent and many others," said a statement by Commissioner Roger Goodell, who authorized Vincent to impose the discipline. "We relied on the critical importance of protecting the integrity

of the game and the thoroughness and independence of the Wells report."

The Wells report found no wrongdoing by Patriots coach Bill Belichick, any other member of the coaching staff or any staff member other than Jastremski or McNally. But Vincent's letter to the Patriots mentioned the team's prior record — including the so-called Spygate scandal in 2007 — as a factor in assessing the discipline.

Other factors, per Vincent's letter, were the Patriots' refusal to make McNally available for a follow-up interview and that Brady, Jastremski and McNally "were not fully candid during the investigation."

That the Patriots outscored the Colts 28-0 in the second half of the AFC title game — after officials restored the ball to proper inflation levels — didn't matter.

"While we cannot be certain when the activity began, the evidence suggests that January 18th was not the first and only occasion when this occurred, particularly in light of the evidence referring to deflation of footballs going back to before the beginning of the 2014 season," Vincent's letter to the Patriots said.

"It is impossible to determine whether this activity had an effect on the outcome of games or what that effect was. There seems little question that the outcome of the AFC Championship Game was not affected. But this has never been a significant factor in assessing discipline. There are many factors which affect the outcome of a game. It is an inherently speculative exercise to try to assign specific weight to any one factor.

"The key consideration in any case like this is that the playing rules exist for a reason, and all clubs are entitled to expect that the playing rules will be followed by participating teams. Violations that diminish the league's reputation for integrity and fair play cannot be excused simply because the precise impact on the final score cannot be determined."

The Patriots' first four regular-season opponents in 2015 are the Steelers, Buffalo Bills, Jacksonville Jaguars and Dallas Cowboys.

## Horoscope

Aggressive energy doesn't have to be negative energy. Mars and Saturn are playing tug-of-war to remind us that there are times when it's appropriate to stand up and defend your territory. In the majority of cases, drawing the boundary and pointing out where it is will be all that's necessary.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Second chances abound, and so do third and fourth chances. Tests can be retaken, mail can be resent, relationships can start fresh. So why not ease up on yourself?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You've had enough attention through the years that you don't long to be noticed. In fact, you often prefer to go under the radar. It's the good that you do anonymously that will mean the most to you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Choose your help carefully. The person who can't be bothered with details is likely to get many things wrong, while the person who is too detail-oriented may never get around to the big picture.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). If you think you can do it, you probably can. The real question to ask yourself is: Will it be worth the effort it takes? In other words, do you want it enough?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). No one likes to be kept waiting around. The most important virtue of the day will be promptness. It's a way of paying respect and showing your organizational skills, too. You'll score extra points by being early.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). What irritates you about another person is a window into your own psyche. Turn this irritation back on yourself, and you'll come to a new understanding.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). People go to great lengths to avoid boredom, when in fact boredom is an incredibly useful emotion. It's what spurs people to learn new skills. Agree to go through the boredom, and let it lead you to improvement.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll create something out of the pieces you've collected along the way. The way you assemble things is so fresh, it makes it seem like everything old is new again.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Like-minded friends are the cosmic gift of the day. Being able to speak your thoughts (and be understood) will feel so good that you'll wonder how you were able to stay quiet for so long.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your experience puts you in a special category, and people will be very interested in what you think — but not in everything you think. Better to filter yourself too strictly than to say too much.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It will take a team effort to pull off today's tasks, and your team will only be as strong as its weakest link. Use a forthright approach to find out whom you can count on.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You may set out on a solo mission, but you won't be alone. Your politeness and consideration will win you the support of those around you. Each problem you solve will help you solve the next one.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 15). Your success secret is simple: You find out what people want, and you sell it to them. Research is key. In June, your focus on making yourself happy will help you make others happy, too. Business changes, and you change with it, updating your skills in September. February brings a windfall. Aquarius and Taurus people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 43, 14, 2 and 45.

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## Robert "Silk" Sykes Wins Appeal

On December 19, Robert "Silk" Sykes was granted his plea withdrawal motion after 20 years in prison. Two months later, he was a free man.

In 1994 Sykes was sentenced to a total of 100 years in prison for party to a crime on two counts of 1<sup>st</sup> degree reckless homicide, and one count of armed robbery. Sykes originally agreed to a plea offer from the State after his attorney led him to believe he'd receive no more than 40 years, but possibly much more if he went to trial.

On appeal, Sykes contested that this plea was not entered knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily for several reasons. Judge Jeffrey Wagner, the same judge who sentenced Sykes, agreed under the following "Findings of Fact":

- The defendant did not understand the maximum penalties for each count.
- There is no evidence that the defendant was ever informed of the elements of the offenses.
- The defendant did not understand that he could receive more than 40 years on the counts to which he entered a guilty plea. Based on trial counsel's stated practice, the defendant could reasonably believe that the maximum he could receive was no more than 40 years.
- The defendant would not have entered his plea if he had known the totality of the sentences could exceed 40 years.

We wish Sykes the strength to take full advantage of his second chance and we hope his appeal's success (at the trial court level with a notoriously tough judge) encourages others, whether or not they have similar issues.



