

I know who Chloë Grace Moretz
is!!!

I Admire and Pray for her!!!!

XOXO

CHECK-OUT GLAMOUR.COM JUNE 2016
COVER STORY (WITH PICS) esp. p. 151

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: MAY 10, 2016

WHO SAID THAT TOXIC N. WORD
IN THE WHITE HOUSE !!!

SHOUT-OUT

TO: PIERCE MORGAN

Short and Sweet Thank You
For checking Negroe Larry Wilmore
for exposing his "MENTAL ILLNESS"
in calling President Barack H. Obama
that ense EVIL "N.-word"!!!

That Negroe is CRAZY !!!
LIAR! LIAR PANTS ON FIRE !!!
Bust up his Lies - MR. MORGAN call
him that "N. word" !!!

THANK YOU MR. PIERCE MORGAN!

By: LEON IRBY DATED: MAY 10, 2016

Medical Terminology For the Layman

Artery	. . . . .	The Study of Fine Paintings
Barium	. . . . .	What You Do When C.P.R. Fails
Caesarean Section	. . . . .	A District in Rome
Colic	. . . . .	A Sheep Dog
Coma	. . . . .	A Punctuation Point
Congenital	. . . . .	Friendly
Dilate	. . . . .	To Live Long
Fester	. . . . .	Quicker
G.I. Series	. . . . .	Baseball Games between Teams of Soldiers
Grippe	. . . . .	A Suitcase
Hangnail	. . . . .	A Coat Hook
Medical Staff	. . . . .	A Doctor's Cane
Minor Operation	. . . . .	Coal Digging
Morbid	. . . . .	A Higher Offer
Nitrate	. . . . .	A Rate Lower than the Day Rate
Node	. . . . .	Was Aware Of
Organic	. . . . .	Church Musician
Out-Patient	. . . . .	A Person Who has Fainted
Post-Operative	. . . . .	A Letter Carrier
Protein	. . . . .	In Favor of Young People
Secretion	. . . . .	Hiding Something
Serology	. . . . .	The Study of English Knighthood
Tablet	. . . . .	A Small Table
Tumor	. . . . .	An Extra Pair
Urine	. . . . .	The Opposite of You're Out
Varicose Veins	Veins Which are Very Close Together
Benign	What You Are after You Be Eight

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Puzzle Nineteen

NEW TESTAMENT MIRACLES

F A E D N A S U O H T M Y O A S
 J S N L E P P S U R F T Z M N A
 T B U F O M C O E M O R P E O M
 B A A T H R O V S U H N R F I O
 S D S H I A E N C T G D L O T H
 N N F P T F V H S S L N O N A T
 S I P O O Z V A P I W E O A R H
 S L M U H V B R H A J W S T U Q
 E B R U I A E C R M U A E A G F
 R M X R W G N P U N O L N S I N
 V E G U D R T D D N U O S E F A
 A I P S E V A O L A Z A R U S M
 N T G E M M D T K L A W I Y N O
 T E V I L L E R S U S E J H A W
 W V A N K O A T R C P E T E R H
 P I T Q S V D C W Q Z L H Z T N

thousand
 HAND stretches
 JESUS appears
 LAZARUS lives
 LEPER is clean
 Multiply LOAVES
 LOOSENS tongue
 PAUL'S lost ship
 PETER angel
 Locked ROOM
 SATAN rebuked
 SAUL sees
 SERVANT healed
 Epileptics SOUND
 STAR guide
 Bleeding STOPS
 Doubting
 THOMAS
 Feeding five
 THOUSAND
 Empty TOMB
 TONGUES
 TOUCH cloak
 TRANSFIG-
 URATION
 VIRGIN birth
 WALK on water
 WOMAN at well

APOSTLES freed
 BENT woman
 stands
 BLIND see
 CALMS a storm
 CHILDREN'S
 praise

CRIPPLE walks
 Raises DEAD
 DEAF hear
 DEMONS gone
 EVIL spirit
 FEVER fades
 Feeding FOUR

HOLLYWOOD SWINGERS

UPDATE:

The other day, I read my "Teen Vogue"
• COM MAY 2016, COVER GIRL Willow Smith
Story (with COVER PIC), p. 72;

STOP IN THE NAME OF LOVE!!! I PAUSED
and am still wondering at:

"Labels such as "bizarre" and
self-adoring" have been hurled at
these two, only to seemingly roll off
their backs. Jaden infamously con-
tinues to don his skirts - and not
just in the latest Louis Vuitton Women
wear campaign (a feat that still
sends his little sister into proud
squeals)" p. 76

Last SUNDAY NIGHT ANTENNATV.
COM showed ENCORE of JOHNNY CARSON'S
TONIGHT SHOW, COM 1974 INTERVIEW of GUEST
Hollywood Former child star Jackie Cooper,
1930's.

They seriously discussed Hollywood child stars manifested difficulties distinguishing Real Real World (ZRL) from ROLE PLAYING. SEE DR. OZ

There seems to be a HISTORY OF Stars and their Psychiatrists.

"GATED FANTASY WORLD"

Finally, Reality[ZRL] demonstrate Hollywood Rich cool kids MAY desperately need some old fashioned Therapy (Psychotherapy!!!)!

XOXO!

CHECK OUT DOCTOR OZ.COM / CHILD STAR GUEST DANNY BONANCE, RAYMOND SWEETEN, etc.

BY: LEON ZRBY DATED: APRIL 28, 2006

HOLLYWOOD CHILDREN

DARK SIDE OF SHINING STAR

UPDATE:

A LOVER'S QUESTION ???

HAVE YOU SEEN SUPERSTAR WILL SMITH'S
SON, WHO WAS RAISED OUTSIDE OF
HOLLYWOOD — LATELY ???!!!

XO XO

BY: LEON ZIRBY DATED: APRIL 28, 2018

IS IT A BIRD!!!

A PLANE!!!

FIRE IN THE SKY!!!

NOOOO!!!! I SAW lovely supergirl

KISS A BLACK MAN!!!

What PLANET IS THIS!!!!

SOURCE: CBS.COM SUPERGIRL [Monday
8: P.M ET] APRIL 18, 2016. SEE US MAGAZINE
COM FEBRUARY 22, 2016, P 50 (WITH PIC)
STARRING MELISSA BENOIST, 27-Year-old.

BY: LEON I RBY, DATED: APRIL 25, 2016

DONALD J. TRUMP
AKA: TRUMPISM

UPDATE: MARCH 21, 2016

SHOUT-OUT

TO: ENGLISHMAN LEN GOODMAN

The Vegas odd makers called a
winner as too lovely Mischka Barton,
30, Actor - was, indeed, voted off ABC.
com / DANCING WITH THE STARS (DWTS)
Circa April 4th 2016, MONDAY 7:00P.M. EDT.
USA.

So I bet and lost my
HEART OF GOLD !!!

AND AMERICA IS GOING DOWN TO "
THE MND DOGS AND ENGLISHMEN" !!!!!!!

SEE! "WHAT'S IN MY BAG?" Mischka Barton, 30,
EMPTY HER brand-new "PUMMAGER" FOR US" US
MAGAZINE.com / HOT HOLLYWOOD, P. 4 MAY 9, 2016.

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: APRIL 28, 2016

HOT FLASH BACK INTO THE NOW

LOOKING GOOD!!!

