

SHOUT-OUT TO
PRESIDENT BARACK H. OBAMA
Leader of the FREE NEW
GLOBAL WORLD!!!!

ON JANUARY 5, 2016, I Loved Your Tears
during Your SOULFUL message ON USA GUNS
AND VIOLENCE!

If this can't fire-up that MOVEMENT
TO VOTE IN GUN REGULATORS AND VOTE OUT
NRA elected officials, What the H--- WILL!!

Thank God we have a HUMAN! and
Not a Machine as President!

XOXO!!

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: JANUARY 6, 2016

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

TO: THE UNIQUE AND ILLUSTRIOUS
VISTORS TO THIS SITE

Now- More than ever is the Necessary TIME
To Remember, especially in these Repressive
"THOUGHT POLICE" (PC) TIME(S) that throughout
The ANNALS OF "HUMAN HISTORY" :
PROFOUND "TRUTH(S)" HAS ALWAYS COME
OUT OF "THE PRISON" :

ST. PAUL

SIR THOMAS MORE (1478-1535)

MARTIN LUTHER (1483-1546)

GALILEO (1564-1642)

HENRY DAVID THOREAU (1817-1862)

GANDHI (1869-1948)

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. (1929-1968)

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[LETTERS FROM BIRMINGHAM JAIL]
ALABAMA (1963)

NELSON MANDELA

[1918-2013]

GEORGE JACKSON

[SOLEDAD BROTHER: THE PRISON LETTERS
OF GEORGE JACKSON, BY GEORGE
JACKSON; LAWRENCE HILL BOOKS...]

— ad infinitum

WELCOME TO THE TRUTH FORUM

#THE TRUTH TELLER

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: DECEMBER 31, 2015

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"MAN IS GOD'S MARVELOUS CREATION,
CROWNED WITH GLORY AND HONOR, AND BECAUSE
OF THIS YOU CAN'T QUITE HEM HIM IN. YOU CAN
PUT HIM IN... PRISON, BUT SOMEHOW HIS MIND
[IMAGINATION] WILL BREAK OUT THROUGH THE BARS
TO SCRATCH ACROSS THE PAGES OF HISTORY. "

— MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: DECEMBER 31, 2015

FROM AN
NOBS

UNCHAINED UNIVERSAL MIND

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: DECEMBER 31 , 2015

IGNORANCE

Nothing in the world is more dangerous
than sincere ignorance
and
conscientious stupidity.

— Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-1968), U.S.
clergyman, civil rights leader. *Strength to Love*,
Pt. 4 ch. 3, (1963)

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: DECEMBER 31, 2015

WHERE ARE THE GOOD LAWYERS OUT THERE?

IN DEFENSE OF BILL COSBY

BILL AND CHARLIE SHEEN

TWO CASE STUDIES

UPDATE

The Charlie Sheen case only goes to prove what this blogger, a certified Paralegal, from Day One correctly projected is that Dr. Cosby must be, as a matter of Law, found "NOT GUILTY" on all counts.

JUST THE FACTS...

Mr. Sheen admitted his unfortunate "HIV" condition. But denied any wrongdoing. Further, he properly informed his sexual partners of this.

Nonetheless, brother Sheen was subjected to malicious "BLACKMAIL" ["... he doled out Millions to Shush friends and sexual partners, who threatened to go Public!"]...

Witnesses observed his "medicines",
and others exposed his condition to
other peoples. His Treatment Medical
Doctor Came Forth [ON DR. OZ TV Show]
AND etcetera culminating in Charlie's own
Public Admission to co-Anchor Matt Lauer on NBC.
COM TODAY November 17, 2015.

SEE US MAGAZINE NOVEMBER 30, 2015, p. 44
US MAGAZINE DECEMBER 7, 2015, p. 48
USMAGAZINE.COM

BILL'S COUNTER LAWSUIT.

DR. Bill Cosby filed a Counterlawsuit: "...
Sue Seven of his accusers for Defamation."
DISHNATIONNEWSTICKER.COM TUESDAY DECEMBER 15,
2015, ABC.COM WORLD NEWS NOW TUESDAY 4: A.M. CST
DECEMBER 15, 2015 ... CHECK-OUT BELOW, P. 5 of 5.

WHAT'S THE FACTS !!

Now, by contrast - Why has NO disinterested
Party come forth, who purportedly provided to Dr.
Cosby these alleged UNIDENTIFIED "DATE DRUG"?

Why, hasn't any police or investigator found any such objective evidence? Where is the proffered "CASH REWARD" for such... relevant evidence? Where are his "BLACKMAILERS"? Who ever seen these mysterious "DATE DRUGS" !!

INCRECULOUS

CONSIDER: It's simply, Incredible that over 50 years Dr. Cosby has Raped over 57 Ladies [... a serial predator] and Not one would go to the Hospital nor Police Station.

NBC #DATELINE NBC.COM DATELINE ANCHOR LESTER HOLT REPORTER KATE SNOW FRIDAY 8:PM. CST OCTOBER 9, 2015

WHO'S DON JOHN GOTTI?

They ALL claim "FEAR"! Yet NONE claim Dr. Cosby threatened them or he's a Don John Gotti!!! Indeed, Mr. Cosby is a Black Comedian dealing with Hollywood Racism.

Contrary, to Attorney Gloria Allred's glee: Dr. Cosby must NOT be adjudged "guilty" in Public Opinion.

DENIED DUE PROCESS

JUSTICE DELAYED IS JUSTICE DENIED!!

DR. COSBY ACCUSES IRRATIONAL DELAYS DENIES
his DUE PROCESS OF LAW; WHEREBY, BASED ON EVIDENCE,
he conclusively PROVE his: "NOT GUILTY" !!!!!!
BAD HISTORY!!

Like other Blacks, ; DR. MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR.; HON. MARCUS GARVEY, FRED HAMPTON,
and others — DR. COSBY HAS MADE POWERFUL EN-
MIES BY HIS DIVISIVE AND CONTROVERSIAL DECLARATIONS
ON THE HOT TOPIC OF AMERICA'S "RACE QUESTION".

DARE WE LOOK AT PRESIDENT BARACK H.
OBAMA'S MALICIOUS CRITICS!!

THE USA IS A NATION OF LAWS

Though the Arm of the LAW IS LONG,
it must still be constrained by the LETTER
of the LAW:.. Here the Statutes of LIMITATIONS!
AND NOT TRANSFORM INTO A "HIGH TECH LYNCHING!"

LEGAL BATTLE

Bill Cosby, 78, filed a defamation lawsuit against seven women who accused him of sexual misconduct. According to his lawyer, their allegations were made "to extract financial gains." — END QUOTE

CHECK-OUT US MAGAZINE DECEMBER 28, 2015
USMAGAZINE.COM

ABC.COM WORLD NEWS WEDNESDAY CST
5:30 P.M. JANUARY 8, 2015

THE INTERVIEW
BILL COSBY'S SHOW WIFE PHYZICA RASHAD
GIVES [IRL] CREDIBLE DEFENSE ON BEHALF
OF DR. COSBY!!!

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: DECEMBER 20, 2015

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

SHOUT-OUT

TO: QUEEN MONIQUE PRESTLY

DR. BILL COSBY'S
ATTORNEY AT LAW

UPDATE:

HOW MANY TIMES MUST THE BLACK
WOMAN

SAVE THE BLACK MAN

FROM THE LYNCH TREE

ONE MORE TIME

PLEASE SAVE DR. COSBY

FROM A HIGHTECH LYNCHING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

#STRANGEFRUIT

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: DECEMBER 21, 2015

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

UPDATE: NEWYEARS DAY!!! PSA. 118:24

SHOUT-OUT TO
DR. BILL COSBY

"Bill Cosby speak out a Day after he was arrested for Indecent Assault tweeting his 4.1 Million Followers and Fans:

THANK YOU! "

SOURCE ABC.COM / NEWS #GMA NEWSTICKER JANUARY
1, 2016 7:AM. CST

#FREE DR. COSBY FROM A "HIGHTECHLYNCHING!!