## Republicans Pushing for More Work Release

As of October 2014, 1,200 incarcerated individuals were on work release in Wisconsin, earning about \$46 off of each \$100 in their paychecks - the remainder is taken out to pay for room, board, and transportation. According to a recent Wisconsin State Journal article, State Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, a Republican, said *his party not only wants to expand work release but require each of Wisconsin's prisons to set up a system to work with private temporary employment agencies*. Vos claims that his opinion on this issue changed after experiences with currently incarcerated workers at his factory. "It made me realize that there is a better hope for redemption than some people in my party believe."

Helping employ people with criminal records is a priority under the Forward Agenda, laid out by Assembly Republicans last fall. Of course, it may be a tough sell to voters who believe this will decrease their employment opportunities. Furthermore, expanding work release could just be a way for legislators to increase the pool of cheap labor for political donors who own factories. More likely, it's simply a way to lower corrections costs without addressing the real cost driver: too many people in a system with too much power. This new priority by Republicans could be a good thing for the anti-mass incarceration movement, but history and good sense tell us there's a lot more to it.

Throughout history it has been the inaction of those who could have acted, the indifference of those who should have known better, the silence of the voice of justice when it mattered most, that has made it possible for evil to triumph.

- Haile Selassie

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## Good Job !

Congratulations to the most recent graduates at Jackson and Green Bay correctional institutions.

- 62 GED/HSED
- 6 Barber/Cosmetology (GBCI)
- 3 Electricity (GBCI)
- 18 Office Assistant (GBCI)
- 9 Masonry (GBCI)
- 9 Wood Tech (GBCI)
- 11 Computer Application Specialists (JCI)
- 12 Food Production Specialists (JCI)

## How You Can Help

*The Community* is 100% community-funded (see p. 11 about donations). Each issue is published once we raise \$65, the minimum needed to cover costs for printing & postage for about 60-75 copies, and maintaining a P.O. box. We are currently able to mail out about 175 copies, so most incarcerated readers will have to ask a friend/family member to get them a copy from [thecommunitywis.wix.com/home](http://thecommunitywis.wix.com/home). Every additional \$50 we receive above the minimum will allow us to send copies to 60-75 additional incarcerated readers.

It is important that incarcerated readers share their copies with as many people as possible at their respective facilities. If you are absolutely unable to obtain copies any other way, write to us to be put on our mailing list for when we have the funds to send out more copies. However, we can also use help with various clerical and investigative duties, such as typing up submissions, printing material, and researching stories. If you or someone you know is willing to help in this regard, please tell them to e-mail [thecommunitywis@gmail.com](mailto:thecommunitywis@gmail.com), or write us: The Community, P.O. Box 100392, Milwaukee WI 53210

Please inform us immediately if you become able to obtain copies another way, are moved to another facility, or are scheduled to be released soon. And if you are ever denied an issue, please let us know the "reason" you were given.

## Lessons from the First Issue

Thank you to everyone who's written with their thoughts, questions, and advice, and to everyone who passed around the first issue of *The Community* to their fellow community members. Also, thank you again to the few who donated - that is the only way we can continue. Due to various obstacles, this issue was delayed about a month and a half. Many of the kinks have been worked out, and a network of solid sources and assistance is coming together. Some people are naturally hesitant to get involved, which is understandable. It's good to be cautious, especially when locked up. Eventually we hope to earn their respect and even trust. With greater involvement from readers we can produce a more consistent and informative newsletter.

Before diving into this issue, we'd like to address several important takeaways from all of the feedback we've received.

- Donations can now be written out to *The Community*, so **please do not address any more checks or letters to Ann Knoedler.**
- Because of time and financial constraints we are unable to respond to every letter. However, **if you include a self-addressed, stamped envelope, or an e-mail address, we are almost certain to respond** (snail mail response times will be about 2-3 weeks). Furthermore, read the entire issue before writing to us; we have received several letters asking about information that is in the newsletter.
- If you have received a copy of *The Community*, you are on our mailing list. However, this does

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## MISSION STATEMENT

*The Community* is a non-profit bimonthly newsletter devoted to fostering a productive, motivating sense of community among those interested in the prison system, especially Wisconsin's, and those sympathetic to the increasingly notorious need for smarter criminal justice policies.



*God, through  
nature, lifts the gloom  
from our minds*



## **CHRIST**

Has no body on earth  
but yours  
no hands on earth  
but your hands  
Yours are the eyes  
through which  
He looks out with compassion  
upon the world  
Yours the feet  
with which He chooses  
to go about doing good  
and we are all one in

## **CHRIST JESUS**

*-St. Teresa of Avila*

*I have learned to trust  
God as both my  
Lord and my friend.*

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## ON CHANGE

*I've never met a person, I don't care what  
his condition, in whom I could not see  
possibilities.  
I don't care how much a man may consider  
himself a failure,  
I believe in him, for he can change the thing  
that is wrong in his life anytime he is ready  
and prepared to do it.  
Whenever he develops the desire, he can take  
away from his life the thing that is defeating it.  
The capacity for reformation and change lies  
within.*

*Preston Bradley*

### Repentance

Lightning struck so close  
To me I must have jumped  
Three feet in the air, heart  
Pounding like thunder.  
I looked around, smelling  
Hellfire and brimstone, expecting  
Beezelbub to pop out of a  
Dark cloud to snatch my soul.  
In my fear and panic  
I called out to the Lord  
While all around me trees  
Fell and the wind roared  
In my ears. I thought  
My life was forfeit, rued  
My evil ways, prayed for  
Forgiveness and just one more  
Chance to serve the Lord.  
As the storm passed, so did  
The cloud from my heart.  
Refreshed, forgiven and given a  
New heart for my new life,  
I humbly thanked the Lord.