O' I AM SO GLAD TO SEE
BRITNEY SPEARS BACK
IN BODY AND SOUL

COVER GIRL

USMAGAZINE.COM

APRIL 25, 2010

A PIC SINGS A THOUSAND
SONGS

WE HAVE LOVED HER
SINCE :OOPS I DID IT AGAIN!!!
NOW SHE IS BACK
DOING IT ALL AGAIN!!!

XOXO

CHECK-OUT MORE PICS US MAGAZINE.
COM APRIL 18, 2016, p. 18

POSTED: BY: LE ON I RBY DATED: APRIL 28, 2016

SICK CALL !!

JANICE DICKINSON

SUPERMODEL, ACTOR, AND ONE OF

DR. WILLIAM COSBY, PH.D., ACCUSERS

SHE IS NOW TRAGICALLY BOTHING BREAST
CANCER.

SHE HAD BREAST SURGERY. AND SHE IS
NOW RECEIVING (SIC) TREATMENT!!!

GOD BLESS YOU!!!

CHECK-OUT: WWW THE DOCTORS TV. COM
APRIL 28, 2016 THURSDAY

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: APRIL 30, 2016

NO MORE SOLITARY IN THE FEDS

President Barack Obama announced he is banning solitary confinement for juveniles in the federal prison system due to concerns about its harmful psychological effects.

Obama said he is also banning the use of solitary for low-level infractions, expanding mental health treatment and increasing the amount of time those in solitary can get outside their cells.

The changes stem from a review of solitary policies he directed the U.S. Justice Department to conduct last summer. He said states that have worked to cut back their reliance on solitary confinement have experienced a decrease in assaults on staff and an increase in participation in rehabilitation programs. Obama hopes these changes serve as a model for reforms by state and local correctional systems.

SUPREME COURT EXPANDS LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE BAN TO ALL STATES

Prisoners across the country who were sentenced to life without parole as juveniles must have a chance at release, thanks to a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Montgomery v. Louisiana*. The Justices voted 6-3 (Samuel Alito, Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas dissenting) to extend a ruling in a 2012 case out of Alabama that struck down automatic life terms with no chance of parole for teenagers convicted of murder. Now, even those who were convicted as juveniles long ago must be considered for parole or given a new sentence. "Those prisoners who have shown an inability to reform will continue to serve life sentences," wrote Justice Anthony Kennedy. "The opportunity for release will be afforded to those who demonstrate the truth of *Miller's* (the 2012 case) central intuition—that children who commit even heinous crimes are capable of change."

In 2012, the court's ruling in *Miller v. Alabama*, brought by an individual convicted of capital murder when he was 14, meant that states could not automatically sentence juveniles to life without parole. This affected 28 states where this was the only sentencing option left for judges presiding over capital cases involving defendants under 18. Through legislative action or court rulings, 18 states have allowed such individuals to be given new prison sentences or to ask for their release according to the Sentencing Project. Alabama and Louisiana are among seven states that had declined to retroactively apply the Supreme Court's *Miller* ruling, which they are now required to do under its *Montgomery* ruling.

READERS RESPOND

I found your newsletter to be very well put together and informative. BIG UPS to everyone involved with the production of The Community!

Andrea Bridges

I just wanted to say thank you guys for being our life lines amongst each other. Wish I had the funds to help with production and I wanted to thank you guys so much.

Khalil ad din al Halim

I appreciate you responding to my letter, more importantly how personal it was as opposed to a general statement. Plus, you UNDERSTAND on a higher level how prison pacifies us to stay the way we came in. selfish and uneducated, and/or regress by the mentally demeaning aspects taking a toll consciously and/or unconsciously.

Devin Brown

INCARCERATED VETERANS FIGHT FOR BENEFITS

Soledad Correctional Training Facility in California is home to a unique program run by incarcerated individuals. Vietnam Veterans Ed Munis and Michael "Doc" Piper run a veteran service office (VSO) where they help incarcerated vets file and fight for their VA (Veterans Affairs) benefits, including disability, education and burial benefits for those who die behind bars.

Before his incarceration, Munis was a lobbyist for veteran's issues in the State Capital. When he first got to prison he was too distracted with his appeal. Eventually

(Veteran Benefits—Continued on page 5)

God will not look you over for medals, degrees or diplomas, but for scars. (Elbert Hubbard)

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The Community Speaks

Thank you to everyone who's communicated with us to help us stay informed and inspired in our work for *The Community* Newsletter. And thank you to everyone who spreads the word about each issue and our mission statement to connect. Keep connecting. Especially, thank you all for being patient as we try to create a truly valuable service for the anti-mass incarceration community—in Wisconsin in particular.

We have two quick requests and a clarification. One, if you are incarcerated in Wisconsin, please send us information on graduation ceremonies when they occur where you are, preferably a pamphlet from the event. We want how many graduated and from what programs. Two, please send us the full names of civilian re-entry staff and any helpful social workers at your institution. We want to reach out to every DOC employee who genuinely believes in rehabilitation ("Every saint has a past; every sinner has a future"). Incarcerated individuals are in arguably the best position to provide this information

(Speaks—Continued on page 5)

How You Can Help

The Community is 100% community-funded (see p. 8 about donations). All funding is currently used to maintain a P.O. box (\$60/yr) and cover printing and postage costs on as many issues as we can afford for those on our mailing list. Because it's not a guarantee we'll have enough money to mail copies of each issue to everyone on our mailing list, **many incarcerated readers will have to ask a friend/family member to print them a copy** from thecommunitywis.wix.com/home. Every \$50 we receive will allow us to send copies to 60-75 additional incarcerated readers.

It is important that incarcerated readers share their copies with as many people as possible at their respective facilities. If you are absolutely unable to obtain copies any other way, write to us to be put on our mailing list for the times when we have enough funds to send out more copies. However, we can also use help with various clerical and investigative duties, such as typing up submissions, printing material, and researching stories. If you or someone you know is interested in joining the growing number of people contacting us and getting involved in *The Community*, our e-mail address is thecommunitywis@gmail.com, and our address is: The Community, P.O. Box 100392, Milwaukee WI 53210

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

ERP/SAP Eligibility Deceit

If you were convicted of a Chapter 940 or specific Chapter 948 crime, you should've been told that your plea made you statutorily ineligible for the judge to determine you "eligible or ineligible to participate in the earned released program [also known as substance abuse program]," pursuant to Wis. Stats § 971.01(3g). Prosecutors, defense attorneys, and judges have been misleading defendants since the introduction of ERP/SAP in order to obtain pleas/convictions. A sentencing court's authority to determine ERP/SAP eligibility is limited to only those persons "convicted of a crime other than a crime specified in Ch. 940 or statutorily specified Ch. 948 crimes.

If you were misled in this regard, you may petition the court to withdraw your plea. Another approach that has proven successful is to explain how you were misled to the State Public Defender's office to obtain an attorney. However, be warned that **no one** has successfully used this as a new factor in a sentence modification. You can also ask the judge to switch your ERP/SAP eligibility to a conviction for which you **are** actually eligible, but only if you are serving or still have to serve time for such a conviction (i.e., if you were sentenced for multiple charges).

If you are currently considering pleading to a Ch. 940 or one of the statutorily specified Ch. 948 crimes, understand that the judge does not have the power to make you eligible for ERP/SAP. And if you know anyone facing such a charge, or plea decision, please advise them so they can make an informed decision.