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: JANUARY 5, 2016

AMERICAN NIGHTMARE !!!

UPDATE: AFRICAN FAMILY !!!

SHOUT-OUT TO

MOTHER - WIFE - QUEEN
CAMILLE COSBY

At the CROSSROAD, STAND-UP M00T! MUM!
PLEASE ON, MY BENDING KNEE... I URGE YOU: DO
NOT allow the "HIGH TECH LYNCH MOB" to
DIVIDE [YOUR and DR. COSBY, LONGSTANDING...]
and CONQUER YOUR HOUSE!!!

Go to the JAILHOUSE in Noble defiance
... defiant Contempt of this "Willie Lynch"
EVIL Scheme!!!

XOXO

FREE QUEEN CAMILLE COSBY FROM THE HIGH TECH
LYNCH LYNCH MOB

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: JANUARY 5, 2016

JUSTICE FOR ALL !!!

UPDATE: JUSTICE FOR BILL !!

SHOUT-OUT TO
MONIQUE PRESSLY

DR. BILL COSBY'S EXTRAORDINARY LAWYER.

INFAMOUS ATTORNEY Gloria Allred ... MONEY! MONEY!!
-- has endlessly Aggorantly Publicly Boasted
how DR. COSBY WAS TRIED and CONVICTED and
PUNISHED IN the COURT of "PUBLIC OPINION" !!!

NOW - Please use her NEFARIOUS Scheming
To Demonstrate how this Great, NOW Elder-
ly man, 78, CANNOT Receive a FAIR TRIAL.

IMPOSSIBLE !!

You're A WINNER!

FREE DR. COSBY FROM "HIGHTECHLYNCHIN !!

BY: LEB N ZRBY DATED: JANUARY 5, 2016

SHAKE-UP! KEEP THE FAITH!!

UPDATE:

COMMUNE, I'm still Talking and
Praying for our BILL...

"RAPPER WAKA FLOCKA believes BILL
COSBY is being framed."

SOURCE: DISHNATION.COM JANUARY 5, 2016 TUESDAY
NEWSTICKER ... THE REST OF THE STORY IS AT
WWW.CELEBRITYRELATIONSHIPINDEX.COM

THANK YOU BRO. WAKA!!!!

XOXO

#FREEDR. COSBY FROM A "HIGHTECHLYCHING!!

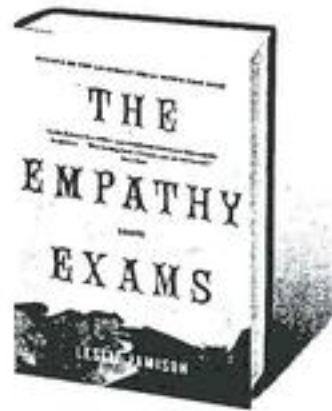
BY: LEON IRBY DATED: JANUARY 5, 2016

BOOK Q&A

HURTS SO GOOD

In her award-winning new essay collection, *The Empathy Exams*, Leslie Jamison examines the art and science of feeling other people's pain

By STEPH OPITZ



MARIE CLAIRE: Your first essay is about being a medical actor, imitating symptoms for med students to diagnose. What did that teach you?

LESLIE JAMISON: I try to give people the benefit of the doubt more. When we see medical students, we think of doctors—authority figures. But they were people trying their best—and some were so nervous. I would see some fratty student be insensitive, and I could tell it was a lot about nerves—he didn't have the presence of mind to be attuned to me because he was so focused on his own performance.

MC: What kinds of diseases did you act out?

LJ: There was one case I really wanted, but you had to be a middle-aged man to play it. The character was

convinced he had an intestinal parasite, but it was clear that wasn't true. I always had to do pregnancy cases, and I hated it. You had to wear these pillows...

MC: Have you ever used your skills to go home sick from work?

LJ: I'm a terrible liar, and that hasn't changed. But I do have a lot of friends who are pregnant, and I'll finish their sentences. They'll say, "I had a headache and I was tired and worried..." I'll be like: "That it was preeclampsia?"

MC: What's your working definition of empathy?

LJ: My core definition is imagining your way into the experience of another person. But part of what writing this book taught me is that I could probably go on endlessly qualifying that.

BOOKS

WHAT TO READ NOW



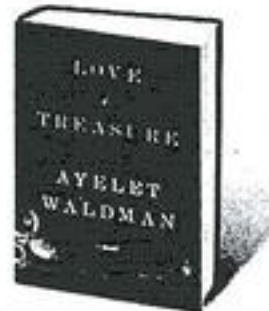
ALL THE BIRDS, SINGING
By Evie Wyld
(Pantheon)

PLOT NOTES: On an island off the coast of Britain, a lonely shepherd is losing members of her flock nightly. What lurks in the dark? **BRIT HIT:** Wyld's novel is already a massive critical success in her native England.



OFF COURSE
By Michelle Huneven
(Farrar, Straus and Giroux)

PLOT NOTES: Cress Hartley flees adult life for a cabin in the Sierras and ends up at the center of a small-town scandal. **MORAL COMPASS:** Bring this to book club and test your friends' thresholds for reckless decisions.



LOVE & TREASURE
By Ayelet Waldman
(Knopf)

PLOT NOTES: Divorced, unemployed, and listless, Natalie Stein goes on a wild-goose chase to find the rightful heir of a WWII relic. **PAGING HOLLYWOOD:** This screams big-screen adaptation: Natalie Portman as Natalie Stein, perhaps?



ASTONISH ME
By Maggie Shipstead
(Knopf)

PLOT NOTES: A love affair between ballet dancers Joan and Arslan goes south. Years later, Joan's son brings Arslan back into his mother's life—not in a good way. **ON POINT:** Fans of *Black Swan* and *Center Stage*, take note! —SO

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: JANUARY 5, 2016

THE MAD! MAD! MAD HATTER!!! USA!

The New Jersey (R.) Governor, GOP Presidential Candidate is mad! Mad! at the Current President Barack H. Obama, and Weezing, Huffing and Puffing hotly castigated him for purportedly Not having Protected Los Angeles School Children from the bogey man... Threat!

IRL

During the GOP Presidential Debate Gov. Chris Christie castigated President Obama because LA School Superintendent order the Schools closed due to a Bogus Threat, However, based on similar Threat, NYC, USA, elected Not to close its schools. Tuesday DECEMBER 15, 2015.

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: DECEMBER 16, 2015

A FRIEND,

“It is a person with whom you dare to be yourself. Your soul can go naked with him. He seems to ask of you to put on nothing, only what you are. When you are with him, you feel as a prisoner feels, who has been declared innocent. You do not have to be on your guard. You can say what you think, express what you feel. He is shocked at nothing so long as it is genuinely you. He understands those contradictions in your nature that leads others to misjudge you. You can abuse him, neglect him, and berate him. Best of all, you can keep still with him. It makes no matter. He likes you... You can weep with him, laugh with him, sin with him, and pray with him. Through and underneath it all he sees, knows and loves you.”

— UNKNOWN

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: DECEMBER 16, 2015

IT'S JUBILEE

UPDATED:

"TWO LEGENDS

Bruce Springsteen Played "American Skin [41 Shots]" With John Legend at L.A. Anti-racism benefit. "It was honor to play with one of the great American Songwriters, Says Legend."

— Rolling Stone December 17-30, 2015, P. 26,
RollingStone.com/Random Notes

SOME FOLKS DON'T KNOW WHO THEIR
FRIENDS ARE

"The Big Man in the Band" [... has Left the Building!!!] told Rollingstone of Bruce wanting to "CONNECT" — be introduced to the BLACK Audience [Community]!!

