

Merry
Christmas

Season's
Greetings

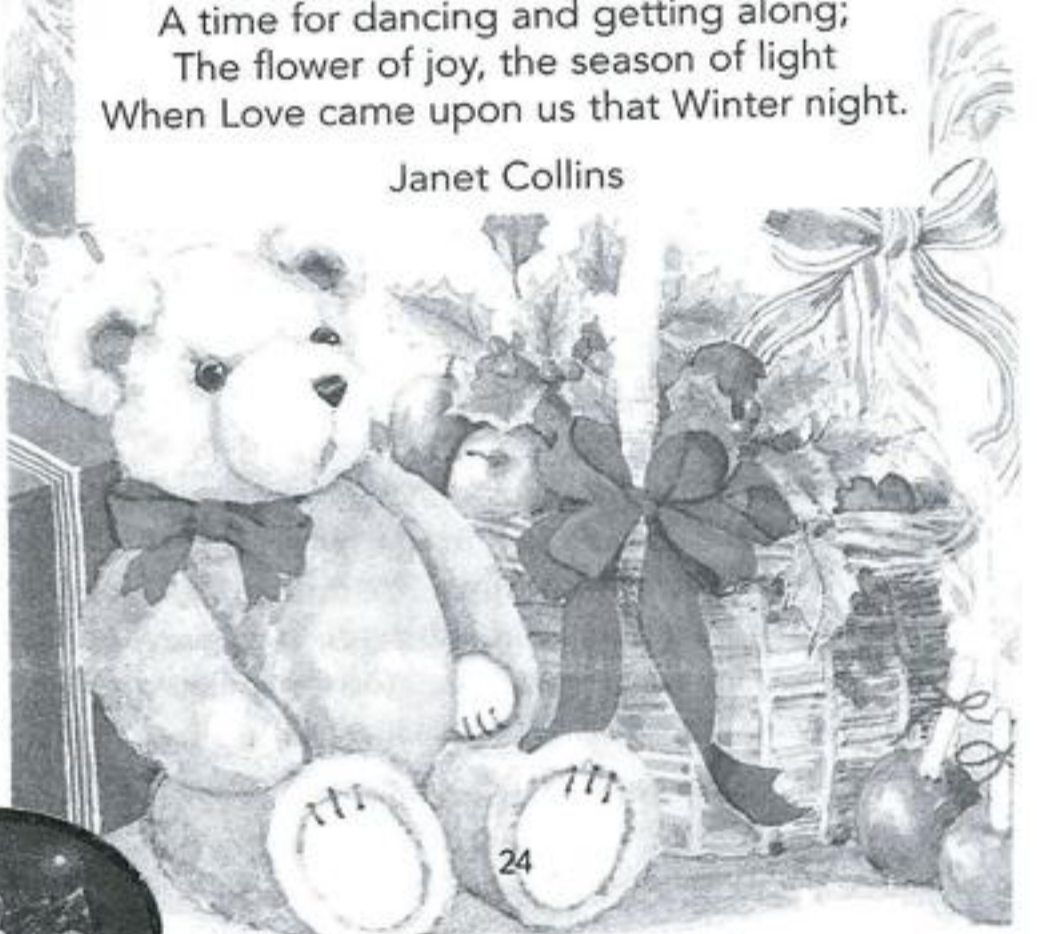
Christmas Is

Christmas is family, Christmas is fun,
A time for giving to everyone
The message of hope, the promise of peace
That love might prevail and fighting cease.
Christmas is memories, Christmas is cheer,
A time to greet friends far and near;
The leap of the heart, delight of the soul
When love fills us up and renders us whole.
Christmas is laughter, Christmas is song,
A time for dancing and getting along;
The flower of joy, the season of light
When Love came upon us that Winter night.

Janet Collins



When they had departed, behold, the
angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in
a dream and said, "Rise, take the
Child and His mother, flee to Egypt,
and stay there until I tell you..."
Matthew 2:13



Christmas Is...

Christmas is a glorious song
Ringing across the ages still,
Bringing glad news of hope and joy
To hearts in tune to God's good will.
Christmas is the shining Star
Guiding our faith for daily living,
Leading our steps in unselfish ways
Of caring, sharing, helping, giving.
Christmas is God's Gift of Love –
Sending His Son to forgive our sin,
Offering us Life forevermore –
Today, oh friend, invite Him in!

Iona Woods Patch



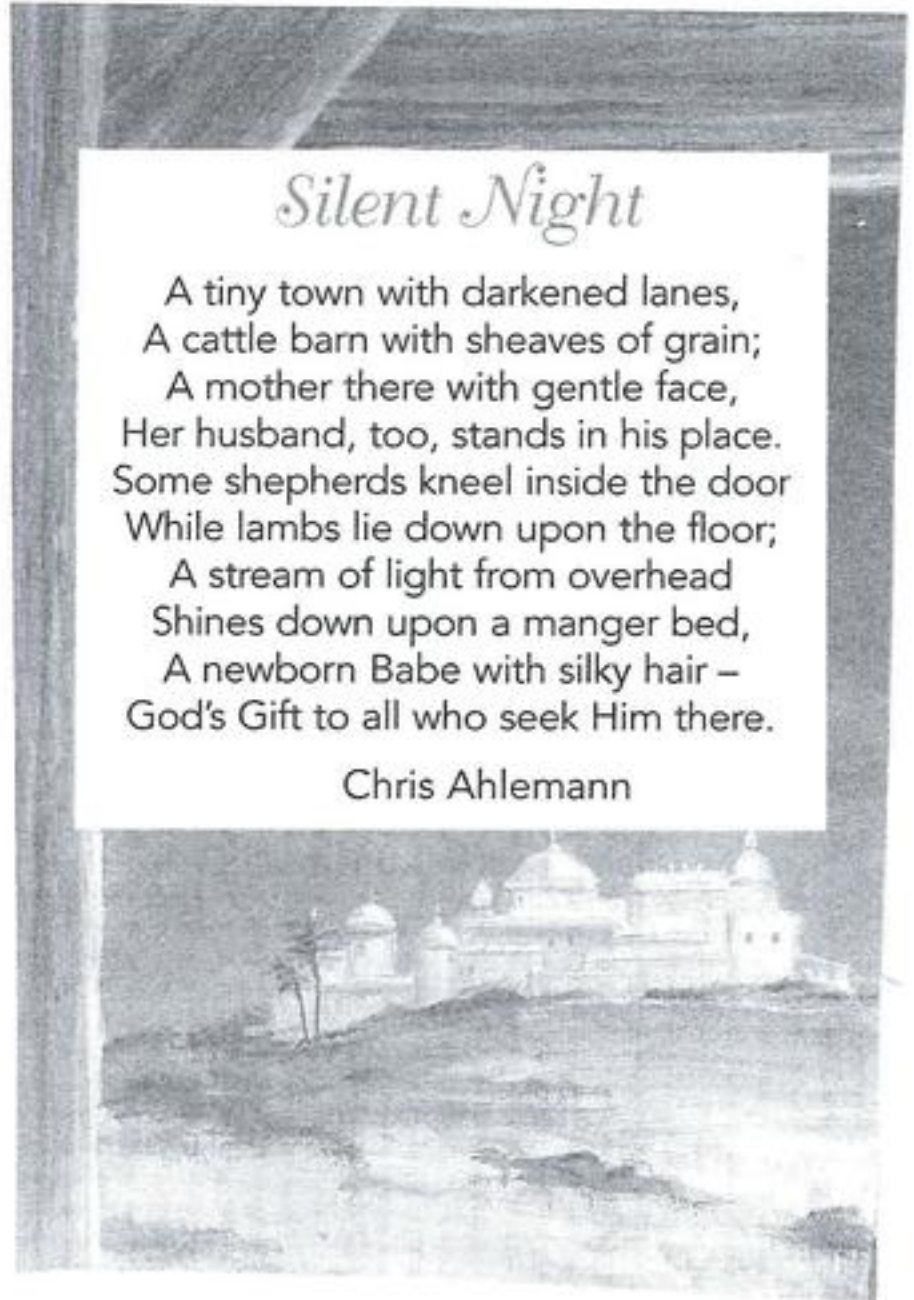
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Silent Night

A tiny town with darkened lanes,
 A cattle barn with sheaves of grain;
 A mother there with gentle face,
 Her husband, too, stands in his place.
 Some shepherds kneel inside the door
 While lambs lie down upon the floor;
 A stream of light from overhead
 Shines down upon a manger bed,
 A newborn Babe with silky hair –
 God's Gift to all who seek Him there.