"I SOUND FUNNY? YEAH, I'M CALLING FROM MY CELL PHONE!"

MISSION STATEMENT

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

AN AMERICA DREAM TOO FAR

UPDATE:

SHOUT OUT

To: THOSE WHO CALL ON

BERN BABY BERN

TO END IT NOW !!!

About three Sundays ago ON NBC.COM MEET THE PRESS NBC NEWS.COM, FORMER BUSH'S ADMINISTRATION MEMBER MS. NICOLE WALLACE, FIRED FROM ABC.COM / THE VIEW 2015, SPEW MISINFORMATION THAT CLINTON IN 2008, ENDED HER RUN SO TO ADVOCATE FOR VICTORY OBAMA! NOW BERNIE TURN!

LIE!! LIE! PANTS ON FIRE!!!

CLINTON ALSO REPEAT THIS OUTRAGEOUS LIE OF ENDING HER CAMPAIGN IN ORDER TO UNIFY PARTY AND SUPPORT CANDIDATE OBAMA IN 2008.

JUST THE FACTS, MAM!!!

CLINTON RAN OUT THE RACE!!!
Her people appeared before the

AN AMERICA DREAM TOO FAR

Democratic Rules Committee to Advocate
for a WINNING Rule change so to ALLOW her
to claim Florida State Delegates.

BACKDROP!!

Because Florida held its 2008 Presidential Primary outside DNC's Rules, the candidates mutually Agreed Not to Campaign in that State. Nonetheless, CLINTON WON!!

SO WHAT!

The DNC Rebuked CLINTON'S Plot to Change its Rules! SEE C-SPAN.COM

THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID!!

"WHAT DOES HILLARY WANT" !!!

ONLY then did the Party e.g. her then Backer (D, N.Y.) Rep. Charlie Rangel, publicly chide her to quit and support the Nominee Obama.

Another Reason her Negative is so high! Her petty Lies!!!!

BY: LEON IRBY

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"O' I CAN SEE FOR MILES AND MILES" !!!

BERNIE SANDERS!

HILLARY CLINTON!!

TRUMPISM!!!

REAL POLITIK

UPDATE

Bernie, can see TRUMPISM beating
DOWN THE CLINTON MACHINE and BUSH'S MACHINE,
leaving Bernie the only viable candidate
standing by next JUNE 2016 Democratic
CONVENTION!

BERN ON!!

TO: BE CONTINUED...

BY: LEON ZIRBY DATED: MAY 08, 2016

PRESIDENT 2016

UPDATE: 3-18-2016 NO! NO!

BARACK H. OBAMA

MARC RUBIO [3-15-2016]

TED CRUZ [5-3-2016]

ALL FOREIGNERS

AND

ALL HELL NO! NO!

I CALLED IT RIGHT FROM THE START!!!
#KEEP ON DREAMING!!

BY: LEON IRBY DATED: MAY 10, 2016

"IT'S EASY TO SEE WITHOUT LOOKING TOO FAR"!!!

TRUMPISM
- VS -
CLINTON

THE AMERICA DREAM VS - THE AMERICA REALITY!!!

UPDATE:

I want to go on record herein today with my own projection: which is if the "ESTABLISHMENT" does not sabotage his candidacy, Donald J. Trump shall win BIG! HUGE!! ala Barack H. Obama in 2012.

Trump, ala President James E. Carter, 1977, knows the Political elite, Romney, and Clintons, he has studied their outdated "PLAY BOOK"!

Like he did to his 17 (R) Primary opponents, so too he shall demolish The CLINTON'S POLITICAL MACHINE!!!

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TRUMP KNOWS OF THEIR SOFT SPOT;
THEIR PRIVATE LIVES; THEIR PERSONAL TRAITS, AD
INFINITUM!!!

HE'LL REPLAY THE SEX SCANDALS!

HE'LL REPLAY THE MANY RACIST
CALLED AGAINST BILL AND HILLARY
DURING THE 2008 CAMPAIGN!

HE'LL REPLAY BILL'S RACIST PHONE
CALL TO LATE (D. MA.) SEN. EDWARD
KENNEDY!!

HE'LL REPLAY BILL'S REAL
BAD RELATIONSHIPS WITH FELLOW
DEMOCRATS LIKE VP AL GORE
AND (D. N.E.) SEN. BOB KERRY!!!

TO: BE CONTINUED!

TRUMP'S OPEN PATH TO NOMINATION

Senate confirms first female chief of combat command

WASHINGTON — Senators confirmed Air Force Gen. Lori Robinson as the new head of U.S. Northern Command during wrap-up work, making her the first woman to serve as a combatant commander.

Robinson's confirmation was approved late Thursday without opposition before lawmakers started their weeklong congressional recess. Lawmakers also confirmed Army Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti to serve as the new head of U.S. European Command and Army Gen. Vincent Brooks to lead U.S. Forces Korea.

All of the nominees faced friendly questioning during their nomination hearings earlier this month and positive reviews from members of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Robinson previously served as commander of Pacific Air Forces. She is a senior air battle manager with more than 900 flight hours in E-3B/C and E-8C aircraft, and has previously had leadership roles in U.S. Air Forces Central Command and Air Combat Command.

Earlier this month, *Time* magazine listed her as one of its 100 most influential people for 2016. Rep. Tammy Duckworth, D-Ill. and an Iraq War veteran, wrote in the magazine that Robinson's appointment to the new post "makes clear to every female lieutenant that the top jobs are now open to them."

Scaparrotti, previously the top U.S. general in Korea, has served as director of the Joint Staff, deputy commander of U.S. Forces Afghanistan and commanding general of the 82nd Airborne Division.

Brooks was serving as commander of U.S. Army Pacific before his new assignment and has held leadership posts in Germany, South Korea, Kosovo and the Middle East. Confirmation for the three generals took slightly more than a month since their nominations were announced. Senators have not moved nearly as fast with civilian defense posts, with several service secretary positions staying vacant for months because of political infighting.

Trump's open path to nomination causes agony for some in GOP

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump's last Republican foe, Ohio Gov. John Kasich, ended his quixotic presidential campaign Wednesday, cementing Trump's remarkable triumph as his party's presumptive nominee and launching him toward a likely fall battle with Hillary Clinton. Some Republican leaders began reluctantly rallying around Trump, but others agonized over their party's future.

The billionaire businessman vowed to unite the splintered GOP, even as he was bitingly dismissive of members who have been critical of his campaign.

"Those people can go away and maybe come back in eight years after we served two terms," he said on NBC's "Today" Show.

"Honestly, there are some people I really don't want."

Trump's challenge in uniting Republicans was abundantly clear Wednesday. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell issued a frosty statement saying he had committed to backing the GOP nominee and noting Trump's "obligation" to bring the party together. And in a remarkable move, the last two Republicans to occupy the Oval Office — President George H.W. Bush and President George W. Bush — made clear they would not be helping Trump win the White House.

Clinton, in her first remarks since Trump's new status was crystalized, said she was more than prepared to handle the kind of deeply personal attacks that helped defeat Trump's Republican rivals.

"To me, this is the classic case of a blustering, bullying guy," the all-but-certain Democratic nominee told CNN.

