

UPDATE: YOURS DATED: MARCH 15, 2015

Brother Paul:

I am writing this "Farewell" message to you!!

I've got you babe!!! Who could ever ask for anything more!!!

I send out to you these musical Ditties Dedications:

RUN AWAY

- Del Shannon

POSITIVELY 34TH STREET

- DYLAN

ALL THE LONELY PEOPLE

- LENNON

DESOLATION ROW

- DYLAN

"FRANKLY MY DEAR
I DON'T GIVE A DAMN"

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WHAT DID THEY SAY:

HOLLYWOOD, GAYS AND MCCARTHISM

SHOUT OUT TO
JOSH DUGGAR

Your ONLY UNFORGIVABLE SIN, at issue in the Echo Chatter media, is blatantly proclaimed by Whoopi Goldberg with co-host Raven Symone Amenting ABC.COM / THE VIEW, THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2015; with dramatic self-righteousness ... was purportedly making call outs expressing your right to oppose Gay marriage and Hollywood Gay Agenda.

It goes even worse as Sheri Underwood in "Tears" in between Jokes ... bemoans how she too is a victim of childhood molestation - while Asiah Tenny eyed Amen her onward; while their married Lesbian boss Sarah Gilbert looked on. CBS THE TALK

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THURSDAY JUNE 4, 2015, 1:pm. CDT.

AND AGAIN ON MONDAY JUNE 8, 2015, SHE M
USING VERBAL TRICKS AND ACTORS' "CONFUSION
OF REALNESS" PORTRAYING JOSH AS AN 18-
YEARS OLD ADULT (NOT THE 14-YEARS-OLD YOUTH
AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENTS!!). SHE UN-
KINDLY SCREAMED: THE DUGGARS FAMILY ARE
HYPOCRITES (A'la WHOOP!, Id] #EVERYBODYTALKS

COME ON PHONY CRITICS EVERY DAMN BODY KNOWS
CHILDREN "PLAY HOUSE"; "DOCTORS AND NURSE"...
CHILDREN TOUCH! WATCH/LOOK! AND SPEAK
OF THE FORBIDDEN (e.g. SEX) --- SEEKING
SOCIAL BOUNDARIES ...

MR. DUGGAR IS NO MORE A CHILD MOLESTER THAN
HIS PHONY! LYING HOLLYWOOD CRITICS!!!

ALL CHILD PSYCHOLOGIST (AS DID PIONEER
SIGMUND FREUD) THIS IS PART OF ADOLESCENT
DEVELOPMENT... AS THEY KNOW.

THIS IS ANALOGOUS TO THE PHONY OUTRAGE
OVER NFL ADRIAN PETERSON MISGUIDED AND
ARCHAIC (ALBEIT NOT CRIMINAL) SPANKING

OF HIS CHILD!! NBC NEWS. COM NBC 15. COM SATU
URDAY 6:AM. CDT SEPTEMBER 13, 2014, GMA SATURDAY
7:AM. CDT GOODMORNINGAMERICA. COM SEPTEMBER
14, 2014

HIS PARENTS; SISTERS, PRESIDENTIAL (R.) CANDIDATE
MIKE HUCKABEE, JIM MORRISON ("THE DOORS")
AND THIS BLOGGER HAVE IT RIGHT: "IT'S FORGIVABLE"
!!!

AND MR. DUGGAR GREW-UP... BECAME A MAN
AND SINNED NO MORE!!!

A FAN OF "SECOND CHANCES"!

IT'S FORGIVABLE!!!

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: JUNE 8, 2015

A MESSAGE TO THE UNIVERSE
[IS THERE ANYBODY OUT THERE]??
LOOKING TO BE HEARD !!!

SHOUT OUT
TO: HONORABLE BYRON ALLEN
AKA MARCUS GARVEY

UPDATE: HAS THE HONORABLE MARCUS GARVEY
AKA MOSES RETURNED TO THE PEOPLE !!!

IN THE NOW NEWS, MR. BYRON ALLEN, HAS CLEARLY
LOST HIM MIND (NOÛS) AND GAINED HIS "SOUL" !!

Zam gleaming from the accessible limited
media he bravely aims to smash up! Bust up!!
the White Establishment long held "CHOKE-
HOLD" ON THE BLACK MASSES THROUGH THEIR OWN
ORIENTED SO-CALLED BLACK LEADER (AKA "TALENT
TENTH"]-SHIP. SEE PBS.ORG / TONY BROWN
JOURNAL CIRCA. ALSO BELOW, P. 3
2001...

Moreover, Mr. Allen Boldly expressed
To TMZ ON TV Last Week: President Obama is
A White President IN "Black Face", AND that
Blacks would be better off with a White
President.

This UNFOLDING Saga is abundantly
worthy of our UNIVERSAL COMMUNAL FOCUS!

HOW LONG

THE THIRD COAST

BY SALIM MUWAKKIL

When "keepin' it real goes wrong"

Comcast, which owns MSNBC, gave Al Sharpton \$3.8 million but for what exactly is a subject of debate.

Byron Allen's Entertainment Studios filed suit against both Comcast and Al Sharpton alleging the cable giant has shut out black owned media and is paying Sharpton not to criticize it over this fact

\$20 billion dollars discrimination Law-Suit.

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"He who Passively accepts evil is
as much involved in it as he who helps
to perpetrate it. He who accepts evil without
protesting against it is really cooperating with
it." — MLK, Jr.

'IN the end, WEIWI Remember
Not the words of our enemies,
but the silence of our friends."
— MLK, Jr.

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A MESSAGE TO THE UNIVERSE
[IS THERE ANYBODY OUT THERE]??
WILL YOU RECEIVE THIS MESSAGE!!!

O ISRAEL

UPDATE: PRAYER FOR PEACE
AUGUST 7, 2014

"He who fights with monsters should be careful lest thereby he become a monster. And if thou gaze long into an abyss, the abyss will also gaze into thee."