Let's Hope and Pray this is that
"MEETING"!!!

IT'S ABOUT DARN TIME!!

ONE LOVE XOXO!!

BY: LEON I RIBY DATED: DECEMBER 16, 2015

WHAT'S THAT IN THE STARS! HOLLYWOOD CHILDREN!

ANOTHER STAR'S DAUGHTER declares she
is Gay "Sexually fluid"

LILY-ROSE DEPP

PARENTS Johnny Depp, Vanessa Paradis

STORY SO FAR

Following in the footsteps of her channel-model
mom, Depp, 16 (who came out as sexually
fluid on Instagram this past summer), was
named the French brand's new face in July.

WHAT'S NEXT Depp stars along side her dad in
Kevin Smith's Yoga Hosers as a convenience-
store clerk who battles a monster army to save
her Canadian town. END QUOTE
Rolling Stone December 3, 2015, p. 4 [ROLLINGSTONE.COM](http://RollingStone.com)
/HOTOFFSPRING

WONDERING OUT LOUD

WHAT'S TURNING OUT (GAY) HOLLYWOOD CHILDREN!

BY: LEON ZRBY DATED: DECEMBER 17, 2015

PRISON LEGAL NEWS TO SHARE

UNITED STATES: The Society of Professional Journalist announced on April 23, 2015 that its Sigma Delta Chi Award for digital Video had been won by the center for Public Integrity's documentary film "Time is Money". As part of the Profiting from Prisoners Series, the 23-minute documentary revealed how a growing web of prison bankers, private vendors and corrections agencies profits off prisoners by shifting cost to prisoners' families. Dating back to 1932, the Sigma Delta Chi Awards honor significant contributions to journalism."

SEE ALN, DEC. 2015, P. 67] WWW.PRISONLEGALNEWS.ORG

BY: LEON ZRBY DATED: DECEMBER 27, 2015

WHY THEY HATE BLACK
AND MISLABEL BLACK AS HATE!!

BLACK POWER ! ! ! !

BLACK PHANTHER ! ! ! !

BLACK MALE ! ! ! !

BLACK MUSLIM ! ! ! !

WHAT THEY SAY IS BLACK "HATE"

"BLACK LIVES MATTERS" ! ! !

IS
A HATE GROUP ! ! !

DECODING

OPPOSITE OF WHITE ONLY CLAUSE
BLACK SUGGEST EXCLUSIVITY
OF WHITE CONTROL

CHECK-OUT "OUR NEO-CONFEDERACY" BELOW p. 20 of 2

THE THIRD COAST

BY SALIM MUWAKKIL

Our Neo-Confederacy

IT IS AN IRONY THAT THE SYMBOL OF THE OLD CONFEDERACY has become the most prominent victim of the June 17 massacre in Charleston, S.C., in which three men and six women were slaughtered at church.

After photos surfaced of the shooter posing with the flag, a bipartisan chorus of politicians, including at least a dozen Southern Republicans, denounced the flag's display on state grounds and license plates.

Though the Stars and Bars served as the battle flag for the Confederate Army, it only became a totem of the South in opposition to the integrationist push of the 1950s and 1960s, when it was adopted by the Dixiecrats—Southern Democrats repelled by their party's embrace of civil rights.

Those disgruntled white Democrats were aggressively recruited by the GOP through Nixon's Southern Strategy, which was exceedingly successful in transforming the Dixiecrat South into Republican central. Alienated Republican Michael Lofgren, a former staff member of the House and Senate Budget Committee, told MSNBC's Chris Hayes in 2013 that the GOP has become, in the past few decades, "an insurrectionist, neo-Confederate party." Or, as Paul Krugman put it in a June 22 column, "Race made Reaganism possible."

Some see the Tea Party as the latest manifestation of the GOP's neo-Confederate march. Law professor Ian Haney-Lopez, author of *Dog Whistle Politics: How Coded Racial Appeals Have Reinvented Racism and Wrecked the Middle Class*, argues that the Tea Party's appeal has much to do with its coded racist messaging. The modern Republican Party—with its voter suppression schemes, states' rights fetish, and steep cuts to government jobs and services that most benefit black communities—has absorbed the Confederate message. Its platform is in line with the principles espoused by neo-Confederate white separatist groups like the Council of Conservative Citizens, which donated \$25,000 to GOP candidates in the last election cycle.

There is little doubt that the ascension of the first black president has contributed to this neo-Confederate boomlet. Obama's election exacerbated anxiety among America's white

majority about the demographic changes that will, according to the U.S. Census, render it a minority in the next three decades. According to a 2014 Bloomberg poll, most Americans believe black-white "race relations" have worsened since Obama's election. In its official statement responding to the massacre at Charleston's Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church, the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) noted that racist hate groups are on the rise. The Charleston shooting was "an obvious hate crime by someone who feels threatened by our country's changing demographics and the increasing prominence of African Americans in public life," said SPLC President Richard Cohen. The most prominent example is the presence of a black man in the White House.



Jalaluddin Abdul Hamid shouts, "Take it down!" in response to a pro-Confederate-flag demonstration outside the South Carolina State House on June 27.

Every week, it seems we're presented with new evidence (often videotaped) of ongoing racial turmoil in Obama's America, incidents so egregious they've sparked national protests and given birth to the Black Lives Matter movement.

Perhaps the savagery of a rampage in a sacred sanctuary will hasten some racist white Republicans to reappraise their views. The victims' families' expressions of Christian forgiveness won many whites' admiration; yet those conciliatory attitudes disquieted many black activists, a growing

number of whom are increasingly militant—frustrated with the seeming acceleration of police abuse and the concomitant lack of racial progress on other fronts.

Indeed, it seems Republicans' sympathy for African Americans goes only so far. The GOP's neo-Confederate agenda is almost diametrically opposed to the interests of the black electorate. A glance at the platforms of the cavalcade of presidential candidates now lining up for the Republican primaries reveals a solid consensus behind the neo-Confederate agenda and little support for measures that strike at the heart of structural racism, like expanding voting access, creating more federal jobs and reforming criminal justice.

In light of the GOP's Southern dominance, the once-revered Confederate battle flag has served its purpose. The GOP elephant is the only totem now relevant. The flag is dispensable; the agenda isn't. ■

PHOTO BY LEXEY SWALL/GETTY IMAGES

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: 2 of 2 DECEMBER 29, 2015

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS !!!

Today, Sunday, December 13, 2015, 5:30 P.M. CST, I saw a moving, inspirational and illuminating "Light" on NBC.COM/NEWS, Anchor Cate Snow...

JUSTIN TRUDEAU

The newly elected Prime Minister of Canada - Justin Trudeau, personally - on the scene, a Canadian Airport, welcoming and embracing, smiling newly arriving Syrian immigrants!

"MAKE MY DAY"

Sadly, showing the New Global World what GREATNESS the old America used to be up to Reagan Presidency (1980's) !!

WHERE IS THE LAND OF THE BRAVE

Meanwhile across the Border: Rush Limbaugh and his Republican cohorts turned the ONCE proud Land (USA) of the FREE and BRAVE into the Land of Whiners, Cowards and Xenophobia!

WHO IS THE BOSS MAN

They presumed to strangled our Young, vibrant and muscular and Brave President Barack H. Obama from Manifesting That NEW SPIRIT!
The ASPIRATIONAL AMERICA... "THE MORE PERFECT UNION" !!

How Long!

BY: LEON Z RBY DATED: DECEMBER 13, 2015
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SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

UPDATE:

FOR THE REST OF THE STORY GO TO:

NORTH STAR

Following in his Father Foot Steps, Justin Trudeau has beaten the odds to become the youthful, optimistic face of Canada. John Powers sits down with the newly minted Prime Minister. VOGUE JANUARY 2016, P. 90
VOGUE.COM

"IN CONTRAST TO U.S., CANADA OPENS ARMS TO RESETTLE THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES"

FOR THE REST OF THE STORY GO TO PAGE 2, BELOW

While Traveling abroad ostensibly President Barack H. Obama were deeply embarrassed by the Republicans "Scatty Cat" Reactions. SEE below pages 3-4.