A Moment for  
*You*

*You are  
someone  
important.*

Someone  
likeable, lovable  
and looked up to.  
Someone worthy  
of respect and  
recognition.  
Someone who  
is on more  
people's minds  
and in more  
hearts than you  
realize. Someone  
who is original  
and remarkable.  
Someone with  
dreams to live.  
Someone  
special!

## **Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us**

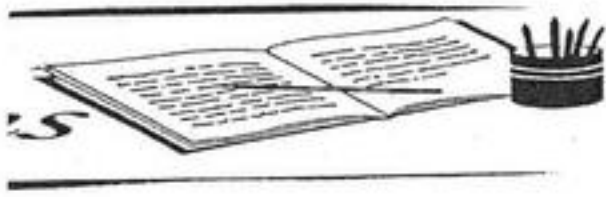
**1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us,  
Much we need Thy tender care;  
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,  
For our use Thy folds prepare:  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.**

**2 We are Thine, do Thou befriend us,  
Be the guardian of our way;  
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us,  
Seek us when we go astray:  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Hear, O hear us when we pray;  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Hear, O hear us when we pray.**

**3 Thou hast promised to receive us,  
Poor and sinful though we be;  
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,  
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Early let us turn to Thee;  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Early let us turn to Thee.**







# Humor

## Chapter 2 .Translation of Medical Terms

1. Barium . . .What You Do When C.P.R. Fails
2. Caesarean Section . . . . .A District in Rome
3. Coma . . . . .A Punctuation Point
4. Congenital . . . . .Friendly
5. Dilate . . . . .To Live Long
6. Fester . . . . .Quicker
7. G.I. Series . . . . .  
Baseball Games between Teams of Soldiers
8. Grippe . . . . .A Suitcase
9. Hangnail . . . . .A Coat Hook
10. Medical Staff . . . . .A Doctor's Cane
11. Minor Operation . . . . .Coal Digging
12. Morbid . . . . .A Higher Offer
13. Nitrate . . . . .A Rate Lower than the Day Rate
14. Organic . . . . .Church Musician
15. Out-Patient . . . . .A Person Who has Fainted
16. Post-Operative . . . . .A Letter Carrier
17. Protein . . . . .In Favor of Young People
18. Secretion . . . . .Hiding Something
19. Serology . . . . .The Study of English Knighthood
20. Tumor . . . . .An Extra Pair
21. Urine . . . . .The Opposite of You're Out
22. Benign . . . . .What You Are after You Be Eight

What did the lawyer name his daughter? – Sue!

Sharks don't eat lawyers! Why not? – Because of professional courtesy!

Why do doctors have to keep their tongues? – Because they don't want to lose the patients!

How could anyone be a masochist? – Beats me!

. Publicity: The art of putting the best "feat" forward!

. Ex-king: One who has come in out of the "reign".

. One way to save face is to keep the lower half of it shut!

What kind of clothing does a house wear? – Address!

Why is Ireland so rich? – Because its capital is "Dublin"!

## Just for Laughs...

### Church Bulletin Bloopers

1. This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
2. Don't let worry kill you. Let the Church help.
3. Thursday night-Potluck Supper. Prayer and "medication" to follow.
4. Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community,
5. For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
6. This afternoon there will be a meeting in the south and north ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles, and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

Thursday at 5 PM there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All wishing to become Little Mothers, please see the minister in his private study.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the Catholic Church. Please use large double doors at the side entrance.

RX: I EON I RBY DATED: JULY 28, 2015





There are thirty books of the Bible in this paragraph. Can you find them? this is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much, he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involved, she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new sales record. The local paper, The Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, "the books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight." Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad exodus. There really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found.

I gave you the first one (john) only 29 more to find. Good luck!

#### TIME, PRESENT 25

There is no instant of time so favorable to us as is the present one.

The past is history. The future is unborn. To live in either is to dwell in a dreamland of memory or of fantasy.

The only reality of time is the present moment. It is within it that we must make our lives what we wish them to be. So it is also within it that we must be what we hope to become.

To be and to do it now; that is the secret to successful and purposive living.





but continues to battle extremists in far corners of the globe.

Outside the USA, the strikes have been controversial and triggered resentment. Critics of American foreign policy accuse the United States of killing innocent civilians in the strikes. Pakistan's government, which says it's an ally in the fight against global terrorism, has often been vocal in lashing out at the use of drone strikes in remote parts of the country.

"Everyone except Israel and the United States hates them (drone strikes)," Zenko said. "In some areas where operations occur, drones have become the face of U.S. policy." Despite charges of civilian deaths, the weapons on the unmanned aircraft have become increasingly more precise, and surveillance equipment has allowed operators to get a much clearer picture of what is happening on the ground.

Often the allegations of civilian casualties come from critics who want to whip up anti-American sentiment, said Andrew Hunter, an analyst at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Because the strikes are often in remote regions, it is difficult for journalists and human rights groups to investigate the allegations, he said.

Analysts say that as the unmanned aircraft become more precise, civilian leaders will be quicker to reach for that option, lowering the threshold for deciding whether to target a suspected militant.

The capability to strike from afar has produced the "illusion of antiseptic warfare," said James Phillips, an analyst at the Heritage Foundation. "On the receiving end, it gets very messy."