Chris Ahlemann



Tucked at Home for Christmas

Tucked at home for Christmas –
 Why I'm so blessed indeed,
 My heart bubbles with the yuletide joy
 As I humbly place gifts 'neath that tree.
 A house built with enduring love and dreams,
 As we add faith and hope and smiles,
 Each cozy room portrays its warmth –
 A unique and homespun style.
 On the eve of Christmas children sleep
 With visions of toys and holiday cheer,
 Nestled by God's love and tender care
 Sent from Heaven's realm year after year.

BY: LEON IRBY



Christmas Wonder

Oh, the wonder of Christmas,
 The Miracle of God's Love
 When He left His home in glory,
 Came down to earth from above...
 To be born in a humble manger,
 A ransom for us to be
 Willing to suffer and die in shame,
 From sin to set us free.

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

TO: THE UNIQUE AND ILLUSTRIOUS
VISITORS] TO THIS SITE

NOW IS THE URGENT TIME TO REMEMBER,
ESPECIALLY IN THESE REPRESSIVE "THOUGHT
POLICE" [PC] TIMES THAT THROUGHOUT
ANNALS OF HUMAN HISTRY: PROFOUND
"TRUTH" 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]
NELSON MANDELA [1918-2013]
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. [1929-1968]

[LETTERS FROM BIRMINGHAM JAIL]

[EUGENE DEBS] [1855-1926]

GEORGE JACKSON

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

WELCOME TO THE TRUTH FORUM

THE TRUTH TELLER

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: FEBRUARY 10, 2016

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FROM AN UNCAGED
UNIVERSAL NO'OS !!!

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: JANUARY 29, 2016

"MAN IS GOD'S MARVELOUS CREATION,
CROWNED WITH GLORY AND HONOR, AND
BECAUSE OF THIS YOU CAN'T QUITE HOLD
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: JANUARY 31, 2016

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: JANUARY 31, 2016

MESSAGE TO THE UNIVERSE!!!
WILL YOU RECEIVE THIS MESSAGE ???

RONALD W. REAGAN

JANUARY 20, 1981

BARACK H. OBAMA

JANUARY 17, 2016

IRANIAN HOSTAGES

RELEASED ! ! ! ! ! ! !

H-U-R-R-A-H ! ! ! !

IRANIAN HOSTAGES RELEASED ! ! !

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: JANUARY 17, 2016

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BY: LEON IRBY DATED: JANUARY 29, 2016

STUMP CLOWN

By Ernesto R. Rodriguez/ 12/22/15

While on the stump
Donald Trump
took a dump
one gaffe after another
said he didn't know he stunk
as the crowd
booed on and on
he refused to apologize
I don't have to he said
I am way ahead in the polls
I love polls
I believe in them
I am going to win
Hillary disappeared—where to?
to take a dump—she got schonged
nasty stuff
I don't want to talk about it
it's nasty stuff
I know how to build walls
so high that even airplanes
can't fly over them
and the Mexicans will pay
I going after General Motors
Apple and China too
they are all just anchor babies
and trained monkeys
I am going to bomb all Muslims
to hell—they got to go
I love Muslims—They love what I do
I have many Muslim friends
Ugly Black protesters
beat them up—throw them out
they are disgusting
I am tired of tuff questions
from bloody women—scum bags
when I am president—and
I'm ahead in the polls
If you are white your alright
if you are brown or black
stay back
People in Iowa are stupid
I am going to make
America great again!

ER Rodriguez

BY: LEON IRBY

DATED: JANUARY 29, 2016

THE NEED FOR A WOMAN PRESIDENT

BY: Ernesto R. Rodriguez / 12/14/15 / 1-517-204-9278

Yes, the time has come to seriously consider the “need” of a woman president—as American males, especially the white males, don't get it when it comes to respecting Women's issues. First let's examine how American males consider American women:

The average male believes that woman's role is to remain in the love nest pleasuring her male counter parts and should not be allowed in the business of men and politics as they are too delicate and won't go to war. And that they do not deserve equal pay for equal work. Let's look at some of these attitudes.

Donald Trump refers to women as: “Fat, ugly, insane, scumbags, and bloody pigs!” About women in the arm services, Trump said: “Put women and men together, there's going to be rape...”

Rush Limbaugh: “Women should not be allowed on juries where the accused is a stud...” and “Feminism was established so as to allow unattractive women access to the mainstream of society....” Limbaugh on women protesting sexual harassment: “They are out there protesting what they wish would happen to them...” Limbaugh on women using contraceptives: “They are sluts—and whores...” Limbaugh thinks women want men to be “as-holes...” “We're male chauvinist pigs, and we are happy to be because we think that's what men were destined to be. We think that is what women want.” “Feminazi have adopted abortion as a kind of sacrament for their religion/politics of alienation and bitterness.”

A federal Judge agreeing with Clansmen and other white males stated: “That white women who have sex with a black person produces dogs.”


After some historical research I learned that most U.S. Presidents were drunks, used drugs, many were womanizers who never dealt with women issues except to deny them the right to vote.

Limbaugh and Trump and other republicans, white males, who are spreading hate and misinformation—propaganda-- that has damaged the soul of America and is tearing it a part, day after day. seems to not have any shame or remorse nor an inclination to change their attitudes.

Such shameless attitudes that have prevailed for hundreds of years will continue to destroy the American working class who needs to build bridges instead of walls—a woman is needed to dispel discriminatory stereotypes and the notion that we need to continue the wild west macho shoot-em-up mentality. Enough is enough!

America has many great and powerful women who have done more for this country than the likes of the clown Donald Trump or Limbaugh, Just to name a few: Angela Merkel, Hilary Clinton, Melinda Gates, Michelle Obama, Oprah Winfrey, Sheryl Sandberg, Janet Yellen, Dilma Rousseff, Susan Wojcicki, Christine Lagarde and many others.

What an American woman president can bring to the presidency: A greater sense of nurturing and compassion for starters, a stronger respect for women's equality issues which is sorely needed and in all other respects she can bring America together, both men and women, to respectfully build bridges of unity instead of walls that divide us from the rest of the world. And most of all don't underestimate the fighting power of a woman when it comes to protecting the nest of the American people. God Bless the woman and the United States of America!


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[IS THERE ANY BODY OUT THERE]??
WILL YOU RECEIVE THIS MESSAGE!!

WHAT HAS SOUL SISTA RACHAEL
DOLEZAL WROUGHT !!!

