

Dear Son:

I have become a little older since I saw you last, and a few changes have come into my life since then. Frankly, I have become a frivolous old gal. I am seeing five gentlemen everyday. As soon as I wake up, Will Power helps me get out of bed. Then I go to see John. Then Charlie Horse comes along, and when he is here he takes a lot of my time and attention. When he leaves, Arthur Ritis shows up and stays the rest of the day. He doesn't like to stay in one place very long, so he takes me from joint to joint. After such a busy day, I'm really tired and glad to go to bed with Ben Gay. What a life. Oh yes, I'm also flirting with Al Zymer.

Love, Grandma



A clean heart create for me, God; renew in me a steadfast spirit.
(Ps. 51:12)



Abortion Stops
a Beating Heart

BY: LEON IRBY

With all things
God are possible
Matthew 19:26

Life is Fragile
Handle with Prayer

Prayerful Careful
Driving
Saves Lives



DATED: March 2, 2016

PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH

submitted by Nellie M. Gurrath

All-powerful God, You are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of Your creatures. You embrace with Your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of Your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in Your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards Your infinite light.

We thank You for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Amen.

(in tribute to Pope Francis, who made his first visit to the United States this year, and who proclaimed the need for protecting our planet.)

A Prayer For Living By The Golden Rule

Father, You have placed Your children in a world where people push and shove to be first. Because of their self-importance they clamor for recognition and will stop at nothing until they get what they want in life, good or bad. But You've called us to view life from a perspective that considers others as important as ourselves. We are to have a humble attitude that puts You first, others second and ourselves last in everything we do. In our humanity this is impossible, but as we are being transformed into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus, we become more like Him. Our love and consideration for others grow and we apply the golden rule to our lives where we do to others as we would have them do to us. May this relationship rule guide us as we make decisions that affect others and us. Help us to have the mind of Christ in all that we do. Amen.

Prayer for Those Living Alone

I live alone, dear Lord, stay by my side.
In all my daily needs be my guide.
Grant me good health, for that I pray
To carry on my work from day to day.
Keep pure my thoughts my every deed,
Let me be unselfish in my neighbor's needs.
Spare me from fire, floods, malicious tongues
From thieves, from fear, and evil ones.
If sickness or an accident befall me,
Then humbly, Lord, I pray hear my call.
When I am feeling low or in despair
Lift up my heart and help me in my prayer.
I live alone, Dear Lord, yet have no fear
Because I feel Your Presence ever near.

A world at prayer is a world at peace



ADULT CONTENT !!! !!

REAL POLITIK !!!

BIG TRICKY DICK

DONALDTRUMPS

SAYS HE HAS
A BIG DICK

WE SAY:

BETTER TO
F--K

THE WORLD WITH !!!

TIP THIS PEN TO: TAYLOR SWIFT
AND LAMAR, KENDRICK

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: MARCH 3, 2016

HERE COME DE JUDGE !!!!!

DR. WILLIAM BILL COSBY, Ph.D

UPDATE:

SHOUT-OUT

TO: JERROD CARMICHAEL

NEW NEGROE ON THE NBC.COM TV BLOCK !!

NEGROE ON BLACK RACISM!!!

That Negroe, AKA Judas, earned his
Money [Also showing how was given
that show ! ! !] ON SUNDAY, MARCH 13,
2016, 8: P.M. CDT; by murthering his masters'
" GUILTY VERDICT " ON DR. COSBY ! ! ! !

" SHAME WHAT HE DID TO THOSE
WOMEN, THOUGH "

Carmichael, WILLIE LYNCHED!
FIRST THE TRIAL ! ! ! !

BY: LEON Z RBY DATED: MARCH 13, 2016

WILLIE BESS LIVES 2016

UPDATE:

SHOUT-OUT

TO: JERROD CARMICHAEL

Sir, you have but ONE MOUTH!

You do not speak for 23 million

AFRICAN-AMERICANS!!!!

Do your Minstrel Bit [with ONE LESS
VIEWER!

And let alone "The Soul of Black
FOLKS"!!!!

Thank You!

"THE MISEDUCATION OF THE NEGRO"!!!!

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: MARCH 13, 2016

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

Watching State "WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT"
DEBATE with Justice Rebecca Bradley,
APPOINTED by controversial Gov. (R.) Scott
Walker, and OPPONENT Judge JOANN Klop-
penburg... MARCH 15, 2016 WKOKTV27.COM
7:PM CT. JUSTICE WHO

I write only to LEASE Justice
Bradley reaction to question by Moderator
pertaining to her written diatribe, denoun-
cing gays as evil and AIDS and Abortion
as behavioral acts of murder - ad Nou-
Seam.

WHOSE CHILD PLAY
She excuses herself as being a 21
years old college "kid" (Yea! Kid at 21!!)
at that time - or Now 24 years Ago!

However, she only apologized when
exposed by others. Otherwise there is
NO RECORD of a Public Disavowal.

ELECTION DAY APRIL 5, 2016...
NO!!!

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: MARCH 15, 2016

PRISON LIFE

DAYS AND NIGHTS
OF SELF-REFLECTION!!!!!!

IS...

I WISH...

I WISH...

I WISH...

I WISH...

I W-I-S-H...

I W — I — S — H...

I ~~W~~ - I - S ————— H...

I WISH

By: LEON IRBY DATED: MARCH 16, 2016

#TRUTH AND CONSEQUENCES !!!

WHO DARES SPEAK THE TRUTH
AND THIS INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX
MEDIA "PC" WORLD!!!

SUPERMODEL SHEALTEIGS

EVEN WITH TV DR. OZ
EXPERT MEDICAL OPINION

AS BACK-UP

Still was coerced into saying: I'M SORRY
for saying: OF THE 2016 SPORTS ILLUSTRATED
"35 INCH WAIST" PLUS SIZE
MODEL IS "UNHEALTHY"!!!

SEE ALL THE FAT LOVERS!!

BUT LOOK AT ALL THE FAT
CELEBRITIES ALA TARA BANKS! OPRAH!
AND ADELE! LOSE THOSE POUNDS!!

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: MARCH 18, 2016

FREE THE INNOCENT PRISONER

ALBERT WOOD FOX, 68, 43 years in Solitary Confinement, Angola 3, LA, USA, Accused of killing a Prison Guard.

FREED!!

WELCOME HOME!!!

DIE FREE!!!

FOR THE REST OF THE STORY...

CHECK-OUT ABC NEWS.COM #WORLDNEWS-
TONIGHT SATURDAY 5:30 P.M. CT FEBRUARY
20, 2016. #THE INDEX

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: MARCH 18, 2016

PRESIDENT 2016
NO! NO!

UPDATE

BARACK H. OBAMA

MARK RUBIO

OUT MARCH 15, 2016.
TUESDAY

TRUMPED!!!

Now:

TED CRUZ

To GO!!!!!!

ALL FOREIGNERS

AND

HELL NO!!!

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: MARCH 18, 2016

WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT

2ND DEBATE

WISCONSIN VOTE.ORG

WPT.ORG FRIDAY MARCH 18, 2016,

8:PM ET - 7:PM CST USA

ELECTION DAY APRIL 5, 2016

JUSTICE REBECCA BRADLEY

APPOINTED, TO REPLACE DECEASED JUSTICE, BY
INFAMOUS GOV. (R. WIS.) SCOTT WALKER

APPEALS COURT JUDGE
JOANE KLOPPENBURG
ELECTED BY VOTERS

Justice Bradley reasserted she based
her own Judicial Philosophy "Same" as late U.S.
Supreme Justice ANTONIN SCALIA [1936-2016]..

She was again queried on her
pieces exposing obscenity concerning
the LGBT and Gay communities equating
AIDS to murder and Abortion to the Holo-
caust [late DC, 2006]!!! Ad Nauseum!

IN A RELATED NEWS STORY WKOW.COM
abcTV 27, MADISON, WIS., FRI. MARCH 18, 2016, 6:PM, CT

Elected Ladies State Democrat Officials
and other concerned citizens gave A PRESS
CONFERENCE to demand more from Justice Brad-
ley of her purported "change" of "World View".
Like "when" and "cause", etc.!!!

Such candid and widely-known HATE!
Must be resoundingly VOTED off the state's
HIGHEST COURT OF LAST RESORT!

I pray this urgent election is
getting essential NATIONAL -- UNIVERSAL!
Media SPOTLIGHT!!!

SEE DEBATE AT WISCONSIN.VOTE.COM

VOTE JOANNE KLOPPENBURG APRIL 5, 2016

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: MARCH 19, 2016

KIM KARDASHIAN, UNDUPLICATED
AND NUDE PHOTOS AND RACISM !!!

March 8, 2014. Kim is being unfairly Castigated for Posting a FULL FRONTAL lovely, sexy Nude (Selfie)!!! TMZONTV.COM

z write to tease her ignorant CRITICS, Claiming her FORTUNE, FAME and POWER is due solely to Sex Tape with JAY-JAY!

Such is Patently, on its face, extremely Absurd - Irrational!!!

If Nudity is Lady Kim's ONLY "COMMODITY" to gain FORTUNE, FAME and POWER, then it follows ALL another has to do is a similar Sex TAPE to attain what she HAS!!

WHERE ARE THE DUPLICATORS!

Like Madam Pamela Anderson; So-called Porn Stars; Who FILM Sex Acts for a Livelihood!; and MOVIE Stars Like M.M. and B.B. [FRENCH ACTOR BRIDGET BARDOT]?

Now! THE ONE AND ONLY!!!

The KARDASHIANS AND KENDALLS ' [KK] 'S EMPIRE IS UNIQUE AND EXTRAORDINARY AND GENUINE AND RICH FAMILY ENTERPRISE !!!

IF I HEAR ONE MORE SUPERSTAR BOAST OF "TALENT", I SHALL SIC RIN TINTIN AND LASSIE ON EM !!!

REMEMBER! Her mean spirited and covetous BACKBITTERS, MS. Little Shirley Temple and RINTINTIN and Lassie had more manifested "TALENT" in one paw than the whole BUNCH OF YOU!

CHECK-OUT: "KIM KANYE Their War of Words" US MAGAZINE.COM / HOT STUFF MARCH 28, 2016, p. 28

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: MARCH 19, 2016
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IT'S A LOVER'S QUESTION!!!

UPDATE

SHOUT OUT

To: LOVELY VIOLA DAVIS

ACTOR! ABC "HOW TO
GET AWAY WITH MURDER"!!!

I postulate that lovely Actor Viola Davis
endless push out to show how ugly "REAL"
] She can make-up herself stems from
some deep seated inferiority- complex
and external projected "self-hatred"
and a false sense of "undeserving" of
your abundant just deserts!!!

PLEASE STOP IN THE NAME OF LOVE!!

XOXO!!!

BY: LEON ZRBY DATED: MARCH 20, 2016

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ALL YOUNEEDS LOVE ONE WORLD !!!

CHECK-OUT: " BETWEEN THE LINES MODELS AND
REAL LIFE COUPLE.. VOGUE, CAM

HOW LONG!

WITH A HOT BLOND ! ! ! ! !
GIVE US A BLACK MAN SO MAKING OUT

HOR! HOLD-UP THE PRESS UNTIL YOU

RAVES MAKING-OUT !!!

WHITE NALYE JUNIOR... BURNING-UP THE

HAMMAM AND ESPICENE BOYFRIEND MODEL

ACHINGLY GORGEOUS CAMEL MODEL I MADD

2016, ISSUE, P.P. 162-171, WITH PICS, OF

OBSCURE ZINE AS DEPICTED IN VOGUE FEBRUARY

PLEASE DON'T EVER AGAIN SEND ME AN

CAMEL EYE CANDY !!!

HOW LONG !!!

TO: ALL GLAM ZINES

SHOUT-OUT

GLOBAL WORLD

WILLIE LYNCH DIVIDED THE BLACKS!!!

WHY THE OSCAR BOYCOTT
WILL NOT WORK!!!

UPDATE:

LIBER-UBIQUITOUS MS. WHOOP!
GOLDBERG!!!

ON March 3, 2016, Whoopi, declared on her
ABC.COM / THE VIEW; 10: A.M. CDT; IF YOU WOULD-
ER WHY I DO WHAT I DO, IT'S FOR THE MONEY!!!

Did you see Whoopi at the OSCARS, FEBRUARY
28, 2016, and her ubiquity presence on TV
Radio! and Newspapers and Social Media
- IN following days being quoted - Demeaning
The Oscar Boycott! Her most telling put
down was: "You Know they Boycotted me!!!"

Like, Heck! They'll Boycott ANY little thing!!
THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER!!!

Well! Universal Friends! Her "Master"
The "Moneychangers" richly paid off MS.
Whoopi.

Have you noticed her absence currently

from THE VIEW...

They gave her Job making a MOVIE with
"WINNING" MR. Charlie Sheen.

They gave Whoopi a RENEWAL 2017 SEASON
OF THE VIEW. O' HAPPY DAY!!!

So, she CAN continue to be a
"mouthpiece" for the White Establishment
and making their "FEEL GOOD" !! DAYS !!

HOW LONG!!!

MIS EDUCATION OF THE NEGRO !!!

BY: LEON I R BY DATED: MARCH 20/2016

DONALD J. TRUMP'S
"TRUMPISM"
VERSUS

SHOUT-OUT

TO: SHARON OSBOURNE

CBS.COM/THE TALK

11 P.M. CDT

LOOK AT YOU!!!

I call upon you and your "SECT" to PAUSE
and carefully REFLECT ON YOUR OWN MEDIA
Reckless creation of Societal and POLITICAL
"TRUMPISM"!!!

Several months Ago at Another of the AWARDS
Show While you and your Show Sect were Re-
ceiving an AWARD, and then a Young
Black Boy UNINVITED came up to YOU ALL
ON the stage

And you violently several Times KICKED
HIM!!!

Further, the following Day you Vigorous-
ly, excitedly bragged of it, and how you'd
violently KICK the BLACK kid again on
your Show,

" Give him another Good kick"!!!

HIGH SOCIETY!!! HIGH STEPPING!!

This Violent Incident became just another FUNNY!! LAUGHABLE OUT LOUD!!

"HOT TOPIC" ON the Chatter-Box Shows, Like ET.com (a) Kevin Frazier; ABC.com / THE VIEW... and ad Nauseum!!!

MIRROR! MIRROR ON TV!!!
Now you ALL dare to B...H!!!
shout ... at "TRUMPISM" Mirroring
your "SHOWS"!!!

How LONG!!!

#TURN OFF THE "CHATTER BOX" TV!!!

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: MARCH 21, 2016

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Reflection

The mystic Kahlil Gibran wrote: "You pray in your distress and in your need; would that you might pray also in the fullness of your joy!"

The comforting thought about prayer is this: No matter what motivates us to pray, be it sadness or gladness, God is always there to listen and to respond. However, there is some truth in the mystic's observation. Wouldn't it be better to simply pray for God's guidance, for knowledge of His will and the strength to carry it out?

"*Thy will, not mine, be done!*" What a simple prayer of surrender...Thy will be done! After all, can there be any doubt that God knows what is best for us?

† Spend some time in quiet prayer, thanking God for the joyful things in life! we often make a marvelous discovery—we are not alone in our circumstances; there are people in this world *just like us!*

Granted, each of us has unique qualities, characteristics that set us apart from anyone else. And yet, the heart of the king beats the same as that of the beggar.

How often we concentrate on our differences—social, economic, cultural, ethnic, political, religious! What a tragedy that we often fail to see our similarities!

We may not be able to earn the friendship of others. However, that should not keep us from treating everyone as we would like to be treated...with respect, love and understanding...indeed, with dignity!