A couple of decades ago, policymakers had few options for striking from a distance. In 1998, when President Clinton wanted to retaliate against al-Qaeda terrorist bombings of American embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, he launched a barrage of 75 cruise missiles into militant bases in Afghanistan and struck a pharmaceutical factory in Sudan. The strikes in Afghanistan damaged some training camps but did not eliminate any top leaders. The pharmaceutical factory generated controversy because of disputes over whether it produced medicine or chemical weapons for al-Qaeda.

The strikes were widely viewed as ineffective, Phillips said.

The number of drones, which are more commonly used for surveillance, has expanded dramatically, driven by their success in providing critical intelligence to American ground forces in Iraq and Afghanistan.

They see extensive action over Iraq and Syria, where the United States is conducting an air campaign against its latest terrorist threat, the Islamic State.

"The ability to know what you're shooting at — that's where things have come huge distance," Hunter said.

Tenn. atheists fight law that bars them from office

NASHVILLE — Sarah Green remembers feeling like she didn't belong in her own state after discovering that Tennessee's constitution bars people who don't believe in God from holding public office.

"It was one of the things that made me realize how unwelcome it could be for an atheist, especially in the South," Green said. "It pretty much informed my decision to stay closeted, if you will, for almost 15 years."

The 30-year-old Hermitage woman came out as an atheist almost a year ago and is adding her voice to a national push to take provisions that discriminate against the nonreligious off the books. The effort is spearheaded by Openly Secular, which issued a report late last year finding that eight states, including Tennessee, had similar language in their constitutions.

While a U.S. Supreme Court decision gives such provisions few teeth, Openly Secular advocates for their removal because they're demeaning and can be used as political fodder, according to Todd Stiefel, chairman of the organization.

"They basically tell people that they're second-class citizens in their state," Stiefel said. "These are right there in the laws for everybody to read that our government doesn't like you."

Tennessee's state constitution says that, "No person who denies the being of God, or a future state of rewards and punishments, shall hold any office in the civil department of this State."

Hedy Weinberg, the executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Tennessee, said the provisions are old and unconstitutional. The Supreme Court makes it clear that residents cannot be prevented from holding office based on their faith or lack of it, she said.

"Their presence in the constitution is troubling because it is a symbolic form of discrimination," Weinberg said.

The provisions are called religious tests. Openly Secular's report cites the 1961 U.S. Supreme Court decision *Torcaso v. Watkins*, which ruled the U.S. Constitution prohibits states and the federal government from requiring any kind of religious test for eligibility to hold office.

In addition to Tennessee, the Openly Secular report also calls out provisions in the Arkansas, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Texas constitutions for banning secular residents from certain civic roles such as serving on a jury, holding office and testifying in court. Pennsylvania's constitution specifically gives protections to those who believe in God.

Religious test provisions in the United States date back to the early formation of the country, said James Hudnut-Beumler, an American religious history professor at Vanderbilt Divinity School.

In England the tests stemmed from fears that someone would turn the reigns of the country

over to an ecclesiastical power, Hudnut-Beumler said. After the American Revolution, the U.S. forebearers wanted to ensure that those in public office were truthful, and swearing on the Bible was seen as a layer of affirmation, he said.

"That's where we got the habit from," Hudnut-Beumler said. "It's a Good Housekeeping seal of truthfulness that you were some kind of church member or believer in general Christianity."

The ACLU's Weinberg said some members serving in the Tennessee legislature are clergy members, which also is technically prohibited in the state constitution. Although both provisions are unconstitutional, removing them means the constitution would need to be amended, which is no small task. "It's frustrating to see that language there, but you also have to recognize that the process to take the provisions out is very cumbersome and costly," Weinberg said.

### Investigators Pursue Motive in Germanwings Crash

PARIS — Investigators were scouring for clues on Friday to help solve the mystery of why Andreas Lubitz, a 27-year-old German co-pilot, apparently slammed Germanwings Flight 9525 into a mountainside in the French Alps on purpose, killing all 150 on board. Prosecutors are examining several theories, including that the crash was a suicide or a mass murder.

On Thursday, the French prosecutor leading the investigation into the crash, citing the voice recordings on one of the plane's so-called black boxes, said the evidence gleaned so far appeared to suggest that Mr. Lubitz, an unassuming former flight attendant with a passion for flying, had locked the plane's pilot out of the cockpit and deliberately set the plane on its lethal descent.

The crash claimed victims from more than a dozen countries, including Germany, Spain and the United States.

As what had initially appeared to be a tragic accident prompted a sprawling criminal investigation, investigators began combing through Mr. Lubitz's background, including whether he had a history of depression or psychological problems. Among the issues that are likely to come under scrutiny are his family background, whether he had financial troubles and his personal relationships.

Brice Robin, the chief Marseille prosecutor, said on Thursday the co-pilot of the Germanwings Airbus A320 deliberately crashed the plane that killed himself and 149 others aboard in the French Alps.

Video by Associated Press on Publish Date March 26, 2015. Photo by Franck Pennant/Agence France-Presse — Getty Images.

Investigators in the German city of Düsseldorf were sifting through the contents of two large moving boxes and two plastic bags of possible evidence removed from Mr. Lubitz's apartment late Thursday, said Markus Nieszczy, a police spokesman. He denied reports that significant clues had

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already been found, saying that investigators were still evaluating the items.

"The items need to be evaluated to determine whether they can give any indication of a possible motive," Mr. Nieszczy said.