The long and chaotic Republican primary came to an abrupt end after Trump's decisive victory Tuesday in Indiana. His win pushed Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, his closest rival, out of the race, with Kasich following on Wednesday.

"The people of our country changed me," Kasich said during an emotional speech announcing the end of his campaign. "They changed me with the stories of their lives." Trump's takeover of the GOP marks one of the most stunning political feats in modern political history. A first-time candidate, he eschewed traditional fundraising and relied more on his own star power than television advertising to draw attention. He flouted political decorum with controversial statements about women and minorities, leaving some Republicans convinced he won't be able to cobble together the diverse coalition needed to win the general election. "It's his party between now and November, but I don't think it's going to be his party after November," said Peter Wehner, a former adviser to President George W. Bush.

Wehner is among the Republicans vowing to never vote for Trump, even if that means essentially handing Clinton the presidency. Bob Vander Plaats, an influential evangelical leader who backed Cruz, withheld his support for Trump Wednesday, saying the real estate mogul needs to prove his conservative credentials with his vice presidential pick and more information about what kind of judges he would appoint. "It's kind of a wait-and-see moment with Mr. Trump," he said.

Vander Plaats and a handful of other Republicans are clinging to the hope that an alternative option might yet emerge. Operatives have floated former Texas Gov. Rick Perry, Nebraska Sen. Ben Sasse and former Oklahoma Sen. Tom Coburn as possible candidates for a third-party or independent bid. But that is a long shot at best, with filing deadlines for getting on state ballots fast approaching.

There was notable silence from House Speaker Paul Ryan, who has spoken critically

of Trump. Aides to both Ryan and McConnell said the Republican leaders had not spoken with Trump since his Indiana victory.

A spokesman for George W. Bush said the former president "does not plan to participate in or comment on the presidential campaign." And a spokesman for Bush's father said simply, "At age 91, President Bush is retired from politics."

Still, several GOP governors and senators said they would support Trump, according to a survey by The Associated Press.

"Our first and foremost goal is to elect a conservative, pro-business, strong on national defense, a man who will stand behind our freedoms and our rights, and that person is Donald Trump," Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin said. "It is not Hillary Clinton."

Clinton has yet to shake Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, the democratic socialist who has energized young people and liberals with his calls for sweeping government-run health care and education programs. Still, Clinton has 93 percent of the delegates she needs to clinch the Democratic nomination and now is focusing her attention on Trump.

"He is a loose cannon and loose cannons tend to misfire," Clinton said Wednesday.

Both Clinton and Trump head into the general election with historically high unfavorable ratings. But Clinton is generally popular within her own party, particularly with women and minority voters who are crucial to winning general election battleground states like Florida, Colorado and Nevada.

Some Republicans fear Trump's poor standing with those voters will not only cost the party the White House for a third straight term but the GOP's Senate majority as well. Some Republican senators in tough races struggled Wednesday to position themselves in a party with Trump at the helm. One, New Hampshire Sen. Kelly Ayotte, said that while she would support him in the election, she would not endorse his candidacy.

Trump turned quickly to the general election, saying he's planning to work with the Republican National Committee to fundraise, a departure from his largely self-funded primary campaign. "We're going to try over \$1 billion, which is what's going to be necessary," he told NBC. He also said he was starting to vet potential running mates. He later said he could consider Kasich, predicting the Ohio governor would be helpful this fall in any role given his state's significance in the general election.

FBI: Bombs found at home of Oregon man who threatened president

SALEM, Ore. — An Oregon man was arrested Thursday night and charged with threatening the president of the United States, the FBI said.

John Martin Roos, 61, of Medford was taken into custody following a search of his apartment that also turned up several pipe bombs, officials said.

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DATED: MAY 10, 2016

Agents made a probable cause arrest of Roos, charging him with threatening the president and use of an interstate facility to transmit threats.

Roos is currently being held at the Jackson County jail. He will likely make an initial appearance before a U.S. magistrate judge in the next few days.

Around noon on Thursday, FBI agents and Medford police officers served a federal search warrant at Roos' apartment in Medford.

Inside, they found what appeared to be several pipe bombs. The Oregon State Police Explosives Unit responded, and members of that unit have rendered the devices safe.

The U.S. Secret Service is assisting in this investigation.

Fire department: Freight train derails in D.C., cars leak chemicals

WASHINGTON — Fifteen cars of a CSX freight train derailed in Washington, D.C., on Sunday morning, with one leaking hazardous sodium hydroxide for a few hours, [according to fire department officials](#).

The cars derailed near 9th Street and Rhode Island Avenue NE at about 6:40 a.m. ET, D.C. Fire and EMS officials said, along the rail traffic corridor shared by CSX, Amtrak and MARC commuter trains. Rhode Island Avenue near the tracks was shut down.

At 10:45 a.m., officials confirmed the sodium hydroxide leak had been stopped.

Train Derailment - Rhode Island Ave NE - CSX train w/ multiple cars derailed & leaking hazardous materials #DCFD

— DC Fire Fighters L36 (@IAFF36) [May 1, 2016](#)

There were no injuries reported and no evacuations. Firefighters remained on the scene Sunday evening, but there was no fire. D.C. Mayor Bowser said there were no air-quality issues and no water problems had been found.

CSX officials said the derailment of the train traveling from Cumberland, Md., to Hamlet, N.C., involved three locomotives and 175 cars, including 94 carrying mixed freight and 81 empty cars.

The Federal Railroad Administration confirmed 15 cars derailed, including nine empty cars and one hauling scrap steel. Five tank cars derailed with one of those leaking sodium hydroxide, a chemical commonly known as lye, which is used in household products such as soap and detergents. That car was re-sealed. Another car hauling ethanol leaked some product from the top hatch, and two cars loaded with non-hazardous calcium chloride leaked but were re-sealed. One tanker car was empty. The site of the derailment is close to, and in some cases underneath the Rhode Island Metro Station, but no contact was made with the Metro track, according to Matthew Lehner, FRA spokesman. As a precaution, service was temporarily stopped at the Rhode Island station.

CSX train derailment NE, DC - Hazmat situation - Rhode Island Ave shutdown in

area - AVOID area

pic.twitter.com/pZt5OJTaOy

— DC Fire and EMS (@dcfireems) [May 1, 2016](#)

MARC Train Service, a commuter rail service from Maryland, will not operate full service Monday, the *Washington Post* reported.

The Amtrak line from Washington to Chicago will not run Monday, but the Northeast Corridor lines will run as normal, the *Post* reported.

The FRA is investigating the cause of the accident.

Solar Impulse 2 takes off from San Francisco, heads for Phoenix

The solar-powered plane Solar Impulse 2 took off from the San Francisco area early Monday as it continues its around-the-world tour with several flights across the U.S. The plane took off at 8:03 a.m. ET (5:03 a.m. PT) for a trip to Phoenix that is expected to last 16 hours and 23 minutes. It should land in Phoenix around 12:30 a.m. ET (10:30 p.m. MT in Phoenix).

Swiss adventurer André Borschberg is piloting the plane.

This marks the first Solar Impulse 2 flight across the North American continent; New York City is the final destination.

Last year, Borschberg and fellow Swiss adventurer Bertrand Piccard set out to circumnavigate the globe in the plane without using fuel or spewing polluting emissions. The two have alternated who pilots the one-man craft.