CANADA

Icy roads lead to 50-car pileup in Michigan
KENT COUNTY, Mich. — A major Michigan highway is open again after icy roads caused multiple crashes, slide-offs and spin-outs Friday afternoon.

At least 50 cars were involved in a pileup on the southbound side of U.S. Highway 131 in western Michigan. A firefighter on the scene said there could be as many as 80 cars involved.

Officials said a small dusting of snow turned the roads into a sheet of ice.

On Friday afternoon, conditions also led to spin-offs on northbound US-131, including a tanker that couldn't get past a slippery patch. Other vehicles couldn't avoid the tanker, and crews shut down that side of the highway at that point.

Emergency dispatch received almost 1,000 calls about weather related crashes on Friday, Officer Russ Esther, with the Kent County Sheriff's Office, told NBC.

There were no reports of major injuries.

"The county hadn't even gotten much snow," Esther told NBC. "The sidewalks aren't even covered. I can still see the grass. But the snow came down hard, and the vehicles running over the snow melted it and then froze it."

By 6 p.m., the freeway was completely open on Friday.

In contrast to U.S., Canada opens arms to resettle thousands of refugees

MONTREAL, Canada — As a U.S. backlash against letting Muslim refugees into the country is festering, its northern neighbor is welcoming tens of thousands of Syrian refugees within the next couple months. Newly elected Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau will allow 25,000 refugees to resettle in the nation by February, with up to another 25,000 by the end of 2016. The plan gives priority to women, children, families and persecuted groups such as lesbians and gays.

Canada's policy comes in sharp contrast to the United States, where Republican frontrunner Donald Trump called for a ban on letting Muslims into the country and 30 governors have vowed to bar Syrian refugees from resettling in their states over fears that Islamic extremists may be hiding among them. Millions of Syrians have fled their country's nearly 5-year-old civil war that helped spawn the Islamic State, also known as ISIL or ISIS.

"The U.S. is concerned about extremists ... Therefore (it) processes in a much more careful manner," said Kyle Matthews, a fellow with the Canadian Global Affairs Institute who has worked with the United Nation's High Commissioner for Refugees. "In Canada's case, this is a political promise in an election."

Trudeau, who won a majority government in October, campaigned on a promise to resettle thousands of refugees. The pledge gained traction after photos showed a 3-year-old Syrian boy's body washed up on the shores of a Turkey beach. His family had been trying to gain asylum in Canada.

12-24-2015

While he's mostly stayed away from commenting on the U.S. presidential race, the Canadian leader did take a thinly veiled swipe at Trump's proposals in a town hall meeting last week.

"I don't think it comes as a surprise to anyone that I stand firmly against the politics of division, the politics of fear, the politics of intolerance or hateful rhetoric," he said.

"(Muslims) are the greatest victims of terrorist acts around the world. Painting ISIS and others with a broad brush that extends to all Muslims is not just ignorant, it's irresponsible."

Still, the nation's policy has not been met with universal acceptance by Canadians, who appear split on allowing refugees into their country. A Dec. 10 poll showed 48% supported resettling refugees while 44% opposed.

Regardless, hundreds of Canadian citizens and organizations, including numerous churches, have committed to sponsoring refugees, which involves providing housing, clothing and other expenses for a family for at least a year.

Such efforts aren't uncommon here. The Nansen Refugee Award — a prize typically given to NGOs and individuals for outstanding work on behalf of the forcibly displaced — was awarded to the people of Canada in 1986, said Efrat Arbel, an assistant professor of law at the University of British Columbia.

"The Canadian people do have a long history of welcoming refugees into their homes and into their hearts," she said. "It's not just a government policy coming from above but individuals assembling on the ground, making these efforts."

The openness stems from immigration never being a major election issue in Canada until recently, according to Chedly Belkhodja, principal of the School of Community and Public Affairs at Concordia University.

"It's been on the radar this time because of the Syrian crisis and Islamic radicalization," he said. "In Canada, most of the time, we don't talk about immigration over coffee." The nation has also seen cooperation between the federal, provincial and municipal levels on the integration of refugees into their new homes.

"It's a shared jurisdiction," Belkhodja said. "The federal government has important powers for security and checking health but after this, for economic and cultural integration when these people arrive, you have settlement structures in place (for housing, education and language that are provincial.)"

While Trudeau's relationship with the American government has so far been amicable, his approach to refugees could result in at least a little tension between the two nations, Matthews said.

"This has come up in the past," he said, citing the case of Ahmed Ressam, who plotted to bomb LAX airport on New Year's Eve 2000 and was arrested at the U.S.-Canadian border.

CANADA

"Past governments have said that Canada's immigration policy has been too liberal," he said. "There's a fundamental chasm across the entire western world between left and right on immigration, refugees and particularly Muslims."

Cops give drivers \$100 bills instead of tickets

MONROE COUNTY, Ga.— Most of the time when you get pulled over by a law enforcement officer it's because you're speeding. But Thursday, Monroe County deputies pulled folks over for a different reason.

Monroe County Sheriff John Bittick says an anonymous person donated a little more than \$5,000 to the sheriff's office. Bittick says that person asked if deputies could pull over people with some minor violations, and give them money instead of tickets. The goal is to help people out just before the holidays. Deputy Timothy Campfield says it's not every day you get to hand out cash instead of citations.

One motorist, Angel Scott, lives in Monroe County and couldn't believe she was getting pulled over.

"I pulled you over because (of) your heads lights' or little minor violation(s) and typically, what happens with that is you would most likely get a ticket. Today we're out giving something different than tickets. We'd like to give you a donation toward your family to help you with whatever you need to do," said Campfield.

"Can I hug you?," Scott asked.

Scott wasn't the only driver Campfield turned his blue lights on for.

"You were telling me that work has been a little slow," Campfield said. "Instead of handing you a citation or writing you a ticket that's gonna cost you money, I'd like to give you this donation. Take it with you for your family."

William White has two children and a wife he says he hasn't even bought Christmas presents for.

"Are you sure? I can't accept that. You aren't going to put your handcuffs on me are you," White said.

Campfield also stopped Renee Smith. Smith says the money will help pay for gifts for others.

"It's gonna help Christmas," she said. "We've only bought one gift for my grandson, and that's it. We haven't done anything else so far."

Bittick says he hopes the tradition will continue next year.

LOCATION OF THE OLDEST ESTABLISHED EUROPEAN MULTI-YEAR SETTLEMENT IN THE U.S. IS INDEED IN HEART OF PENSACOLA.

The search is over. The longstanding mystery is solved. The location of the oldest established European multi-year settlement in the United States is indeed in the heart of Pensacola.

Discoveries by local historian Tom Garner in October and research afterward by University

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of West Florida archaeologists confirmed where Don Tristan de Luna established his Spanish colony in August 1559 – six years before the St. Augustine settlement and nearly 48 years before the English settled in Jamestown, Va.

The historical site is in an urban downtown neighborhood within view of the two shipwrecks linked to the Luna expedition in Pensacola Bay. UWF declined to reveal the exact location to protect the neighborhood and integrity of the site.

“This is one of those almost once-in-a-lifetime type things,” said John Worth, associate professor of historical archaeology in the UWF Department of Anthropology and a 16th Century Spanish historian. “I figured if the Luna colony would be found it would probably be found accidentally. I did not expect it would occur during my tenure here necessarily. I just figured eventually we might find it, somebody would. I guess this is the culmination. I didn’t even hope to find it as much as just wish.”