Prosecutors in Düsseldorf planned to hold a news conference around 12 p.m. to provide an update on their investigation.

Carsten Spohr, the chief executive of Lufthansa, the parent company of Germanwings, said on Thursday that Mr. Lubitz had passed the company's health checks with "flying colors."

"He was 100 percent flightworthy without any limitations," Mr. Spohr said.

But he said there had been an instance six years ago when Mr. Lubitz took a break from his training for several months. He said that if the reason was medical, German rules on privacy prevented the sharing of such information. Mr. Spohr said the revelation of Mr. Lubitz's actions had left him stunned. Some international airlines responded to the crash by introducing new rules requiring that two crew members always be present in the cockpit, after the French prosecutor revealed that Mr. Lubitz had locked the plane's pilot out of the cockpit before starting the deadly descent. The airlines that said they were instituting a two-person rule in the cockpit included Air Canada, easyJet and Norwegian Air Shuttle.

All German airlines will introduce that requirement, the German aviation association said on Friday.

Thomas Winkelmann, the head of Germanwings, however, expressed doubt that such a rule would have prevented Tuesday's crash.

"I ask myself, when a person is so bent on committing a criminal act, whether that is preventable if for example a stewardess or steward is in the cockpit," Mr. Winkelmann told the German public broadcaster ZDF on Thursday.

Investigators are still trying to understand why the pilot left the cockpit, although most airlines allow it during noncritical phases of flight. There are no regulations requiring that a second crew member be present in the cockpit when one pilot leaves, usually for physiological reasons. The French prosecutor, Brice Robin, said it was reasonable to assume the pilot left the cockpit to use the toilet.

Members of a flight crew would typically use a fail-safe code to open the door if someone in the cockpit could not or would not let them in. The pilot would have known the code, Mr. Spohr said. However, the co-pilot could have activated a switch that prevents the door from opening for five minutes, or he could have found some other way to block the door, Mr. Spohr said.

Mr. Robin said that the Germanwings flight had begun prosaically, with polite exchanges between the two pilots as the flight began its course to Düsseldorf from Barcelona, Spain. However, about a half-hour into the flight, he said that Mr. Lubitz appeared to have locked

out the pilot of the plane and did not let him back in, prompting the pilot to demand access. Investigators, citing the plane's voice recorder, said they could hear the sound of someone trying to break down the door. Mr. Robin said the plane's voice recorder showed that Mr. Lubitz was breathing normally in the moments leading up to the crash, indicating that he had deliberately crashed the plane.

#### **Syria's Assad says 'open' to dialogue with United States**

BEIRUT — Syrian President Bashar Assad says he would be "open" to a dialogue with the United States, but that it must be "based on mutual respect."

Assad made the remarks in an interview with Charlie Rose for CBS News' 60 Minutes. A short excerpt of the interview was posted online late Thursday.

In the clip, Assad said that, in principle, "every dialogue is a positive thing, and we are going to be open to any dialogue with anyone, including the United States." He said there is no direct communication so far with Washington.

Assad's comments come after U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said earlier this month that the U.S. must eventually talk with the Syrian government to help broker an end to the country's civil war. The Obama administration later reiterated its position that Assad has no future role in Syria.

"I would say what we have in Syria so far is only a statement, nothing concrete yet, no facts, no new reality regarding the political approach of the United States toward our situation, our problem, our conflict in Syria," Assad said in the interview.

Washington has long pushed for a negotiated political settlement to Syria's conflict, which has killed more than 220,000 people and wounded 1 million more. The U.S. helped coax Assad's government and its opponents to the negotiating table early last year, although those talks then collapsed after two rounds without making progress.

Since Syria's uprising began in March 2011, Assad's government has publicly supported international diplomatic efforts to ease or resolve the conflict, while simultaneously ignoring commitments it has made under brokered agreements.

#### **Another blow to Christianity and civilisation: ISIS destroy 4th Century Mar Benham monastery in Iraq**

Barbaric Islamic State militants have dealt yet another blow to Christian history in Iraq by using explosives to destroy the 4th Century Mar Benham monastery.

The ancient building, built by Assyrian king Senchareb 1,600 years ago, stood in the Christian-dominated town of Bakhdida, just 20 miles south east of oil rich ISIS stronghold Mosul.

Locals took to social media to share images of the massive blast, which reduced the ancient monastery to little more than vast piles of rubble.

The attack was later confirmed by Kurdish journalists familiar with developments in the city.

Mar Benham monastery was captured by ISIS last July in a lightning advance that saw the militants seize control of vast swathes of northern Iraq - including the country's second largest city, Mosul.

Resident monks who live in the building - which is also known as the Monastery of the Martyrs Saint Behnam and his Sister Sarah, and was once visited by thousands of Christians and Muslims every year - were subsequently forced to leave and flee to nearby Christian villages.

The destruction of the religious building was subsequently confirmed by Barzan Sadiq, executive producer at Kurdish Rudaw media network, according to the International Business Times.

'#ISIS blew the monastery of the two martyrs "Mar Behnam & His sister Sarah Mart", which dates back to the fourteenth century eastern #Mosul,' he was quoted as saying on Twitter, citing the Islamic calendar. The destruction of the monastery came just days it was claimed that 'ancient' statues infamously filmed being smashed to pieces by ISIS militants in a Mosul museum were all worthless fakes.

The terrorist organisation released shocking footage at the end of February purportedly showing jihadis destroying 3,000-year-old artworks with sledgehammers in their northern Iraqi stronghold.