BEYOND GOOD AND EVIL, BY FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE,
P. 101, 1989 ISBN 0-879758-X

Dr. Viktor Frankl, a Psychiatrist, who spent time in the Germany Hellish concentration camps during WORLD II, personally observed and detailed in his Renowned Revelatory Book: "MAN'S SEARCH FOR MEANING"

that Many of his Fellow JEWS adopted the characteristic and similar UNIFORM of the Camps Nazi Guards.

IN SO DOING, they mistreated their OWN Fellow JEWS even more Severe than the evil in es Nazi Guards.

Now, Therefore, I hereby PETITION to The International COMMUNITY to INVESTIGATE and Carefully EXAMINE Israel's OCCUPATION of the WEST BANK [GAZA] with DR. FRANKL'S and NATHAN, the Prophet's, 2-SAMUEL CHAPTER 12, "HUMAN EYES"!

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were born to protect the people and give them back what was rightly theirs.

In truculent videotaped statements, Gomez regularly accused the federal government of supporting his rivals and offered to strike peace deals with authorities. The celebrated outlaw popped up often either haranguing troops over radio frequencies or phoning in to a local TV or radio station.

The only other fugitive drug lord known to speak to the press is Ismael "El Mayo" Zambada, leader of the Sinaloa cartel who has granted a single interview.

Born Feb. 6, 1966, Gomez started as a grade-school teacher in the Michoacan hill town of Arteaga, and was still listed on a payroll at a school there, at least until 2009. Hence his additional nickname of "El Profe" — The Professor.

In his hometown, some residents praised him as a humble man who ambled about in sandals and would give poorer people money for food, clothing and medical care when they were in a jam. They said he mediated disputes such as a traffic accident or child support battles.

Gomez apparently started out transporting marijuana before becoming in the mid-2000s a top leader of La Familia, another cult-like cartel and predecessor of his Knights Templar. He continued his populist tendencies while acting as a sort of de facto spokesman for that gang, which was led by Nazario "El Chayo" Moreno Gonzalez, Jesus "El Chango" (The Monkey) Mendez Vargas and Dionicio "El Tio" (The Uncle) Loya. La Familia initially portrayed itself as a crusader gang, protecting communities from the Zetas cartel. Witnesses say La Familia trained its recruits in ultra-violent techniques like beheading and dismembering victims, and it frequently ambushed soldiers and federal police.

A U.S. Justice Department indictment in 2009 said Gomez might be behind the murder of 12 Mexican federal law enforcement officers whose bodies were found in July of that year while he still operated under La Familia.

After the government claimed that the cartel's top leader, Moreno, had been killed in a shootout with police in late 2010, the gang weakened. One faction sought help from its old foe, the Zetas. Gomez turned on his old bosses and started the Knights Templar. He continued to work with Moreno, who was not killed as the government had claimed. No body was found. Moreno was killed last year in a second assault by the government, which this time produced the body. The other leaders of the gang have been arrested or killed, and Gomez was the last hold-out, leaving speculation that maybe he had negotiated a deal with the government. As the leader of the Knights Templar, Gomez claimed he was a "high-class" criminal. He issued pocket-size booklets of the cartel doctrine that were distributed in buses in 2011 as the cartel sought to create a social base. The "code of conduct" claimed it was

fighting a war against poverty, tyranny and injustice, while being blamed for murders, extortion and drug trafficking.

In an interview with MundoFox, News Corp.'s Spanish-language network, Gomez acknowledged he had committed many crimes but said he never killed an innocent person. He also said he was not scared of dying, because he would choose being killed over going to jail.

His videotaped speeches hit hundreds of thousands of views on YouTube. One of them shows him sitting at a desk. On the wall behind are portraits of Ernesto "Che" Guevara, Mexican revolutionary Pancho Villa and Mexico's flag. On the table is the manifesto of Moreno.

Gomez accused the government of losing sight of the rule of law in Michoacan.

Graffiti king Banksy takes his art to Gaza
Mysterious graffiti artist Banksy has taken his airbrush to the Gaza Strip, where he has created several works highlighting the destruction caused in the recent conflict with Israel.

He also posted a YouTube video about his trip, including scenes in tunnels that are used to smuggle in food, arms and building materials.

Banksy, a Briton whose identity has been guessed at but not confirmed, framed the video as a tourist promotion — with a twist. "Make this the year you discover a new destination," says one of the captions on the video. However, the scenes are "well away from the tourist track" and show tunnels and Palestinians, many of them children, among the destruction wrought in last summer's bombings and invasion by Israel as it counteracted hundreds of rocket attacks from the area.

Among the art pieces are images of a surveillance tower with children swinging from a fairground-type swing, a woman grieving over a child and a kitten with a pink bow

"A local man came up and said 'Please — what does this mean?' I explained I wanted to highlight the destruction in Gaza by posting photos on my website — but on the Internet people only look at pictures of kittens," Banksy writes.

"The cat found something to play with," a Palestinian man says during the video. "What about our children?"

March comes in like a Wall Street lion
Finally.

The Nasdaq composite capped its long march back to 5000 on Monday, eclipsing, then closing above the long-hallowed mark for the first time since March 2000.

The arduous climb came on the heels of a 10-day winning streak that ended last week, Nasdaq's longest since July 2009. That helped fuel the technology-heavy market index to a 7% gain in February, the sixth-largest monthly climb since its 1971 launch. As March greeted stock traders and investors, the Nasdaq resumed its assault on one of the longest-standing market barometers yet to

fall amid Wall Street's six-year bull market. The Nasdaq spurted above 5000 shortly after trading began, clinging to gains before closing up 44.57 points (0.9%) to 5008.10, just off the day's highs.

The hype surrounding Nasdaq 5000 overshadowed the day's broader market action. A quieter but powerful rally propelled the Standard & Poor's 500 up 12.89 points (0.6%) to 2117.39, the Dow Jones industrial average up 155.93 points (0.9%) to 18,288.63 and the small-cap Russell 2000 up 9.3 points (0.8%) to 1242.62 — all record closing highs. The Nasdaq remains below its all-time record of 5048.62 and intra-day high of 5131.52, both set March 10, 2000. Market watchers say the index is poised to climb higher.