Garner initially discovered a half rim of a mid-16th century olive jar that surfaced after a house was bulldozed on a privately owned residential lot. He reported his discovery to UWF Archaeology lab director Jan Lloyd, and after multiple visits and surface collections, he brought the artifacts to the UWF lab Oct. 30 to be examined by the nationally renowned Worth and other UWF archaeologists.

Worth confirmed what Garner suspected when he identified about 40 sherds as those from the Spanish colonial olive jar. The property owners then granted the university a five-day window, Nov. 6-10, to excavate about half an acre of land before construction of their new home commenced. The archaeologists and students conducted 69 shovel tests and discovered sherds of ceramics such as cookware, tableware and olive jars undisturbed beneath the ground surface. Small personal items they uncovered included a copper lacing aglet, lead fishing line weight, spike fragments, a wrought iron nail and five Indian trade beads from Venice. The artifacts left no doubt in their minds that Garner found where Luna and about 1,500 other people settled in 1559 in Pensacola. “Bottom line is we found Luna’s colony,” Worth said. “It’s not a little bit of evidence. It’s a lot. It’s a substantial bull’s-eye in the archaeological landscape of Pensacola. There had been nothing found in the way of mid-16th century ceramics, which is exactly what you’d expect. It’s garbage. There were 1,500 people there trying to eke out an existence for about a two-year period.

“... I’ve read every document that has ever been found, found a few myself, every single textual description was in my mind when I walked out on this spot, and it all fit perfectly. I had long thought it was a probability, but I had never been to the site, so Tom’s discovery brought me to the site and I walked out and literally it was like

every single description in there was describing that precise point. The evidence is now substantial. We now have something on the order of a couple hundred sherds of this particular type of olive jar. That’s exactly what you’d expect for a colonial site, not just a temporary camp.”

Worth said the only earlier European habitation site positively identified by archeologists in the Southeast occurred in Tallahassee. Hernando de Soto led a Spanish exploratory expedition that camped there in the winter of 1539 to early 1540. Juan Ponce de Leon, near Fort Myers in 1521, and Lucas Vazquez de Ayllon, near Brunswick, Ga., in 1526, attempted unsuccessfully to establish sustaining Spanish settlements. Those documented exploratory expeditions only lasted a few weeks and are yet to be discovered.

The location of the Luna colony surfaces nearly 10 years after UWF discovered the second shipwreck, Emanuel Point II, in 2006. The Florida Bureau of Archaeological Research discovered the first, Emanuel Point I, in 1992. UWF is currently excavating the second ship, and the artifacts at the terrestrial site are consistent with materials found in the shipwrecks in Pensacola Bay.

“We’re getting pottery that matches chemically with what’s on the shipwreck,” Garner said.

Worth said the Viceroy of New Spain sent the fleet from modern-day Mexico to establish the Atlantic coast of Florida, then push inland to Coosa and finally to Santa Elena on the South Carolina coast. The colony lasted from 1559-61 and included 550 Spanish soldiers, about 200 Aztecs and an unknown number of African slaves. A hurricane struck the colony just five weeks after the 1,500 or so people settled in Pensacola and wiped out the six ships carrying their supplies.

“They were stranded. It took them months to get supplies. The first relief of expedition didn’t show up until December, so Luna all of the sudden had too many mouths to feed,” Worth said. “There were not enough Native Americans in the area to even remotely provide food, and by that time, when they didn’t want to be seen they didn’t get seen.” Historical significance of the discovered shipwrecks is extraordinary. Worth said they provide tremendous insight into the nature of machinery that settlers traveled to the new world in, and the artifacts on those ships reveal what they brought from Spain. Knowledge of where they lived, though, presents archaeologists an incredible opportunity to discover who occupied the land and how they survived. Worth said research indicates the settlers moved inland into Alabama for about six months in search of food, but they returned after Native Americans ran off with their food.

“Nobody’s ever found that site (in Alabama), although now that we know what we’re looking for, I think it should turn up,” he

said.

Worth considers the Luna colony (Santa Maria de Ochuse) to be the fourth and final significant Spanish settlement in Pensacola along with the Naval Air Station in 1698 (Presidio Santa Maria de Galve), Fort Pickens area in 1722 (Presidio Isla de Santa Rosa) and downtown Pensacola in 1754 (Presidio San Miguel de Panzacola).

The exact size of the Luna colony is unknown. Worth predicts the site will be multiple city blocks.

Elizabeth Benchley, director of the UWF division of Anthropology and Archaeology and of the Archaeology Institute, said access to the site is dependent on the neighborhood residents.

UWF officials met with about 100 of the residents Wednesday night to reveal the historic significance of what they discovered and a desire to explore the neighborhood without disrupting their lives. The crowd responded enthusiastically to the news, and all six of the neighbors that spoke to the News Journal said they will permit UWF archaeologists to examine their property. If neighbors grant his crew the access he covets, Worth said a significant portion of a 10-week archaeological field school this summer will be spent testing and excavating at the site. Worth and a small crew of students and staff will periodically check on the site and conduct small-scale projects in the spring semester, too. The collected artifacts will be curated in the archaeological lab.

“All we have is the things that people made and left in the ground or disturbed in the ground, and from that is how we reconstruct these past cultures,” Worth said. “To me, one of the best things we could find are intact walls that bound interior and exterior and other things like that, that’ll give us clues to literally daily life inside one of these colony houses.”

Worth is already clearing his next few summers to explore the oldest established European multi-year settlement. He said, “Wow” about a half dozen times when he first laid eyes on the artifacts collected by Garner on Oct. 30. The historical significance of the discovery still blows his mind two-and-a-half weeks later.

“Every time I think about it deep, I get really excited,” Worth said. “It’s hard to believe this opportunity, this window, this site is finally here. Now not only do we have it, but we get to explore it.”

China complains about B-52 flight

WASHINGTON — China has complained to the United States about a B-52 bomber flying over its airspace last week in the area of a contested island in the South China Sea, the Pentagon said Friday.

“The United States routinely conducts B-52 training missions throughout the region, including over the sea,” said Cmdr. Bill Urban, a Pentagon spokesman. “These missions are designed to maintain readiness and demonstrate our commitment to fly, sail,

U.S. venues, cities on high-alert after attacks

Homeland Security officials talked with local officials Saturday to reiterate they had received no credible threats to U.S. soil, and urge cities remain vigilant after the attacks in Paris.

In places like New York and New Jersey, ports remained on "high alert" but were operating normally.

"We are monitoring the situation," New Jersey State Police Sgt. Jeffrey Flynn told the *Asbury Park Press*. "At this point, there is no credible threat to New Jersey. We're just reminding our troopers on patrol to operate with heightened vigilance. We're operating business as usual."

The Port Authority in the New York City metro was on heightened alert at the agency's bridges, tunnels, rail, World Trade Center and other facilities in the wake of the attacks, which left at least 129 dead in multiple sites in Paris late Friday.

In the USA's heartland, in cities like Indianapolis, local homeland security offices coordinated with national representatives on heightened alerts.

"At this time, we have no direct threats to Indiana or the City of Indianapolis," Indianapolis Division of Homeland Security Chief Gary Coons told the *Indianapolis Star* in a statement.

The statewide agency there urged residents "to be vigilant in the wake of these horrendous attacks" and to call in suspicious behavior or situations to authorities.

Other states opened their state or regional law enforcement centers to coordinate security.

In Cincinnati, local officials scrambled Saturday morning to prepare for the Monday Night Football game between the Houston Texans and hometown Bengals.

Cincinnati Mayor John Cranley told the *Cincinnati Enquirer* that attacks on sporting events abroad, "is an attack on all of us."

"We're coordinating with local authorities," Cranley said. "We don't want these terrorists to ruin our ability to come together for Monday Night Football or anything else." Tourist destinations like "historical sites, religious institutions, social establishments and other locations that we could potentially be a target" are getting special police attention in Philadelphia, according to a police statement. That department also stressed it had not received any credible specific threat.