The grace of God is found in courtesy.

† Think of someone you have difficulty liking. Now write down some things you might have in common with that person.

The manager administers, the leader innovates. The manager maintains, the leader develops. The manager relies on systems, the leader relies on people. The manager counts on controls, the leader counts on trust. The manager does things right, the leader does the right thing.



Reflection

Ask yourself these questions: How do I feel? What do I need?

When we are in touch with our feelings it is easier to avoid the pitfalls that destroy self-esteem.

One of those pitfalls is the common desire to please others. It is good to realize that God's approval is all we need.

Again, it is true that God made us in His own image—but He did not make us His equals. Therefore, we are *not* perfect creatures...and God does not expect us to be. This imperfection is, indeed, what makes us most lovable in His sight, for in our imperfection we are most dependent upon Him.

We are called by God to accept ourselves for what and who we are—with no embellishments, nor detractions.

We are no more than children of God—and that, in itself, should lift us above all self-questioning.

† Now ask yourself those questions again. How do I feel? What do I need?

A group of two hundred executives were asked what makes a person successful. Eighty percent listed enthusiasm as the most important quality.

You will find as you look back upon your life that the moments when you have really lived are the moments when you have done things in the spirit of love.



rwoblewski@wi.rr.com; rzachman@sssf.org; stedon@charter.net
Subject: HANDY HINTS: FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH:

Drinking two glasses of Gatorade can relieve headache pain almost immediately-without the unpleasant side effects caused by traditional pain relievers.

Did you know that Colgate toothpaste makes an excellent salve for burns.

Before you head to the drugstore for a high-priced inhaler filled with mysterious chemicals, try chewing on a couple of curiously strong Altoids peppermints. They'll clear up your stuffed nose.

Achy muscles from a bout of the flu? Mix 1 Tablespoon of horseradish in 1/2 cup of olive oil. Let the mixture sit for 30 minutes, then apply it as a massage oil, for instant relief for aching muscles.

Sore Throat?? Just mix 1/4 cup of vinegar with 1/4 cup of honey and take 1 Tablespoon six times a day. The vinegar kills the bacteria.

Cure urinary tract infections with alka-seltzer. Just dissolve two tablets in a glass of water and drink it at the onset of the symptoms. Alka-Seltzer begins eliminating urinary tract infections almost instantly — even though the product was never been advertised for this use.

Eliminate puffiness under your eyes.... All you need is a dab of preparation H, carefully rubbed into the skin, avoiding the eyes. The hemorrhoid ointment acts as a vasoconstrictor, relieving the swelling instantly.

Honey remedy for Skin Blemishes.... Cover the blemish with a dab of honey and place a band-aid over it. Honey kills the bacteria, keeps the skin sterile, and speeds healing. Works overnight.

Listerine therapy for toenail fungus.... Get rid of unsightly toenail fungus by soaking your toes in Listerine mouthwash. The powerful antiseptic leaves your toenails looking healthy again.

Easy eyeglass protection.... To prevent the screws in eyeglasses from loosening, apply a small drop of Maybelline Crystal Clear nail polish to the threads of the screws before tightening them.

Coca-Cola cure for rust...Forget those expensive rust removers. Just saturate an abrasive sponge with Coca Cola and scrub the rust

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: 2 of 2 | March 23, 2019

BOMB!!! BOMB!!! BOMB AWAY!!

UPDATE:

#TRUMPISM

USA (R.) PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE
DONALD J. TRUMP:

Threaten to use NUCLEAR BOMBS!!!

Against ISIS

!!!!!!!

ABC NEWS.COM WEDNESDAY MARCH 23, 2016

Universal Friends —

At hottest point during President Richard
M. Nixon's "WATERGATE CRISIS" C. 1975
Secretary of Defense Alexander Haig and
and/or Secretary of state HENRY KISSINGER
(sic) ordered The Pentagon NOT TO
TAKE ORDERS FROM President NIXON.

EMERGENCY RED ALERT SOUNDED!

Now is the "moment of urgency"!!
to consider placing Ironclad Legal Re-
straints ON FUTURE Presidents capacity and
Ability to use Nuclear weapons in this
"ROMAN" CONTINUAL Global Wars!!! Age!

MAY THE FORCE BE
WITH US ALL

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: MARCH 23, 2016

YOU SAY YOU WANT
A REVOLUTION !!! — LENNON & YOKO

HEY BERNIE 2016 !!!

UPDATE:

I HOPE WE DON'T GET
FOOLED AGAIN !!!

YOU ARE RUNNING TO WIN !

BUT YOU ARE NOT FIGHTING TO WIN !!!

old "TRUMPISM" !!! | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
WE'D LOVE YOUR PLAN .id

YOU CAN BEAT HILLARY, AS WIN IN
KK KENTUCKY manifested !!

HOWEVER, YOU WANT EVEN TRY IN ORDER
TO AVOID DAMAGING HER IN THE UPCOMING
GENERAL ELECTION. Thus conceding the
REVOLUTIONARY VICTORY IN NOVEMBER
2016 !!!

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Presenting Democratic Socialist Viewpoints

Bernie Sanders' Legacy

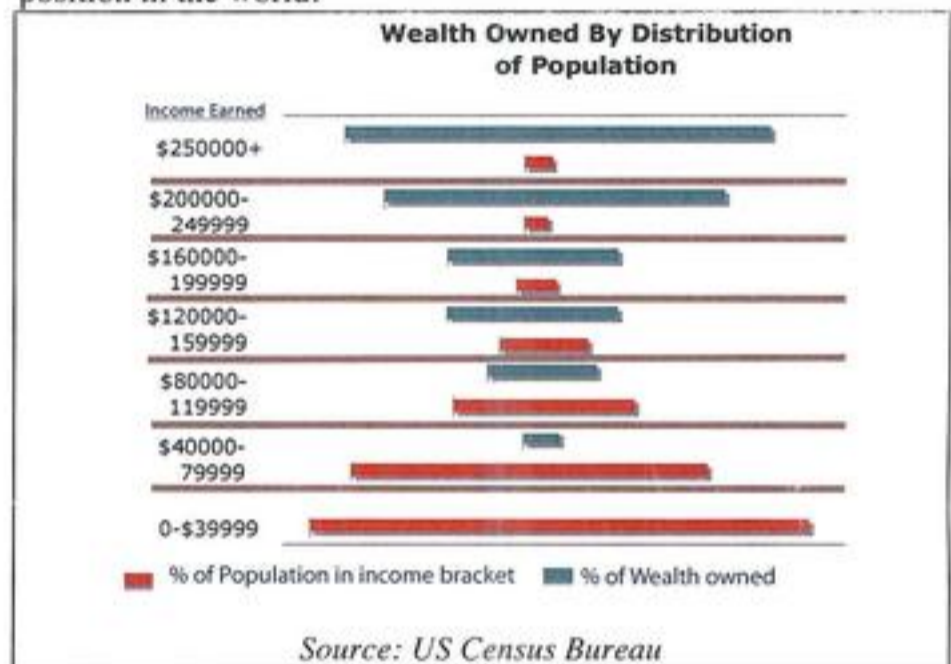
First, here is a message to Bernie Sanders' supporters. The headline is not meant to be a message of doom, but a message of what I hope will be the long-term effects of the Sanders' presidential bid. Sanders has reintroduced Americans to the word socialism, more specifically democratic socialism. Die-hard socialists know that after the Socialist Movement had success in the beginning of the 20th Century, the movement was quickly disparaged by corporate interests, the corporate media and unfortunately in many educational institutions. The fact that democratic socialism thrived in Western Europe was largely ignored and socialized institutions were ridiculed and slandered by capitalistic USA institutions and their leaders. We are often told untrue horror stories about the socialized medical systems in other countries (in spite of health indicators that indicate the socialized systems are providing better services than the market driven health care in the USA).



Sanders is not the first harbinger of change, The Labor Movement and the Consumer Movement, the Civil Rights Movement, the Peace Movement, and others have continued to speak out, but their voices seemed to be muffled more and more. We witnessed the Occupy Wall Street actions, followed by the 99%ers, the Black Lives Matter movement, A movement for immigration reform, and others. Sanders has made a political career in Vermont as a self-described democratic socialist looking out for the welfare of working people. Sanders has never run for office under the banner of the Socialist Party, early in his political career he ran unsuccessfully for a couple of offices in Vermont. He has always identified himself as a democratic socialist and has always run as an independent. This run for the presidency is Sanders' first effort as a Democrat.

Sanders' socialism and his success at motivating people to support his policies has caught much of the establishment by surprise. It is giving socialists a chance to step out of the shadows and turn political discussion away from politics that ignores the abuses of capitalism and the segregated society that allows corporate power to dominate our lives. At long last social inequality and social class are becoming important topics.

Hopefully, Sanders' successes turn the discussion away from bashing labor unions (and working people) in the interests of efficiency and restoring American capitalism to a prominent position in the world.



The above chart shows the degree that the USA has become a society of a few very wealthy people and many lacking any wealth. As our political conversations have focused on guns, fake education reform proposals, abortion rights, bloated budgets, tax cuts, balanced budgets (one of the most misleading and hypocritical issues we continually face) and calls for more jobs (while ignoring wages), the divide between rich and poor and the resulting social injustice grows.

Notwithstanding Bernie's victories (or defeats), it is more important to rebuild the Socialist Movement around his message. **We need to reignite the passion of 100 years ago! We need to demand a voice and power for working people! We need the POLITICAL REVOLUTION! DS**

PEACE ACTION WISCONSIN NEEDS YOUR HELP!
The SP-Milwaukee's landlord, Peace Action Wisconsin, is having financial problems and could use some help. Make donations payable to Peace Action Wisconsin and send to 1001 E. Keefe, Milwaukee WI 53212.

Words for thought

"The so-called "free market" is in fact a series of rules agreed upon and enforced by government. We should be asking who influences these rules and who benefits from them, because these policies have helped to create historic levels of income inequality." Robert Reich

"Winner-take-all form of capitalism fattens investors by cannibalizing the living standards of everyone else." Nancy Fraser

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Clinton, Sanders and the Democratic Party

The Republican Party is no longer the Party of "Fighting" Bob La Follette, or even the more moderate Eisenhower and Nixon. This years GOP presidential candidates range from very scary to kind of scary. The Democrats have two candidates remaining who show some substance.

One is Hillary Clinton, wife of former President Bill. The other is Bernie Sanders, a long-time self declared democratic socialist and a career politician making his first venture in major party politics.

New York Times' columnist Maureen Dowd best sums up their differences:

"Bernie has a clear, concise "we" message, even if it's pie-in-the-sky: The game is rigged and we have to take the country back from the privileged few and make it work for everyone. Hillary has an "I" message: I have been abused and misunderstood and it's my turn."

Clinton is very bright and has an impeccable resume, but her approach turns people off of politics and why 3rd parties on the left exist. Clinton is proud to be "pragmatic", while claiming to share most of Sanders' ideals. She doesn't want to deceive voters so she promises very little and shows little energy to fight for changes in the status quo. Unlike her husband who ran against an unpopular Republican incumbent, Clinton is seeking to replace a Democrat, who has faced an unfriendly, irresponsible Congress.

People are fed up with the status quo, which appears to be dominated by a rich oligarchy. Sanders is loud and clear that things have to change and that he will provide the leadership. We, the people, have to carry the fight to oust many members of Congress! Sanders' promises can only become reality if we have a political revolution, a **revolution that must be a SOCIALIST ONE!** DS

Oil, Banks and Global Financial Trouble!

The USA's dependence on oil in the 20th Century is legendary. The dependency began with the automobile and airplane. Both modes of transportation fit with individualistic traits in American society. Relatively cheap and abundant supplies of oil helped both industries grow and thrive. In the 1970s things changed. Oil producing nations wanted a larger share of the oil profits. The stage was set for a number of "oil shocks", as the oil producing nations joined forces to control supplies and prices. Oil prices rose in the next 40 years.

In sparsely populated oil producing nations, the oil revenues made everyone rich, the only poor were the workers and servants, immigrants brought in to provide cheap labor for the local populations. In the more populous oil rich nations, the profits went to a few political and economic leaders, who opened bank accounts in foreign countries and often bought extravagant homes in other parts of the world. This inequality destabilized many nations.

Meanwhile back in the USA, many complained about rising oil prices, but continued our wasteful ways. Oil companies continued to make obscene profits so our political and most of our economic institutions were happy. Auto companies made bigger vehicles, industries compensated for increased oil costs by sending jobs overseas to exploit the cheap labor sources. American workers worked harder and longer hours to compensate for lost jobs and inflated oil prices. Politicians touted the growth of America's oil production as high oil prices made extracting oil from new sources viable (think fracking). Thanks to newly developed extracting technology, political leaders complain that the environmentalists call for alternative; sustainable fuel sources will destroy the economy.

Recently, this game fell apart. The grotesque inequalities in the oil producing countries brought about social turmoil,

terrorism increased, as Western bigotry aimed at Arabs coupled with extreme poverty produced the terrorist groups; Islamic State (IS), Boko Haram (in Nigeria), and turmoil in the Sudan and Somalia. Leaders of these terrorists recruit pawns by playing on the anger created by bigotry and poverty. The Islamic State, by seizing parts of Iraq and Syria, gained access to oil wealth, which is dumped on the black-market. As the traditional oil producers lower oil prices, they also reduce the cash flow to IS. Oil prices have been dropping and American consumers have been able to buy cheap oil. This means more money in consumers' pockets, which should be good news for the economy, right? Well with lower oil prices come reduced profits for oil companies. The lower profits have created unstable financial markets.

The recent economic uncertainty demonstrates the power of financial institutions along with the vulnerability of consumers and the working people of the world! Why because the poorly regulated financial industry has so much invested in oil stocks that when oil prices drop (along with profits), oil companies have trouble paying off their debts. This happened with the "dotcom" bust when tech companies' growth stagnated and they could not repay debts. The "Housing Bubble" burst in the late 2000s and banks were stuck with lots of defaults on very speculative housing loans. In a poorly regulated industry greed gets the best of one's good judgment. The optimism of the financial capitalists that growth will never stop brings on economic disaster. This is why we need regulations that will control the unabashed greed that is part of the market system.

The greed factor inherent in capitalism is too strong a drug to be left unregulated! Another reason to build the SOCIALIST MOVEMENT! DS

SP-Milwaukee Local Meeting: Saturday, March 5, at 1:00 p.m. at 1001 East Keefe (enter side door).

Socialist Party of Metropolitan Milwaukee

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BY: LEON IRBY DATED: MARCH 23, 2016

POSITIVE THOUGHTS

If instead of a gem, or even a flower, we should cast the gift of a loving thought into the heart of a friend, that would be giving as the angels give.

-George MacDonald

God's gifts put man's best dreams to shame.

-Elizabeth Barrett Browning

How many lessons of faith and beauty we should lose, if there were no winter in our year!

-Thomas Wentworth Higginson

Good when He gives, supremely good, nor less when He denies. Afflictions, from His sovereign hand, are blessings in disguise.

-Brother Lawrence

Happiness

Never let a day go by without giving at least three people a compliment.

- Dad

Happiness is an inside job.

Most people are about as happy as they make up their minds to be.

- Abraham Lincoln

Success is getting what you want. Happiness is liking what you get.



Reflection

Prayer is among the more perfect expressions of faith. And what is *faith*? Faith is believing...believing that there is a God and that he cares enough for us to answer our needs.

Frequently, when our prayers are answered, we jubilantly proclaim for all to hear: "IT'S A MIRACLE!" And yet, there are no miracles without faith!