UPDATE: # WHITE IS THE NEW BLACK!!!

ANOTHER ONE

Friends,

ON the February 2016 COVER STORY (AND
PIC] OF SEVENTEEN IS LOVELY SINGER EXTRA-
ORDINAIRE TORI KELLY, who happens to add
to this NEW "SKIN GAME"

Your family has so many roots—
Jamaican, Puerto Rican, German,
and Irish. Did you ever struggle
with your identity?
C...I, Idp, 73

Ever had to deal with people
who weren't accepting because
of your background?

I haven't, thankfully! But when I did the BET Awards, for example, people were kind of like, "Wait, is she black? IS she not black?" It shouldn't really matter what color or ethnicity I am. .zd p. 74

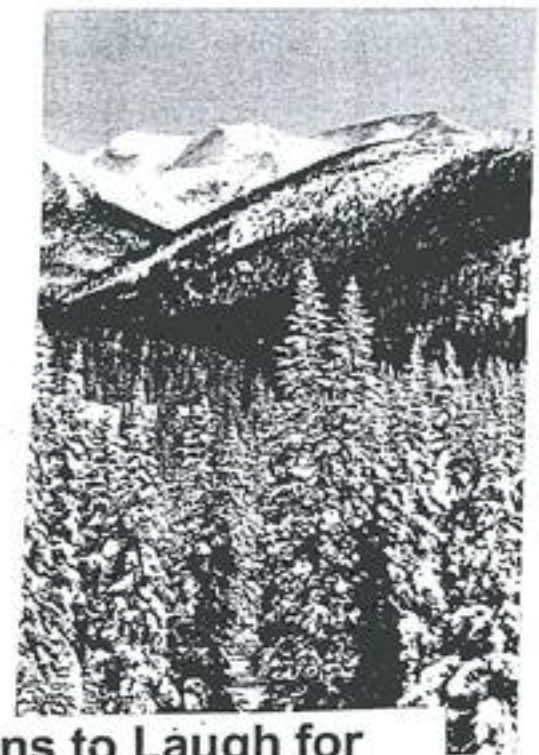
SOURCE: The Unbreakable Tori Kelly

Rejection BUCKS, but without it, Tori Kelly wouldn't be where she is today. The singer-songwriter reveals why she never lost sight of her dreams - on her smile.
BY Laura Morgan, SEVENTEEN.COM

So! WHAT'S NEW!!!

Kelly felt NO apparent pressure
TO DENY BLACKNESS!!!

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: JANUARY 29, 2016



Celebrate
Life
in Fullness

Wellness Corner: 12 FUNtastic Reasons to Laugh for the Health of It!

Dr. Cindy Solliday-McRoy, www.thejoyresponse.com

Have you ever heard the old adage "He who laughs... lasts?!" Well, as it turns out, it's true! Current scientific evidence has shown that laughter not only improves our overall health, happiness, and sense of well-being, but increases our life expectancy as well. Here's how:

1. Laughter strengthens your immune system and promotes healing. Your immune system protects your body from threats to its well-being like a virus or infection, even cancer. Laughter increases the number of "killer cells" and antibodies in your body. It helps you not only to get sick less often, but also to heal more quickly if you do.

2. Laughter is good for your heart. Laughter thins blood and blood vessels, improves circulation and acts as a vasodilator. It also lowers blood pressure. Ten-minutes of "hearty laughter" has been shown to produce a 10-20mm drop in blood pressure that lasts for 20 minutes after the laughter stops. It has also been determined that people with heart disease are approximately 40% less likely to laugh than those without heart disease.

3. Laughter may help to prevent type II diabetes. Recent research indicates that laughter may have an effect on the regulation of certain gene expressions that help to control type II diabetes. It also decreases food cravings by giving the same stimulation as eating 2000 chocolate bars!

4. Laughter alleviates bronchitis and asthma. Laughter improves lung capacity and oxygen levels in the blood. It eases bronchial spasms, opens airways and helps to clear phlegm.

5. Laughter is an intense aerobic workout. Laughter has been found to be equivalent to any other aerobic workout. In fact, one minute of rigorous laughter, or approximately 100 "ha ha ha's," has been shown to have the same cardiovascular benefits as a 10-minute workout on a rowing machine or 15 minutes on a stationary bike. That's right! You can burn approximately 400 calories an hour just laughing!

6. Laughter is a great stress buster. Laughter reduces levels of neuroendocrine and stress-related hormones in our body [e.g. cortisol, epinephrine, dopac]. It is a natural relaxant. Think of the last time you laughed so hard, you cried. Do you remember the feeling of peace and inner calmness you had afterwards? Laughter provides a playful pathway physical and emotional relief/release.

7. Laughter is a natural painkiller. Endorphins, the body's natural painkillers, are released when you laugh. The more you laugh, the better you feel.

8. Laughter relieves depression, anxiety and addictions. Laughter increases the production of "feel good" neurotransmitters [e.g. dopamine] and the "happy hormone" [oxytocin] in the brain. It focuses your awareness on happy feelings in the here-and-now while distracting you from any negative thoughts, emotions, or behaviors. Laughter is a natural high.

9. Laughter enhances brain functioning. Laughter activates higher cortical functioning while improving mental clarity, focus and concentration.

10. Laughter is internal jogging. Laughter massages internal organs while improving digestion and elimination.

11. Laughter is a challenging abdominal workout. Laughter is a great "abdominizer!"

12. Laughter lifts your spirit and soothes your soul. It isn't what life gives you, but how you respond to it that is the difference that makes the difference. Laughter helps you lighten up by not taking yourself, or your life, too seriously. Live life laughing.



DATED: JANUARY 31, 2016 BY: LEON IRBY

I TELL PEOPLE THAT I SHOULD BE ON
NBC SNL!

THEY JUST LAUGH!!!

OH YEA! YOU'RE MY CROWD:

SHOW TIME IRL

HAMILTON AND BURR

I watch GOP Fat Presidential Candidate
Gov. (R. N.J.) Chris Christie ON THE SUNDAY
MORNING PONY SHOWS, LIKE NBC.COM/MEET THE
PRESS; ABC.COM/THIS WEEK; CBS NEWS.COM/
FACE THE NATION AND FOX SUNDAY.COM;

Gov. Christie frequently takes an Easy
Chair ON THESE SHOWS AND BRAG ABOUT HOW
TOUGH A COMMANDER IN CHIEF HE'LL BE;
ESPECIALLY AGAINST SUICIDE BOMBERS!

Yet! I ALWAYS WONDER HOW HE'LL GET
THAT FAT BELLY OFF THE FLOOR!

Lolo
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PLEASE ONE MORE JOKE!!!

Gov. christie reportedly exclaimed:
"We are going to kick your rear end
out of the white House."

#GMA NEWS TICKER JAN. 15, 2016 7:AM. CST
ABC NEWS.COM

JUST OUT OF REACH!!!

Hey!! Gov. how you gonna lift your fat
foot off the ground... that high!!

Lolo!!!

#LAUGHITOFF!!

BY: LEON ZRBY DATED: JANUARY 19, 2016

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MS. WHOPPI !!

AND HANK WILLIAMS JR.

ABC.COM ^{ON} THE VIEW

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016 10: A.M. CST

MS. Whoopii Goldberg. joined in singing
about their "Sweet Jesus",

[Hey!!! Hank is Obama a Christian?]

J She is Just another Monkey! in the
HONKY TONK BAND!!!

For the Rest of the Story to go to below,
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HANK WILLIAM, JR.