Governors have little power to block refugees

WASHINGTON — State governments often play a small role in helping to resettle refugees. But despite protests from more than a dozen Republican governors who want to close their states to Syrian refugees, those governors probably have little power to stop them from coming, legal scholars say.

"The one thing I feel very comfortable saying is there is absolutely no constitutional

power for a state to exclude anyone from its territories," said Stephen Legomsky, a Washington University of St. Louis law professor and former chief counsel of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in the Obama administration.

A growing number of Republican governors have protested the resettlement of Syrian refugees since the terrorist attacks in Paris last Friday. At least one of the Paris attackers was carrying a Syrian passport — but French officials said Saturday that the passport was a fake.

Still, the Paris attacks have reopened the debate over the Obama administration's decision in September to accept 10,000 Syrian refugees over the next year.

The Republican governors have taken a range of approaches to the issue, but none has explained how they would legally keep Syrian refugees out. Whether states have to actively cooperate those those resettlements is another question, and that's where many of the governors are trying to exert leverage.

Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, a Republican presidential candidate, signed an executive order Monday directing state agencies to "utilize all lawful means to prevent the resettlement of Syrian refugees." Syrian refugees already in the state will be "monitored" by the Louisiana State Police, the order said. A spokesman declined to elaborate on what those lawful means are. But most governors have simply asked the president to rethink his Syrian refugee policy. "I urge you, as president, to halt your plans to allow Syrians to be resettled anywhere in the United States," Texas Gov. Greg Abbott wrote in a letter Monday.

"Neither you nor any federal official can guarantee that Syrian refugees will not be part of any terroristic activity. As such, opening our door to them irresponsibly exposes our fellow Americans to unacceptable peril."

President Obama didn't address the governors directly Monday. But after securing an agreement from industrialized nations to do more to help with refugee resettlement, he told reporters, "the United States has to step up and do its part."

"And when I hear folks say that, well, maybe we should just admit the Christians but not the Muslims, when I hear political leaders suggesting that there would be a religious test for which person who's fleeing from a war-torn country is admitted, when some of those folks themselves come from families who benefited from protection when they were fleeing political persecution, that's shameful. That's not American, it's not who we are," Obama said. He urged American political leaders "not to fall into that trap, not to feed that dark impulse inside of us."

State Department spokesman Mark Toner said Monday that he couldn't address whether the states have the legal authority to block the resettlements. "It's a valid

question, I just don't want to give you an off-the-cuff answer," he said.

But he also said he doesn't expect a constitutional showdown. "Let's not get ahead of ourselves here. We have seen some of these letters, some of these public remarks. We're going to engage with these governments, these localities, and we're going to address their concerns," he said. "We're confident that we have a process in place to allow the safe resettlement of Syrian refugees," Toner said. "We wouldn't, to be perfectly honest, try to increase the number of refugees if we couldn't be sure they could be safely vetted."

The Refugee Act of 1980 requires the State Department to maintain "an effective and responsive liaison" with governors and mayors, but doesn't give governors any formal role in resettlement.

"Most of these resettlement decisions are partnerships with churches and private organizations that are offering to resettle," said Anna Law, a political scientist at Brooklyn College who's studied the history of state efforts to limit immigration. "I think this is political posturing. The decision to admit refugees is made at the federal level. Whether these refugees are admitted to the United States, that is not their call."

States do have a small amount of financial leverage through their state resettlement offices. Many of the governors have directed their state offices not to participate in helping to relocate Syrian refugees in their states. It's unclear what effect pulling that support could have.

"Governors can talk about pulling their consent and funding, but most of the state money is federal pass-through dollars," said Matthew Soerens, spokesman for World Relief, a non-profit contractor with the State Department to resettle refugees. "It's important to remember that once refugees are here, they are free to move anywhere they want. It would be a scary proposition for governor's to start talking about closing borders."

House votes to curb Syrian refugees, snubbing veto threat

WASHINGTON (AP) — Responding swiftly to the terror in Paris, the U.S. House voted overwhelmingly Thursday to erect high hurdles for Syrian and Iraqi refugees coming to American shores, dividing the president's own party as lawmakers reflected the anxiety of voters back home.

The vote was 289-137, enough to override a threatened White House veto of the legislation, which was hurriedly drafted in response to the carnage in the streets of Paris. Forty-seven Democrats voted for the bill, despite President Barack Obama's biting criticism of its proposed limits.

The bill would require new FBI background checks and individual sign-offs from three high-ranking U.S. officials before any refugee could come to the U.S. from Iraq or

Syria, where the Islamic State group that has claimed credit for the attacks has flourished. Republicans said it was simply prudent to place new controls on the refugee system, without ending it entirely or requiring religious tests as some in the GOP, including presidential candidates, have demanded. "This is an urgent matter and that is why we're dealing with this urgently," declared new House Speaker Paul Ryan of Wisconsin. "It just is common sense that we pause, re-evaluate and make sure that we have the proper standards in place to make sure something like what happened in Paris doesn't happen here."

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Justice Scalia is recorded during the courts arguments in the above cited case, spewing white supremack dogma that Blacks are inherently intellectually inferior to Whites' MINDS. Ironically, Justice Scalia, being purported Italian and Catholic, therefore, is himself - NOT A "WASP." SEE BELOW, P. 3

I dare postulate here, Justice Scalia has been keeping up on current events in our social media.

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voting interest," Justice Sonia Sotomayor acknowledged. "But there is also a representation interest."

The challengers' argument boils down to this: Texas' population-based system puts more voters in districts with fewer non-citizens and others who cannot vote, thereby diluting the weight of their votes. In heavily Hispanic districts or others with large numbers of non-voters, the remaining residents' votes carry greater weight.

The equal protection clause of the Constitution is supposed to guarantee each person the same political power. The problem is that the Supreme Court has never decided who should be counted — all people, or just voters.

"It's called 'one person, one vote,'" Chief Justice John Roberts said of the constitutional principle at stake in the case, *Evenwel v. Abbott*. "That seems to be designed to protect voters."

The case has pitted scores of civil rights organizations, who want to protect the interests of minorities, against a lesser number of conservative and libertarian groups who want the metric changed so that voting comes before representation.

"In a case like this where there is a 45 percent deviation

... why isn't Texas required at that point to recognize that these interests that are legitimate under the Constitution, which are voter-based, should not be accommodated?"

Kennedy asked Texas Solicitor General Scott Keller.

But if voting had been the requirement between 1868 and 1920, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said, women would not have been counted when legislative districts were drawn. "They were not eligible voters," she said.

The case is the brainchild of Edward Blum, director of the Project on Fair Representation, which has filed several Supreme Court challenges to racial and ethnic preferences in voting and higher education.

Blum brought the challenge to the University of Texas affirmative action plan that will come before the justices on Wednesday, as well as a challenge to the Voting Rights Act that resulted in the court's 2013 decision striking down the requirement that mostly Southern states and municipalities get federal approval for any changes in voting practices. If the court rules that districts should be based on eligible voters rather than total population, other states with large numbers of non-citizens would see the biggest change, such as California, New York, New Jersey, Arizona and Nevada. Cities such as Chicago and Miami also would be affected.

In many other states, the rules could change but require no immediate moving of district lines because the results from using total or voter populations are not significant.

"Extremely inappropriate": The Supreme Court and the sneaky plot to kill affirmative action

Earlier this week, the Supreme Court heard oral arguments for *Fisher v. University of Texas at Austin*, a case that, many experts say, could lead to the destruction of affirmative action at public universities as we know it. Even if you're not much of a Court-watcher or civil rights buff, you probably saw something about it in the news; it was during oral arguments that Justice Antonin Scalia wondered aloud if African-American students might be better served on "a slower track."