But Baghdad museum director Fawzye al-Mahdi ridiculed the propaganda exercise, claiming the genuine priceless Assyrian and Akkadian statues and sculptures are still safely in his possession in the Iraqi capital, adding that those in Mosul were plaster cast replicas.

The destruction of the monastery emerged as the United Nations human rights office said that ISIS fighters may have committed genocide against the minority Yezidi community in Iraq as well as crimes against humanity and war crimes against civilians including children.

In a report based on interviews with more than 100 alleged victims and witnesses, it urged the U.N. Security Council to refer the situation to the International Criminal Court for prosecution of perpetrators.

The report also said Iraqi government forces and affiliated militias 'may have committed some war crimes' while battling the insurgency.

The U.N. Human Rights Council launched its inquiry in September after the Islamist militant group Islamic State, also known as ISIS or ISIL, seized large swathes of northern Iraq.

The report said the Council had found 'information that points to genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes', and that the Security Council should 'consider referring the situation in Iraq to the International Criminal Court'.



# John Legend to Speak at U of A, Will Discuss Education, Activism

April 15, 2013

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. - John Legend is more than a Grammy Award-winning singer, songwriter and producer who has sold millions of albums worldwide in the last 10 years. He is also an informed social activist who uses his fame, his philanthropy and his music to address issues of education, poverty, sustainability and health, both in the United States and around the world.

Legend will emphasize these social concerns when he appears at the University of Arkansas at 7 p.m. Monday, April 29, in Barnhill Arena as part of the student-sponsored Distinguished Lecture Series. "An Evening with John Legend" is free and open to the public, and no tickets are required. Doors will open for students at 6 p.m., and for the general public at 6:15 p.m.

Legend, whose given name is John Roger Stephens, is from Springfield, Ohio. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1999. At the height of his musical popularity he launched the Show Me Campaign, a nonprofit organization to fight poverty around the world. He also joined the national board of Teach for America, a nonprofit that recruits top college graduates and professionals to teach in low-income communities throughout the country. Legend also supports several other education organizations.

He has toured with members of Columbia University's Earth Institute to promote sustainable development, and supports the Boston-based Millennium Campus Network, which seeks to combine anti-poverty and sustainability projects. Legend received the 2009 CARE Humanitarian Award for Global Change, the 2010 BET Humanitarian of the Year award, two NAACP Image Awards and has been named one of *Time* magazine's 100 Most Influential People.

Legend also uses his music to promote his social concerns. He has given numerous benefit performances to support causes such as the fight against HIV/AIDS in the United States and around the world, relief for victims of the Haitian earthquake, voting rights in America, and Barack Obama's presidential campaigns. He will continue that tradition at the University of Arkansas, closing his lecture by performing four of his songs.

"As a committee, we always look for speakers who can educate and challenge our students and community members," said Autumn Lewis, co-chair of the Distinguished Lecture Series committee. "We also hope that they will provide an entertaining experience. With John Legend, we feel that he meets both criteria and we are delighted to bring him to campus. "Distinguished Lecture Series speakers are chosen by a committee of students, faculty and staff, and the events are funded by a student-approved fee, appropriated by the Programs Allocation Board.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

July 14, 2015

Mr. Ernesto R. Rodriguez  
Haslett, Michigan

Dear Ernesto:

Thank you for writing. Messages like yours serve as an important reminder of the work that still lies ahead, and they reflect a commitment to staying engaged in shaping the future we know is possible. As long as I'm President, I'll keep pouring everything I have into securing a brighter tomorrow for people across our country.

Again, thank you for writing. By embracing hope and speaking out on issues that matter to you, you can help make a difference. I want you to know I'm listening, and I wish you all the best.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be Barack Obama's signature, written in a cursive style.

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A protester faces Baltimore police enforcing a curfew placed in April after the killing of a black man by police led to rioting. The writer suggests racism will lead to a violent response from oppressed minorities. AP

# Racism will lead to violence

I predict that within a short period of time, we will witness the destruction of America as we know it today — there will be rioting in this country and our streets will run red with the blood of American citizens — to bring racism to an end.

There is no reason to recite history here. The horrific acts of racism and the white man's war against people of color are well documented. Let us remember the victims of Dylann Roof's shooting spree; the murder of Emmett Till; the murder of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.; George Zimmerman; Mississippi burning, etc. These murderous acts are a bigger threat to the people of color than the beheading acts of Islamic State.

Ferguson (which I predicted two years ago) was a mild show of anger compared to what is yet to come. The handwriting is on the wall: Read about our police force killing minorities. Listen to what the Skin Heads are yelling. Listen to Donald Trump degrading minorities, immigrants; pay attention to

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what the Republicans are doing to prevent the poor from living the American dream and how they are destroying the middle class.

Racism profits no one; hatred begets hatred. What the racists fail to see and understand is that America will never be all white. Interracial marriages have created a different breed of people — the mixed child. Which is to say that even white people are now turning against their racist parents and grandparents and forefathers. Racists need to learn that in the land of the blind, the one-eyed-jack is king.

There is another factor that needs serious consideration: Since most of the people in America who are in power are white and support racism, like the Republican Party, they will become the target of the race war to come. And who is going to step forward to support the underdog? Will it be the Middle

East or who will they take advantage of the situation?

Racism is too powerful to die on its own. It has to be destroyed by violence. Remember what the Ku Klux Klan has said, "by any means possible ..."