It's About Time Nash Icon
country vet rocks out, waves guns around,
incites SNOOZES

At 66, country music's Cranky Uncle has been running a successful cottage industry in right leaning outlaw posturing for decades. His latest showcase an admirable hot band, with guests including Eric Church - see the fiddle spiked take on Neil Young's "Are You Ready For The Country?" But the party gets weird around "God and Guns", [INT]... a hard-rock NRA hand job that's meat headed and inflammatory. Elsewhere, attempts at pop coalition-building become wishful thinking. "If you're singing along with this song, then I guess you agree," Williams suggests on the nostalgic "These Days Are Gone". Not necessarily, dude." WILL HERMES Rollingstone.com JANUARY 28, 2016 "update: Nashville, p. 61

Hey! Hank, dude why don't you live out the words of your song and "Rowdy on Down"!

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: JAN 19, 2016 2 of 2

WHAT!! POLITICANS NEVER SAW A
PRISON THEY WANT TO SHUT DOWN!!!

GUANTANAMO, CUBA

President Barack H. Obama is determined to keep his 2008 Campaign Promise to close down GITMO, despite Senate, Pentagon and Bureaucratic defiant challenging OPPOSITION!!!

Aha!! Hur-r-r-Ah!!!

SOURCE: SHARLL ATKINSON "FULL MEASURE" FOX
SUN. 9:AM. CST JANUARY 17, 2016 USA

FOR THE REST OF THE STORY! CHECK-OUT! "AN
UNhappy New Year at GUANTANAMO
AS Obama time in the White House winds
down, the PROSPECTS of closing the

Notorious gulag grow bleaker."

— BY AMY GOODMAN, HOST OF DEMOCRACY
NOW! THE PROGRESSIVE POPULIST FEBRUARY,
2016, P. 22, THE PROGRESSIVE POPULIST.COM

By: LEON IRBY DATED: JANUARY 23, 2016

NO DOUBT !! TRUMP SUPPORTERS !!!

OLD NEWS !!!

Survey reveals 10 Percent of College graduates believes Judge Judy [A USA Super Popular T.V. Court Judge] is a Supreme Court Justice.

SOURCE: #GMA NEWS TICKER goodmorningamerica.
com ABC.COM/NEWS (JAN. 20, 2016 7:AM CST
NBC.COM/TODAY 2ND HOUR Co-Host CARSON
DALEY JAN. 2016, 20 7:AM, CST

L O L O !!

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: JANUARY 23, 2016

LOL!

Zam the Hugh Hefner
of the Pentitentiary

MY LOVER

is a Centerfold

Every Night

is a different

Page UNfold !!

LOL!!!

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: JANUARY 25, 2016

HEALING WITH HUMOR

By Joan Mulligan

Twenty-three resident nurses gathered together for their yearly luncheon in the San Camillo private dining room on a beautiful October 25th. They looked forward to a fun-filled talk presented by Dorothy A. Host, R.N., N.H.A., the Administrator of Skilled Nursing and Assisted Living.

There was a Nightingale Tribute at each plate to be presented by a colleague as part of a nurse's memorial or funeral service to remind them to always be prepared for the future. Then a six page illustrated leaflet on humor began with its physiological definition: it is the fluid contained in the body such as blood or lymph." Then the Biblical concept was stated with "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine." Research has proven that humor heals by reducing pain and stress, stimulates both the immune system and mental functions and provides exercise by stimulating blood flow, breathing and muscle tone.

Several pages gave actual nursing situations where nursing humor could be used followed by comedic "nurstoons." The laughing cure was emphasized with the following statistic: Did you know that pre-school children laugh up to 400 times per day, adults laugh a mere 17 times a day?

A last laugh was provided by Chairman Joan Mulligan who distributed an article about a typical nurse's life in the bygone days of 1880. Read it!



1. Bring a scuttle of coal each day.
2. Report each day at 7:00 a.m. and leave at 8:00 p.m. except on the Sabbath "on which day you will be on from noon until 2:00 p.m.
3. Graduate nurses in good standing will be given an evening off each week for church services.
4. Any nurse who smokes, uses liquor, goes to the beauty shop or frequents dance halls will give the director a good reason to suspect her worth, her intentions and integrity.
5. The nurse who performs faithfully and without fault for five years will be given an increase of 5 cents a day, providing there are no hospital debts outstanding.

A GRIN OR TWO

How do you catch a unique rabbit?
Unique up on it!

How do you catch a tame rabbit?
Tame way.

How do crazy people go through the forest?
They take the psychopath.

What do you call cheese that isn't yours?
Nacho cheese.

What lies at the bottom of the ocean and twitches?
A nervous wreck.

What is the difference between a bad golfer and a bad skydiver?

A bad golfer goes Whack, Dang!
A bad skydiver goes Dang! Whack!

Don't forget that old adage:
"LAUGH AND THE WORLD
LAUGHS WITH YOU;
CRY AND YOU CRY ALONE!"



BY: LEON IRBY DATED: FEBRUARY 3, 2016

HOW LONG!
WILLE LYNCH DIVIDED THE BLACKS!!!

WHY THE OSCAR BOYCOTT WILL NOT
WORK!

Friends,

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., said more than... "I HAVE A DREAM", he also exclaimed:

"... it appeared the tragic division in the Negroe community could be cured only by some DIVINE MIRACLE.", check-out below p. 4

MS. Whoopi, ABC. COM / THE VIEW, 10:AM, CST, who is richly PAID and ACCLAIMED for making white folks feel good about themselves, ON JANUARY 19, 2016, forcefully [IN FULL FACE CAMERA CLOSE-UP] disputed fair minded white women and men actors, whom, at personal risk - nonetheless - exclaimed, e.g., "The entire America system is rife with white privilege racism" - Mark RUFFALO or la Progressive white Radio Host Thom Hartman use this exact same language to promote his show FM 92.1 MIKE 92.1. COM 8:PM, CST]... Contrarily, MS. Whoopi screamed that she does NOT think America

is racist and Boycotts don't work.

Naturally, She was selected to support the system, as an Oscar Presenter !!!

I am certain Rosa Parks would bear witness that BOYCOTTS are an effective tool. CHECK-OUT THE VIEW, TUES. FEB. 3, 2016

Even should Blacks be Added to the Oscar "BOARD", they would select...elect Clarence Thomas kind Negroe.

I hear quote from the WWW. BLACK ENTERPRISE. COM "PUBLISHER PAGE" DECEMBER 2015 / JANUARY 2016, P. 108, PUBLISHER Earl G. Groves, Sr.'s eloquent piece:

"BLACK CORPORATE LEADERS WILLING TO ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF AFRICAN AMERICANS SEEM TO BE A VANISHING BREED."

THINK, e.g., Vernon Jordan ...

Moreover, "The existence of corporate diversity and inclusion programs is to ensure the inclusion of all people - black, white, brown, yellow, male, female, straight and gay - at every level and across all disciplines of the company."

The Time is right now Hollywood to Rock the Yacht!

Like the Colleges [IVORY TOWERS] and "BLACK LIVES MATTER" — out in the streets!!!!

ALL GOOD PEOPLES!!!

Probably, if done properly MANY white Actors would support, but for division — such a Boycott.

I can see, particularly Sandra Bullock; Tom Cruise; Charlize Theron, who met Nelson Mandela, Angelina and Brad Pitt and others wanting "A MORE PERFECT UNION"!!! for their Black children.