As the *New Republic's* Brian Beutler observed, Scalia's comment wasn't quite as bad as you may think (it wasn't *good*, mind you, but it wasn't as bad as some of his critics have suggested). But Scalia's remark, and the outrage it inspired, was nevertheless representative of how volatile are the issues at the heart of the *Fisher* case. American politics is often about the legacy of white supremacy — and often concerns how that legacy should be atoned for — but rarely is the subtext so in-your-face.

Because this is a fraught issue, and because it's likely to inspire more heat than light, Salon reached out to Rachel M. Kleinman, senior counsel for the NAACP's Legal Defense and Education Fund, to get a sense of both the policy and the politics of *Fisher v. Texas*. We also touch on how supporters of affirmative action are tailoring their arguments to most likely persuade what is fundamentally a very conservative Court. Our conversation is below and has been edited for clarity and length.

A lot of readers are going to see *Fisher v. Texas* and think it sounds vaguely familiar. Why?

So, this is actually the second time the Supreme Court is hearing this case. It did so in 2012. The first time it heard the case, the Court reaffirmed the educational benefits of diversity, but they clarified one of the legal standards that need to be used when deciding whether any specific admissions program is constitutional.

So they sent it back to a lower court to apply that standard. The lower court did that again; they once again found that the University of Texas' admissions program, which includes a modest consideration of race, is constitutional. And Abigail Fisher, who is challenging the admissions process at the University of Texas, appealed again to the Supreme Court; and the Supreme Court took the case again for a second time.

So the basic argument hasn't changed, really, despite all the time that's passed. What is that argument?

What's being argued over here, generally, is the University of Texas' program for admitting students.

The University of Texas has a somewhat unique process for admitting students, in that the majority of their class is admitted through, what they call "the Top 10 Percent Program." This program admits approximately the top 10 percent of the class of every high school in Texas. So, if you're

in that top 10 percent, you get into the University of Texas at Austin.

The top 10 percent program does not fill the entire class. It leaves some number of spots — and it's a varying number of spots according to Texas State Law — available for the rest of the class. It is that piece of the admissions program that is being challenged.

And what's the challenge?

The university does a holistic review of every candidate's application, which means looking at test scores, looking at grades, community service, looking at gender, looking at if somebody's first generation — anything like that. One of the factors that can be considered at this stage is race. (It's a very modest consideration of race; when you look at their specific process, it's a factor of a factor of a factor.) That modest consideration of race is what Abigail Fisher is challenging.

Who is Fisher?

She's a white woman who did not get in through the top 10 percent program and then did not get in through the holistic review measure. She says that it's an unconstitutional admissions process because of the consideration of race, and that she was denied her ability to get into the school because of her race.

Do we know how the Court is likely to rule? Are there any justices who are perceived as on the fence?

It's hard to say. Any time a Supreme Court takes up a case like this we in the civil rights community worry. We are particularly alarmed this time because it seems that this case had been resolved, and no one really expected [the Court] to take it up again. The last time this was heard, the Court ruled a 7-1 majority to send it back down to the other court. The majority opinion also included an embrace of the Court's past jurisprudence [on affirmative action].

Trump rejects criticism of his proposal to ban Muslims

MOUNT PLEASANT, S.C. (AP) — Donald Trump on Tuesday stood by his call to block all Muslims from entering the United States, even as the idea was widely condemned by rival Republican presidential candidates, party leaders and others as un-American. Trump defended his plan for a "total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States" by comparing it with President Franklin Roosevelt's decision to inter Japanese Americans during World War II. "This is a president who was highly respected by all," Trump said Tuesday. "If you look at what he was doing, it was far worse."

The idea announced by Trump Monday evening drew swift rebukes, some from abroad. British Prime Minister David Cameron slammed it as "divisive, unhelpful and quite simply wrong." Muslims in the United States and around the world denounced it unconstitutional or offensive. The front page of the Philadelphia Daily News pictured Trump holding his right hand out as if in a Nazi salute with the headline "The New Furor." In morning TV interviews

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Don't Quit

Words to Grow By

When people pull you down, as they often will
When the battle you're fighting is all uphill
When the funds are low and the debts are high
When you're laughing, although you'd rather cry
When you discover yourself slowing down a bit
Stop and take a deep breath, but don't you quit

*"Finally, all of you, live in harmony
with one another; be sympathetic,
love as brothers, be compassionate
and humble."*

— I Peter 3:8 NIV

Although you've worked so hard just to get this far
You must steady your pace, just to stay where you are
You'll need twice the effort to make your way
Tomorrow won't come until you've conquered today
And if you discover yourself slowing down a bit
Stop and rest if you must, but don't you quit

Always do the best that you can possibly do
Treasure true friends who are far and few
Never give up, whatever the burden you bear
Just one more step might get you there
Often the battle that is proceeding slow
Will conclude abruptly, when dealt another blow

Succeed in believing that you will not fail
With diligence and determination your ship will sail
When the weather is stormy and the waters are rough
In the moment of peril the strong get tough
Whenever life presses you down a bit
Stand up and shout, "I will not quit"

- Mychal Wynn

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ON WALL STREET "BLACK" IS GOOD!!!

SHOUT-OUT TO:
ANZELIA BANKS

TO ALL THE LOST SOUL FOLKS ... EBONY AUGUST 2015, P. 96, EBONY.COM, did an illuminating and questioning - albeit, too polite, piece: "FADE TO WHITE", by JUAN THOMASON, depicting the too old story of whites "covering" Black music!!

"WOMAN NO WEEP"

I am MOVED to join the conversation (COMMENT) by ANZELA BANKS:

"Fed up with her Caucasian (white) Semi-Name sake [Zggy Azalea] being credited for "PUNNING" hip hop" by no less than Forbes Magazine, a frustrated, struggling, even tearful Banks [EMPHASIS MINE] decried white cultural appropriation of hip hop music in a now-famous 2014 interview on New York City's HOT 97 Radio station". Id P. 98

IGNORANCE

I quote Brother John Lennon: You got to Learn How To Play the Game,

AS OLD AS GENESIS

Africans/Blacks have always been "BLACK Gold" Sold on the USA Slave Block at Top Dollar!!!!

IN his great illuminating, influential PLAY "AURLIE VICTORIOUS" (60's) and MOVIE, the EMINENT OSSIE DAVIS, RENAISSANCE MAN, - starring character: bemoaned how Amos and Andy (on the Radio) put on Black face and make \$Millions. And I'm born with it and can't make a dime.

"SCHOOL IS IN"

ERIC CLAPTON AND MICK JAGGER

Recently (2015) "Rolling Stone. com/fricke", asked Funk Master George Clinton his opinion on this general "HOT TOPIC". He said that the BRITISH dudes - Rockers cooled his con-

cerns with having more knowledge than he on it! [Who is Robert Johnson]?

WHO DID THEIR HOME WORK

IF Mick Jagger (and Rolling Stones) can cross the Ocean to go to Chicago "Chess Records" Seeking "GOLD" at Muddy Water's knee - as he so proudly Beamingly Boasted to America's First Black President at the White House. ABS.ORG / WHITE HOUSE.GOV Why, can't you cross the street to pick the "BRAINS" of the Originals Fighters: Master Little Richard in our just "Cause" - and White Buck Loafers Mr. Pat Boone. [It's a TV Movie (c. 1998)..

SHOW-OUT TIME!!!!

Little Richard screamed at every occasions (e.g. GRAMMIES; JOHNNY CARSON; AMERICAN MUSIC AWARDS [AMA], and others!]. This Rock-N-Roll is BLACK MUSIC and I am the Real "KING" ... despite the vicious BACKLASH!

WHO IS THAT IMPOSTER

Did you know ELVIS was called a "N-
Word" to his face and kick burned his "N-
Word" JUNGLE BUNNY!!! MUSIC RECORDS.?