Another word for *faith* is *trust*. If we pray for a particular gift or blessing from God we must trust in His willingness to deliver. That means not worrying whether He will answer our prayer. It means turning it over to Him completely—trusting in His wisdom and patiently awaiting His response.

Here is something to think about: God *always* wants the best for us. However, what *we* want is not *always* best...*Thy will be done!*

† When has God answered your prayers with miracles?

An Evening Hymn

Jesus, tender shepherd, hear me,
Bless thy little lamb tonight,
Through the darkness be thou near me,
Keep me safe till morning light.

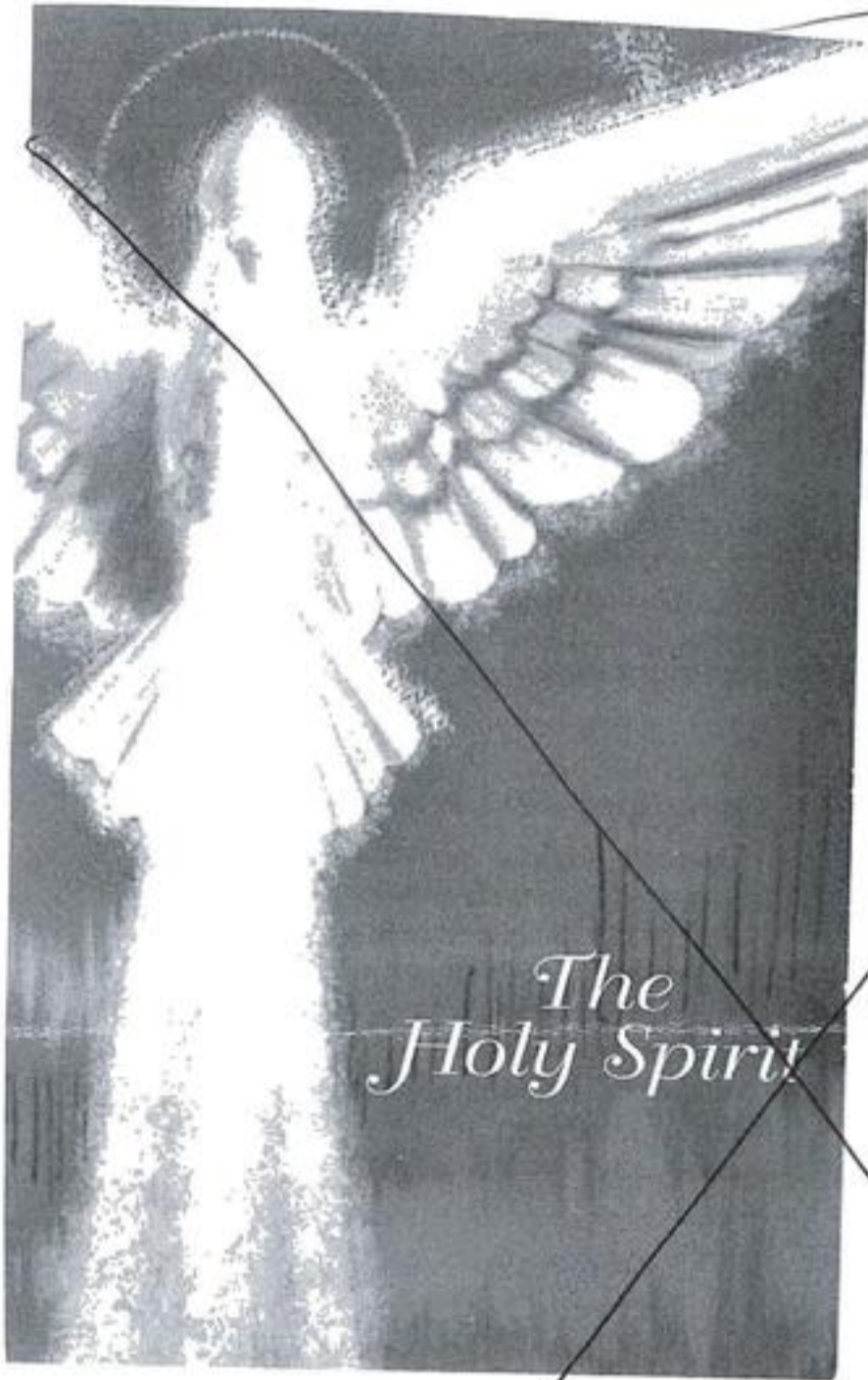
All this day thy hand has led me,
And I thank thee for thy care,
Thou hast warmed me, clothed, and fed me,
Listen to my evening prayer.

Let my sins be all forgiven;
Bless the friends I love so well;
Take me, when I die, to heaven,
Happy there with thee to dwell.

-Mary Duncan, 1839

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In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen



Come, Holy Spirit, Come
Come, Father of the poor!
Come, with treasures that endure:
Come, you light of all who live!
You in toil are comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.
Give us comfort when we die;
Give us life with you on high,
Give us joys that never end.
"We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life."

Come, Spirit of Knowledge
Father, all-wise and all-knowing, your Holy Spirit searches the deep things of God, and makes known to us the mind of our Lord, your Son. Impart to us now His gift of knowledge so that we may be enabled to love and serve you always in all those we encounter in life. In Christ's name we beg this gift of His Spirit. Amen.

"God chose those whom the world considers absurd to shame the wise; He singled out the weak to shame the strong."
(1 Corinthians 1:27)

Come, Spirit of Fortitude
Father all-powerful, in our weakness and sinfulness we fail unless you strengthen us with your Holy Spirit. Send us, then, His gift of courage to help our human frailty so that we may be perfect in doing your holy will. In Christ's name we ask the gift of fortitude. Amen.

"The love of God has been poured out in our hearts by His Spirit living in us."
(Romans 5:5)

Our soul's anointing from above.
"The way we know we remain in Him and He in us is that He has given us of His Spirit." (1 John 4:13)

Closing Daily Prayer

God, our Father, pour out the gifts of your Holy Spirit on the world. You sent the Spirit on your Church to begin the teaching of the Gospel: Now let the Spirit continue the work in the world through the hearts of all who believe. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

"Our call to be like Christ means we're to be gifts to each other. We are to know each other, fill the needs we see, give of ourselves sacrificially and generously. If wrapping something up can be even a small indication of this beautiful ideal, I say, bring on the bows."

—from Whirlybirds and Ordinary Times: Reflections on Faith and the Changing of Seasons by Katie Savage

The light of God surrounds me;
The love of God enfolds me;
The power of God protects me;
The presence of God
watches over me;
Wherever I am, God is.



SHE IS A LADY!!!

TALKIN BOUT:

MADAM CHLOÉ GRACE MORETZ

UPDATE:

Amazing Grace DECLINED TAYLOR'S
"GOLD" call to join her "SECT". TAYLOR
SWIFT FAMOUS SQUAD. TAYLOR SWIFT
Tumblr.com! ...

Gracefully, Rejecting its
"Exclusivity" and "CLIQUE"...

(A) DISH NATION
MARCH 23, 2016

YA GO GIRL!!!

Madam Grace is a "FREE"!!

"INDEPENDENT" and "ALL EMBRACING
ETHEREAL SPIRIT"!!

THE SHINEST SUPERSTAR!!!!

XOXO

CHECK-OUT: Marie Claire FEBRUARY
2016 COVER STORY MARIECLAIRE.COM

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RACHAEL DOLEZAL

IF YOU HAD A CHOICE OF COLORS,
WHICH ONE WOULD YOU CHOOSE...MR. CURTIS MAYFIELD

SOUL SISTER DOLEZAL
WHAT HAVE YOU STARTED!!!

UPDATE: "ROUSEY IS BLACK"
#TMZONTV WEDNESDAY MARCH 23,
2016

MS. RONDA ROUSEY, told TMZ that
her grandfather was a "FIRST BLACK
PHYSICIAN [...]"!

ROUSEY!!! Welcome SOUL SISTA RONDA

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DONALD J. TRUMP
"TRUMPISM"!!!

SHOUT-OUT

TO: LEN GOODMAN

MAD DOGS AND ENGLISHMEN!!!

MONDAY, March 21, 2016, 7: P.M. CDT USA, ABC.
COM / "DANCING WITH THE STARS" EXCUTOR LEN
GOODMAN AKA "BADMAN" ON THE SHOW TONIGHT
Mercilessly, Sadistically Castigated FOX
O.C. Alum Lovely Talented Actor MISCHA
BARTON, for her first "TANGO" Performance!

"IF THAT'S ALL THERE IS,
THEN LET'S DANCE" !!!!!!!

SIMON Cowell and these kinds Sado!
Sickos!! Shows give Birth to "TRUMPISM"
and the ENSE EVIL Language he uses!!

SHIP THESE RUDE DAMN "BRITISHERS"
OUT BACK TO KING GEORGE

TUNE THIS OBSCENE GARBAGE

O-U-T !!!!!!!

Yea!!! I TOLD YOU SO!!!

“LOOKING TO BE HEARD!!!”

CHECK-OUT MY EARLIER POST!!
JULY 8, 2013

“EXCERPT:

“Recently, in discussing his show cancellation Probt posed the rhetorical question: how can there not be an audience for a show like this highlighting [spotlighting] every day Peoples extraordinary lives.

This blogger Postulate this
apparent viable response.”

FORTHE REST OF THE STORY
GO TO THE ABOVE BLOG ?

LEN GOODMAN AKA 'BAD MAN' !! ABC.COM/DANCING WITH THE STARS

It's a new low for the YA series based on Veronica Roth's novels, which both opened north of \$50 million, but not unexpected. Lionsgate broke up Roth's final book into two movies, the second of which, "Ascendant," launches next year. And, like "Twilight" and "The Hunger Games," it's not unusual for Part 1 of a 2-film finale to fall short of some of its predecessors.

"It's had mixed results in general, but it's also had great results so I can't really fault a studio for going with that strategy," said Paul Dergarabedian, comScore's senior media analyst. "It's like skipping ahead in a book. I think it's a strategy that may want to be reconsidered. But there are other factors — is the movie good? What are the conditions of the marketplace?"

Dergarabedian also noted that fickleness of the teen audience might be playing into the big drop from the previous films.

"They're chasing an audience that is very difficult to pin down," he said. "What might be cool to them one day isn't cool the next." But while the future of drawn out YA franchises might be looking as bleak as the dystopias they portray, one genre that does seem to produce near-consistent hits is that of the faith-based film.

The latest entry, Sony's "Miracles From Heaven," took third place this weekend with an impressive \$15 million. The film, starring Jennifer Garner and Queen Latifah, opened Wednesday. It's earned \$18.6 million to date, and cost only \$13 million to produce.

Audiences, who were 65 percent female and 75 percent over the age of 25, gave the film an A+ CinemaScore, which bodes well for its longevity going into the Easter holiday weekend.

It's no secret that there have been a slew of faith-based breakout hits, but not many of them have mainstream Hollywood stars on the level of Garner and Latifah.

"These films are a home run in terms of having modest budgets and an audience, but star power does make a difference," Dergarabedian said.

Rory Bruer, Sony's President of Worldwide Distribution, agreed.

"It has a faith-based core, but this movie is for everyone," Bruer said.

Rounding out the top five were holdovers "10 Cloverfield Lane" and "Deadpool" with \$12.5 million and \$8 million, respectively.

The weekend overall was about on par with last year, but the 2016 box office is thriving, up 10.5 percent from 2015 — a number that is likely to rise when "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice" opens next weekend.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to comScore. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included.

Purple reign: Prince announces he's writing memoir

NEW YORK — Prince has been pretty prolific in the studio lately, but the pop

veteran is apparently finding time to write a memoir.

It was announced Friday that Spiegel & Grau, an imprint of Random House, had acquired the book. And Prince shared the news himself at a Manhattan club that night, telling the crowd, "The good people at Random House made me an offer I can't refuse."

Prince revealed that the working title for the book is *The Beautiful Ones*. A person he referred to as "my brother Dan" is "helping me with it," he added, "and he's a good critic...He's not a 'yes' man at all."

A press release describes the memoir as "an unconventional and poetic journey through (Prince's) life and creative work — from the family that shaped him and the people, places, and ideas that fired his creative imagination, to the stories behind the music that changed the world."

The book will be published in fall 2017.

New stars, return of familiar judge highlight ABC's 'Dancing'

A new crop of celebrity hoofers will get the spotlight on Season 22 of *Dancing With the Stars*, but a familiar face, returning head judge Len Goodman, will draw plenty of attention, too.

After a season away, Goodman will be back in the center seat between fellow original judges Carrie Ann Inaba and Bruno Tonioli when the ABC dance competition gets rolling Monday (8 p.m. ET/PT).

Goodman, 72, stayed in his native England for the fall season, judging *Strictly Come Dancing*, the model for the U.S. show, and attending to personal matters, including spending time with a new niece and a new granddaughter. He had knee surgery, too. "I've got a new knee. So I'm fantastic now," he says.

He tells USA TODAY he's happy to be back in the States for *Dancing*. "Why wouldn't I want to come to L.A. for 11 weeks and sit in the sun?"

It's more than that, however. While the show's structures are quite similar, he appreciates the energy of the U.S. version. "It's more vibrant. There's more razzamatazz, more wow, in the dances," he says.

The new season, which features 12 celebrity-pro pairings, will be Hough-free, as both judge Julianne Hough and her brother, six-time pro dancing champ Derek Hough, will be away this season. "If Julianne has a couple of weeks free, it would be lovely if she comes back as a guest judge," Goodman says.

He says he's excited about the new group, especially the fact that it includes three football players: current NFL stars Von Miller — the Super Bowl MVP — and Antonio Brown and former CFL and NFL quarterback Doug Flutie, a Heisman Trophy winner.

"Those football guys are very competitive," Goodman says. "I bet there will be a mini-competition."

Asked if *Dancing* will draw extra attention because celebrity dancer Marla Maples was

once married to presidential candidate Donald Trump, Goodman wonders "if old Donald will turn up. I think he will. No, he's too busy trying to get the Republican nomination. But you never know."

The six female stars, their pro partners and Monday's opening dances and musical accompaniment are: actress and Broadway professional Maples and Tony Dovolani, quickstep, *Sparkling Diamonds* from *Moulin Rouge* soundtrack; *The Facts of Life* and *Real Housewives of Atlanta* star Kim Fields and Sasha Farber, cha cha, *Sax* by Fleur East; *Fuller House* star Jodie Sweetin and Keo Motsepe, tango, *Confident* by Demi Lovato; *The O.C.* star Mischa Barton and Artem Chigvintsev, tango, *In the Night* by The Weeknd; *Good Morning America* weather anchor and new mother Ginger Zee and Valentin Chmerkovskiy, jive, *Move* from *Dreamgirls*; and UFC fighter Paige VanZant and Mark Ballas, foxtrot, *Ain't Got Far to Go* by Jess Glynne.

The six male celebrities, their pro partners and Monday's dances and songs are: Miller and Witney Carson, foxtrot, *My House* by Flo Rida; Brown and Sharna Burgess, quickstep, *Bad Man* by Pitbull; Flutie and Karina Smirnoff, foxtrot, *Sweet Caroline* by Neil Diamond; *America's Next Top Model* winner Nyle DiMarco and Peta Murgatroyd, cha cha, *Cake by the Ocean* by DNCE; Fox News Channel host Geraldo Rivera and Edyta Sliwinska, cha cha, *Treasure* by Bruno Mars; and Boyz II Men's Wanya Morris and Lindsay Arnold, cha cha, *Motownphilly* by Boyz II Men.

"I think it's going to be a fantastic season," Goodman says. "You've got such a diverse cast."