"We're certainly not in bubble territory," says James Stack, head of Whitefish, Mt.,-based Stack Financial Management and editor of market newsletter *Investech Research*. Although Wall Street is likely in the late stages of one of its longest bull markets, the Nasdaq could power up to 5300 or even 5500 before the rally ends, Stack says. While the Dow, S&P 500 and other market indexes have long eclipsed prior records and continue to set new ones, Nasdaq's road back has been long and arduous. It wasn't until 2013 that the index closed above 4000 for the first time since September 2000.

The Nasdaq has already come back mightily from its October 2002, post-technology, bubble-burst low of 1108, a market nadir reached after investors finally had their fill of dubious dot-com companies whose valuations were based more on fantasy concepts than actual earnings, revenue and other more traditional market valuations. "It's all of the things we thought we saw in the late '90s, except this time, most of these companies actually make money, so these levels should have much more staying power," says Dave Grecsek, managing director at investment manager Aspiriant. Now, fueled by profit growth and tech stalwarts such as Apple, Google and Microsoft, cable TV giant Comcast, coffee purveyor Starbucks, electric-car maker Tesla, entertainment provider Netflix, social media giant Facebook and biotech giant Gilead Sciences — which just joined the ranks of dividend-paying companies — the Nasdaq is more about fundamentals and valuations than pipe dreams.

"Back in the tech-bubble years, you could tear your hair out over stock valuations, and you could float almost any kind of IPO," Stack says. "It's a very different scenario today. And we clearly do not have a valuation bubble. Nasdaq stocks have always carried a premium over the broader market because of perceived and real growth potential. At current levels, the market isn't cheap, because it's a mature market. But it's not what I would call extreme."

The Nasdaq has topped 5000 at the closing bell on only two occasions — March 9 and 10, 2000. Its all-time closing high came on that second day, when it hit 5048.62.

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The Nasdaq is "showing the robustness of America's intelligence and innovation," says Kevin Kelly, chief investment officer for Recon Capital Partners. "The index has companies that have great balance sheets and are trading at reasonable valuations. If you look at the Nasdaq 100, which comprises 90% of the Nasdaq composite, it has averaged annual sales growth of 20.5% for the last three years, compared to 8.5% for the S&P 500."

Monday's broad market gains overshadowed the hits some individual stocks were taking, however. Lumber Liquidators sank 25% to \$38.83, extending last week's 25% loss.

The flooring retailer has cracked under pressure from lower-than-expected quarterly earnings, a federal probe and Sunday's *60 Minutes* report, which alleged the company's imported flooring contained high levels of formaldehyde.

And despite an uptick in crude oil prices, energy and oil driller stocks fizzled. Among the losers; Noble, off 4.2% to \$15.94, SeaDrill, down 5% to \$10.99 and Goodrich Petroleum, down 11.6% to \$3.96.

Wal-Mart's wage hike gets CEOs' attention

Wal-Mart's (WMT) recent raise is the big talk among retailers – as many report their results this week.

Wal-Mart made a big impact with investors announcing plans to boost its hourly pay. It's a big deal for the entire industry – and quite possibly the economy. Another retailer already followed with pay hikes for its workers, apparel seller T.J. Maxx.

Given how important wages are to retailers' profitability, analysts on conference calls brought up the topic on several occasions. What happens with wages may very well determine what retailers' profits look like in coming years.

Understandably, CEOs at retailers had plenty to say about wages. Here are some examples:

* **L Brands (L): Doesn't apply to us.** The retailer largely dodged the question when an analyst asked if wage increases at Bed Bath & Beyond and Victoria's Secret could be coming. Victoria's Secret CEO Sharen Jester Turney responded: "We are not a minimum wage rate company, and our focus is on our customers and making their experience in our stores the best it can be. And really, at a high level, our goal would be able to have more high-quality, experienced and productive sales associates, which then we believe will increase sales and customer loyalty and reduce associate turnover," according to a S&P Capital IQ transcript of the call.

* **Dollar Tree (DLTR): No plans to boost pay.** The discount retailer has no plans to follow Wal-Mart's lead. When asked about pay hikes, CEO Bob Sasser said, "We watch the industry trends carefully, and of course, we're compliant with all the state and federal regulations. But I'll tell you, outside of complying with the continued changes in the regulations, we've made no plans for a sweeping change to our minimum wage rates.

But we will continue to pay competitive wages, market by market, just as we always have done based on the prevailing rates. And as always, we'll work very hard to offset any wage increases and cost increases, in general, through increased sales and productivity enhancing initiatives that we've always been able to find."

* **Kohl's (KSS): Needs to stay competitive.** CEO Kevin Mansell says the company is eyeing the situation, "We obviously don't operate in the vacuum but we never have. We have a pretty robust and very successful system in place to assess the competitive market across the whole country. And fundamentally, we pay what's necessary in each market to attract and retain the talent we need. Frankly, costs of leaving are not the same everywhere and either are wages. And as an aside, and I realize wages are getting some focus, while wages are really important, there are a lot of other factors driving pupils decisions about where to work. The work environment, the way is treated, future parties for growth and advancement are just a few of many. And as we shared with you back in October at the Investor Conference, our store associate engagement is in the top percent of retailers. So we definitely intend to keep it there."

* **Cinemark (CNK): Wage tide is rising.** Sean Gamble, CEO of the theater chain, recognizes wages are on the rise. "Just to first build further on your G&A question. For this particular quarter, fourth quarter, we had about \$2 million of that favorability in G&A coming from foreign exchange. Really the rest was driven by the sale of our Mexican subsidiaries last year. So if you were to normalize for that, it would be about flat. As you kind of look forward, and we just think about overall G&A management, yes, we do face some pressures in 2015 with minimum wage increases across the board, but we'll be actively working on where we can to continue to try to manage those costs and hold G&A as flat as we can," he says.