The first leg began March 9, 2015, in Abu Dhabi. Borschberg flew 13 hours to land in Muscat, Oman.

The trip continued with several more legs across Asia before Borschberg completed the world's longest non-stop solo flight, a four-day, 21-hour and 52-minute excursion from Japan to Hawaii.

But that record-breaking flight damaged the plane's battery. Because of the time needed to repair it and the decreasing sunlight as a result of the changing seasons, the pilots called off their attempt to complete the trip in a single year.

The late April flight from Hawaii to San Francisco marked the continuation of the journey.

After Solar Impulse 2's flights across the U.S., it's scheduled to undertake two final flights over the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea before landing back in Abu Dhabi.

First U.S. cruise in decades arrives in Cuba

MIAMI — With its horn blaring and salsa music pouring from its speakers, a U.S. cruise ship docked in Havana on Monday morning, the first time that's happened in nearly 40 years.

"We'll never forget this day," Capt. David Box [said](#) over the ship's public address system as it approached the harbor, according to *The Miami Herald*.

The trip represents the latest step in the normalization process between the Cold War foes that was started by President Obama and Cuban President Raúl Castro on Dec. 17, 2014. Since then, the countries' embassies have reopened in Washington and Havana, Obama visited Cuba, and more U.S. businesses operate on the long-isolated island.

But the voyage of the *Adonia*, a 704-passenger vessel operated by Fathom Travel and owned by Miami-based Carnival Corp., was a source of controversy long before it set sail. At first, the Cuban government forbade anybody born in Cuba from traveling on the cruise, citing national security concerns. Cuban-Americans in Miami [filed a federal lawsuit](#) to stop the cruise because of that restriction. Just two weeks before the *Adonia* was scheduled to depart Port Miami, the Cuban government [dropped the restriction](#) on Cuban-born passengers, clearing the way for the historic sail.

The U.S. still maintains an economic embargo on Cuba that forbids U.S. citizens from traveling there purely as tourists. Americans can travel to Cuba under 12 categories that include educational, religious and humanitarian reasons. The voyages will include on-board workshops covering Cuba's history, culture and music, which let's it qualify as a "people-to-people" educational tour.

Passenger Carey Rybicki said she received a lot of grief for booking a ticket on the cruise. Like so many other Americans who have fantasized about visiting the mysterious, communist island, she said she couldn't resist.

"Some of my friends thought I was foolish," [she told](#) WSVN-TV. "But it was something I always wanted to do."

The *Adonia*'s seven-day cruise around Cuba, which includes stops in Havana, Cienfuegos and Santiago de Cuba, is only the start. Carnival says the ship will cruise twice a month to Havana.

Norwegian Cruise Lines says it's in negotiations with the Cuban government to begin sailing to the island later this year. Connecticut-based Pearl Sea Cruises has been trying to get approval for Cuba trips, and small-ship specialist Ponant plans to start sailing in 2017.

All told, more than a dozen lines have announced plans to run U.S.-Cuba cruises, which could lead to more than 100,000 people visiting Cuba from the U.S. aboard cruise ships by 2017, according to the U.S.-Cuba Trade and Economic Council. That could result in more than \$300 million in revenue for cruise operators, with about \$88 million of that going directly to the Cuban government, said council president John Kavulich.

That income is an easy lure for the Cuban government, which has struggled over the decades to improve the impoverished conditions of many of its 11 million citizens.



June, 2015

Dear Friend,

I am writing to ask for your support for the Democratic nomination for President of the United States.

Please join the hundreds of thousands of Americans who have signed up on our webpage at berniesanders.com and the more than 150,000 people who have made financial contributions. Our campaign is developing strong momentum throughout the country and is drawing large crowds in state after state. In any way you can, please become part of our movement.

Let me be very blunt and tell you why I am running.

This country faces more serious problems today than at any time in modern history, and establishment politics will not successfully resolve them.

Corporate greed is rampant, and the very rich keep growing richer while everyone else grows poorer. Despite an explosion in technology and a huge increase in productivity, the middle class continues to disappear, most Americans work longer hours for lower wages and 45 million live in poverty.

The skyrocketing level of income and wealth inequality is not only grotesque and immoral, it is economically unsustainable. It is unconscionable that 99% of all new income goes to the top 1%. It is absurd that the top one-tenth of 1% own almost as much wealth as the bottom 90%, and that one family (the Waltons of Walmart) has more wealth than the bottom 130 million Americans.

As a result of the disastrous Supreme Court ruling on Citizens United, the billionaire class is spending huge amounts of money to buy candidates and elections. We are now witnessing the undermining of American democracy and the rapid movement toward oligarchy where a handful of very wealthy families and their Super PACs will control our government.

The scientific community is virtually unanimous in telling us that climate change is real, is caused by human activity, and is already bringing catastrophic damage to our planet. Yet still, the Republican Party is prepared to reject science in order to gain campaign contributions from the Koch brothers, Big Energy companies and others who make billions in fossil fuel. If we do not act boldly on climate change, the planet we leave to our grandchildren may be uninhabitable.

The United States once led the world in terms of the percentage of our young people who had college degrees. Today, in a highly competitive global economy, we are now in 12th place. Hundreds of thousands of bright young people have given up on the dream of higher education, while millions of others leave school with oppressive debt.

Our infrastructure -- roads, bridges, rail, airports, water systems, wastewater plants, levees, dams -- is crumbling, and Congress refuses to appropriate anywhere near the necessary funds to rebuild it. If we do not invest substantially in infrastructure, a bad situation will only become much worse.

Most of the major Wall Street financial institutions that we bailed out because they were "too big to fail," are now bigger than they used to be. The six largest financial institutions now have assets equivalent to nearly 60% of our GDP, issue 35% of the mortgages and oversee 65% of credit cards.

Over, please...

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Our tax system is wildly unfair - rigged to benefit the very rich. Major corporations that earn billions in profits stash their money in tax havens and pay nothing in federal income taxes, while billionaire hedge fund managers pay a lower effective tax rate than nurses or teachers.

Despite growing poverty among seniors almost all Republicans, and some Democrats, want to cut Social Security and benefits for disabled veterans. They want more austerity for the elderly, the children, the sick and the poor, and more tax breaks for the rich.

The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have cost us thousands of lives and trillions of dollars. The United States spends more on the military than the next nine biggest-spending countries combined. Today, there are massive cost overruns with defense contractors and the Pentagon cannot even pass an independent audit.

We are at a moment of truth. We need to face up to the reality of where we are as a nation, and we need a mass movement of people to fight for change.

After a year of travel, discussion and dialogue, I have decided to be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for president. But let's be clear. This campaign is not about Bernie Sanders. It's about a grassroots movement of Americans standing up and saying: "Enough is enough. This country and our government belong to all of us, not just a handful of billionaires."

I have discussed some of the major crises that we face. Let me give you the outline of an agenda which addresses these problems.

Jobs, Jobs, Jobs: The truth is that real unemployment in our country is not the "official" and widely-reported 5.4 percent. Counting those who are under-employed and those who have given up looking for work, real unemployment is almost 11 percent. Even more disturbingly, youth unemployment is over 17 percent and African-American youth unemployment is much higher than that.