SOURCE CLOSE TO SINGER BRIAN JOHNSON CLAIMS THE SINGER WAS NOT FIRED FROM AC/DC, A MUTUAL DECISION WAS REACHED BY BOTH PARTIES

According to Blast Echo, a reported "source" close to singer Brian Johnson, has come forward to contradict comedian Jim Breuer's commentary that the vocalist was let go from AC/DC.

The source confirms that Johnson is no longer in AC/DC, but that it was a mutual decision with the rest of band, and that he "wasn't fired, not at all." "He's not gonna be in the band anymore," said the source, "because he doesn't want to take a chance with his hearing." The source said Johnson said to "consider him out of the band now." The source also corroborates that the band is looking for his replacement.

"[The band] decided maybe it's not the best thing to continue [with Johnson] if it's gonna mean his hearing is going to deteriorate completely," says the source. "They don't want that either."

With Johnson gone, speculation continues to run rampant as to who might replace him. Krokus singer Marc Storace recently told Blast Echo he'd be interested in auditioning for the spot, but it's not known if

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heroes messing around. But bringing Batman and Wonder Woman into this world was an easy transition, according to the filmmakers. "I made a movie called *Watchmen* a few years ago," *Batman v Superman* director Zack Snyder said. "It's an ensemble movie about a group of superheroes and I kind of felt like I had a little bit of an idea how to do that. And not to say that it's a repeat, but just as far as preparing I kind of had an idea how to do that."

"The more protagonists that you have, the more you have to devote time to them, and that's complicated because you want to make sure that the characters are fully realized," added producer Charles Roven. But he also noted, without naming names, (cough, *Avengers*, cough cough): "It's not the first time that it's been done"

2. Everybody loves Wonder Woman (and you will too!)

If there's one thing all the stars and filmmakers (and a lot of fans) could agree upon, it's that Wonder Woman (played by Israeli actress Gal Gadot) is a great part of the film, and going to be an even greater part of the DC Cinematic Universe.

"My first reaction (to Gadot) was how statuesque and tall she is," said Henry Cavill (who is pretty statuesque and tall himself as Superman). "She cuts a really imposing figure. And that really comes across when she plays the character."

Snyder explained that Wonder Woman "just fit right in" to the film. His wife and producing partner Deborah Snyder added, "You get a great introduction to her, yet it doesn't give too much away." (And if you want to know more don't worry, the solo *Wonder Woman* movie is filming right now.)

"For most of the movie you just meet this mysterious woman; you don't even know her name," Roven explained. "And then she's revealed to be who she is and it's one of the great moments of the movie, I'm excited about it."

But we think Diane Lane, who plays Superman's adoptive mother Martha Kent, said it best. "I have a Wonder Woman cup ... It's the only cup I have in my house."

3. There was so much secrecy on set even spouses were kept in the dark

Scot McNairy (who you may know from *Argo* or *Gone Girl*) has a top-secret role in the movie, so top secret, in fact, that not even his *wife* knew who he was playing. And until she saw the movie at the premiere, she still didn't know.

"It wasn't that hard at all," McNairy told us of keeping everything under wraps. "I don't live in Los Angeles or New York, so where I live a lot of people don't even know I'm an actor, so nobody really asked me too much about it. Some family members have asked me a lot, my wife doesn't even know what role I'm playing. But no, it wasn't hard to keep it quiet. I just avoided everyone for a year and a half."

4. They're setting up *Wonder Woman*, *Justice League*, *Aquaman* and all the movies that follow

Batman and Superman fighting each other? That's just the beginning, folks. DC and Warner Bros. have a whole slate of comic book movies planned over the next few years, and *Dawn of Justice* is doing a lot of work to set them up (get it, because it's the "dawn"). "To think that we could make a movie that is bigger than the movie we just made!" Snyder joked, referring to *Justice League*, due in theaters in 2017. "But (screenwriter Chris Terrio) and I have been working on this amazing story for *Justice League*, and I really feel like -- I know what happens and it's crazy."

Henry Cavill is pretty psyched about it too. "I'm looking forward to expanding on the DC Cinematic Universe and finally getting a chance to open up that world," he said. "There's a thousand and one rich stories in there and I'm looking forward to interacting with Aquaman especially."

5. The real reason Batman and Superman are fighting

Fans know that Batman and Superman aren't crazy about each other from the trailers, but it's not completely clear what the real cause of the "versus" part of the movie is. Superman himself explained it pretty simply to us: "Batman's got an attitude problem. He's going to have an attitude problem together," he joked. But in all seriousness, Cavill did talk a little bit about the central conflict of the film. "It's just about us coming to terms with the necessity of the other," he said. And it's a good thing they will, because there are a bunch more movies coming.

5 things to know from the new 'X-Men: Apocalypse' trailer

"We'll take everything from them." That's what Michael Fassbender's Magneto says in the new trailer for *X-Men: Apocalypse*, which, other than hammering home how much danger the world is really in, also has *a lot* going on. Never fear, because we at *Entertain This!* truly love watching trailers over and over and over again, for you. Even if that involves listening to a Coldplay song, like this time (at least it was a cover).

We break the trailer down into the five things you really need to know.

1. Magneto seems to be going after humans, as usual

"Together we will cleanse the Earth, for the strongest." That's what *Apocalypse* intones in his deep, villain-y voice. He seems to be intimating that his goal is to rid the Earth of humans so mutants can thrive, which is a familiar theme for X-Men fans. It's been the goal of anti-hero Magneto in several movies, for instance. If this is *Apocalypse's* aim, it explains why our favorite metal-manipulating mutant (say that five times fast) is on Team Four Horsemen.

2. They're finally using Quicksilver to his full potential

Remember when they introduced a super-powerful, super-speedy mutant in *X-Men: Days of Future Past*, used him in one incredible scene, and then flew away on a plane without him? Yeah, that was weird. It may have had something to do with weird legal rules about the Quicksilver character (you saw a version of him in *Avengers: Age of Ultron*, only they couldn't call him a mutant because, like we said, rights are weird) and the fact that he was kind of jammed into an already packed movie. This time around it looks like Evan Peters wise-cracking version of the character is finally getting a leading role, which suits us fine.

3. Mystique is stepping up

Except for a bit at the beginning and a distressing looking shot at the end, our perennial HMIC (head mutant in charge) Charles Xavier is weirdly absent from the trailer. Taking on the leadership role instead? Jennifer Lawrence's Mystique, who is swinging to the "hero" side of her anti-hero status to lead the X-Men into battle.

Lawrence has mentioned that *Apocalypse* will likely be her last *X-Men* movie, so does taking on leadership also put her too directly in the line of fire? (Remember all that time travel in *Days of Future Past* means Singer can re-write things so Rebecca Romijn's version of the character never exists.)

4. It's time for the kids to grow up

Hi kids! It's nice to meet pint-sized versions of Jean Grey, Cyclops, Nightcrawler and Jubilee. But now that we've met them as teens, it's time for them to immediately grow up. It looks like in addition to giving new roles to old favorites like Mystique, Xavier and Magneto, it's also a big debut for this (yet another) new generation of mutants. Whatever keeps the franchise ticking on, guys.

5. Someone decided to cover up Oscar Isaac's beautiful face

Listen we've all seen and made fun of Oscar Isaac's big purple *Apocalypse* costume. We're stuck with it at this point. But the new trailer revealed that *he didn't always look like that*. And then someone made the decision to cover up the beauty of the Internet's boyfriend. Why we ask. Why.

'Zootopia' tramples 'Allegiant,' a 'Divergent' series low

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Zootopia" continues to run wild over its rivals in its third weekend in theaters, stomping all over the launch of "Allegiant," the third film in the "Divergent" series.

The animated Disney film featuring the voices of Jason Bateman and Ginnifer Goodwin earned \$38 million this weekend to take first place once again, according to comScore estimates Sunday. It's now earned \$201.8 million domestically.

It stole the thunder from "The Divergent Series: Allegiant," starring Shailene Woodley and Theo James, which opened in second place with an estimated \$29.1 million from 3,740 locations.

HOLLYWOOD GALAXY
OUTING MORE STARS

YOUNG ONES AND OLD ONES

Sarah Paulson, 41;

∞

HOLLAND TAYLOR, 72;

CHECK-OUT: USMAGAZINE.COM JANUARY 11, 2016,
P. 34 (WITH PIC)...

BABY LOVE !!!

"Tweeting the Truth

Girl meets world's Rowan Blanchard, 14,
revealed she identifies as queer.

While she said she's "ONLY EVER LIKED BOYS,"
she is also "OPEN TO LIKING ANY GENDER."

USMAGAZINE.COM FEBRUARY 1, 2016, P. 33
"The Record"

The fault lies in the Stars, Not in Mother
Nature!!!

#ALLYOUNEEDISLOVE

XOXO

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: MARCH 27, 2016

"IF THAT'S ALL THERE IS
THEN LET'S DANCE" !!!

SHOUT-OUT

TO: MISCHA BARTON

ON ABC DANCING WITH THE STARS, MONDAY,
MARCH 28, 2016, 7:PM. CDT, USA.

BRITISHER LEN GOODMAN AKA BATMAN -
APPARENTLY FRACTURED YOUR SELF-CONFID-
ENCE ON LAST MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2016,
SHOW-OUT!

GO GIRL! YOU ARE A PERFORMER - A
GREAT ONE - AS CO-HOST ERIN ANDREW TOLD
YOU -- YOU WERE A VISION OF LOVELINESS!!

YOU KNOW WHAT IT TAKES TO WIN!
SO WIN: TEARS! AND SEX! SEX!!!

PLAY THE PART OF A WINNER
YOU'RE A WINNER!!!!
FANATIC!

BY: LEON IRBY

DATE: MARCH 28, 2016

VIA LAS WAGES!!!

IF THAT'S ALL IT IS, THEN LET'S DANCE!!!

March 29, 2016 TUESDAY, ET. COM REPORTED THAT LAS VEGAS ODDS MAKERS PLACED SUPERSTAR MISCHA BURTON TO BE THE NEXT STAR VOTED OFF "DANCING WITH THE STARS" NEXT MONDAY APRIL 4, 2016 ...

MISCHA IS WINNING

COME ON LUCK BE A LADY! I MUST BET AGAINST "BADMAN", AND PLACE MY LAST DIME ON THE LOVELY DAME!!

Mischa Make the come, show "Hollywood" you are more than a lucky star, you're a genuine come back superstar —! A WINNER! "NOT A quitter"!!!!

XOXO

SAVE THE LAST DANCE
FOR 2016.

"I hold to a Doctrine, to which I owe not, much, but all the little I ever had, Namely, that with ordinary Talent, and extraordinary Perseverance, all things are attainable."

— Sir Thomas Powell Buxton

"FORGET YOUR PERFECT OFFERING
THERE IS A CRACK IN EVERYTHING,
THAT'S HOW THE LIGHT GETS IN."

— LEONARD COHEN

KICK SOME DANCE STEPS
IT'S YOUR STEPPING STONE.

Praying!

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JUSTICE DELAYED IS JUSTICE DENIED !!

LBS.com/THE MARCH 29, 2016

TUESDAY 1 P.M. CST USA

SHARON OSBOURNE AKA MS.O

UPDATE:

MR. ELTON JOHN, BRITISHER, CIVIL LAW SUIT CASE -
WAS ONE OF THEIR "HOT TOPICS" OF TODAY...

ELTON; A PROUD "GAY" IS BEING SUED

FOR MALE ON MALE SEXUAL HARASSMENT
AND ASSAULT... ALLEGEDLY DONE BY HIM

TO HIS FORMER BODY GUARD IN CIRCA 2014.

MS. O. TO ELTON'S DEFENSE

TODAY MS. O, AND CO-SECT-HOSTS

IN AGREEMENT, ARGUED PERSUASIVELY -

WHAT STOPPED HIM FROM COMING FORWARD

BEFORE NOW; ELTON HAS MONEY; HE

JUST WANT MONEY; HE COULD HAVE PUSHED

HIM AWAY, AND SO ON... ELTON...

GIVE HIM A BREAK... HE HAS DONE

1052

lots of Good!!!

DR. WILLIAM H. COSBY, Ph.D

ACCESS HOLLYWOOD.COM, March 29, 2016,
USA... Reported BAD LEGAL NEWS TO WIT:

Apparently a Judge Ruled one of BILL
alleged Rape accusers, one time Super-
model JANICE DICKERINSON (sic) DEFAMAT-
ZON! Lawsuit may proceed after His
MONEY!!! #COSBY IS INNOCENT

From ~~day~~ ONE, this Blogger has
even more Persuasively argued MS.
O. Rationale to DR. COSBY UNJUST
Case!

"CRYSTAL BLUE PERSUASION!!"

"TRUMPISM" is making perfectly
clear this kind of elitist LYNCH
Mob, USING a DIAMOND NOOSE!!!

#JUSTICEFORALL

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 AND MITE PURSE!!!!
 WINNING

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TALKING BOUT A DICTATOR!!!
USA

The Republican Governor of Ohio, who, as of this writings, has won only his State Primary, yet declares he shall be the Next President 2017!!!

#JOHN KASICH RUNNING TO BE DICTATOR
LOL

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

REAL POLITIK !!!

UNIVERSAL FRIENDS,

Rolling Stone .com (RS125) MARCH 2016,
did a brilliant and illuminating piece "
Hillary VS. Bernie" " American Politics
At Its Best" By Mark Binelli, COVER STORY,
Which I wish to share with you, here -
my TAKE !!!

The piece actually present Reason-
ed and intelligent and varied discussion
of our collective current and evolving "
POLITICAL BODY" !!

Therefore, from the start I think
Professors Cornel West, p. 42, Robert
Reich, p. 44, and Republican infamous
Pollster Frank LUNTZ, p. 42; Correctly "
Seize The urgency of the moment" !!!,
and so, I'll ONLY TEASE and quote here -
in certain comments for you!

"... Will the Young People exercised by Sanders' own message of revolutionary change be willing to follow a hawkish Moderate who voted for the Iraq War and has taken Millions of dollars from the very Wall Street banks their candidate has been tirelessly denouncing from day one?" p. 42

"To the last question, as one Democratic Party insider told me: "White Millennials are the most pro-diversity of any group of Whites. They may grow up to be ass holes later, who knows, but the most motivating to get people to vote is fear, not love. And if Trump can't scrape the fuck out of people, I don't know what can. So I have a hard time believing they'll sit home if Hillary is the nominee."

-Id [EMPHASIS MINE]

FRANK LUNTZ, pp. 42-43,

"... Who attended a half-dozen Sanders events in Iowa and New Hampshire, I've been doing this 20 years now, and there's something special about the

Sanders voter. You can see it in their eyes: They believe they're onto something, and that the rest of America will discover it in time. This is NOT DON QUIXOTE to them. They think they can change the Political Process. [EMPHASIS MINE]

CHANGE

My TAKE, as Mr. Reich, so correctly and eloquently delineated, p. 44; the Political Establishment has failed to understand the Peoples' "URGENCY of the moment" burning yearning for "change".

The Political Industrial Complex openly conspire to block Republican Presidential candidate Donald J. Trump from receiving the nomination. Because...

TRUMP VS. CLINTON

40 Trump would carry no less than 40 States in November 2016!!

DEJU VA ALL OVE AGAIN
ELECTION YEAR 2012

The Political Industrial Complex used the same old established paradigm to misanalyze "THE FIRST BLACK PRESIDENT" phenomenon.

Barack H. Obama is Not George Washington!

In past elections, the voters had no viable alternative choice to same old Republicans or Democrats!