* **TJX (TJX): Paying higher wages is worth it.** CEO Carol Meyrowitz says, "First, we were pleased to announce an important initiative on wages this morning detailed in our press release. These actions are part of our strategy to continue attracting and retaining top talent in order to deliver a great shopping experience for our customers and will allow us to remain competitive on wages."

* **J.C. Penney (JCP): We love our workers.** Will raise pay if they might get poached. CEO Myron Ullman was asked about pay, he said, "First of all, we really value the sales associates and our people. We want to make sure that we're comparable in the market we have in various parts of the country. We have very few people that really are in the minimum wage category just so you know. Many people forget that retail's a great entry point for a great career for many people, and they have a huge opportunity for improvement. So a lot of our entry people

come in on the basis that they're going to be a sales associate and end up growing throughout their career into other opportunities. So we obviously are going to watch what's going on and making sure we're not going to lose them to a competitor and making sure we get the right people and have them properly compensated. So I would say it's certainly not anything that's any <http://gap> from what we're doing today."

* **GAP. We already gave our workers a pay raise.** The apparel company's CEO Sabrina Simmons brought up pay before even being asked about it. She reminded analysts that Gap last year (February) announced it was boosting its minimum hourly rate to \$10 in 2015 from \$9. Simmons talked about how that was an increase to costs that needed to be managed.

Warren Buffett's letter: Gender should never decide CEO

In his much-anticipated annual [letter to stockholders](#), Warren Buffett, chairman and CEO of Berkshire Hathaway, celebrated his golden anniversary of ownership of the company and teases about talk of a successor — making it clear that gender is not a factor. The Oracle of Omaha sized up the U.S. economy and takes a genial swipe at "preachers of pessimism."

Buffett reported that the per-share value of the company he bought in 1965 has rocketed from \$19 to \$146,186. That, he noted in passing, amounts to a "rate of 19.4 percent compound annually."

As for 2014, Buffett reported a \$18.3 billion gain in net worth.

The 84-year-old billionaire described how Berkshire shifted over the years from being primarily a vehicle for investment to owning and operating businesses — and that, he says, is how it ought to be.

"The unconventional, but inescapable, conclusion to be drawn from the past fifty years is that it has been far safer to invest in a diversified collection of American businesses than to invest in securities," Buffett explained.

On the always tantalizing topic of a successor, Buffett offered little. In addressing Berkshire's future, he did not list any candidates by name, but said he and the board believe the company has the "right person to succeed me as CEO — a successor ready to assume the job the day after I die or step down," he wrote.

"In certain important respects, this person will do a better job than I am doing," Buffett added.

He said the crucial element for a Berkshire CEO is "character" — someone who is "all in" for the company, not for himself."

Then he added a twist to his loyal readers: "I'm using male pronouns to avoid awkward wording, but gender should never decide who becomes CEO."

As for 2014 results, Buffett was particularly bullish on the performance of what he called his company's "Powerhouse Five," a

termination. The party alleged misuse of taxpayer funds based on reports of a severance package offered to Baylor, which she rejected.

Neither Elias nor Baldwin's office responded immediately to a request for comment.

Biden says U.S. will deliver new F-35 jets to Israel

WASHINGTON - Vice President Joe Biden said on Thursday the United States would deliver new F-35 fighter jets to Israel next year to help its ally maintain its military edge in the Middle East. Speaking at an Israeli Independence Day celebration in Washington, Biden described the aircraft as "our finest, making Israel the only country in the Middle East to have this fifth-generation aircraft."

Vowing the United States would make sure Israel maintained its "qualitative edge,"

Biden told the pro-Israel audience: "Next year, we will deliver to Israel the F-35."

Yemen peace talks inevitable, says UN official

AMMAN, Jordan: A renewal of talks on ending Yemen's conflict is "inevitable" and behind-the-scenes diplomatic efforts could bring results in the coming weeks, including a possible U.N.-hosted conference involving most parties, the head of U.N. operations in Yemen said Thursday.

The Gulf nation of Oman is also involved in mediation, Paolo Lembo, the U.N. resident coordinator in Yemen, told The Associated Press in an interview.

Lembo, speaking at a hotel in Amman, Jordan, said all sides "are aware that there is no other solution" than a political settlement, but that fighting will likely continue for some time.

All sides have declared their willingness to enter talks, but none have taken steps so far to halt the fighting. On Thursday, Shiite rebels pressed ahead with an offensive in the south and a Saudi-led coalition bombarded them from the air, less than two days after it said it was scaling back air strikes.

The battle in Yemen, the Arab world's poorest country, pits the Houthi rebels and their allies- military units loyal to former President Ali Abdullah Saleh - against the Saudi-led coalition and the forces of President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi, Yemen's internationally recognized leader. Despite the continued fighting, Lembo said he believes that "the resumption of peace talks is inevitable." He said that "diplomatic discussions are occurring, invisibly, behind the scenes, and I know there is reason enough to believe that they should bring good results in the future, in the coming weeks."

He also said he hopes to see "a conference that will bring most of the parties to the table," but would not elaborate.

At the United Nations, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Thursday nominated Ismail Ghanem Cheikh Ahmed to be the new special envoy to Yemen who would guide future peace talks.

His predecessor, Jamal Benomar, resigned last week, after sharp criticism from Gulf countries. Benomar's four years of trying to broker a peaceful political transition in Yemen fell apart amid the rebel uprising and the airstrike response.

Lembo, who oversees some 1,000 U.N. staff in Yemen, said the country has been hit by more than 4,000 airstrikes since the Saudi-led air campaign began March 26. He said close to 1,100 people have been killed, with the actual figure believed to be higher, and that some 150,000 have been displaced.

The U.N. official was evacuated from Yemen 10 days after the start of the air campaign, but said he expects to return.