If we are truly serious about reversing the decline of the middle class and putting millions of people back to work, we need a major federal jobs program. The most effective way to do that is to rebuild our crumbling infrastructure. In that regard, I have introduced legislation which would invest \$1 trillion over 5 years to modernize our country's physical infrastructure. This legislation would create and maintain at least 13 million good-paying jobs. It would also make our country more productive, efficient and safe.

I will also continue my opposition to our current trade policies which have cost us millions of decent paying jobs as corporate America shuts down plants here and moves them to low-wage countries.

Raising Wages: Today, millions of Americans are working for starvation wages and median family income has declined by almost \$5,000 since 1999. The current federal minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour is totally inadequate. We need to raise the minimum wage to a living wage - \$15 an hour over the next few years. Our goal must be that no full-time worker in this country lives in poverty. We must also bring about pay equity. There is no rational reason why women should be earning 78 cents on the dollar compared to men who perform the same work.

Further, we have got to expand overtime protections for millions of workers. It is absurd that "supervisors" who earn \$25,000 a year are currently forced to work 50 or 60 hours a week with no overtime pay. And we need paid sick leave and vacation time for all.

Wealth and Income Inequality: Today, the richest 400 Americans own over \$2.2 trillion in wealth, more than the bottom 150 million Americans combined. Meanwhile, nearly half of all Americans have less than \$10,000 in savings and have no idea how they will be able to retire with dignity.

In order to reverse the massive transfer of wealth and income from the middle class to the very rich that we have seen in recent years, we need real tax reform which makes the wealthy and profitable corporations begin to pay their fair share of taxes. It is fiscally irresponsible that the U.S. Treasury loses about \$100 billion a year because corporations and the rich stash their profits in the Cayman Islands, Bermuda and other tax havens. I have introduced legislation which would end this legalized tax fraud.

We need a tax system which is fair and progressive. Children should not go hungry in this country while profitable corporations and the wealthy avoid their tax responsibilities.

Reforming Wall Street: I have introduced legislation which would break up the largest financial institutions in the country. In my view, if a bank is too big to fail, it is too big to exist. Wall Street cannot continue to be an island unto itself investing trillions in risky financial instruments. We need banks that invest in the job creating productive economy. We do not need more speculation and gambling in casino type activities.

Campaign Finance Reform: We need to return to a one-person one-vote democracy. It is not acceptable that the Koch brothers and other billionaires are spending endless sums of money to buy elections. I have introduced legislation which would overturn the horrendous Citizens United decision and will only appoint Supreme Court justices who are prepared to do that. We must also demand disclosure of all large campaign contributions. In my view, we need public funding of elections.

Reversing Climate Change: The United States must lead the world in reversing climate change and make certain that this planet is habitable for our children and grandchildren. We must transform our energy system away from fossil fuels and into energy efficiency and sustainable energies. Millions of homes and buildings need to be weatherized, our transportation system needs to be energy efficient and we need to greatly accelerate the progress we are already seeing in wind, solar, geothermal and other forms of sustainable energy. Transforming our energy system will not only protect the environment, it will create good-paying jobs.

Health Care for All: The United States remains the only major country on earth that does not guarantee health care for all as a right. Despite the modest gains of the Affordable Care Act, 35 million Americans continue to lack health insurance and many more are under-insured. Yet, we continue paying far more per capita for health care than any other nation. The United States must move toward a Medicare-for-All single-payer system.

Protecting Our Most Vulnerable: Today the United States has more people living in poverty than at almost any time in the modern history of our country.

We have the highest rate of childhood poverty of any major nation, and millions of seniors and disabled people struggle to put food on the table because of insufficient Social Security benefits.

In my view, we have a moral responsibility to make certain that no American goes hungry or sleeps on the street. We must also make certain that seniors and people with disabilities can live in dignity. Not only must we vigorously oppose Republican attacks on the social safety net, we must expand benefits for those in need. That is why I have recently introduced legislation which would increase the solvency of Social Security until 2065, while expanding benefits for those who need them the most.

College for All: The United States must join Germany and many other countries in understanding that investing in our young people's education is investing in the future of our nation. I have introduced legislation to make tuition in public colleges and universities free, as well as substantially lowering interest rates on student loans.

War and Peace: I voted against the war in Iraq, and that was the right vote. We must be vigorous in combatting terrorism, but we can't do it alone. We must be part of an international coalition that includes Muslim nations which not only defeats ISIS but which works hard to create conditions for lasting peace. I will vigorously oppose an endless war in the Middle East.

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Over, please...

Friends: A successful national campaign is a massive undertaking, especially when we will be heavily outspent. It will require the active participation of millions of Americans, in every community in our country. In fact, it will require nothing less than a political revolution – a revolution which combats the demoralization and alienation of so many of our people from the political process.

Now is the time to stand up and fight back. Now is the time to engage in the struggle for economic and social justice and environmental sanity.

Please help me bring our message to working families throughout this county and join the political revolution this country needs.

We don't have a Super PAC, and we don't have billionaires who make huge contributions. We are dependent on the support of ordinary Americans who want real change in this country.

Please contribute to Bernie 2016.

Let us never forget: This country belongs to all of us, not just a handful of billionaires.

Sincerely,


Senator Bernie Sanders

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Case asks if racial bias trumps jury secrecy

Justices to decide whether to take up Colorado case

By MARK SHERMAN
Associated Press

Washington — The American jury room is a bit like Las Vegas: What happens there is supposed to stay there.

But a Supreme Court appeal from a Hispanic defendant in Colorado raises the prospect that a juror's comments during deliberations can be so offensive that they deprive a defendant of a fair trial.

The justices could say, as early as Monday whether they will take up a case in the fall involving competing tenets of the legal system: a defendant's constitutional right to trial by an impartial jury, and the need for secrecy in jury deliberations.

After a jury convicted Miguel Angel Pena Rodriguez of attempted sexual assault involving teenage sisters at a Denver-area horse race track, two jurors provided his lawyer with sworn statements claiming that a third juror made derogatory remarks about Mexican men before voting guilty.

"I think he did it because he's Mexican and Mexican men take whatever they want," is one of several racially tinged statements attributed to the juror identified in court records by the initials H.C. In another comment, the juror is said to have cast doubt on an alibi provided by a Hispanic witness for Pena Rodriguez because the witness was "an illegal." The witness testified that he was in the country legally.

But three separate courts in Colorado said those statements could not be used to upend Pena Rodriguez's conviction because of a long-standing rule that prohibits jurors from testifying about what happens during delibera-

tions. The rule, found in both federal and state law, is intended to promote the finality of verdicts and to shield jurors from outside influences.

The Supreme Court also has been unwilling to intrude on deliberations.

In a 5-4 ruling in 1987, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote the majority opinion that rejected calls for a hearing to explore allegations made by jurors of drug and alcohol use by jurors during a criminal fraud trial.

"There is little doubt that post-verdict investigation into juror misconduct would in some instances lead to the invalidation of verdicts reached after irresponsible or improper juror behavior. It is not at

her life."

Justice Sonia Sotomayor's opinion in that case left open the possibility that some comments might go too far.

"There may be cases of juror bias so extreme that, almost by definition, the jury trial right has been abridged," Sotomayor wrote in a footnote to her opinion.

Pena Rodriguez's case is one such example, his lawyers wrote in their Supreme Court filing, because the juror "injected racial animus into the deliberations."