"TRUMPISM" IN NOVEMBER 2016 MAYBE THAT ONLY VOTE FOR NECESSARY CHANGE,
VOTE "CHANGE"!

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: MARCH 29, 2016

LATE U.S. SUPREME COURT JUSTICE
ANTONIN SCALIA

BY NOW, WE ALL KNOW Justice Scalia
has Died!! February 13, 2016.

NOW IN DEATH he shall be betow-
ed UPON his grave that he did
NOT JUSTLY EARN IN LIFE!

Amen!

ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE LOVE!!!

SCALIA'S DEATH MEANS LOSS OF KEY VOTE . . .

"As far as what you said about whether I would advise to vote or not to vote, I am not going to get involved in that. I say only that this man is not Christian if he has said things like that."

The Pope appeared somewhat unaware of Trump's exact stance on illegal immigration, though, saying that he would give him "the benefit of the doubt" until he had heard exactly what the billionaire businessman had said.

The Rev. Federico Lombardi, a Vatican spokesman, said Tuesday that the Pope knows "Trump expresses himself in an expressive way," but "is not always up to date on the latest statements."

Trump has pledged to build an \$8 billion wall along the United States' southern border and says he will force Mexico to pay the tab.

Trump has also said that, if elected president, he would eject some 11 million undocumented immigrants from the country.

"You have people coming in, and I'm not just saying Mexicans -- I'm talking about people that are from all over that are killers and rapists, and they're coming into this country,"

Trump told CNN's Jake Tapper last June.

Before the Pope left for Mexico, Trump called Francis "a very political person" and suggested that the pontiff, who celebrated Mass Wednesday near the U.S.-Mexican border, was a pawn of the Mexican government.

The Pope made light of Trump's accusations. "Thank God he said I was a politician because Aristotle defined the human person as 'animal politicus.' So at least I am a human person," he said. "As to whether I am a pawn, well, maybe, I don't know. I'll leave that up to your judgment and that of the people."

The White House weighs in

White House spokesman Josh Earnest, asked about Pope Francis' comments on Donald Trump, referred back to President Barack Obama's remarks last month at the National Prayer Breakfast.

He said Obama "talked about how his own personal Christian faith informed his view of the values and priorities that he has chosen to champion in the White House."

"A number of those values and priorities are not shared by Mr. Trump," Earnest said, before taking a jab at Trump's questioning of Obama's Christian faith.

"I will however extend to Mr. Trump the courtesy he has not extended to the President and not use this opportunity to call into question the kind of private personal conversations he is having with his God," Earnest said.

The Pope in Mexico

The Pope's comments on Trump came on his way home from an emotional trip to Mexico, where the first Latin American pontiff was greeted by boisterous crowds that often burst into songs or tears as he approached.

Celebrating Mass on Wednesday in Ciudad Juarez, a city just across the border from the United States, Francis delivered a stinging critique of leaders on both sides of the fence,

calling the "forced migration" of thousands of Central Americans a "human tragedy" and "humanitarian crisis."

"Being faced with so many legal vacuums," the Pope said during his homily before a congregation of more than 200,000 people, "they get caught up in a web that ensnares and always destroys the poorest."

As he prepared to leave, Francis thanked Mexicans for opening their doors and their lives to him. "At times, I felt like weeping to see so much hope in a people who are suffering so much."

U.S. stealth jets fly over S. Korea as tensions heighten

Four U.S. F-22 stealth fighter aircraft conducted exercises with South Korean jets south of Seoul on Wednesday to

"demonstrate the capabilities" of the U.S.-South Korean alliance, the Pentagon said.

The high-tech "Raptor" jets, designed to elude radar, flew alongside Korea's F-15K "Slam Eagle" aircraft and U.S. F-16

"Fighting Falcon" fighter jets out of Osan Air Base. The military show of strength came 10 days after North Korea fired a long-range rocket that drew international consternation. Last month, North Korea conducted its fourth nuclear test.

North Korea's military activity continues to draw strong condemnation from South Korean President Park Geun-hye. Last week she shut down South Korean activities at the jointly-run Kaesong industrial estate in North Korea, which depended on the program as a source of badly needed hard currency. In a speech Tuesday before South Korea's National Assembly, she warned Pyongyang could face "regime collapse" if it does not curtail its nuclear and missile programs.

"It has become clear that we cannot break North Korea's will to develop nuclear weapons through existing means and goodwill," she said. "It's time to find a fundamental solution for bringing practical change in North Korea and to show courage in putting that into action."

Park said her government will take additional measures to make certain Pyongyang understands it cannot survive continued nuclear development. Lt. Gen. Terrence O'Shaughnessy, deputy commander for U.S. forces in Korea, said the mission demonstrated the resolve of both nations to maintain stability on the Korean Peninsula.

"The F-22 'Raptor' is the most capable air superiority fighter in the world, and it represents one of many capabilities available for the defense of this great nation," she said at a joint news conference with South Korean military officials. "The U.S. maintains an ironclad commitment to the defense of the Republic of Korea."

South Korea Air Force Lt. Gen. Lee Wang-keon said the two nations "remain ready to deter North Korean threats and are postured to defeat them with the strength of our combined air combat capability."

Scalia's death means loss of key vote in divided cases

WASHINGTON (AP) — Justice Antonin Scalia's death deprives conservatives of a key vote that could change the outcome in some major Supreme Court cases, including one in which labor unions appeared headed for a big defeat.

Next month's Supreme Court arguments in a clash over contraceptives, religious liberty and President Barack Obama's health care law also now seem more likely to favor the Obama administration.

Those are the most immediate effects on the court of the loss of its conservative icon and longest-serving justice.

It's a firm Supreme Court rule that decisions are not final until they are handed down. So nothing Scalia did or said in pending cases matters to the outcome.

"The vote of a deceased justice does not count," veteran Supreme Court lawyer Roy Englert said Sunday, a day after Scalia was found dead in his room at a west Texas ranch. Subtracting Scalia's vote from cases in which he was in the majority in a 5-4 split leaves the result tied, four a side.

The remaining eight justices have two options in that situation: They can vote to hear the case a second time when a new colleague joins them or they can hand down a one-sentence opinion that upholds the result reached in the lower court without setting a nationwide rule.

A second round of arguments seems less likely at the moment because a new justice may not be confirmed until the next president is in office.

A tie vote, by contrast, resolves the case at hand and allows the legal issue to return to the court at a later date when there is a ninth justice.

Public sector labor unions had been bracing for a stinging defeat in a lawsuit over whether they can collect fees from government workers who choose not to join the union. The case affects more than 5 million workers in 23 states and Washington, D.C., and seeks to overturn a nearly 40-year-old Supreme Court decision.

Now, what seemed like a certain 5-4 split, with the conservatives in the majority and the liberals in dissent, instead looks like a tie that would be resolved in favor of the unions, because they won in the lower courts.

"That's a big loss. It was all teed up and it looks like it's not going to go anywhere now," said Brian Fitzpatrick, a Vanderbilt University law professor who once served as a law clerk to Scalia.

Another case in which there now seems little chance of finding a court majority to upset long-standing practice involves a conservative challenge to the way governments have drawn electoral districts for 50 years.

The court heard arguments in December in a case from Texas on the meaning of the principle of "one person, one vote," which the

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Obama plans historic trip to Cuba to further ties

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama will pay a historic visit to Cuba in the coming weeks, senior Obama administration officials said, becoming the first president to set foot on the island in nearly seven decades. The brief visit in mid-March will mark a watershed moment for relations between the U.S. and Cuba, a communist nation estranged from the U.S. for over half a century until Obama and Cuban President Raul Castro moved toward rapprochement more than a year ago. Since then, the nations have reopened embassies in Washington and Havana and have moved to restore commercial air travel, with a presidential visit seen as a key next step toward bridging the divide.

Obama's stop in Cuba will be part of a broader trip to Latin America that the president will take next month, said the officials, who requested anonymity because the trip hasn't been officially announced. The White House planned to unveil Obama's travel plans later Thursday.

Though Obama had long been expected to visit Cuba in his final year, word of his travel plans drew immediate resistance from opponents of warmer ties with Cuba — including Republican presidential candidates. Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, whose father fled to the U.S. from Cuba in the 1950s, said Obama shouldn't visit while the Castro family remains in power. Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, another child of Cuban immigrants, lambasted the president for visiting what he called an "anti-American communist dictatorship."

"Today, a year and two months after the opening of Cuba, the Cuban government remains as oppressive as ever," Rubio said on CNN. Told of Obama's intention to visit, he added, "Probably not going to invite me." With less than a year left in office, Obama has been eager to make rapid progress on restoring economic and diplomatic ties to cement warming relations with Cuba that his administration started. Following secret negotiations between their governments, Obama and Castro announced in late 2014 that they would begin normalizing ties, and months later held the first face-to-face meeting between an American and Cuban president since 1958.

But Obama, facing steadfast opposition to normalized relations from Republicans and some Democrats, has been unable to deliver on the former Cold War foe's biggest request: the lifting of the U.S. economic embargo. Opponents argue that repealing those sanctions would reward a government still engaging in human rights abuses and stifling democratic aspirations.

Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, a Florida Republican born in Cuba, called the visit "absolutely shameful."

"For more than 50 years, Cubans have been fleeing the Castro regime," said Lehtinen, the longest-serving Cuban-American in

Congress. "Yet the country which grants them refuge — the United States — has now decided to quite literally embrace their oppressors."

Obama and supporters of the detente argue the decades-old embargo has failed to bring about desired change on the island 90 miles south of Florida. Still, while Obama has long expressed an interest in visiting Cuba, White House officials had said the visit wouldn't occur unless and until the conditions were right.

"If I go on a visit, then part of the deal is that I get to talk to everybody" — including political dissidents, Obama told Yahoo News in December. "I've made very clear in my conversations directly with President Castro that we would continue to reach out to those who want to broaden the scope for, you know, free expression inside of Cuba." Officials didn't immediately specify what had changed in the last few weeks to clear the way for the trip, first reported by ABC News. But on Tuesday, the two nations signed a deal restoring commercial air traffic as early as later this year, eliminating a key barrier to unfettered travel that isolated Cuban-Americans from their families for generations.

Hundreds of thousands more Americans are expected to visit Cuba per year under the deal, which cleared the way for the U.S. Department of Transportation to open bidding by American air carriers on as many as 110 flights a day. Currently, there are about one-fifth as many flights operating between the two countries — all charters. For Obama, the diplomatic opening with Cuba reflects one of the crowning achievements of a foreign policy rooted in a belief that the U.S. should test opportunities to ease hostilities with its historical enemies. Last month, the Obama administration lifted economic sanctions against Iran's nuclear program, following a diplomatic deal that has raised hopes about warmer ties between the U.S. and Tehran. Yet those achievements have been offset by deepening security challenges in Iraq, Syria, Libya and elsewhere as Obama nears the end of his term.

According to the State Department historian's office, President Harry Truman visited the U.S.-controlled Guantanamo Bay and its naval base on the southeast end of the island in 1948 and former President Jimmy Carter has paid multiple visits to the island since leaving office in January 1981. Not since President Calvin Coolidge went to Havana in January 1928 has a sitting U.S. president been to that city.

Pope suggests Trump 'is not Christian' (CNN)Thrusting himself into the combative 2016 presidential campaign, Pope Francis said Thursday that GOP front-runner Donald Trump "is not Christian" if he calls for the deportation of undocumented immigrants and pledges to build a wall between the United States and Mexico.

The Pope, who was traveling back to Rome from Mexico, where he urged the United States to address the "humanitarian crisis" on its southern border, did not tell American Catholics not to vote for Trump.

But Francis left little doubt where he stood on the polarizing issue of immigration reform. "A person who thinks only about building walls, wherever they may be, and not building bridges, is not Christian. This is not the gospel," the Pope told journalists who asked his opinion on Trump's proposals to halt illegal immigration.

Trump immediately fired back, calling Francis' comments "disgraceful."

"No leader, especially a religious leader, should have the right to question another man's religion or faith," he said in statement. Trump added that the government in Mexico, where Francis spent the past five days, has "made many disparaging remarks about me to the Pope."

"If and when the Vatican is attacked by ISIS, which as everyone knows is ISIS's ultimate trophy, I can promise you that the Pope would have only wished and prayed that Donald Trump would have been president," Trump said.

By Thursday evening, the GOP candidate had softened his tone.

"I don't like fighting with the Pope," Trump said at a GOP town hall debate in South Carolina hosted by CNN. "I like his personality; I like what he represents." He added that he thinks Francis' remarks were "much nicer" than the media reported and that the Pope had been misled by Mexican officials.

Trump also said that the Pope has an "awfully big wall" himself at the Vatican. That may be true, Catholic priests said, but Vatican City also has an awfully big door. The tussle between Trump and Francis -- two outsized personalities who seldom shy from speaking their minds -- seems to have been building for some time. Before the Pope traveled to Mexico, Trump cast the pontiff as a political naif who "doesn't understand the dangers" at the U.S.-Mexican border. Trump social media director Dan Scavino suggested the pontiff's comments were hypocritical. "Amazing comments from the Pope- considering Vatican City is 100% surrounded by massive walls," he tweeted. During the wide-ranging press conference aboard the papal plane, Francis also seemed to suggest that contraception may be used to prevent the transmission of the Zika virus and praised Saint John Paul II's "holy friendship" with a Polish woman.

But it was his comments on Trump that seem sure to dominate the political conversation, perhaps handing a gift to Trump's GOP opponents and opening Francis to criticism that his papacy is too partisan and his policies too liberal. Polls indicate that while Democrats adore the Pope, Republicans view him a little less favorably.

Asked whether American Catholics should vote for Trump, Francis demurred.

JUSTICE SCALIA, CONT.

court has said requires that political districts be roughly equal in population.

But it has left open the question of whether states must count all residents, including noncitizens and children, or only eligible voters in drawing district lines.

The court's upcoming look at the health care overhaul will be its fourth case involving the 2010 law. This time, the focus is on the arrangement the Obama administration worked out to spare faith-based hospitals, colleges and charities from paying for contraceptives for women covered under their health plans, while still ensuring that those women can obtain birth control at no extra cost as the law requires.

The faith-based groups argue that the accommodation still makes them complicit in providing contraception to which they have religious objections.

A tie vote here would sow rather than alleviate confusion because the appellate courts that have looked at the issue have not all come out the same way.

That prospect suggests that Justice Anthony Kennedy will join the court's four liberal justices to uphold the arrangement, Supreme Court lawyer Thomas Goldstein said.

Other big cases before the justices this term include affirmative action, abortion and immigration.

With Justice Elena Kagan out of the affirmative action case, the court still is more likely to rule, 4-3, in favor of a challenge to the consideration of race in admissions to the University of Texas.

On abortion and immigration, a 4-4 tie would sustain lower court rulings in favor of Texas' regulation of abortion clinics and a Republican-led challenge to an Obama administration plan to allow millions of immigrants who are in the country illegally to avoid deportation and acquire work permits.

Poll: Donald Trump, Hillary Clinton leading nationwide

Washington (CNN) While Donald Trump continues his dominance over his Republican rivals, Hillary Clinton has a very narrow margin over Bernie Sanders, in a Quinnipiac national poll released Wednesday.

The former secretary of state has 44% of voters' support while the Vermont senator has 42%. And 11% of voters are undecided, unchanged from a February 5 national survey from Quinnipiac. Clinton was ahead of Sanders by two percentage points in the February 5 survey as well.

"Sen. Bernie Sanders and Secretary Hillary Clinton are neck and neck. But while Bernie has the trust, Hillary has the experience. Two different measurements of two dissimilar candidates," said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll. Other national polls haven't shown the Democratic race so close, though Quinnipiac is one of the few major polling outlet to release national results since voting began this month.