Reports: Bin Laden bodyguards arrested in Italy

Italian police have arrested 18 suspected Islamic extremists, including two alleged bodyguards of Osama bin Laden, according to media reports Friday.

The suspects are accused of staging attacks in Pakistan and wanting to topple that country's government, and of financing terror in Pakistan and Afghanistan, the Associated Press reported.

Italian news channel Sky TG24 reported that the network is affiliated with al-Qaeda, and has its operational base on the Italian island of Sardinia.

Anti-terrorism police on Sardinia said some of the suspects were responsible for numerous acts of terrorism in Pakistan, including a car bomb attack on the Mina Bazaar, a market in the northwestern city of Peshawar in October 2009 that killed more than 100 people, the AP said.

Sky TG24 reported that the suspects include two members of the organization who were part of the network that protected bin Laden in Pakistan.

The network was also involved in smuggling migrants from Pakistan and Afghanistan into Italy, from where they would travel on to northern Europe, Sky TG24 said.

U.S. warships to monitor ships traveling from Iran

U.S. warships are being deployed to Yemen to monitor ships in the area traveling from Iran and suspected of trafficking arms to Houthi rebels, U.S. officials tell CNN. The move is also meant to reassure allies in the region, the officials said.

U.S. ships do not have authority to forcibly board Iranian-flagged ships.

Earlier this month, a U.S. Navy ship consensually boarded a Panamanian-flagged vessel suspected of trafficking people, drugs or weapons. Nothing was found.

"We are closely monitoring all maritime activity in the Arabian Sea and Gulf of Aden," Cmdr. Kevin Stephens of the Fifth Fleet told CNN. "We not going discuss the number and types of vessels we are monitoring or speculate about the possible destination or cargo of those vessels."

U.S. warships from the carrier group of the USS Theodore Roosevelt are joining allied vessels from Saudi Arabia, Egypt and other

partner nations prepared to intercept a convoy of seven to nine Iranian vessels believed headed for Yemen. The allies are prepared to board Iranian vessels if they proceed into Yemeni territorial waters.

The Roosevelt aircraft carrier and the guided missile cruiser USS Normandy were the two ships the Navy moved into the waters off the coast of Yemen on Sunday. At this stage, there are nine U.S. naval ships operating off the coast in Yemen.

When asked about warnings from Saudi Arabia and the U.S. to keep Iranian navy ships away from Yemen, the commander of Iran's Regular Navy, Flotilla Adm. Habibollah Sayyari, said his fleet was operating legally.

"We don't let anyone give us warnings and threats, because we are working according to international law and regulations," he said. "And we work for the security of our country and other countries."

Sayyari added that Iranian navy ships in the area were there to combat piracy and secure the safe transfer of goods through the waters. The heightened tension could have broader consequences for the relationship between the U.S. and Iran, coming weeks after the announcement of a framework deal surrounding Iran's nuclear program. National Security Council spokesperson Alistair Baskin said Tuesday that while he wasn't commenting on the specifics of the situation near Yemen, "we have long made clear our concern about Iranian support to the Houthis, including weapons."

"Any effort by Iran to provide weapons to the Houthis would violate not only this recent U.N. Security Council resolution but also the long-standing U.N. Security Council weapons-related sanctions on Iran," Baskin said.

The U.S. warships come to a region seeing a good deal of U.S. military activity.

The Roosevelt in particular only recently arrived in the theater and had been in the Arabian Gulf supporting Operation Inherent Resolve in Iraq and Syria, according to Stephens.

Sen. John McCain, R-Arizona, told CNN's Wolf Blitzer on the "Situation Room" he would only endorse U.S. air power against Yemen if it was the only option.

"It is a very serious escalatory step," he said on Monday. "If you're going to use U.S. air power, what else is going to happen to make sure you stop the Houthi?"

McCain blamed President Barack Obama's foreign policy for the deteriorating situation. "It was very obvious to many of us that this did not have to happen," McCain said. "We did not take care of the regime that was in place, the president that was in there. It is a symptom of our failure throughout the Middle East."

Ousted Egyptian President Morsi sentenced to 20 years in prison in connection with protester deaths

An Egyptian criminal court on Tuesday sentenced ousted Islamist President

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Mohammed Morsi to 20 years in prison on charges linked to the killing of protesters in 2012.

The conviction, which can be appealed, and muted Islamist reaction following it underscore the dramatic downfall of Morsi and Egypt's once-powerful Muslim Brotherhood group. However, Morsi escaped receiving a death sentence in the case, which Islamists derided as a "farce."

Tuesday's ruling was the first verdict to be issued against the country's first freely elected leader.

Morsi and the Brotherhood swiftly rose to power in elections after autocrat Hosni Mubarak's 2011 ouster, only to find themselves imprisoned a year later when millions protested against them for abusing power and the military overthrew the government.

But as Mubarak and members of his government increasingly find themselves acquitted of criminal charges, Morsi and the Brotherhood are at the receiving end of heavy-handed sentences.

Tuesday's verdict sparked no immediate street protests, reflecting the toll of a heavy security crackdown on any show of dissent -- either by Islamists or secular-leaning activists.

During the hearing, Judge Ahmed Youssef issued his verdict as Morsi and other defendants in the case -- mostly Brotherhood leaders -- stood in a soundproof glass cage inside a makeshift courtroom at Egypt's national police academy. Seven of the accused were tried in absentia.

In addition to Morsi, 12 Brotherhood leaders and Islamist supporters, including Mohammed el-Beltagy and Essam el-Erian, also were sentenced to 20 years in prison. Youssef dropped murder charges involved in the case and said the sentences were linked to the "show of force" and unlawful detention associated with the case.

The case stems from violence outside the presidential palace in December 2012. Morsi's supporters attacked opposition protesters demanding that Morsi call off a referendum on an Islamist-drafted constitution. Clashes developed into deadly confrontations overnight that killed at least 10 people.

In a statement, Amnesty International called the case flawed and full of loopholes, while describing the trial as "sham."