CHECK-OUT: WWW.BLACKENTERPRISE.COM "EXECUTIVE MEMO BLACK FILMMAKERS NEED BLOCK-BUSTER OPPORTUNITIES" DEC. 2015 - JAN. 2016, P. 10 BY (A) EARL BUTCH GRAVE, JR. "WHY ARE THE OSCARS SO WHITE?" BY ALISSA SCHULMAN & ASHLEY SPENCER, USMAGAZINE.COM, FEB. 8, 2016, P. 46...

"BLACK STUDENTS STORM THE IVORY TOWER" BY ALEX COLSTON IN THESE TIMES, COM JANUARY 2016, P. 11

BY: LEON ZRBY DATED: FEBRUARY 3, 2016

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STRIDE TOWARDS FREEDOM

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

(C) 1959 HARPER & ROW N.Y., p. 188

"Almost 2800 Years ago Moses set out to lead the children of Israel from the slavery of Egypt to the freedom of the Promised Land.

He soon discovered that slaves do not always welcome their deliverers. They become accustomed to being slaves. They would bear those ills they have, as Shake-Speare pointed out, than flee to others that they know not of. They prefer the "flesh pots" of Egypt" to the ordeals of emancipation."

.Id pp 19-20

"With this break down of this promising undertaking, it appeared that the tragic division in the Negro community could be cured only by some divine miracle.

BY: LEON IRBY 4 of 4 DATED: FEB. 3, 2016

OSCARSTO WHITE

HOLLYWOOD AND WHITEMEN

JOHN WAYNE

PLAYED A CHINESE

MARLON BRANDO

PLAYED A JAPANESE

CHARLES BRANSON

PLAYED A NATIVE AMERICAN

AL JOLSON

IN BLACK FACE PLAYED
A BLACK MAN

JACK LEMMON

PLAYED A WOMAN

RALPH FIENNES

SIGNED TO PLAY MICHAEL JACKSON

How do they FREE Themselves
from this HOLLYWOOD MAD ROUND
HOUSE OF SELF-REFLECTED MIRRORS?

BY: LEON ZIRBY DATED: FEBRUARY 5, 2016

#OSCAR BOYCOTT

PHARRELL WILLIAMS

SELF-PROCLAIMED
"NEW BLACK MAN"

AKA
SAME OLD "HONORARY
WHITEMAN"

Shall be a Presenter at the
OSCARs 2016!

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: FEBRUARY 5, 2016

GREG HUDGENS, 65...

RIP!!!

Friends, were you lucky enough to catch daughter Vanessa Hudgens, in "The show must go on" stellar! Spectacular singing and acting performance in FOX TV LIVE showing "GREASE" ON JANUARY 29, 2016.

She Aced sexy, hot Rebel girl Betty Rizzo (!!!) seven hours before she was set to deliver an emotional rendition of "There are worse things I could do" [ANNOUNCED his death!!!

EMMY NOW!!!

OSCAR TOMMROW!!!

God bless!

FAN

SEE: US MAGAZINE.COM FEB. 15, 2016, P. 39

BY: LEON ZRBY DATED: FEBRUARY 5, 2016

SHOUT OUT TO
CHLOË GRACE MORETZ,
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
FEBRUARY 10, 2016
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A UNIVERSAL STAR...
ACTOR

SHINE ON !!

FAN!

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: FEBRUARY 5, 2016

WHILE MY GUITAR GENTLY WEEP!!!

O' why, CAM and his PHANTERS
Lost the Super Bowl game!!!

RUSH LIMBAUGH
ONLY Last FRIDAY, Feb. 5, 2016, in his show
Third hour unkindly remarked that Cam and his
crew flouted "Their Blackness in Violation
of NFL Rules."

NEXT YEAR LI 2017
TEAM!!!!

YOU'RE ALL WINNERS!!!

XOXO!!!

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: FEBRUARY 7, 2016

SHOUT OUT TO
TYRA BANKS

BLACK HISTORY MONTH
FEBRUARY 2016

FIRST BLACK ON COVER OF
SPORTS ILLUSTRATED
MAG.!!!!

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Golden Girl

"A Dream Come True

Tyra Banks, 42, and Norwegian Photographer
Erik Aslo, 51, welcomed son via a gestational
surrogate January 27."

- US MAGAZINE.COM FEB. 15, 2016, P. 39

Like Michael Jackson, Aslo, only con-
tributed his "WHITE SKIN" to their Relation-
ship!!!

XOXO

BY: LEON ZRBY DATED: FEBRUARY 7, 2016

THE DEAD SOUND OF SILENCE !!!

" our lives begin to end
the day we become SILENT
about things that matter "

— MLK, JR.

" IN the end, we will remember
not the words of our enemies,
but the silence of our friends. "

— DR. MLK, JR.

" ALL THAT IS NECESSARY FOR THE TRIUMPH
OF EVIL IS THAT MEN ("AND WOMEN") do
NOTHING! "

— EDUND BURKE

BY: LEON ZIRBY DATED: FEBRUARY 10, 2016

DECODING DONALD J. TRUMP

AND THE ART OF REAL POLITIK !!!

UNIVERSAL FRIENDS! LEAN ME YOUR EAR!!!
Trump message is the same as Bernie Sanders,
[Not the same character!] Democratic Pres-
idential Candidate.

SUBLIMINAL

HEAR: HEALTH CARE FOR ALL! JOBS FOR
ALL! POLICING WALL STREET! THE MEXICANS
WILL LOVE ME!!! I'LL PASS IMMIGRATION!
[BILL]! RENEGOTIATE US TRADE DEALS!!

HOT TOPICS!! DOG WHISTLE!!

While his Rhetoric "Dog Whistle" ECHO
Hitler and Alabama Gov. (D.) George Wallace
(c. 1969) when RUNNING for President. Stir-
ring up the Base PASSIONS, which COVER-UP
his actual aforesaid Messaging!

CAUTIOUSLY!!!

Consider how like Reportedly Lyndon
B. Johnson, Trump is ostensibly able to
WHIP REPUBLICANS INTO HIS OWN LINE!

LET'S MAKE A DEAL
TRUMP CAN EASILY GET IMMIGRATION
LAW ENACTED!

WHAT IS IT?
BERNIE AND TRUMP ARE AGENTS OF
CHANGE!

THEN! SO WHAT!!!

YES!!! VOTERS CAST THEIR VOTE PRO-
TESTING MULTI-ISSUES, E.G., FIRST BLACK
PRESIDENT! BROWNING OF AMERICA WOW! AND
ENDLESS BS!!

"CHANGE IS GONNA COME"!!

Zofs

Her daughter, Morgan Goodrich, joined her at the protest. "It's bad for kids, and I wish that it would stop," she said.

Kristin Moore, Flint's chief spokeswoman, said reports of people being threatened that their homes will be condemned or their children taken away if they have their water shut off are false.

"From what I understand, no shut-off notices have been sent since December and no disconnection of services on any active accounts have occurred since Aug. 7."

Asked why residents are being billed for water they can't use, Moore said she would relay those questions to the city's chief financial officer, who did not immediately provide a response.

The Attorney General's Office counts consumer protection among its roles.

Schuette said he is "looking at what we can do," because "to me, that's like a defective product."

Sanders says no tragedy if he loses Iowa; he can still win

DULUTH, Minn. (AP) — Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders said Tuesday his bid for the Democratic presidential nomination would succeed even if he fails to prevail in the Feb. 1 Iowa caucuses, saying in an interview with The Associated Press he was prepared to go the distance against front-runner Hillary Clinton.