THE REAL SIDE OF THE
RECORD FROM ACROSS THE
OCEAN
TO USA BLIND SIDE

JOHN LENNON exclaimed POINTBLANK: I
SING more Black than Blacks do!

Sir Paul, told NBC TONIGHT show then
Host Jay Leno, he got the Famous Whoop!!!
Yell from Master Richards! Whoop!!

WHAT DID HE SAY

RECALL: The Admonishment of Malcolm
X You been tricked!!! You don't know who
You are!

GO TELL PHARRELL

^{at} Howard University Professor, ISN'T Super
Impressed with Pharrell Williams" NEW
BLACK" COMMENTS "JUNE 18, 2014, SEE
BELOW, p. p. 8-9

MS. IGGY AZALEA'S brazen (Tweet, id
P. 98] manifest CHRONIC DENIAL!

GO BACK TO SOUL SCHOOL

Forget her [and them too!] and MASTER
THE GAME and make YOUR GOOD MUSIC!!

NEVER LET WILLIE LYNCH
SEE YOU SWEAT !!!

AFRICAN QUEEN DRY YOUR EYES!!!

OLD SCHOOL LESSONS

THOM HARTMAN, Progressive Radio Host: SUBJECT:
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"...I'm living in a place where I know
all of my heroes, Warts and all, and
still love em. Chuck Berry, Jerry Lee
Lewis - Man, if that is not Mr. Rock 'n Roll,
I don't know who is. Little Richard. I
love those cats."

- Keith RICHARDS talks to Scott RAAB...
The ESQ & A ESQUIRE SEPTEMBER 2015, P 51
ESQUIRE.COM

CHECK-OUT: THE COLOUR OF MUSIC
MUSIC FESTIVAL LOOKS TO DIVERSI-
FY CLASSICAL MUSIC... CBS NEWS.
COM
4:AM CST WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 30,
2015

OWN YOUR HISTORY

SHOP AT EBONY.COM/STORE

SEE WHITE MALE Judd Apatow
PLAY THE GAME:

AS A UNIVERSITY STUDENT HE INTERVIEWED THE
GREAT ONES OF THE DAY. E.G. ROSEANN BARR! JERRY
STEINFELD, etc.

AND BECAME BIG TIME, HIMSELF, AMONG THEM!
AND AUTHORED A BOOK ABOUT IT! :

CHECK-OUT: "SICK IN THE HEAD! CONVERSATIONS
ABOUT LIFE AND COMEDY" RANDOM HOUSE
OUT JULY 2015

SOURCE: "FUNNY PEOPLE" ELLE JULY 2015,
P. 112 WWW.ELLE.COM / INTERVIEW

SEE: LADY GAGA AND TONY BENNETT!

WHO IS JOHANNY MATHIS??


Howard University Professor Isn't Super Impressed with Pharrell Williams' 'New Black' Comments

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By Brian Ives

Pharrell Williams raised a few eyebrows over his statements about race in a recent interview with Oprah Winfrey, particularly his use of a term “the new black” – and a prominent professor at Howard University isn't really buying it. The superstar said in the Winfrey interview that “The new black doesn't blame other races for our issues. The new black dreams and realizes that it's not a pigmentation; it's a mentality. And it's either going to work for you, or it's going to work against you. And you've got to pick the side you're gonna be on.”

He discussed this same topic in his *GQ* cover story: “This is the new black. Oprah Winfrey: That's the new black. She's a black billionaire. President Obama: He is a black American president. Regardless of what you think about him, this is his second term. That's the new black. LeBron James: the first black man ever shot on a *Vogue* cover, a black man. Me: a guy that's written a song  at 40! Nominated for an Oscar, four GRAMMY awards – at 40! That's the new black!” Response to his term “the new black” has been strong, inspiring the twitter hashtag #whatkindofblackareyou, and *The Root* offering “25 Alternatives to Pharrell (or Any Other Celeb) for Insights Into ‘the New Black,’” listing links to people and organizations “Who care about these things, study these things, talk and report and write and educate on these things all the time – not just when Oprah asks.”

Dr. Greg Carr, Howard University associate professor & chair of the department of Afro-American Studies, reacted to Pharrell's “new black” theory in a new interview (HBCBuzz) – and doesn't seem impressed. “My first impression is, this is a young man who is an excellent marketer,” Carr said. “I don't think that Pharrell believes that there's a ‘new black.’ Perhaps there's a new opportunity. If he thinks there's a ‘new black,’ I think a quick perusal of history, particularly style makers and culture keepers in black communities in this country, will reveal very quickly that that's been an ongoing conversation since enslavement.

Related: Pharrell Apologizes for Wearing Native American Headdress on the Cover of Elle UK

“It'd be interesting to visit Pharrell – and others – in, say, 30 years from now... and see if perhaps he might be more conservative.” Dr. Carr was asked if it is possible for African-Americans to be aware of the past and not have it have a major influence on life today – and he says it's not structurally possible. “For every heroic individual who succeeds, there are countless others who continue to struggle and be oppressed in their system,” he said. And he points out that while there are successful African-Americans, that has been the case for a long time: “Even during enslavement, you had a tiny fraction of black folks who had negotiated some space for themselves, to exist in the system. Same thing during Jim Crow. Same thing today.” He poses a question to those who have tasted success on Pharrell's level: “Are you really attempting to live a life that improves conditions for other people, beginning with the people that you come from? Or, are you just trying to enjoy your life, provide for yourself and your family, and have some fun before you close your eyes?”

“The spectacle of blackness has always been something that society has grasped and wanted,” he continued. “We can go back to the 1840s. One of the leading performers in this country was a guy named Thomas ‘Daddy’ Rice, who used to blacken his face, he called himself ‘Jim Crow.’ He was one of the

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biggest performers in this country for doing dances that he said black people did. "Fast forward 170 years, and you go on the Billboard charts. Is there anyone bigger than Robin Thicke? No! Do we see Miley Cyrus twerking? Yes! What does that mean? Blackness has always been a commodity. And there have always been individuals who represented that kind of titilating proximity to blackness that people have wanted. So us being on *GQ* covers and being billionaires, that's almost predictable. As Greg Tate wrote, 'The thing about blackness, people want everything from blackness... but the burden.' Pharrell is saying, 'Look at Obama.' Yeah, look at Obama! And look at education. Look at Obama, and look at the prison-industrial complex. Look at Barack Obama and ask yourself a question: what has improved for the masses of black people in the six years of the Obama presidency. But people like his style! They love his wife's style! The kids are beautiful, the mother-in-law's in the White House. That's improved the life of one family."

Pharrell has not responded to Dr. Carr's comments.

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WHITE IS THE NEW BLACK

UPDATE:

Soul Sista Rachel Dolezal, 31, what have you wrought in our Spanking Universe!

Last month while peddling his new book famous crooner MR. Tom Jones exclaimed to ACCESS HOLLYWOOD.COM Host Bush that his friends think he Blacks! And his Black friends accuses him of passing!!

ROOTS

So, he wants to know whether or not, indeed - he is BLACK!

ISN'T SHE LOVELY.

"Swede Heart" Actress ALICIA VIKANDER IN JANUARY 2016 VOGUE.COM COVER STORY, p. 76, "If there was an early obstacles, it may have been Alicia's coloring; she is not the ice sculpture that Hollywood often imagines for its Nordics. Again and again, she has been asked to wear long sleeves and SPF 100 in order to help the makeup department conjure

the desire poller. "Two years of films where I had to be white as a ghost," she says now, laughing. "But I'm a real Swede! In fact, I'm a quarter Finnish. Here I go, exploding stereotypes."

" IN the blink of an eye Alicia Vikander has gone from little known ingenue to serious Oscar contender Bob Hoskins meets Hollywood's skyrocketing star.

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Let's dig some roots!
LOL!!!!

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