"Convicting Mohammed Morsi, despite fundamental flaws in the legal process and what seems to be at best flimsy evidence produced in court under a gag order, utterly undermines this verdict," said Hassiba Hadj Sahraoui, Amnesty's deputy Middle East and North Africa director.

Morsi's questioning took place without his lawyers present during his detention in an undisclosed location for four months following his ouster in July 2013.

Amnesty said Morsi's legal team was only able to access case files days before the trial began. It also documented irregularities, such

as where abuses of his supporters -- not his opponents -- were the only evidence documented. The court also ignored what Amnesty said were deaths among Morsi's supporters during the same protests.

During Tuesday's hearing, Morsi and the rest of the defendants in white jumpsuits raised the four-finger sign symbolizing the sit-in at the Rabaah al-Adawiya mosque, where hundreds were killed when security forces violently dispersed the sprawling sit-in by Morsi's supporters on Aug. 14, 2013. They also smiled for cameras filming the hearing. It was a far cry from when the trial first began, when Morsi repeatedly shouted to the court: "I am the president of the republic!" During subsequent court appearances, Morsi and other defendants turned their backs to the court when Youssef played several videos of the clashes outside the palace in 2012.

From his exile in Turkey's capital, Istanbul, top Muslim Brotherhood figure Amr Darrag called the ruling "a sad and terrible day in Egyptian history."

"They want to pass a life sentence for democracy in Egypt," Darrag said.

Under the government of President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, who as army chief overthrew Morsi, Brotherhood members and Islamists have faced trials that end with mass death sentences, sparking international condemnation.

The heavy sentences have raised questions about the independence of Egypt's judiciary, something analysts say could have contributed to the sentence Morsi received Tuesday.

"Morsi's trial gripped international attention and a heavy sentence would have put the judiciary under a spotlight," said Sameh Eid, a former Brotherhood member who researches Islamic movements. "Today, the judiciary seemed keen in preserving its image."

Yet, average Egyptians have seen the differences between the trials of Morsi and Mubarak, political science professor Hassan Nafaa said.

"People are not reassured of the fairness of these trials," Nafaa said.

Morsi faces four other trials on charges that vary from undermining national security by conspiring with foreign groups and orchestrating a prison break. Thousands of Brotherhood members are in jail facing a variety of charges, most linking them to violence that followed Morsi's 2013 overthrow.

On May 16, the Cairo Criminal Court will issue a verdict in the jailbreak trial, according to Egyptian newspaper Al-Ahram.

Prosecutors say Morsi and other Muslim Brotherhood leaders were illegally freed from the Wadi El-Natroun prison during the 2011 uprising, with help from the Palestinian militant group Hamas. Morsi allies claim they left the prison because police abandoned their posts, The Guardian reports.

Morsi is currently being held at a high security prison near the Mediterranean city of

Alexandria. Tuesday's hearing took place amid heavy security, as hundreds of black-clad riot police deployed at the police academy, backed by armored vehicles.

Italians on tiny island torn over flood of migrants

LAMPEDUSA, Italy — This tiny, picturesque speck in the Mediterranean Sea has become the front-line of the growing humanitarian crisis in Europe.

It is where thousands of migrants fleeing chaos in Africa and the Middle East are making the harrowing journey by boat to European soil — or drowning en route — because this is their closest destination. The once-sleepy island is closer to Tunisia than to Sicily.

The mass influx of refugees has divided the town's 6,000 residents, sometimes within the same family, over whether the island has a duty to help the desperate newcomers or should turn away the arrivals because they have scared off many of the tourists who provide the island's livelihood.

"Go home! Go! Go! Go!" local youths shouted from a passing car at a half-dozen African refugees gathered on Via Roma, the town's main drag. The Africans don't speak Italian, but they said they understood the sentiment.

"Why wouldn't they be mad? They don't know us," said Ahmed Ali, 19, a Somali who arrived in Lampedusa a few days earlier. "But what are we supposed to do? I could not stay in Somalia. I would die if I stayed. But for me this is just another stop along the way."

"This is where they bring us," added fellow Somali Hassan Musa-Said, 18, another of the young migrants. "I am thankful to be safe on land here. But I want to move on as soon as they will let me."

The island is in the spotlight again in the wake of another disaster at sea, where hundreds of migrants are feared dead after their boat capsized off the coast of Libya this past weekend.

An overburdened former naval base just outside the island's only town houses the migrants. Its official capacity is 800 but it sometimes houses 3,000.

It is supposed to take Italian authorities two or three days to process the migrants here before sending them to other parts of Italy for a case-by-case evaluation. But many of the migrants walking the streets of the town during the day report being on the island for two weeks or longer.

Salvatore Maggiore, 80, a retired fisherman passing the time with friends at a coffee bar, worried about the rising numbers overwhelming the island. "I don't have a problem with any specific people. They're just looking for a better life," Maggiore said, adding there was much less of a problem when there was a trickle of arrivals decades ago.

"But you also have to look at it from our perspective," he said. "When people turn on the TV news and see these migrants arriving

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the island nation after the historic 1998 visit of St. John Paul II during which he said Cuba should "open itself up to the world, and may the world open itself up to Cuba."

Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI followed up with a 2012 trip during which he voiced the Vatican's long-standing position that the U.S. embargo was unjust and only hurt the most vulnerable on the island.

Francis also has spoken out against the U.S. embargo while also condemning socialism.

Francis' personal intervention in the U.S.-Cuban thaw was one of the most tangible signs that he wants the Vatican to be a greater player in international diplomacy. A more controversial intervention was his recent declaration that the slaughter of Armenians by Ottoman Turks a century ago was "genocide."

Italian navy retakes fishing boat seized by armed men off Libyan coast

The Italian navy said Friday it boarded and took control of a Sicilian fishing boat that had been seized earlier in the day by armed men off the coast of Libya.