Racism's percentage has dropped to about 45 percent, but it is still alive and depriving minorities of an equal share of what was once the American dream. The protesters will be called many demonizing names — "thugs" or "troublemakers," but nothing will matter except the end results.

There is one small hope left to prevent minorities from turning against its own government: Erase racism by enforcing the Civil Rights Acts to the limit and take racism out of the justice system. Bring to justice those idiots who would perpetuate racism in our democracy. Is this asking too much?

There will be another racial killing on our TV news. I hope the news will help us all rethink our judicial system and bring us all into an act of consciousness.

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## THE REPUBLICAN STUMP JUMPERS

BY: ERNESTO R. RODRIGUEZ / 06/22/15

In this coming presidential election the world will celebrate the greatest republicans' clown circus ever performed. The leading clown will be the great pretender, Donald Trump, followed by another Bush, and Marcos Rubio.

The best part, as we will witness, will be that each one of these clowns will try to out do the other with stupidity that will keep us all laughing for years to come--they will go down in history like Mit Romney, Texas Governor Perry, Richard Nixon, Sarah Palin, John McCain, George Bush and Ronald Reagan.

If Trump thinks all Mexican immigrants are drug dealers, and rapists, than he does not know much about the drug traffic and if he can't find his way to the courthouse for jury duty, how in hell will he put this country on the right track. He can't decide if Same sex marriages are okay or not, than he won't be able to run this country waiting for the Supreme Court to tell him what is right or what is not right.

Under Jeb Bush, when I lived in Florida, one out of every four children were homeless and the police were very abusive to those babies and their parents. Jeb Bush did nothing to help the homeless who were forced into the woods after for closures on their properties. Jeb Bush gave no benefits, like food stamps, to the poor and needy as he only showed a concern for the wealthy who supported him in his political career. The middle class was pushed out of Florida under Jeb Bush.

I was there, I saw young people sleeping in trees, and parents with children living in the wilderness while the wealthy and the rich ripped off the middle class.

Political rhetoric is no more than twisting tongues and twisting arms for power and money. Beware of the actions of the clowns. The best example I can give you is George Bush who took us to war on one lie after another--he dodged the national guards and later dressed himself in an army uniform--he still is a real coward and a real phony. So, beware of what these clowns will tell you for your vote.

"Don't believe everything you hear and only half of what you see."

Sit back--enjoy the Republican circus and the clowns, but remember that their past records can be found on the internet. (Read about Rubio's parents and his shady deals which are also on the internet.) And remember, you can't teach an old dog new tricks. Don't let them play you for a fool.

Signed:  
Ernesto Rodriguez



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### Lessons from Police Shootings

The Dane County DA Ismael Ozanne, issued a decision not to press charges against a Madison police officer involved in the shooting of a 19 year-old biracial male.

The decision resulted in protests, as similar decisions have in other communities. There are numerous grievances expressed by the protests. Some involved accusations of racism, because statistically across the country black males are disproportionately the victims of police shootings. When examining each incident it is often difficult to determine the existence of racism. However, when one looks at the Madison incident and the Dontre Hamilton shooting in Milwaukee, a three of questions need to be addressed. Are police officers properly trained? Are police officers carrying too much artillery? Finally, what needs to be done to breakdown the separation and related suspicions between citizens and the police forces (how can we change the "police culture" of them versus us)?

Dontre Hamilton had a history of mental illness. The Madison victim, Tony Robinson Jr. was high on drugs and was behaving dangerously and crazy. We need better police training for officers to non-violently respond to drug-related or mental problems.

In the Hamilton shooting the officer unloaded his gun with 14 bullets in a matter of seconds. Robinson was shot 7 times in less than 3 seconds. Do police need to carry automatic (or semi-automatic) firearms while on patrol? In many countries police officers do not even carry firearms!

The third question may be the most important and the hardest to solve. It relates to promoting fear in our society,

and police are particularly susceptible. The media finds that violence sells. Disasters and crime make headlines attracting viewers and selling newspapers. Ads start by invoking fear (For example, can one afford to be ugly? Old? Sick?) News begins highlighting criminal or terrorist activity? Questions are raised about school safety, protecting our freedom (especially a right to own a gun), protect our money and investments. Thanks to these scare tactics, we find schools investing more and more in protection than in finding better ways to educate. We now prefer to lock people up rather than try rehabilitation.

We have segregated our police officers from the communities they are serving. Instead of beat patrols we have squad cars with air conditioning. Police drive around quickly, without any interactions with the social environment. Unfortunately this segregation means that officers most often interact with residents only when there is trouble. This creates a separate sense of community among police officers. From time to time there have been attempts to return police officers to walking a beat or riding a bike. There have also been efforts to promote community policing, unfortunately the culture of fear promoted by those profiting from fear usually win out and we end up with a surveillance state in which that wall of segregation is reinforced.

**Socialism is more than an economic system, it is way of life in which we all work together, and trust each other rather than living in fear! WE NEED TOOLS OF PEACE, NOT WEAPONS OF WAR! DS**

### Rate Payers To Pay No Matter What!

Among the many mean spirited things proposed by the Wisconsin Legislature is to remove a charge on our utility bills. This is a small amount of money deducted from each ratepayer to help fund the Citizens Utility Board (CUB). The GOP proponents, who like simplistic and misleading arguments, say that it is unfair to force ratepayers (those with gas, electric or other utility bills) to support an advocacy group.