"If I lose Iowa by two votes and end up with virtually the same number of delegates, is that a must-lose situation? Is that a tragedy? No," Sanders said aboard a charter flight en route to Duluth, Minnesota, where he spoke at a rally with 6,000 supporters. "We are running a campaign that will take us to the convention and I'm very proud of the kinds of enormous gains we have made."

Sanders has said previously that he could win Iowa but his comments suggested an attempt to lower expectations in the final week before the caucuses. Asked if the Iowa contest is a must-win, he responded: "That's mythology."

Sanders told reporters earlier in the day in Des Moines that if he could generate large turnout among non-traditional voters, young people and workers, he could claim victory. "We will win here in Iowa if the voter turnout is high and frankly if the voter turnout is not high we're going to be struggling," he said.

In the AP interview, he noted with a populist flair that if former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg entered a race against him and Republican Donald Trump, "two of the three candidates would be multi-billionaires. And by the way I'm the one who is not the multi-billionaire." Turning to his wife, Jane, he quipped: "Is that correct? I haven't checked the bank account lately." Sanders, an independent who often votes with Democrats on Capitol Hill, said Bloomberg's interest in a presidential bid brought forth "one of the issues that I think galls the American people — that we're

moving toward an oligarchic form of society."

He also dismissed speculation that President Barack Obama might be tipping the scales in favor of Clinton after the president praised his former secretary of state in a Politico interview. Sanders said Obama was "very generous to me." He said both Obama and Vice President Joe Biden are trying to be "objective and letting the people decide." The White House said later that Sanders would meet informally with Obama in the Oval Office on Wednesday and "there will be no formal agenda."

Sanders said he and Clinton are in a "nip-and-tuck" race in Iowa but predicted that, with a success, he would begin to see more support from establishment Democrats who have coalesced around the former secretary of state's candidacy.

Asked if establishment Democrats would become unnerved if he defeated Clinton in Iowa and New Hampshire, Sanders said "the good news is we still live in a democracy and people have a say in this."

"Some elements of the establishment really will be upset," he added. "But other elements of the establishment, even if they are not supportive of my candidacy, today understand that the major task in front of us is to defeat right-wing extremism."

He added: "What Democrats want to do is defeat Republicans and if I'm the candidate best able to do that, you can bet your bottom buck we're going to have a whole lot of establishment Democrats on board."

Sanders said he did not know if Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, a favorite of liberal Democrats, would endorse in the primary.

"Would I like her to come on board? Yes," Sanders said. "Elizabeth and I have known each other for many, many years. I knew her before you knew her, before she was Elizabeth Warren. Just a law school professor at Harvard who came to Vermont at my request to do some town meetings and did a great job."

Sanders held rallies in Duluth and St. Paul, Minnesota, preparing for the state's March 1 presidential caucus. Joined by Rep. Keith Ellison, D-Minn., one of his top supporters in Congress, Sanders has identified the state as one of his top targets in the so-called "Super Tuesday" states that will award a bevy of delegates after the early contests of Iowa, New Hampshire, Nevada and South Carolina.

Donald Trump Drops Out of Fox News Debate on Thursday

After a day of threatening to abstain from Fox News' Thursday night GOP debate, Donald Trump has officially dropped out of the event, his campaign manager told the Associated Press.

The debate will be hosted by the network's Megyn Kelly, who Trump slammed as "biased against" him.

"Megyn Kelly's really biased against me," Trump said in an Instagram video on

Tuesday. "She knows that. I know that. Everybody knows that. Do you really think she can be fair at a debate?"

He also posted a poll on Twitter, asking his followers if he should participate in the debate. Fox News shot back on Tuesday with a tongue-in-cheek statement.

"We learned from a secret back channel that the Ayatollah and Putin both intend to treat Donald Trump unfairly when they meet with him if he becomes president — a nefarious source tells us that Trump has his own secret plan to replace the Cabinet with his Twitter followers to see if he should even go to those meetings," the network said.

Trump called the response a "pathetic attempt by Fox News to try and build up ratings for the GOP Debate."

"Without me they'd have no ratings!," he wrote.

Trump has threatened to pull out of previous debates, though if he does not participate in Thursday's event, it will mark the first time he's followed through on one of those threats.

Bret Baier and Chris Wallace will be joining Kelly as moderators for the Thursday debate.

World War I Memorial design concept unveiled

WASHINGTON — The first world war, which claimed the lives of more than 116,000 U.S. troops, will finally get its memorial in the nation's capital and the World War I Centennial Commission announced Tuesday the winning design called "The Weight of Sacrifice."

The memorial will be located on Pershing Park, in front of the Willard Hotel on Washington's Pennsylvania Avenue and one block away from the White House, said Edwin Fountain, the commission's vice chair.

Designed by Joe Weishaar and Sabin Howard, the design concept features a freestanding sculpture on the lawn and will create a continuous space, Fountain said. The Pershing Park location makes it more than just a memorial, said Libby O'Connell, a governance group member of the commission. "It is also an urban park," she said. "We can't just walk away from that responsibility."

Pershing Park includes a statue of John Pershing, the top commander of U.S. forces in the war, a fountain and a pond.

The World War I Centennial Commission reviewed 360 design entries, and cut that list to five finalists.

The committee considered multiple factors to pick the winner, O'Connell said, including maintenance. Some designs posed problems with handicap access and security, which is critical given its close proximity to the White House. The committee also wanted to maintain the sight lines down Pennsylvania Avenue to the Capitol.

There's no deadline for finishing the memorial, but the commission would like to mark the 100th anniversary of the war's end on Veteran's Day, 2018, Fountain said. The

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Tuesday on ABC and CNN, Trump was asked about being compared to Hitler. The candidate didn't back down, saying that banning all Muslims "until our country's representatives can figure out what the hell is going on" is warranted after attacks by Muslim extremists in Paris and last week's shooting in San Bernardino, California, that killed 14.

"We are now at war," Trump said, adding: "We have a president who doesn't want to say that."

Trump's proposed ban would apply to immigrants and visitors alike, a sweeping prohibition affecting all adherents of a religion practiced by more than a billion people worldwide.

Trump announced his plan to cheers and applause at a Monday evening rally in South Carolina.

"Until we are able to determine and understand this problem and the dangerous threat it poses, our country cannot be the victims of horrendous attacks by people that believe only in jihad, and have no sense of reason or respect for human life," Trump said in a written statement.

At the rally he warned that without drastic action, "it's going to get worse and worse, you're going to have more World Trade Centers."

Rod Weader, a 68-year-old real estate agent from North Charleston who attended the rally and said he agreed with Trump's plan "150 percent."

"As he says, we have to find out who they are and why they are here," he said.

Since the Nov. 13 attacks in Paris that killed 130 people and wounded hundreds more, a number of Republican presidential contenders have proposed restrictions on Syrian refugees — with several suggesting preference for Christians seeking asylum — and tighter surveillance in the U.S.

But Trump's proposed ban goes much further, and his Republican rivals were quick to reject the latest provocation from a candidate who has delivered no shortage of them. "Donald Trump is unhinged," Jeb Bush said via Twitter. "His 'policy' proposals are not serious."

John Kasich slammed Trump's "outrageous divisiveness," while a more measured Ted Cruz, who has always been cautious about upsetting Trump's supporters, said, "Well, that is not my policy."

Trump's plan also drew criticism from the heads of the Republican Party in Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina, the first three states to vote in next year's presidential primaries.

"It is un-Republican. It is unconstitutional. And it is un-American," said Jennifer Horn, chairwoman of the Republican Party of New Hampshire.