The operation was conducted by military personnel operating in the area on migrant rescue duty. The statement did not say whether the Italian military encountered the armed men, but the Sicilian cooperative said the seven crew members were on their way back to port.

The navy said the fishing boat had been seized by armed men, apparently Libyan security forces, travelling on a tug boat around 90 kilometres northwest of the Libyan port of Misrata.

The fishing co-operative said that other fishing boats operating in the vicinity had reported the seizure to port authorities. The crew, which had been fishing for shrimp, included three Italians and four Tunisians resident in Italy.

It was not clear if shots were fired, and there were no reports of injuries, said Francesco Mezzapelle, spokesman for the fishing consortium.

The consortium said there have been a dozen such seizures of Italian fishing vessels since 2005 when Libya asserted that its territorial waters extended more than 70 miles off shore - well beyond international agreements. One Italian boat seized in 2012 remains held in the Libyan city of Benghazi, though the crew members were released after a month, Mezzapelle said.

The deteriorating security situation in Libya had heightened concern for the fishermen's safety, he said. "We are very worried, and so are their families," Mezzapelle said before the rescue operation.

Fighting in Libya has escalated to its worst levels since the 2011 civil war that ended with the overthrow and killing of longtime dictator Moammar

Gadhafi. Rebel groups that fought against him kept their weapons and militias mushroomed in number.

The country now has rival governments - the internationally recognized one in the eastern city of Tobruk, and an Islamist-backed one in the capital, Tripoli. The two sides have been negotiating in Morocco to end the fighting.

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Appeals Court to Take up Obama's Immigration Action

Appellate judges on Friday were to consider whether to lift a temporary hold imposed by a federal judge in Texas on President Barack Obama's executive action seeking to shield millions of immigrants from deportation.

A three-judge panel of the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals will hear arguments in a closely watched case that is holding up Obama's immigration action.

U.S. District Judge Andrew Hanen in Brownsville granted a preliminary injunction on Feb. 16 at the request of 26 states that oppose Obama's action. Hanen's rulings have temporarily blocked the Obama administration from implementing the policies that would allow as many as 5 million people in the U.S. illegally to remain.

Large numbers of advocacy groups and immigrants were planning to rally outside the New Orleans courthouse.

Obama announced the executive orders after the November mid-term elections, saying inaction by Congress forced him to make sweeping changes to immigration rules on his own.

A coalition of 26 states, led by Texas, filed the lawsuit to overturn Obama's executive action, arguing that it is unconstitutional and would force them to invest more in law enforcement, health care and education.

Justice Department attorneys have argued that maintaining the temporary hold harms "the interests of the public and of third parties who will be deprived of significant law enforcement and humanitarian benefits of prompt implementation" of the president's immigration action.

The appellate court is taking up the case at a special hearing. It was uncertain how quickly the panel might rule following the hearing. Each side was to get an hour to argue their case.

The first of Obama's orders - to expand a program that protects young immigrants from deportation if they were brought to the U.S. illegally as children - had been set to take effect Feb. 18.

The other major part would extend deportation protections to parents of U.S. citizens and permanent residents who have been in the country for several years. That provision was slated to begin on May 19.

Babysitter tells police he's watching abducted child

RENTON, Wash. (AP) - A couple in Washington state were surprised to discover the child they were babysitting had been abducted and an Amber Alert issued seeking the toddler's return.

Authorities issued the alert Tuesday night after the 2-year-old boy was taken from his home in Des Moines. John Truong told (http://bit.ly/1ENmHNz) KOMO-TV in Seattle that he and his wife had been asked to watch the child by his sister and didn't learn about the alert until Wednesday morning. Truong called police, who retrieved the child.

Truong told authorities his sister asked him to watch the child overnight, explaining it was her boyfriend's son.

Police have arrested the sister in connection with the kidnapping. They say she and the child's paternal grandmother went to the boy's home Tuesday and incapacitated his mother with a Taser. The grandmother was questioned by authorities.

U.S. Coast Guard touts record-setting drug busts

(CNN)—The offloading of tons of cocaine, worth hundreds of millions of dollars, was used as a backdrop to announce record-setting drug busts in the eastern Pacific Ocean.

Representatives from the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Navy and Royal Canadian Navy gathered on a San Diego dock Thursday, as the crew of the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Boutwell unloaded more than 14 tons of cocaine. The drugs, with an estimated street value of \$424 million, were taken in 19 separate seizures in drug transit zones near Central and South America.

Video from the Coast Guard shows bundles of the drugs being taken off the ship by a crane and a conveyor belt.

The Coast Guard says the current fiscal year, which ends on Sept. 30, is already the most successful since 2009 for drug seizures. The total amount of cocaine taken for the fiscal year so far is reported to be 28 tons, worth more than \$848 million. Authorities say 101 smugglers have also been apprehended.

The Coast Guard says in one incident, more than 10 tons of cocaine were confiscated from a single coastal freighter in what is called the largest maritime drug interdiction in the eastern Pacific Ocean since 2009

NASA's MESSENGER Spacecraft Is About To Crash Into Mercury

Mercury is about to get a visitor.

The NASA MESSENGER spacecraft that's been orbiting Mercury and collecting data for four years is about to run out of fuel. And when it does, it's going to hit the tiny planet's surface at about 8,750 miles per hour.

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STON -- Javier Sandoval, a 44-year-old Santa Rosa, California, drives at least 15 miles to get to his work as a day laborer. He was doing so without a driver's license, not by choice, but because he couldn't get

Sandoval, like nearly 2.5 million other people in California, is undocumented. He was barred from obtaining a driver's license until this year, when the state opened up eligibility to those in the country without legal status. Sandoval took a written test -- he said he earned a near-perfect score -- and a driving test. On March 26, he received his license.

It's a small piece of identification. But it's changed his life immeasurably.

"I'm very, very glad that this is happening now," he said. "The people that are here, we don't drive for pleasure. We drive because we need to work."