The Democratic gender gap is shrinking. Female participants in the survey back

Clinton over Sanders 47% to 41%, while men supported Sanders 44% to 40%.

Clinton has a good chance of winning in November, according to 83% of Democrats compared to 69% who believe Sanders has a good chance.

Trump now has a 2-1 lead among Republican voters nationwide. At 39%, the Republican front-runner is leading Florida Sen. Marco Rubio by 20 points.

"Like a freight train barreling through signals with his horn on full blast, Trump heads down the track towards a possible nomination," Malloy said.

Rubio has 19% and Texas Sen. Ted Cruz is in third with 18%. Ohio Gov. John Kasich has 6% and former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and Dr. Ben Carson are both at 4% each.

Undecided voters are at 9%.

Trump has a good chance of winning in November, according to 77% of Republican voters, while 61% say Rubio has a good chance of winning and 60% say Cruz has a good chance.

The poll was conducted from February 10-15 by live interviewers on land lines and cell phones. The survey included 1,342 registered voters nationwide with a margin of error of +/- 2.7 percentage points. It included 602 Republicans with a margin of error of +/- 4 percentage points and 563 Democrats with a margin of error of +/- 4.1 percentage points.

'Polar vortex' drives bitter cold into central, eastern U.S.

For the third winter in a row, the "polar vortex" is on the march again, dipping southward from the North Pole to drive a blast of bitter cold, ice and snow that could disrupt travel from Georgia to New England into early next week.

The National Weather Service says the unusually cold air mass will settle over much of the central and eastern U.S. this weekend, bringing the coldest weather of the winter season from the Great Lakes to New England.

Wind chill warnings — including possible "life-threatening" temperatures — were in effect Saturday for a large part of the Northeast and New England, with readings as low as 30 below zero expected in some parts of upstate New York. Actual temperatures will hit highs in the single digits and teens, and fall to subzero lows across much of Upstate New York and New England, the NWS says.

In Pennsylvania, first responders battled snow and 15-degree temperatures Saturday at the scene of a multi-vehicle pileup on I-78 about 90 miles northwest of Philadelphia. At least one person, and possibly as many as three, were killed, PennLive.com reported. At least one of four medical helicopters was forced to turn back because of the weather. First responders said several people were huddling in the back of a tractor-trailer to keep warm as medical helicopters flew to the scene. Officers said by radio they were especially concerned about a woman, described as six months pregnant, who

suffered a broken leg and lacerations to her face.

State police said a snow squall and poor visibility likely played a role in the crashes, that left some 50 cars, vans and tractor-trailers scattered along the roadway, Philly.com reported.

As the cold weather closed in, racing officials canceled all races Saturday at New York's Aqueduct Racetrack because of forecasts of extremely low temperatures and high winds. The New York Racing Association said made the move "out of an abundance of caution" for horses and jockeys, the Associated Press reported. While it's not forecast to settle in for a long stay, the blast of cold weather could be sharp enough to trigger power outages and disrupt travel and flights near and along the East Coast. In interior southern and mid-Atlantic states, there were concerns that a buildup of snow and ice from a Monday storm system could also bring down trees and power lines.

"While the amount of snow and ice is not certain at this time, there is the potential for enough snow to shovel and plow in the Appalachians and interior Northeast," said AccuWeather senior meteorologist Alex Sosnowski. "Closer to the coast, a small amount of snow and ice could lead to very slow travel on the roads and numerous flight delays."

The polar vortex, which normally hugs the north pole in the stratosphere, is punching southward and driving the cold air ahead of it, apparently due to a sudden stratospheric warming.

"When this happens, lobes of the larger vortex can sweep southward toward southern Canada or northern Europe, helping to drive Arctic cold plunges into lower latitudes," said Jon Erdman of The Weather Channel. In effect, he says, the "solid wall" of the vortex, which is normally confined to the polar regions, gives way.

Police: I-78 crash sent 73 to hospital, involved 64 vehicles

FREDERICKSBURG, Pa. (AP) — Authorities say more than 70 people were treated following the huge pileup on a central Pennsylvania interstate that killed three people.

Trooper Justin Summa of the state police barracks in Lebanon County said Sunday that names of the three people who died would be released later in the day.

He said Saturday's crash on Interstate 78 during a snow squall involved 64 vehicles, including a dozen commercial vehicles such as tractor-trailers and box trucks.

At least one person remains in critical condition with injuries from the crash. Penn State Hershey Medical Center said two others taken to the hospital with critical injuries had improved.

The interstate reopened Saturday morning. Trooper Adam Reed said investigators believe that "passing snow squalls played a role in causing the crash."

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Pope condemns drug trade's 'dealers of death' in Mexico

ECATEPEC, Mexico — Pope Francis condemned the drug trade's "dealers of death" and urged Mexicans to shun the devil's lust for money as he led a huge open-air Mass for more than 300,000 people Sunday in this violence-riddled city.

"Let us get it into our heads: With the devil, there is no dialogue," the pope said at the biggest scheduled event of his five-day visit to Mexico.

Francis brought a message of encouragement on the second full day of his trip to residents of Ecatepec, a poverty-stricken Mexico City suburb of some 1.6 million people where drug violence, kidnappings and gangland-style killings, particularly of women, are a fact of life.

"He's coming to Ecatepec because we need him here," said Ignacia Godinez, a 56-year-old homemaker. "Kidnappings, robberies and drugs have all increased, and he is bringing comfort. His message will reach those who need it so that people know we, the good people, outnumber the bad."

In a clear reference to the drug lords who hold sway in the city's sprawling expanses of cinderblock slums, Francis focused his homily on the danger posed by the devil.

"Only the power of the word of God can defeat him," the pope said.

In a final prayer, he urged Mexicans to make their country into a land of opportunity

"where there will be no need to emigrate in order to dream, no need to be exploited in order to work, no need to make the despair and poverty of many the opportunism of a few, a land that will not have to mourn men and women, young people and children who are destroyed at the hands of the dealers of death."

The faithful lined the pope's motorcade route to the huge field where the Mass took place, tossing flower petals as he passed by and cheering with pom-poms in the yellow and white of the Vatican flag.

Vendors sold T-shirts, plates with Francis' image on them, pins, bandanas and cardboard-cutout figures of the pope.

An estimated 100,000 people have been killed and 27,000 have disappeared in gangland violence since President Enrique Pena Nieto's predecessor launched an offensive against drug cartels shortly after taking office in late 2006.

At least 1,554 women have vanished in Mexico State since 2005, according to the National Observatory on Femicide, and last year the government issued an alert over the killings of women in Ecatepec and other parts of the state.

Nevertheless, women who came to see Francis said they felt safe, thanks in part to the huge security presence. The government assigned more than 10,000 police, soldiers and members of the presidential guard to protect the motorcade and Mass.

"I'm protected by my faith and the joy of seeing the pope up close," said Graciela

Elizalde, 35, who arrived at the field Saturday evening and spent the night on the street, "and the thugs know that we the good people have come out to take the streets." She added: "The pope is not going to change things, but at least he will touch the hearts of those who do harm and are trying to destroy the country. He is the 'messenger of peace' because that's exactly what Mexico needs, not just Ecatepec."

However, Maria de la Luz Estrada, coordinator of the National Observatory on Femicide, said she was disappointed that Francis didn't directly condemn violence against women or offer support to families of victims, saying that at the very least he could have made reference to discrimination against women.

"I still feel that he owes us these words," she said.

Conchita Tellez, 65, from the border city of Mexicali, held out hope that Francis can help ease the troubled soul of the country.

"The pope comes to Mexico at a very ugly moment," Tellez said, "and he comes to pray for us and for all those who lost hope and have submerged the country in blood and violence."

Francis' grueling schedule seemed to be taking a toll on him on Saturday, when the 79-year-old pontiff appeared to nod off at an evening Mass and also lost his balance and fell into a chair set up for him. He appeared much livelier Sunday, beaming and waving at the crowds along his route.

Francis' schedule Sunday included three popemobile motorcades and a visit to a pediatric hospital.

Obama urges Russia to stop bombing "moderate" Syria rebels

BEIRUT/RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. (Reuters) - U.S. President Barack Obama urged Russia on Sunday to stop bombing "moderate" rebels in Syria in support of its ally President Bashar al-Assad, a campaign seen in the West as a major obstacle to latest efforts to end the war.

Major powers agreed on Friday to a limited cessation of hostilities in Syria but the deal does not take effect until the end of this week and was not signed by any warring parties - the Damascus government and numerous rebel factions fighting it.

Russian bombing raids directed at rebel groups are helping the Syrian army to achieve what could be its biggest victory of the war in the battle for Aleppo, the country's largest city and commercial centre before the conflict.

There is little optimism that the deal reached in Munich will do much to end a war that has lasted five years and cost 250,000 lives.

The Kremlin said President Vladimir Putin and Obama had spoken by telephone and agreed to intensify cooperation to implement the Munich agreement.

But a Kremlin statement made clear Russia was committed to its campaign against Islamic State and "other terrorist organisations", an indication that it would

also target groups in western Syria where jihadists such as al Qaeda are fighting Assad in close proximity to rebels deemed moderate by the West.

Russia says the "cessation" does not apply to its air strikes, which have shifted the balance of power towards Assad.

It says Islamic State and the al Qaeda-affiliated Nusra Front are the main targets of its air campaign. But Western countries say Russia has in fact been mostly targeting other insurgent groups, including some they support.

The White House said Obama's discussion with Putin stressed the need to rush humanitarian aid to Syria and contain air strikes.

"In particular, President Obama emphasized the importance now of Russia playing a constructive role by ceasing its air campaign against moderate opposition forces in Syria," the White House said in a statement.

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Relief workers said efforts to deliver humanitarian aid were being threatened by the latest escalation of violence.

"We must ask again, why wait a week for this urgently needed cessation of hostilities?" said Dalia al-Awqati, Mercy Corps director of programs for North Syria.

The situation in Syria has been complicated by the involvement of Kurdish-backed combatants in the area north of Aleppo near the Turkish border, which has drawn a swift military response from artillery in Turkey. The Kurdish YPG militia, helped by Russian air raids, seized an ex-military air base at Menagh last week, angering Turkey, which sees the YPG as an extension of the PKK, a Kurdish group that waged a bloody insurgent campaign on Turkish soil over most of the past three decades.

Turkey began shelling while demanding that the YPG militia withdraw from areas it has captured from Syrian rebels in the northern Aleppo region in recent days, including the Menagh air base. The bombardment killed two YPG fighters, according to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

The Syrian Kurdish PYD party rejected Turkish demands for withdrawal, while the Syrian government said Turkish shelling of northern Syria amounted to direct support for insurgent groups.

France called on Turkey to stop the shelling, but Turkey said it would continue to respond to Kurdish militia attacks in Syria.

Syria also said Turkish forces were believed to be among 100 gunmen that entered Syria on Saturday with a dozen pickup trucks mounted with heavy machine guns in an operation to supply rebel fighters.

Other fronts were also active on Sunday. Kurdish-backed forces were fighting with insurgent groups near Tel Rifaat in the northern Aleppo countryside, while farther south, government forces renewed their shelling of rebel positions to the northwest of Aleppo city.

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OBAMA SCOTUS NOMINEE

Meet Merrick Garland, Obama's SCOTUS nominee

WASHINGTON — Merrick Garland almost made it to the Supreme Court six years ago, but he was saved for a time when President Obama might need someone palatable to Republicans to replace a conservative justice. A time like now.

Garland, chief judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit — the most frequent stepping-stone to the Supreme Court — comes straight out of central casting.

Like five current justices as well as the late Antonin Scalia, who he would replace, Garland attended Harvard Law School. Like Samuel Alito and Sonia Sotomayor, he's a former prosecutor. Like Scalia, Chief Justice John Roberts, Clarence Thomas and Ruth Bader Ginsburg, he comes from the powerful D.C. Circuit court.

Garland isn't even the first Supreme Court nominee to earn undergraduate and law degrees from Harvard, clerk for Judge Henry Friendly of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit, work at the Justice Department, become a partner at a major Washington, D.C., law firm, and serve on the D.C. Circuit. Roberts did all that.

In his brief Rose Garden remarks Wednesday, a choked-up Garland described his early years as a federal prosecutor, seeking to convince scared mothers and grandmothers to testify against violent gang members.

"Trust that justice will be done in our courts - without prejudice or partisanship -- is what in large part distinguishes this country from others," he said. His job then as now, he said, was to ensure that "the rule of law would prevail."

That dedication to the craft appears to have persuaded a president who has spent seven years stoking the federal courts with women and minorities. Faced with the opportunity to nominate the court's first Asian American, third African American or fifth woman in history, Obama opted instead for a mild-mannered hiking enthusiast from Chicago who may be more difficult for Republicans to rebuff.

"This is one instance where you can actually believe the hype," says Justin Driver, a University of Chicago Law School professor who served as a law clerk to Garland a decade ago. "He is a judge's judge."

LOW PROFILE ON HOT-BUTTON ISSUES

At 63, Garland is much older than most high court nominees. His nearly two decades on the powerful appeals court will give opponents more to parse than those who had only brief tenures on the bench — or in the case of Justice Elena Kagan, who nosed out Garland in 2010, none at all. Yet a search of his record reveals few major decisions, and virtually none on hot-button issues.

"He's not someone who likes to issue sweeping rulings," says David Pozen, a Columbia Law School associate professor who clerked for Garland in 2008-09. "He

doesn't favor grand pronouncements that go beyond the case at hand."

The last time Garland went before the Senate, it also was controlled by Republicans, and for a while he endured the same fate he faces now. President Bill Clinton named him to the appeals court in 1995, but his nomination languished through the 1996 election year. Once Clinton won a second term, Garland won confirmation by a 76-23 vote in 1997, with 32 Republicans supporting him.

"He earned overwhelming, bipartisan praise from senators and legal experts alike," Obama said in nominating Garland Wednesday. During each of his previous Supreme Court searches, the president said, "the one name that has come up repeatedly from Republicans and Democrats alike is Merrick Garland."

If confirmed — a long shot at the moment, but not unfathomable after Election Day — Garland would be the oldest justice to join the court since Lewis Powell, then 64, in 1972. Powell went on to serve more than 15 years, retiring in 1987.

During 19 years at the D.C. Circuit, Garland has managed to keep a low profile. The court's largely administrative docket has left him without known positions on issues such as abortion or the death penalty.

He is billed as a moderate — a label that may worry liberal advocacy groups concerned about issues such as abortion rights and gun control. But the label applies more to his method of deciding cases. Like Roberts, he adopts a minimalist approach; like Kagan, he works at persuading more conservative colleagues.

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At the same time, conservatives insist he's a liberal in centrist clothing.

"We sort of know where he's coming from," says Brian Rogers of the conservative group America Rising, which plans to deploy opponents of the nomination across the country when the Senate leaves on recess next week. He cites Garland's limited votes on gun control and "a remarkable record of deference" to federal regulators.

Garland is clearly left of center by one measure. A check of his former law clerks finds 33 who went on to clerk for liberal Supreme Court justices and only 11 for conservatives. Justices who took the most ex-Garland clerks were Stephen Breyer, Ginsburg, Kagan and retired justice John Paul Stevens.

In 2013, he wrote the appeals court's decision ordering the CIA to release information about drone strikes to a federal judge, in a challenge brought by the American Civil Liberties Union. Five years earlier, he ruled that suspects could not be held as enemy combatants without verifiable evidence.