Trump campaign manager Corey Lewandowski said Trump's proposed ban would apply to "everybody," including Muslims seeking immigration visas as well as tourists seeking to enter the country.

In an interview on Fox News, Trump said Muslim members of the U.S. armed forces would "come home" and that his plan would "not apply to people living in the country." In the late 1800s, Congress passed legislation broadly aimed at halting Chinese immigration. But, said Leti Volpp, a University of California expert on immigration law, "there is no precedent for a religious litmus test for admitting immigrants into the United States."

"Excluding almost a quarter of the world's population from setting foot in the United States based solely upon their religious identity would never pass constitutional muster," Volpp said.

Trump's proposal came a day after President Barack Obama spoke to the nation from the Oval Office about the shootings in San Bernardino, California, which Obama said was "an act of terrorism designed to kill innocent people."

The FBI said Monday the Muslim couple who carried out the massacre had been radicalized and had taken target practice at area gun ranges, in one case within days of the attack last week that killed 14 people.

Trump's campaign has been marked by a pattern of inflammatory statements, dating back to his harsh rhetoric about Mexican immigrants. He has taken a particularly hard line against Muslims in the days since the Paris attacks, advocating enhanced surveillance of mosques due to fears over radicalization.

"Donald Trump sounds more like a leader of a lynch mob than a great nation like ours," said Nihad Awad, national executive director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations. "He and others are playing into the hands of ISIS. This is exactly what ISIS wants from Americans: to turn against each other."

Putin says Russia backs Free Syrian Army alongside Assad troops

President Vladimir Putin said on Friday Russia supports the opposition Free Syrian Army, providing it with air support, arms and ammunition in joint operations with Syrian troops against Islamist militants.

His statement appeared to be the first time Moscow said it was actually supporting Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's opponents in the fight against Islamic State forces. Putin said last month the Russian air force had hit several "terrorist" targets provided by the Free Syrian Army.

Western and Arab states carrying out air strikes against Islamic State for more than a year say that Russian jets have mainly hit other rebel forces in the west of Syria.

"The work of our aviation group assists in uniting the efforts of government troops and the Free Syrian Army," Putin told an annual meeting at the defense ministry.

"Now several of its units numbering over 5,000 troops are engaged in offensive actions against terrorists, alongside regular forces, in the provinces of Homs, Hama, Aleppo and

Raqqah," he said, referring to the Free Syrian Army.

"We support it from the air, as well as the Syrian army, we assist them with weapons, ammunition and provide material support." Putin said strikes by Russia's air force and navy had inflicted heavy damage on the infrastructure of Islamic State, which controls large areas of eastern Syria and western Iraq. Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu said, however, that the influence of Islamic State was increasing in Syria, where militants control around 70 percent of the country. The number of IS fighters in Iraq and Syria totals around 60,000, Shoigu said, and there is a threat of violence spilling over into post-Soviet Central Asia and the Caucasus.

Talking to his generals, Putin issued a veiled warning to Turkey, whose downing of a Russian bomber jet near the Syrian-Turkish border last month sent bilateral relations to a freezing point and led Moscow to impose economic sanctions to Istanbul.

"I want to warn those who may again try to stage provocations against our troops," he said.

"I order you to act in an extremely tough way. Any targets threatening Russia's (military) group or our land infrastructure must be immediately destroyed," Putin told the generals.

Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu earlier on Friday called on Russia for calm, but said Turkey's patience is not unlimited.

Venezuela's opposition wins legislative majority

CARACAS, Venezuela — Venezuela's fractious opposition won a crushing victory in legislative elections over President Nicolás Maduro's socialist party, as voters rejected the system created by the late leader Hugo Chávez 16 years ago, officials announced Monday.

The opposition's Democratic Unity coalition won at least 99 of the 167 seats in the National Assembly. And the ruling United Socialist Party of Venezuela won 46 seats, the National Electoral Council said.

The opposition needs to win 13 of the 22 remaining races to gain a two-thirds supermajority required to rewrite laws and possibly start a recall referendum to oust Maduro before his term expires in 2019. With a simple majority, the coalition can pass an amnesty law to free political prisoners.

Turnout for Sunday's vote was 74% of the country's 19 million eligible voters — the highest for congressional elections since the 1990s, when compulsory voting ended, according to the electoral council.

"It's a huge win for the opposition," said David Smilde, a senior fellow at the Washington Office on Latin America, a human rights advocacy group. "It's worrying that 22 seats haven't been decided, as that makes the difference as to what the opposition can do."

Many Venezuelans, tired of 16 years of rule by Chávez and Maduro, celebrated in the

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streets. Fireworks lit the skies over Caracas and other major cities.

"I went to bed last night, thinking we had a chance but not quite sure," said Minerva Lopez, 42, a seamstress in Caracas who voted for the opposition. "And then this morning I woke up to the news. What a relief. The nightmare is ending."

"We accept the results," a somber-looking Maduro said, as key members of his government looked on. "Today the opposition hasn't triumphed. No, it is a victory for the counter-revolution. May they manage this triumph well, and hopefully they will take into account the needs of millions of people."

He blamed his party's loss on an "economic war" being waged against his government by the country's business elite that he called "parasitical bourgeoisie."

Opposition leader Henrique Capriles, who is governor of Miranda state, said on Twitter late Sunday, "Venezuela won."

Los resultados son los esperados! Ganó Venezuela! Irreversible! Con mucha humildad, serenidad, madurez, asumamos lo q el Pueblo decidió!

— Henrique Capriles R. (@hcapriles)
December 7, 2015

Capriles, 43, had narrowly lost the presidency to Maduro in a special election in April 2013 after Chávez died. Maduro, 53, a former bus driver handpicked by the cancer-stricken Chávez, has been blamed for Venezuela's economic woes.

On Sunday before the results were released, Maduro pledged to work with the incoming National Assembly and said he would schedule working meetings with the new deputies to smooth the transition.

Capriles said after casting his ballot, "The government has used state funds to finance their campaigns." He stressed that all changes "must be made legally, constitutionally and peacefully."

Venezuela's oil-dependent economy is likely to contract up to 10% this year, and inflation rages at an annual rate of more than 150%. Shortages of basic food, medicine and spare parts are common, as Maduro slashed imports to free up dollars to make debt payments.

The drop in oil prices has hit Venezuela especially hard. The country sits on the world's largest oil reserves and derives 95% of its hard currency from crude sales. Maduro had asked Venezuelans to support the socialist party candidates to protect Chávez's legacy — the anti-capitalistic movement of giving more to the poor called Chávismo — while promising to boost pensions, scholarships and public housing. Even with the Democratic Unity's victory, Maduro and his party could make it difficult for an opposition-dominated assembly to govern. The outgoing assembly could grant Maduro special powers to rule by decree. Such a decision would certainly be challenged in the Supreme Court, where Maduro's supporters are in the majority.

"This will be uncharted waters for Chávismo, and it is hard to know what will happen," Smilde said.

The Democratic Unity coalition, which includes more than a dozen parties that have competed for power in the past, could also have trouble governing, Smilde said. The coalition is united only in its opposition to Chávismo and has not produced a detailed plan as to how it would reactivate the economy. Even though the coalition will hold a majority of seats, just selecting the National Assembly's president and other officers will create tensions, he said.

"We're going to see all sorts of coalitions emerge," Smilde said.