His legal team also said that the justices should resolve a split among federal and state courts "on this manifestly important question" of whether juror testimony can be used to

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One of the statements in question

all clear, however, that the jury system could survive such efforts to perfect it," O'Connor wrote.

In dissent, Justice Thurgood Marshall said the right to an impartial jury was more important. "If, as is charged, members of petitioners' jury were intoxicated as a result of their use of drugs and alcohol to the point of sleeping through material portions of the trial, the verdict in this case must be set aside," he wrote.

In 2014, justices unanimously reaffirmed the sanctity of jury deliberations. The court rejected a challenge to a jury verdict in a civil case brought by a motorcycle rider who had his left leg amputated as a result of a traffic accident. He sought a new trial based on one juror's report that a second juror said during deliberations that her daughter had been at fault in a similar case and a lawsuit against the daughter would have "ruined

demonstrate racial bias in deliberations.

The NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund and the National Congress of American Indians are among the groups backing Pena Rodriguez, cataloging examples of trials in which jurors uttered slurs or made derogatory remarks about American Indian, African-American and Hispanic defendants.

Opposing the high court's involvement in this case, Colorado Attorney General Cynthia Coffman wrote that the verdict was based on overwhelming evidence and that no juror suggested that the offensive comments affected or persuaded anyone else. Coffman also said Pena Rodriguez's lawyer might have picked up on the juror's alleged bias during jury selection, but failed to ask any questions about race or ethnicity.

The case is Pena Rodriguez v. Colorado, 15-606.

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SUPERVISOR AT STANLEY CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION CONVICTED OF DRUG CHARGE

In January 2016, Governor Scott Walker ordered then-DOC Corrections Secretary Ed Wall to rewrite discipline policies after the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported Stanley Correctional Institution Unit Manager Patrick Lynch received only a reprimand after he crashed his vehicle, was found with marijuana and drug paraphernalia, and refused to say where he acquired the drugs. "Governor Walker thinks that the discipline administered in this case is unacceptable," said his spokeswoman Laurel Patrick. Although, according to the Department of Corrections, the reprimand given Lynch (who made roughly \$70,000 last year) was consistent with current policies.

According to records, Lynch spent May 3rd at a golf course drinking alcohol and smoking marijuana every other hole. Heading home, he crashed into a tree in Eau Claire County. He had to be extracted from his vehicle, which was on fire for a time, and suffered internal organ trauma and 14 broken bones, including his arm and ribs. Authorities found over 5 grams of marijuana, along with hash oil in a rubber ball, marijuana cookie crumbs, a glass pipe and an e-cigarette that tested positive for THC. Lynch was cited for refusing to take a breath test and charged with possession of THC and drug paraphernalia. He subsequently agreed to a deferred prosecution that will allow the drug charge to be reduced to an ordinance violation and the paraphernalia charge to be dismissed if he participates in treatment and commits no new crimes. His driver's license was also revoked for a year and he was required to install an ignition interlock device in his vehicle for refusing the breath test.

In his interview with DOC investigators, he refused to say where he got the drugs, but claimed no individual currently on state supervision was the source. The lead investigator did discover an incarcerated individual alleged soon after Lynch began working for the DOC that he'd bought drugs from Lynch before he was hired. Lynch said he was a teenager then and had taken LSD with the man, but had not sold him any drugs.

Troy Bauch, who represents workers for Council 32 of AFSCME (the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees), contends that when lower-level employees won't cooperate with investigations, they're promptly fired. Lynch's case comes to light amid an investigation by the State Department of Justice, as well as the DOC regarding abuse, sexual assault, child neglect and other crimes at two secure facilities for incarcerated juveniles where 14 employees have been put on paid leave in the last year. Bauch said Lynch's case

GOOD JOB, GRADUATES!

Congratulations to the most recent graduates at Oakhill and Stanley Correctional Institutions:

- 19 GED/HSED graduates
- Microsoft Suite graduates (SCI)
- 20 Horticulture graduates (OCI)
- 13 Custodial graduates (SCI)



could lead other employees to refuse to answer questions from superiors.

The August 3rd summary of findings concluded Lynch had potentially violated work rules by failing to exercise good judgment, breaking the law, and interfering with the internal investigation by refusing to cooperate. They "felt termination would not be sustained" after taking into account Lynch's otherwise clean work record and how prosecutors handled his case," said the DOC's spokeswoman. She also stated Ed Wall's office did not review how the case was handled at the time. However, that office will be notified of all serious work rule violations in the future.

It's not length of life but depth of life. (Ralph Waldo Emerson)

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since they observe and interact with these staff members frequently, thus know their sincerity relatively well. We would ask for institution librarians' names, , too, but we expect/hope readers have already infiltrated these departments with copies of *The Community*. If not, get on that ASAP.

Lastly, we recently had a misunderstanding with an incarcerated individual who submitted a personal story and asked that we include his picture if he donated some money. We informed him that we would include his story with picture because it was valuable to our readers, but he owed us nothing. Nevertheless, he sent us "a donation." When the issue came out a few months later, we realized too late that we'd forgotten to include his picture. As a result, he angrily requested his donation back. Because of how we budgeted our last issue, this unexpected funding loss is a large part of the reason this issue has four less pages than usual and wasn't sent to a number of people on our mailing list. After speaking with Mrs. Swan at FFUP (Forum for Understanding Prisons) this individual requested his donation back from her, as well, for forgetting to include the picture in her last issue. The moral of this story, so to speak, is that we do not charge for anything. If you send us money, it is a donation and we will be much less willing to return donations in the future. We are not perfect and only hope our incarcerated readers can show us the same understanding and patience we advocate for from society on their behalf.

Keep moving forward.

TATTOO REMOVAL PROGRAMS FOR THE INCARCERATED

LASD (Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department) is among the latest to give incarcerated individuals the opportunity to receive free laser treatments to remove tattoos. A growing number of agencies have purchased laser treatment equipment or had volunteer professionals help incarcerated individuals improve their chances at employment and wider social acceptance by removing stigmatizing tattoos. For example, Salt Lake City Area Gang Project in conjunction with the University of Utah Medical Center has offered this service for two decades, and South Dakota spent more than \$60,000 on a machine it transports around its prison system. Only individuals who've participated in LASD's Education-Based Incarceration Program are eligible for tattoo removal, which would cost them between hundreds and several thousand dollars on the streets. LASD pays for the program with the Inmate Welfare Fund, based on proceeds from canteen sales and other incarcerated individual-generated revenue. Nurse Christine Warner said it's the "most rewarding job (she's) ever had. A lot of times they're moved to tears. We've got big, burly guys coming in here but they start crying because they're so grateful to have this done—they're getting a fresh start."

(Veteran Benefits—Continued from page 2)

Doc convinced him to work on a plan to create this office, which made its way to the Warden. "The day after he read it we were up and running," says Munis. The warden gave them a typewriter and a small filing cabinet. Since then they've moved into a large room just off the prison's main corridor to match their increased work load. They now work with incarcerated vets by mail at every prison in California, as well as 23 other states where word of their efforts and successes have spread.