But on criminal law, he has more frequently backed law enforcement over the rights of defendants — an area of law in which Scalia,

ironically, sometimes sided with the high court's liberal wing.

One issue he dealt with, at least tangentially, has been guns. In 2007, after a D.C. Circuit panel invalidated the District of Columbia's handgun ban, Garland unsuccessfully favored a rehearing by the full court. The Supreme Court ultimately struck down the ban in a landmark 2008 opinion written by Scalia.

"A basic analysis of Merrick Garland's judicial record shows that he does not respect our fundamental, individual right to keep and bear arms for self-defense," the National Rifle Association's Chris Cox said in announcing the powerful group's opposition. During his 1995 confirmation hearings, Garland named former Chief Justice John Marshall, who served from 1801 to 1835, as his role model, echoing a sentiment expressed by Scalia and many others. He also singled out Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes for his writing style — a skill Scalia particularly relished.

At that time and again in 2010, Republican Sen. Orrin Hatch praised Garland and predicted he would enjoy broad support among Republicans. But Hatch and nearly all Senate Republicans now insist they will leave Scalia's seat open until a new president is in office.

'AN OPTIMISTIC GUY'

Before becoming a judge, Garland was a top Justice Department official who directed the government's prosecution of Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols for the 1994 bombing that killed 168 people at the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. He also supervised the investigation of "Unabomber" Theodore Kaczynski and the bombing at the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta.

Garland clerked for Supreme Court Justice William Brennan, who was nominated by President Dwight Eisenhower but, like several GOP nominees, went on to become a liberal stalwart. Between stops at the Justice Department, he rose to become a partner in the law firm Arnold & Porter.

His wife, the former Lynn Rosenman, is the granddaughter of a former New York Supreme Court justice who served as special counsel to Presidents Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Truman. The couple has two daughters -- one of whom was hiking Wednesday in a mountainous area so remote it lacked cell service, so she missed her dad's big moment. One person who didn't miss it was Charlene Wilburn, a second-grade teacher at the low-income J.O. Wilson Elementary School in Washington, D.C., where Garland regularly tutors students. "They love him," Wilburn said. "He's extremely committed."

That sense of commitment will be needed as Garland begins the process Thursday of wooing senators, including at least some Republicans. Those who know him well say he's up to the task.

"He's an optimistic guy. He'll follow through the process," Gray says. "I think he has it in him."

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Bomb-sniffing dog discovers 2 Hellfire missiles bound for Portland
Bomb-sniffing dog finds 2 missiles bound for Portland. A sniffer dog discovers two missiles with explosive warheads on a passenger flight from Lebanon.

Serbia's authorities are investigating reports that a cargo package bound for Portland, Oregon, contained two missiles with explosive warheads on a passenger flight from Lebanon.

NI television said the package with two guided armor-piercing missiles was discovered Saturday by a sniffer dog after an Air Serbia flight from Beirut landed at Belgrade airport.

Serbian media say documents listed the final destination for the AGM-114 Hellfire missiles as Portland. The American-made projectiles can be fired from air, sea or ground platforms.

NI reported Sunday that Air Serbia is helping in the investigation. The Serbian flag carrier says "security and safety are the main priorities for Air Serbia."

Snowmobiler suspected of hitting Alaska Iditarod dogs arrested after confessing

A snowmobiler who said he was driving "blackout drunk" when he apparently struck and killed a sled dog competing in Alaska's famed Iditarod has been arrested, according to multiple media reports.

"I don't know how I can possibly make it right," Arnold Demoski told KTUU-TV, before he was taken into custody by Alaska State Troopers. "I hope they can forgive me. I didn't mean it."

During the race early Saturday, near the isolated town of Nulato, a snowmobiler crashed into two teams of dogs with front-runners Jeff King and Aliy Zirkle as they separately raced toward the village, race officials said.

Iditarod mushers run their dog teams 1,049 miles, from Anchorage to Nome, in a race honoring the sled-dog teams that once served the 49th state's far-flung settlements.

Troopers arrested Demoski, 26, later that day, and he faces two counts of third-degree assault, one count of reckless endangerment, one count of reckless driving and five counts of fifth-degree criminal mischief. He was scheduled for arraignment on Sunday afternoon. Demoski said he turned himself in after waking up and realizing what happened.

According to race officials and state police, Demoski made multiple passes at the teams of King and Zirkle, killing one of King's dogs, Nash, and injuring two others. A dog in Zirkle's team also received a non-life-threatening injury, race officials said. Both mushers have continued on their way. Racers start with 16 dogs but only have to finish with six, and injuries are common because of the race's length.

"Regrettably, this incident very much alters the race of the two mushers competing for a win; however, both are going to continue on their way toward Nome," Iditarod organizers said in a statement.

Alaskan mushers and their dog teams are celebrities in the north, and die-hard race fans can track their progress on GPS monitors. The system shows Zirkle in fourth place traveling at 5.8 mph, while King was in 15th place. King won the 2006 race, which takes a slightly different route each year, with a finish time of nine days and 11 hours. Racers are required to stop and rest their dog teams periodically.

Amtrak train derails in Kansas, injuring at least 32

CIMARRON, Kan. (AP) — An Amtrak train carrying more than 140 people derailed in rural Kansas early Monday, moments after an engineer noticed a significant bend in a rail and applied the emergency brakes, authorities said.

At least 32 people were hurt, two of them critically, authorities said.

A federal transportation official said the investigation would focus on the condition of the rails. Local authorities said they were checking whether a vehicle crash may have damaged the track before the accident.

The engineer of the train known as the Southwest Chief noticed the deformity in the rail and pulled the brakes, said Earl Weener of the National Transportation Safety Board. He put the train's speed at the normal limit of 60 mph.

Weener said there was some initial indication of a "misalignment" on the rail. But it was unclear what that was or what caused it. He said the engineer was vigilant and noticed the variation on the track, causing him to brake. Federal officials also planned to review recorded data from the train.

The train, which had 131 passengers and 14 crew members, was making a 43-hour journey from Los Angeles to Chicago when it derailed shortly after midnight along a straight stretch of tracks in flat farmland near Cimarron, a small community about 160 miles west of Wichita. Eight cars derailed, and four of them ended up on their sides. Thirty-two people were taken to hospitals for treatment. Four of them remained hospitalized Monday evening, including two people who were airlifted to Amarillo, Texas. The rest had been released.

The tracks run along Highway 50, which has no barrier that would prevent a vehicle from leaving the roadway and driving near or onto the tracks. The road and tracks are separated by a shallow depression.

Authorities were examining tire tracks leading to the rails. The damage did not appear to be intentional, Gray County sheriff's Deputy J.G. Sharp said.

The track was inspected last week, Weener said.

Daniel Aiken, of Lenexa, Kansas, said he heard screaming as he climbed out of an overturned car. He stopped to smell a fluid that was flowing through the car, fearful that it was fuel, but was reassured when he realized it was water.

"Once people realized the train wasn't going to blow up, they calmed down," he said.

Timothy Davidson, from Nashville, Tennessee, said he and several other passengers heard what he called "a lot of clacking for about 20 minutes" before the accident.

"The train didn't sound right," he said.

Derek Kemp, who is moving back to Kansas City, Missouri, from California, said he was in a bathroom when he felt the train suddenly tilt, sending him face-first into the bathroom door and across a hallway into a baggage area.

Kemp, who has fire and rescue training, quickly scrambled to help women and children off the train.

Dave Gibbs, a Colorado man who was headed to Lawrence, Kansas, for a possible chef's job, said that the train "started rattling back and forth, and you could tell it was off the tracks."

That shaking lasted five to seven seconds, he said, before the train began tipping, then coming to an abrupt stop that sent a woman tumbling onto him.

"I was waiting for the worst. I was afraid I was going to die," recalled David Tisdale, who was New York-bound from his Arizona home.

Amtrak did not immediately respond to calls seeking details. Visibility at the accident site was relatively clear at the time of the derailment.

Andy Williams, a spokesman for BNSF Railway, which owns the track, said the derailment was not caused by poorly maintained track. He said the track is inspected twice a week and meets Federal Railroad Administration guidelines.

Uninjured passengers were taken to the Cimarron community center to wait for Amtrak to make arrangements to transport them to their destinations.

Kelsey Wilson said she woke up when she felt the ride "getting really bumpy" and the train started to shake. Wilson, who was returning to Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri, after spending spring break at home in Pueblo, Colorado, said her car disconnected from the one in front and that she hit her head as it overturned.

Wilson said she escaped through the top of the flipped car then slid down the side before she "passed out." She was taken to a hospital and released with a neck brace.

The future of the Southwest Chief service — the only Amtrak route through Kansas, with stops at six cities — had been uncertain in recent years.

Amtrak had warned it might stop or reroute the line because of disputes over who would pay to install safety technology, but officials reached a deal last year.

Taxpayers have thrown in tens of millions of dollars to improving parts of the rail line in Colorado and Kansas.

North Carolina officials decide against charging Trump

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — Authorities in North Carolina say there isn't enough evidence to press charges against Donald

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unpretentious vibe and his paeans to discount retailers." A popular story from Walker on the campaign trail detailed how he shopped at Wisconsin-based Kohl's, a chain known for its rewards program and ubiquitous coupons. As far as the idea that he might be in line for a Cabinet post, Walker invoked the name of one of his predecessors to put the kibosh on that idea.

"Tommy Thompson told me his worst days as governor were better than his best day in the Cabinet," Walker said. Thompson was governor from 1987 to 2001, then served as secretary of health and human services for four years under George W. Bush.

Supreme Court hits first post-Scalia deadlock in bankruptcy case

WASHINGTON -- The risk created by last month's death of Justice Antonin Scalia became a reality Tuesday when the Supreme Court deadlocked in a bankruptcy case that had been pending since the first day of the term last October.

Chief Justice John Roberts read the one-sentence verdict, which could be repeated many times before a replacement for Scalia overcomes a similar deadlock between President Obama and Senate Republicans: "The judgment is affirmed by an equally divided court."

The case was one of the high court's least noticed -- a bankruptcy dispute between a Missouri bank and a development company that defaulted on its loans. The company was owned by two couples, and the wives filed suit, claiming discrimination for being required to guarantee their spouses' loans. The justices clearly were divided in the case, as evidenced by the length of time it took to issue a decision. By the time Scalia died Feb. 13, the case had been under review for more than four months -- an indication of a close decision with one or more dissents.

Left without Scalia's vote, the justices had to ditch all the opinions, concurrences and dissents they may have been writing and, in essence, throw up their hands.

As a result, the Community Bank of Raymore emerges victorious over the two wives, Valerie Hawkins and Janice Patterson, by virtue of the earlier decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit.

And the city with the worst traffic in the U.S. is...

Rush hour traffic is the worst, am I right? For the second year in a row, Los Angeles topped the list for the worst gridlock in the country, according to an annual traffic index by navigation system maker, TomTom.

Drivers in the city of angels see overall congestion at about 40%. That number doubles during evening rush hour. The index looks at traffic in 295 cities around the world and ranks them by overall congestion level and by evening rush hour. Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle and New York City each went up from last year, according to Nick Cohn, a senior traffic expert at TomTom.

"We noticed that cities that went up significantly are also employment hot spots," Cohn said.

He notes that the economic recovery hasn't been uniform across the United States, with areas seeing the biggest increases in traffic predominately falling on the East and West Coast.

And while your evening commute may seem like it's getting worse, if you're in the top 10 cities in the U.S., average congestion remained about the same as last year, at 31%, according to the report. Drivers in Las Vegas, Denver, Tucson, St. Louis, Detroit, Minneapolis and Milwaukee also saw a reduction in traffic congestion from last year's report.

Here's a look at the top 10 worst cities for traffic in the U.S.:

- Los Angeles
- San Francisco
- New York City
- Seattle
- San Jose
- Honolulu
- Miami
- Washington, D.C.
- Portland, Ore.
- Chicago.

Good luck out there.

Few women show interest in infantry jobs opened to them

WASHINGTON — Three years after the Pentagon ordered the military services to prepare to open all ground combat jobs to women, few of them have expressed interest in a career in the infantry or other newly opened positions.

As part of an experimental program, 233 women who completed Marine Corps infantry and other ground combat schools are eligible for those jobs, but none has requested a formal transfer.

The Army sees similar results. "We're not expecting a high propensity for infantry or armor," said Lt. Col. Jerry Pionk, an Army spokesman.

The Marine Corps initially expected about 200 women a year to enter jobs previously closed to women, including a small number in the infantry.

Defense Secretary Ashton Carter said opening the jobs would improve combat effectiveness because the military would draw from a larger pool of applicants for the infantry and other specialties.

"To succeed in our mission of national defense, we cannot afford to cut ourselves off from half the country's talents and skills," Carter said.

Military officials said the interest among women in previously all-male jobs may change over time, citing the gradual progress in expanding earlier opportunities for women in the military. "Incrementally over time, it's been one success after another," Pionk said. It remains to be seen whether this time will be different. The infantry, in particular, is a

job that requires carrying heavy loads over great distances and living in austere conditions for long periods. The life of an infantryman has changed little over the course of U.S. military history.

The armed services are also opening artillery, tanks and other specialties, which may prove less of an obstacle for women.

Three years ago, then-Defense secretary Leon Panetta ordered the services to open ground combat jobs to women by 2016. Carter approved the services' plans this year, which allowed women to start training and entering the jobs.

It may be an additional year before women show up in infantry units, since recruits who express interest in the jobs will need to undergo training in those occupations.

The Marine Corps, an infantry-centered force that serves long deployments aboard ships, requested an exception for infantry, citing a study that showed infantry units with women did not perform as well as all-male units.

Carter denied the Marine request this year, saying there would be no exceptions. The Marines pledged to successfully implement the order.

Women have engaged in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan and have flown combat aircraft for years but had been barred from infantry, armor, Special Forces and other jobs that require the most physical strength and endurance.

The Marine Corps and Army, which have the bulk of ground combat jobs, have conducted extensive studies to create "gender neutral" physical tests and have codified the physical requirements of the jobs.

The services say they are taking a number of steps to ensure a smooth transition and are committed to making the transition without hurting readiness. "There's no doubt we're leading cultural change," Marine Brig. Gen. James Glynne said.

The Marine Corps said it will move women into positions within infantry battalions to help mentor female Marines who may eventually enter the units.

The service said it is sending training teams to bases around the world to begin an initiative to help with the transition. The initiative will address issues such as "unconscious bias," Marine Col. Anne Weinberg said.

All the services have developed "gender neutral" physical screening tests for applicants and pledged that standards will not change.

Those standards are rigorous. No woman has completed the Marine Corps' rigorous Infantry Officer Course, although 29 women have tried. Three women have graduated from the Army's Ranger School.

Officials acknowledged that they don't know how many women will be interested in the jobs. "We don't think there's going to be a lot," said David Brinkley, an official at the Army's Training and Doctrine Command, which oversees the analysis of job

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requirements. "But to be honest, there's not a lot of men who want to do that either,"

Doggone good tale: Pup found 5 weeks after falling overboard

SAN DIEGO (AP) — It sounds like a pitch for a far-fetched movie: "Cast Away," but with a dog instead of Tom Hanks. Only this sea tale is true.

A California fisherman's beloved German shepherd fell overboard and was presumed drowned. More than a month later, she was found.

The 1 1/2-year-old dog named Luna was spotted this week on San Clemente Island, a Navy-owned training base 70 miles off San Diego.

The blue-eyed pup disappeared Feb. 10 as Nick Haworth, a commercial fisherman from San Diego, worked on a boat 2 miles from the island.