Colombia finds what may be world's largest sunken treasure

CARTAGENA, Colombia (AP) — Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos hailed Saturday the discovery of a Spanish galleon that went down off the South American nation's coast more than 300 years ago with what might be the world's largest sunken treasure.

At a press conference in the colonial port city of Cartagena, Santos said the exact location of the San Jose galleon, and how it was discovered with the help of an international team of experts, was a state secret that he would personally safeguard.

The San Jose originally sank somewhere in the wide area off Colombia's Baru peninsula, south of Cartagena.

While no humans have yet to reach the wreckage site, the government said autonomous underwater vehicles have gone there and brought back photos of dolphin-stamped bronze cannons in a well-preserved state that leave no doubt about the ship's identity.

The discovery is the latest chapter in an ongoing saga that began three centuries ago, on June 8, 1708, when the Spanish ship with 600 people aboard sank to the bottom of the sea as it was trying to outrun a fleet of British warships.

It is believed to have been carrying 11 million gold coins and jewels from then Spanish-controlled colonies that could be worth billions of dollars if ever recovered. The ship, which maritime experts consider the holy grail of Spanish colonial shipwrecks, has remained submerged ever since off the coast of Cartagena even as a legal battle has raged in United States, Colombia and Spain about who owns the rights to the sunken treasure.

In 1982, Sea Search Armada, a salvage company owned by U.S. investors including the late actor Michael Landon and convicted Nixon White House adviser John Ehrlichman, announced it had found the San Jose's resting place 700 feet below the water's surface.

Two years later, Colombia's government overturned well-established maritime law that gives 50 percent to whoever locates a shipwreck, slashing Sea Search's take down to a 5 percent "finder's fee."

A lawsuit by the American investors in a federal court was dismissed in 2011, and the ruling was affirmed on appeal two years later. Colombia's Supreme Court has ordered the ship to be recovered before the international dispute about the fortune can be settled. Santos didn't mention any salvage company's claim during his presentation, but the government said that the ship had been found Nov. 27 in a never-before referenced location through the use of new meteorological and underwater mapping studies.

Danilo Devis, who has represented Sea Search in Colombia for decades, expressed optimism that the sunken treasure, whose haul could easily be worth more than \$10 billion, would finally be recovered. But he bristled at the suggestion that experts located the underwater grave anywhere different from the area adjacent to the coordinates Sea Search gave authorities three decades ago.

"The government may have been the one to find it but this really just reconfirms what we told them in 1982," he told The Associated Press from his home in Barranquilla, Colombia.

The president said any recovery effort would take years but would be guided by a desire to protect the national patrimony.

During his presentation, Santos showed an underwater video that appears to show jewels and the cannons.

In the footage, English-speaking crew members aboard a Colombian naval ship can be seen launching the underwater vehicle into the ocean.

UK leader visits flood-hit northern England, Scotland

LONDON — British Prime Minister David Cameron visited a swath of northwest England inundated by floods, as rescuers pulled people from waterlogged homes after record rainfall led to at least one death and swamped some 3,500 properties.

The visit comes amid criticism that 45 million pounds spent on flood defenses after major floods in 2005 failed to hold back the deluge in Cumbria, the hardest-hit county. The area got a month's worth of rainfall in a day — about 34 centimeters (13.4 inches). Visiting a flooded home in the city of Carlisle, Cameron called the damage "horrific" and vowed to review flood defenses.

Environment Secretary Liz Truss said that in the worst-hit towns and cities, water levels were half a meter (20 inches) higher than during the 2005 floods.

She said extreme weather events like the weekend deluge were "consistent with the trends we're seeing in terms of climate change."

While local leaders demanded an investigation, Floods Minister Rory Stewart defended the government, arguing that defenses had slowed down the water to allow more time for evacuations.

"When you face, as we have now, probably the highest rainfall we have ever had in the

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

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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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BAD RACE CARD PLAY

BERNIE SANDERS AND BAD AL SHARPTON
MEETING NEW YORK CITY, N.Y. USA,
FEBRUARY 10, 2016, WEDNESDAY...

Some Fool! Miseducated Bernie to Bad AL Sharpton, as a so-called Black Civil Rights Leader.

However, the Social Internet has educated and exposed to the Peoples: Uncle AL, like his unwilling Slave Ancestors - is bought and owned by the Establishment. CHECK-OUT: PBS.org/TonyBrownsJournal2001; "THE THIRD COAST BY SALIM MAWAKKIL .. "When "keepin' it Real Goes Wrong" COM Cast, which owns MSNBC, gave AL Sharpton \$ 3.8 million but for what exactly is a subject of debate. ZINTHESetimes.com APRIL 2015, P. 16

Senator Bernie, unlike Rev. Jesse Jackson, S.P., 1984 and 1988, Black Voters would not

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DECODING BILL CLINTON !!

THE CORPORATE MEDIA RATE BILL CLINTON AS ONE OF OUR COUNTRY'S BEST POLITICIANS!

BSSS!!!

Contrarily Bill Clinton is one of universe Worst of the Worst Politicians. He is Self-destructive, Reckless and Narcissistic, as demonstrated by three brief prominent illustrations:

A] MS. MONICA LEWINSKY

B] A reported Telephonic 2008 conversation with Late Senator (D. MA.) Edward Kennedy, Clinton, in effect, exclaimed that that guy (candidate Barack Obama) a few years ago he'd be serving us coffee. [ANYONE WHO THINKS SEN. KENNEDY WOULD JEOPARDIZE HIS... THE KENNEDY FAMILY LEGACY OF SUPPORTING BLACK CIVIL RIGHTS IS BORDERLINE BEING MAD!]

Indeed, Sen. Kennedy blew-up on and got up off his Death Bed to go ALL

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C.J. To PLAY the RACE CARD Against Candidate Obama IN 2008 contest with madam Hilary Clinton : This whole thing is a FAIRY TALE", and then in South Carolina Primary " Blacks will vote for Obama, because he's black " !!

Now Bill is Repeating this Reckless Behavior against Bernie Sanders in New Hampshire ON February 8-9, 2016.

BILL should retire this BS Myth Now!

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TAYLOR SWIFT
WILDEST DREAM

UPDATE

Universal Friends,

OUR Sweet Taylor Swift, moved to New York city, N.Y. USA. She formed her own Girl Gang (BAN BLOOD VIDEO) #6 THE RISE OF #GIRLS QUADS.

Those glam models schooled her on how to SEX-UP her "Red Lips" and "Pretty Thighs"!

MATURE!

Reportedly she moved in with her Emore than a weekend] man Calvin Harris in California.

But she has grown-up enough to know:
"... No one has to know what we do" IN
"WILDEST DREAM"!!!!!!

Good For You! SWEET DREAM Taylor!!

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THE BLACK VOTE ???

UPDATE:

Without rational dispute, the Republicans
can not win the Presidency when **BLACKS, LATINOS
AND ASIANS VOTE!**

The Democrats can not lose when
BLACK VOTERS turn out to vote since 1960
JFK!!

The CLINTON TEAM boldly boast that
the BLACK VOTE is her "FIREWALL" to save her
election to the President. **ESQUIRE CHARLES
PIERCE ON BILL PRESS RADIO SHOW FEBRUARY 2,
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We must STOP !!! that BY ANY MEANS
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CHECK-OUT: "THE TURNING POINT EVERY FOUR YEARS the contending political parties describe the impending presidential election as a great historic event, and once in a while it is true. The 2016 election looms as one of the most pivotal moments of our time."

— BY SEAN WILENTZ Rollingstone.
COM DECEMBER 17-31, 2015, P. 52

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