CUB is a product of the legendary consumer advocate, Ralph Nader, and was formed 35 years ago to provide ratepayers with the legal and scientific research to monitor utility companies requests to the Public Service Commission (PSC), the regulatory agency responsible for oversight of the monopolistic utilities.

Over the past 40 years CUB claims numerous victories saving ratepayers \$3 billion. Realistically, either we, ratepayers, pay CUB, or we pay much more to the private utilities. Socialists have long protested the private ownership of such vital services, but Wisconsin responded to those demands by setting up the PSC to control the monopolies. Unfortunately, with greed ruling, the public welfare comes second. The private utilities have often controlled the PSC.

CUB provides the public with a meaningful voice and needs to be funded. **Contact your state assembly representative and state senator (<http://legis.wisconsin.gov> or call 1-800-362-9472) and demand that CUB funding be restored. CUB is our voice in front of the PSC. DS**

### Destroying Wisconsin's Middle-Class, Another Walker Achievement!

By now most of us are tired of hearing Scott Walker's mythical improvements in Wisconsin. Well, the Pew Charitable Trusts recently found that Wisconsin leads in another category, **the destruction of the middle-class!** Nation-wide the middle-class has been shrinking, as jobs have moved overseas while wages have dropped. Our

government controlled by both major parties, has waged a war on workers, or especially organized labor.

Thanks to Walker, Wisconsin's middle-class leads the decline in both size and income. Walker has another bragging point for the Koch brothers and others like them, that he is their guy and deserving of their campaign dollars! **Yuck! DS**

**SP-Milwaukee Local Meeting: Saturday, June 6 at 1:30 p.m. at 1001 East Keefe (enter side door)**

**Socialist Party Picnic is on Saturday July 18 in Washington Park, Area #10. Noon till 4:00 p.m. MPS Director and socialist Wendell Harris will speak. More information next month!**

**Socialist Party of Metropolitan Milwaukee**

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# Milwaukee Socialist Vanguard

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## Say No To Sales Tax Increase for Milwaukee Bucks' Arena!

It seems that a new basketball arena will be built in Milwaukee. Big money appears to be lining-up the political leadership in Wisconsin.

Promises of exciting urban development are being promised. Very little is being said about the reality for failed promises in other cities, which have built new "big" league sports complexes. No one is looking around the Bradley Center and the minimal development that it has generated over the years.

While there seems to be the political will to support a public investment into a new arena, there is still a lot of politics being played out. The out-state legislators (primarily members of the GOP) still appear to want to continue "sticking it" to the big bad City of Milwaukee and its diverse population. There is tension between rural and urban (and often suburban) interests in every state. The GOP, which represents most out-state interests, appear

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particularly hostile to urban folks and somehow believe that urban folks are corrupt and un-American. An attitude that is hardly conducive to cooperative government.

One of the proposals that appear to be favored is an increase in sales taxes in Milwaukee County. Sales taxes have become politically more feasible more regressive (these are taxes that tax the poor pay at higher rates than the tax burden on the rich) than more progressive taxes, such as income taxes or even property taxes. Some Wisconsin Legislators and Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele have been reported as supporting a sales tax increase for County residents.

The Milwaukee Socialists at their last meeting expressed opposition to the use of a sales tax. **Please contact your state legislators and, if you live in Milwaukee, your County Supervisor. Demand that a less regressive way will be found to fund a basketball arena.** DS

## What's So Good About the Wisconsin Injured Workers' Center?

Many have noticed that along with notices about our own meetings we also publish notices about the Wisconsin Injured Workers' Center (WIW) Fundraisers. WIW deliberately operates without government funds in order to be a strong, independent advocate for workers injured while but subject to cruel delays by employers trying to deny Workman's' Compensation. As is expected employers target the workers, who are most vulnerable to abuse, namely workers who are poorly paid and often immigrants ignorant of their rights.

Many years ago one of these workers was Ted Uribe, a Texan working in Wisconsin of Mexican ancestry. Ted, inspired by the Civil Rights movement fought back and began helping others. This was the beginning of WIW. Ted has learned to find resources for those injured while they go through the process fighting for the Workman's' Compensation they deserve. Over the years Ted has developed a loyal following of grateful people, who to help others. Many have become volunteers helping the WIW. Some show their gratitude by helping prepare meals for their occasional fundraisers and helping when WIW is asked to cater for other events (Such as the annual Socialist Party Picnic. Please note that WIW has never charged for their services, but relies on a raffle to pay for the food.). It is an excellent example of poor people helping each other get on their feet.

Ted, a good socialist does not encourage dependency, instead helps people to help themselves.



*Linda Modesto speaking into the microphone as she helps translate*

One of the youngest volunteers for WIW is a 12 year old, Linda Modesto. Linda is a 6<sup>th</sup> grader in Prince of Peace School. She is a bright young female who helps out in the kitchen and has become a skilled interpreter at the WIW dinners (these are attended by many Spanish speaking workers and by many Milwaukee Socialists who are not fluent in Spanish).

If you can, please come to one of the WIW dinners, it is a great place to hold conversations about how to fix the world's problems.

*If you cannot make it to a dinner, WIW will appreciate a donation (make checks out to Wisconsin Injured Workers' Center, P. O. Box 04126, Milwaukee, WI 53204)*

*Words for thought*

*"When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace "*

*Jimi Hendrix*