"There's an awful lot of people that are in the VA. . .that are not too excited about helping out. . .people that are incarcerated. So that's been a struggle. So far we've prevailed," says Munis. Their numbers show over the past decade they've helped about 1000 incarcerated veterans get more than \$15 million in benefits for themselves and their dependents. Its work they do

seven days a week with no internet access—though they have a phone with outside access upon authorization—a printer in a cage so staff can review what they print, and two computers. And because they aren't accredited by the VA, they lack the authority to represent veterans in the claims process. For that they rely on the Monterey County Office of Military and Veterans Affairs. In fact, this office is working to develop a similar program at the neighboring Salmas Valley State Prison, where they've trained seven incarcerated individuals to help identify veterans and start the VA paperwork.

If you would like to contact Munis and Doc to inquire about their efforts or seek advice/assistance on a veterans issue write to:

Soledad Correctional Training Facility
Attn: Veteran's Service office
c/o Ed Munis
P.O. Box 689
Soledad, CA 93960

To the discerning man, education is a bagful of gold. But hardship is a sack full of diamonds. (Seneca)

http://www.miniexpressnews.com/akon-pledges-to-bring-electricity-to-rural-areas-amid-solar-revolution/206278/

Located in Bamako, Mali, the Solar Academy will help African engineers and entrepreneurs develop skills that will enable them to produce solar power. According to Akon Lighting Africa, the goal of the academy is to teach people how to maintain solar-powered electricity systems and micro-grids. In a continent that has 320 days of sun a year, tapping in its natural resources will be valuable to the solar-energy efforts. "We have the sun and innovative technologies to bring electricity to homes and communities. We now need to consolidate African expertise," said Samba Badially cofounder with Akon. The organization also hopes to create jobs with its initiative.

Maybe it those complaining about violence in the hood would practice what they are now preaching as Diddy said, and put their money where their mouths are like Akon, things would be different and people may respect what they do, instead of disingenuous, those that were bailed out obviously don't have any jobs in the hood, otherwise they probably wouldn't have been rioting and protesting in the first place. Deuteronomy 32:28-29 "For they are a nation void of counsel, neither is there any understanding in them. 28 O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!" While this scripture refers directly to the plight of the Children of Israel, it also applies to us today.

While they [Jay Z & Beyonce] may have donated tens of thousands for ball for kings.html

day Z also addressed the ongoing issue of black-on-black violence in the community and begged for peace. "We are kings and queens and we're under attack. We say, people, they leave the hood and never wanna come back. When people go to the hood, they get killed. We can't have it both ways. We gotta protect our own." Can somebody please help me understand how you can glorify violence in your music as most hip-hop artist do, but then act so surprised when it actually happens? Since Jay-Z has been criticized in the past for not being an activist in the black community he has hired a publicist to show that protecting his own is something that he has done recently. In a series of tweets, Dream Hampton, author of Jay Z's biography, Decoded, alluded to the fact that Jay Z and Beyonce both donated money to ball out protesters, not only in Ferguson, Mo., but also in Baltimore. <http://www.theroot.com/blogs/the-grape-vine/2015/05/jay-z-on-black-violence-we-need-to-understand-that-we-re-kings.html>

Editor's Note: I believe the reason why Diddy's comments didn't reach the market is because he is being hypocritical. How is he being a hypocrite? It's easy to talk a good game, but it's obviously very difficult to put your money where your mouth is. Clearly, Diddy is not the only multimillionaire in the hip-hop music industry. But he along with his cohorts, Dr. Dre (now reported to be a billionaire) Jay Z and countless others have not spent one dime to help to bring any relief in the ghetto communities that helped to make them rich. That being the case, it's hard to take anything they say seriously. Especially when they use their music to glorify and downgrade us to bitches & hoers and pimps & gangsta thugs then they conveniently upgrade us to kings and queens to make a point.

WE AFFECT GENERATIONS TO COME BY THE DECISIONS THAT WE MAKE TODAY!

Diddy's Message to the Black Community: For the last couple of months we have experienced a lot of injustice and wrongdoings to our community. But there is a flip side, Yes BLACK LIVES MATTER, but no one will respect us if we as a people don't have any respect for our own black lives. We are committing genocide on ourselves. We are always looking for scapegoats. We as a people including myself have to take anyone has ever hurt us. That makes no sense. We as a people including myself have to take accountability and do whatever we can do individually or together to stop the madness and realize that we are KINGS AND QUEENS AND Must love ourselves and each other. I know I'm rambing a little bit. #BLACKLIVESMATTER SO AS A PEOPLE LETS PRACTICE WHAT WE PRACTICE!!! MAY GOD BLESS US ALL! I LOVE YOU!!!!!! Needless to say, his commentary didn't go down too well on social media: http://www.theroot.com/blogs/the-grape-vine/2015/05/diddy-on-blacklivesmatter-black-people-are-committing-genocide-on-ourselves.html?wpisrc=newsletter_jer%3Acomment%26

In recent weeks Sean "Diddy" Combs has been receiving much praise and adoration for his support of the Black Lives Matter movement, but a recent post on Instagram may have tossed him right back out of the Black community's good graces. Diddy has joined a list of stars that are encouraging the Black community to continue the fight for justice while simultaneously urging those in their own community to stop aiding police forces in their elimination of Black lives. Diddy's message insisted that people in the Black community are assisting in their own "genocide" despite pushing the now international Black Lives Matter movement.

Diddy on #BlackLivesMatter: Black People 'Are Committing Genocide on Ourselves'

BLACK FOLKS GENOCIDE



Rev. Davidson just happens to be driving past the basketball court on his way to visit with one of his parishioners who was recently hospitalized. He pulls his car over when he sees Playa #1 standing there holding a gun on the spectator. He gets out of his car and cautiously walks up to the scene and calmly talks to Playa #1 who he has known since he was a child. After much negotiation, Rev. Davidson convinces Playa #1 not to shoot the spectator because Playa #1's son, who is standing in the bleachers with his mother is crying as he watches

possible ending. That's one ending. Let's take a look at another actions, but also will be doing time with him. destroyed also as they are not only shamed by his humiliation of his trial, Playa #1's family is up with the money to bury him. After the public of their loved one, but also has the task of coming the spectator who not only has to deal with the loss incident, two families are destroyed. The family of as he ends up spending the rest of his young life in prison for a senseless crime. With that one (Playa #1) is the only one to get hit by the ricochet their vehicles with their guns drawn. So he as the police roll up on the scene and jump out of left standing there alone with the gun in his hand scatters because of fear of the ricochet. Playa #1 is had to save face by offing the brotha. The crowd Being dished in front of the crowd, including his personal insult because they had had words before and actions of a spectator, which he took as a left off Playa #1 was offended by the comments basketball court and see what happened. When we spoke those words with His mouth.

Ok, now let's go back to the scene on the spoke those words with His mouth. God, which is the sword of God, because God obey God we will be devoured by the Word of the sword. Or said another way: when we die because we are now lost and will be devoured by are in a state of disorder, which is a disgrace members us from the body of Christ because we qualifies us for a mansion in heaven as He dis- disobedience, which displeases God, who dis- We then begin to dishonor our parents by our the journey of obedience as being a waste of time ourselves from those still on the journey and dis- embark from the journey and dis-associate out- are in disharmony with others after we die God we disagree because of our disbelief. We because we are no longer following the Word of Word and when others tell us that we are in sin His God's Word, so we discontinue following His We are disobedient when we distrust or doubt together and see how they relate to one another. Now let's put all the words mentioned earlier

'I said C - The Court