Sandoval is one of many workers benefiting from evolving views over whether undocumented immigrants should be allowed to receive driver's licenses. Ten states, plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, have embraced the idea, concluding that the policy is economically sound, humane and better for law enforcement. Most of those laws were approved in 2013. That such progress has occurred with relatively little controversy is all the more remarkable when one considers how the debate began.

Eight years ago, it was the topic of driver's licenses for undocumented immigrants that first tripped up the seemingly inevitable presidential candidacy of then-Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-N.Y.). During an October 2007 debate in Philadelphia, Clinton was asked whether she supported the efforts of her home-state governor, Eliot Spitzer, to pass a bill authorizing those licenses. Spitzer was arguing that it would make the roads safer since undocumented immigrants with licenses would more likely to get insurance and cooperate with police.

But Clinton had fits with the question. She said the New York proposal "makes a lot of sense," before adding that she did not support it. Her Democratic primary opponents on the stage let her have it, accusing her of deliberate vagueness and of wanting to have it both ways on the issue.

Then-Sen. Chris Dodd (D-Conn.) interrupted her answer: "No, no, no. You said yes, you thought it made sense to do it." Dodd opposed driver's licenses for undocumented immigrants. Then-Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.), who supported such licenses, quipped that he couldn't "tell whether she was for it or against it."

About two weeks later, Clinton had a settled answer. "As president, I will not support driver's licenses for undocumented people," she said in a statement, adding that she would push for broader migration reform.

But the damage was done. Clinton's opponents seized a vulnerability and attacked her from there -- being too calculating in her positions.

Now, as she makes her second bid for the presidency, Clinton's position is far clearer and decidedly

different. "Hillary supports state policies to provide driver's licenses to undocumented immigrants," a campaign spokesperson told The Huffington Post.

The driver's license issue is still politically fraught. Demographic changes that have made the Latino vote more important have helped shift the scales. But most Americans don't agree with the policy, according to a HuffPost/YouGov poll conducted this month. The survey found that 64 percent oppose driver's licenses for undocumented immigrants, while 26 percent support the idea. Democrats are split, with 43 percent in favor and 46 percent against. Eighty-one percent of Republicans oppose allowing undocumented immigrants to obtain driver's licenses.

Among Latinos, a slight majority of 52 percent favor driver's licenses for undocumented immigrants, while 34 percent are opposed and 14 percent are not sure. Latinos typically rank immigration-related issues as more important than do American voters overall.

Where the policy has advanced, perhaps unsurprisingly, is in states with large Hispanic populations, including Colorado and California.

"I've seen a pretty big seismic shift in terms of attitudes towards immigrants," said Colorado state Sen. Jessie Ulibarri (D), who championed the driver's license law that went into effect last year.

It's not just the pressure of Hispanic voters that has moved these policies forward. Law enforcement officers have urged politicians to approve driver's licenses for undocumented immigrants. They and others recognize that licenses improve access to insurance and make people more comfortable reporting accidents and other issues to police, according to Tanya Broder, who has tracked driver's license access in her work for the National Immigration Law Center.

"It really came down to a common-sense public safety rationale," Broder said. "Just making sure that all of the drivers on the roads are trained, tested, licensed, insured and accountable for their driving histories and driving records seemed to make sense from a public safety perspective."

There are less obvious benefits, too. California has seen a significant increase in registered organ donors this year, which officials have attributed to the new driver's license law.

Opponents of the laws, however, are skeptical about how much good they do and critical of the notion that people in the country illegally should be allowed state-authorized benefits. Ira Mehlman, a spokesman for the Federation for American Immigration Reform, questioned why supporters of driver's licenses consider it a positive that licenses help undocumented immigrants get to work, since undocumented immigrants aren't legally authorized to hold jobs. He said the licenses could aid people in establishing false identities.

"It makes it easier for people to get away with violating the law," Mehlman said.

Even in states that permit driver's licenses for undocumented immigrants, there are still plenty of

lawmakers who disagree with the policy. The Republican-led New Mexico House of Representatives voted in February to repeal the 2003 law authorizing the licenses. That bill is likely to die in the Democrat-controlled state Senate.

Colorado Republicans, meanwhile, slashed funding for the program earlier this year, forcing all but one of the original five offices that were distributing the licenses to shut down. At the end of March, the state Senate approved additional funding, although only for three offices.

Estrella Ruiz, who volunteers with the Hispanic Affairs Project in Grand Junction, Colorado, said that the collective effect of Republican efforts is that undocumented immigrants have to endure longer wait times to get their license. It was already a lengthy process, beginning with the difficulties of setting up an appointment, she said.

"You had to have lots of patience to get through," Ruiz said. "Sometimes it would take up to 20 minutes of refreshing, refreshing, refreshing the page so you wouldn't lose the appointment."

Illinois, which began offering driver's licenses for undocumented immigrants in 2013, has also had problems with long wait times, said Fred Tsao, policy director at the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights.

One place where the driver's license policy didn't progress at all was Clinton's home state of New York. In 2007, then-Gov. Spitzer dropped his efforts to move the bill, citing widespread public opposition. Advocates there are still fighting to get lawmakers to reverse course.

Pope Considering Cuba Stop During US Trip but No Decision

VATICAN CITY—

Pope Francis is considering adding a stop in Cuba to his U.S. trip in September but no decision has been made, the Vatican said Friday.

Francis has been credited with having helped the United States and Cuba reach their historic rapprochement by writing to the leaders of both countries and having the Vatican host their delegations for the final negotiations.

The Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, said Francis "is considering the idea of a Cuba leg" but that discussions with Cuba are at an early stage. He said it's too early to say that a decision has been taken or that there is an operational plan underway.

The possibility of a Cuban stop was first reported by the Wall Street Journal.

Francis is scheduled to visit three U.S. cities in the last week of September. He will address Congress and meet with President Barack Obama at the White House, address the U.N. in New York and attend a church rally for families in Philadelphia.

If a Cuba stop is confirmed on either end of the U.S. trip, Francis would become the third pope to visit

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