"They were pulling in their traps, and one minute Luna was there, and the next minute she was gone," said Sandy DeMunnik, spokeswoman for Naval Base Coronado. "They looked everywhere for her. They couldn't see her. The water was dark, and she's dark."

Haworth notified Navy personnel.

"He insisted that he was 90 percent sure that she made it to shore because she was such a strong swimmer," DeMunnik said.

Haworth searched the waters for about two days and Navy staff searched the island for about a week but found no sign of Luna. She was presumed lost at sea. Until Tuesday, that is, when staff arriving for work at the island's Naval Auxiliary Landing Field spotted something unusual — a dog sitting by the side of the road. Domestic animals aren't allowed on the island for environmental reasons.

It was Luna.

"She was just sitting there wagging her tail," DeMunnik said. The staff called to Luna, and she came right over.

A biologist then examined the dog and found her a little thin but otherwise healthy.

"It looks like she was surviving on rodents and dead fish that had washed up," DeMunnik said.

Officials called Haworth, who was out of state, working in the middle of a lake.

"He was overwhelmed. He was so happy and grateful and thrilled," DeMunnik said.

Luna was flown to a Navy base on the mainland Wednesday and handed over to Haworth's best friend, who will care for the dog until Haworth returns Thursday night.

Luna, meanwhile, has a souvenir of the experience. Her dog tag was lost but the Navy gave her a new one, DeMunnik said.

Along with her name, it bears a key lesson in the Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape course taught on the island to Navy and Marine personnel. The tag reads: "Keep the Faith."

Researcher: New butterfly has clues to geology, climate

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP) — A new species of butterfly could provide clues about

Alaska's geological history and its changing climate, according to a University of Florida researcher.

Research by lepidopterist Andrew Warren suggests that the newly discovered Tanana Arctic butterfly evolved from the offspring of two related butterfly species, the Chryxus Arctic and the White-veined Arctic. He thinks all three species lived in the Beringia region before the last ice age, reported The Daily News-Miner.

Scientists have been seeing the Tanana Arctic butterfly for more than 60 years, but its similarity to the Chryxus Arctic led them to believe it was the same species. Warren noticed its distinct characteristics as senior collections manager at the McGuire Center for Lepidoptera and Biodiversity at the Florida Museum of Natural History on the UF campus.

The Tanana Arctic has white specks on the underside of its penny-colored wings, giving it a "frosted" appearance, and it is larger and darker than the other species.

It also has a unique DNA sequence that is very similar to that in nearby populations of White-veined Arctics, said Warren, leading to the hypothesis that the new species is a hybrid.

More field research is needed to find out whether the Tanana Arctic also exists further east into the Yukon. Arctic butterflies live in environments that are too cold and extreme for most other butterflies and can survive in part thanks to a natural antifreeze their bodies produce.

"Once we sequence the genome, we'll be able to say whether any special traits helped the butterfly survive in harsh environments," said Warren.

He plans to return to Alaska and look for the butterfly next year. Warren wants to collect new specimens in order to fully sequence the genome, which could reveal the species' history and show whether it's truly a hybrid. The Tanana Arctic lives in spruce and aspen forests in the Tanana-Yukon River Basin. Because butterflies react quickly to climate change, the new species could serve as an early warning indicator for the remote region.

"This butterfly has apparently lived in the Tanana River valley for so long that if it ever moves out, we'll be able to say 'Wow, there are some changes happening,'" Warren said.

"This is a region where the permafrost is already melting and the climate is changing."

Man leaves 30,000 cars in house he donated to church

EAGAN, Minn. — A longtime usher at a church near here died late last year, leaving his home and its contents to the church.

But when Lisa Lundstrom, chief financial officer at Celebration Church in Lakeville, Minn., went to take a look at the property, she was amazed.

"It was breathtaking when I walked in. ... I'm still a bit overwhelmed," she said. "It's nuts!" Shelves filled with scale-model cars filled the foyer then kept going. Kitchen, living room,

bedrooms, family room — every available space was covered with cars.

"Literally, it's floor to ceiling every single room," Lundstrom said.

Dennis Erickson, 69, had collected more than 30,000 cars over his lifetime and meticulously displayed them in the hallways, laundry room even the bathroom walls of his home in Eagan, about 20 miles southeast of Minneapolis. The collection includes a full-size Model T Ford, a '59 Edsel and a '66 Rambler.

"I mean we, just kept finding cars," Lundstrom said.

"He would sit and polish these cars every day. It was his passion."

Lisa Lundstrom, Celebration Church, Lakeville, Minn.

Weeks later, she's done enough research to know that the civil engineer had amassed one of the largest car collections in the world in the past 60 years. He started collecting at age 9.

Scouring antique shops, cars shows and the Internet, Erickson bought more than one car for every day of his life.

In fact, days after Erickson died Dec. 3 in his sleep, cars still were arriving.

"He would sit and polish these cars every day," Lundstrom said. "It was his passion." Erickson was an only child who lived in the house with his parents until they both passed away. He never married. He never had children.

"He didn't have family to put a funeral together for him. We did it as a church because he was our family," Lundstrom said.

Erickson's church family now is celebrating the passion of a man who also saved and catalogued thousands of automotive brochures and meticulously logged his every car encounter, from adding STP to his Edsel to putting Armor All on the tires. His display cases were hand built and covered with Plexiglas to keep dust from reaching his cars.

"He took better care of these little cars than people take care of people in their lives," Lundstrom said.

But Erickson covered that base, too. His friend Glenn Lindell, with whom he once shared a memorable road trip, was willed Erickson's pristine '77 Bonneville — the car in which they had traveled.

"It's really a surprise," said Lindell when he picked up the Bonneville, "But I thank him for it very much."

Named executor of Erickson's estate, Lundstrom is overseeing the sale of the rest of the collection. She still is working through the logistics of how exactly that might happen.

"If I tried to sell it separately, the rest of my life would be Dennis' life," she said.

Lundstrom believes that the collection could fetch well into six figures, most of which will go to Celebration Church, about 15 miles from his house. The church plans to spend

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GOP Blocks Obama's Judicial Appointees

SENATE CONFIRMATION OF JUDICIAL APPOINTEES ALWAYS SLOWS DOWN IN the final year of a president's term when the Senate is not controlled by the president's party. Under Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley, the confirmation process began to shut down almost two years before Barack Obama's last day in office.

"Failing to confirm judges is not at all the norm even when the Senate and the White House are held by different parties," People For the American Way's Senior Legislative Counsel Paul Gordon wrote in a report on the obstruction of Obama's judicial appointments.

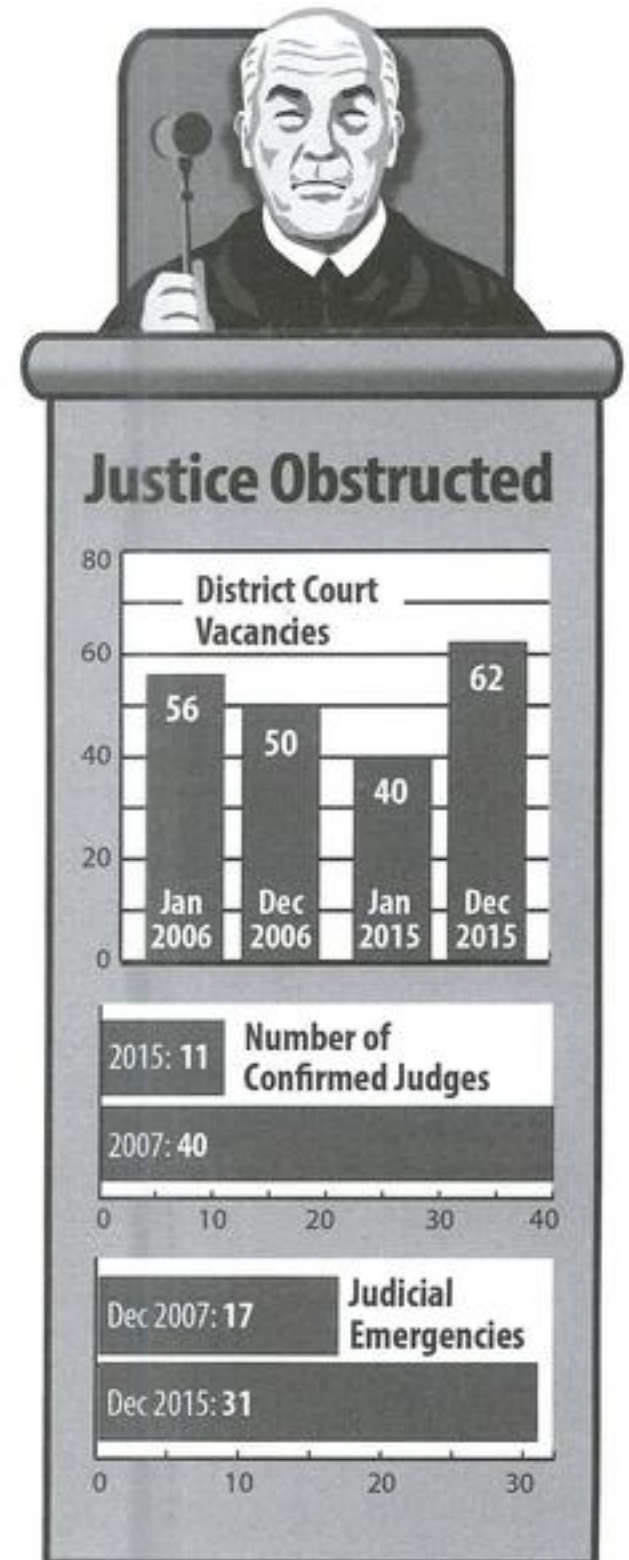
PFAW's report compares confirmation of George W. Bush's judicial appointments in 2007–2008, when the Senate was controlled by Democrats and Harry Reid was Majority Leader, with the rate of confirmation under McConnell. In 2007, the Democratic Senate had confirmed 40 of Bush's appointees to the bench. By December 2015, the Republican Senate had confirmed only 11 of Obama's judicial nominees.

The Democratic Senate of 2007 was also more attentive to judicial vacancies than is the current Senate. At the beginning of 2007, there were 56 vacancies. The Senate confirmed enough judges to keep the number below 50 all year, at one time getting vacancies down to 34. In 2015, vacancies had climbed from 40 at the beginning of the year to 62.

The current Senate has also allowed the number of judicial emergencies—an administrative designation that caseloads in a court are so high that access to justice is endangered—to rise from 12 at the start of 2015 to 31 at year's end. In 2007, the Democratic Senate reduced the number of judicial emergencies from 26 in January to 17 by the end of the year.

The Senate adjourned in January, having failed to vote on 13 fully vetted circuit and district court nominees. In 2015, Grassley held hearings on eight nominees, far too few to keep up with judicial vacancies. Absent organized public pressure, the confirmation process will be even slower in 2016, as Republicans leave vacancies on the bench they intend to be filled by a Republican president. ■

Sources: 2015: *A Year of GOP Obstruction for Judicial Nominees* (PFAW); U.S. Fed News, Chairman Leahy Comments on Judicial, Executive Nominations, November 1, 2007. Graphic by Kevin Kreneck.



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Another Country: Black Students on White Campuses

THE STUDENT-LED BLACK LIBERATION COLLECTIVE includes organizations at 86 North American colleges and universities. Its website describes African-American organizing on campuses as “a realm that has been left uncoordinated at the national level since SNCC [the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee] and the Black Student Leadership Network in the '60s.”

The BLC has published a list of demands submitted by its 86-campus collective (a 56,000-word document):

These demands listed represent collective efforts by Black students to address widespread institutional inequity. These student-led efforts are crucial to addressing larger systemic issues and serve as a catalyst to dismantle institutions that promote and engage in anti-Blackness.

Three “National Demands” precede college and university lists.

- 1) **WE DEMAND** at the minimum, Black students and Black Faculty be reflected by the national percentage of Black folk in the country
- 2) **WE DEMAND** free tuition for Black and indigenous students
- 3) **WE DEMAND** a divestment from prisons and an investment in communities

Number 1 is repeated in each of the 86 college and university lists. Number 2 builds on the argument that *Atlantic* national correspondent and MacArthur Fellow Ta-Nehisi Coates advanced that African-Americans were a source of uncompensated labor that built the nation, and after emancipation were denied employment, lines of credit, and housing.

Some demands are particularly specific.

We demand the University System of Georgia Board of Regents establishes Interim president Jean Bartels as President of Georgia Southern University. (Georgia Southern University)

We demand the immediate removal of Tim Wolfe as [University of Missouri] system president. Wolfe resigned in November 2015 after

the UM football team joined student protests. (University of Missouri)
Most of the demands are more general, addressing curriculum or university policy.

We demand all students should take a general education race, ethnicity, and racism course. (Harvard)

We demand that The Johns Hopkins University creates and enforces mandatory cultural competency in the form of a semester long class requirement for undergraduate students as well as training for faculty and administration. (Johns Hopkins University)

We demand that the College create a strategic 10-year plan that will increase retention rates for brown and black students and offer more courses and trainings that emphasize the lived experience of poor black and brown people. (Sarah Lawrence College)

We demand a practicing professional civil rights lawyer to represent students of color. This lawyer will be paid by the college to inform students of their rights with no financial burden to students or student activity fees. (Simmons College)

Other demands pertain to extra-curricular organizations or address egregious conduct on campus:

Mandatory allocation quotas for clubs (e.g. Black Student Union), departments (e.g. the department of Social and Cultural Analysis), and programs (e.g. AAP) for Students of Color, LGBTQ, and groups otherwise included within Black & Brown Coalition from the University in the form of significant lump sum budgets to demonstrate true commitment and prioritization of students of color, queer students, and other marginalized communities on campus. (NYU)

When student leaders on campus held an Africa party, where they dressed up in a minstrel-like manner as racist African caricatures, nothing was done to correct that behavior. When “Big Ugly Niggers” was written on a chalkboard in the common lounge of a residence hall, nothing was done to correct this behavior. When students had a party at their house titled “The Jungle” and were all dressed in Dashikis, nothing was done to correct this behavior. When a student said the word “nigger” on a campus bus on the way to homecoming, and was reported, nothing was done to correct this behavior. (John Carroll University)

Easily accessible and organized by college and university, the BLC Campus Demands are a remarkable window into minority student life in American institutions of higher learning.

Black Votes in Jeopardy

On August 5, 2015, a three-judge panel at the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals struck down parts of Texas Voter ID Law. The decision in *Marc Veasy et al. vs. Greg Abbott et al.* was the first federal appellate-court ruling against any one of the 33 Voter ID laws currently in effect. The plaintiffs argued, and the district court judge agreed, that the Legislature passed Senate Bill 14 (SB14) with “racially discriminatory intent or purpose,” and therefore in violation of the Equal Protection Clause of the U.S. Constitution.

The district court judge also ruled that the law violated Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, because “it was enacted with a racially discriminatory purpose and has a racially discriminatory effect.” The ruling was handed down one day before the fiftieth anniversary of the 1965 Voting Rights Act:

SB 14 creates an unconstitutional burden on the right to vote [under the First and Fourteenth Amendments], has an impermissible discriminatory effect against Hispanics and African-Americans [under Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act], and was imposed with an unconstitutional discriminatory purpose [in violation of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments and Section 2]. [Furthermore,] SB 14 constitutes an unconstitutional poll tax [under the Fourteenth and Twenty-Fourth Amendments].

The opinion, written by Fifth Circuit Chief Justice Carl Stewart (an Obama appointee and the first African-American to serve as chief justice on the Fifth Circuit appellate bench) describes the high statistical probability that the Texas law will disproportionately affect Blacks and Hispanics.

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